

# National Trust Press Release

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## May half-term adventures with the National Trust

Whether you want to delve into history or discover nature, there's plenty to entertain your little explorers at National Trust places this May half-term and let imaginations run wild.

You can discover a whole host of activities, events, and trails to get stuck into. Get closer to nature with pond dipping experiences, step back in time at living history events, try your hand at crafts, or enjoy storytelling sessions in picturesque surroundings. And for those feeling more active, why not bring the family on a cycle ride?

Here we've rounded up some of the National Trust events and activities to keep the whole family busy this half-term. Start your adventure here:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

### Derbyshire

#### Calke Abbey

Get out in nature at Calke Abbey this half term. The children's floral lotto game in Calke's collection has been reproduced to form a fun family trail. Put your plant knowledge to test and see if you can match up all the flowers on your trail sheet to those hiding around the Pleasure Grounds and Stableyards. But there's a slight twist. Each flower highlights a different emotion, which you'll have to act out before moving on. The trail will be running between 25 May – 2 June from 9.30am until 5pm.

#### Children's Country House

There's plenty to see and do at The Children's Country House at Sudbury this May half-term.

From 25 May to 2 June, join in with free craft activities across the property, listen to a tale from the Storytelling Team or take part in the 'Garden in a Jar' workshop, taking place on Wednesday 29 May.

The Hall, Museum, Café and Gardens are all open, so why not come and have some fun with history and indulge in an ice cream or two.

#### Hardwick Hall

Come out the play in May! From Maypole merriment to musical melodies there's something to keep all the kids entertained whilst enjoying the warmer weather and

spring blooms. Discover Elizabethan traditions weaved in with themes of nature at each exciting activity station. Or pick up a spotter sheet and go on a family adventure around the estate. Why not bring a picnic with you to enjoy throughout the day?

### **Kedleston Hall**

In celebration of the Derby book festival (30 May - 5 June 2024) and the anniversary of the opening of our second-hand bookshop, Kedleston will be hosting a range of free book themed activities over the summer half term (admission charges apply). Meet the children's author Wendy Garvey or be inspired by the outdoors and make your own nature story.

### **Peak District**

#### **Longshaw**

Get up close to Longshaw's tiny residents this May half term with the Magnifying Glass trail taking place from Saturday 25 May to Sunday 2 June from 9.30am -3.30pm. Collect a spotter sheet and magnifying glass from the Welcome Building for £3 and set off to explore the world of minibeasts, mosses and microfauna at Longshaw. This family-friendly activity might help you see Longshaw in a whole new light...

You can even take the magnifying glass home to continue your search for minibeasts!

### **Ilam Park**

Calling all nature detectives! Can you spot hidden wildlife along our trail this Half Term? Pick up a trail sheet and a magnifying glass for £3 and get hunting high and low for the hidden wildlife you might have missed before. Stop along the way to decorate your magnifying glass so you can take it home and keep spotting.

### **Dovedale**

Join in with a game of nature bingo on your journey in and around Dovedale. Explore the valley, down by the river or up high on Thorpe Cloud, keep looking for nature clues. If you spot everything in a line, you've won.

Pick up a sheet to keep and a magnifying glass to borrow from our Welcome Van for £2 and don't forget to come back at the end to get a sticker.

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### **Notes to editors**

### **About the National Trust**

The National Trust is an independent conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people: Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley, who saw the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Today, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, we continue to look after places so people and nature can thrive.

We care for more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline, 1 million collection items and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves. In 2022/23 we received 24 million visitors to our pay for entry sites. The National Trust is for everyone - we were founded for the benefit of the whole nation, and our 5.7 million members, funders and donors, and tens of thousands of volunteers support our work to care for nature, beauty, history for everyone, for ever.