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Explore winter's wonderland with the National Trust

Wrap up warm and head out into the winter landscape on a walk at one of the National Trust places near you in the Peak District and Derbyshire.

With trails meandering through ancient woodland, bracing strolls across wild and windy hills, and frosty paths around historic gardens, winter is a truly special time to explore the outdoors. Even the rain brings its delights, leaving puddles for little wellies to splash in, and the early sunsets kiss the landscape with dreamy pastel hues.

For nature lovers, the colder months are a particular treat. Paw prints in the snow and mud tell stories of the animals that have padded that way, bare tree branches reveal woodland residents as they forage for food, and the frosty quiet showcases the crisp notes of birdsong.

Of course, no winter walk at a National Trust place is complete without a visit to the cosy tearoom to thaw out with a hot drink, warming bowl of soup or a seasonal treat.

So, grab your boots and head out for a winter adventure near you:

[Kedleston Hall](#)

With crisp, cold days and early sunsets, the winter landscape can be truly inspiring and Kedleston has 800 acres of scenic parkland with miles of walking trails to explore.

Embark on the Wilderness Walk, enjoying far-reaching countryside views. Discover the Fishing Pavilion and Robert Adam-designed bridge and spot a whole host of waterfowl by the lake edge, including geese, swans, oyster catchers, herons and coots.

Dogs on leads are welcome in the parkland and gardens.

Mobility vehicle and wheelchairs are available for loan.

[Calke Abbey](#)

As well as a grand Baroque 'un-stately' home with its peeling wallpaper and seemingly abandoned rooms, Calke Abbey has walled gardens and a sweeping parkland, much of which is a National Nature Reserve. The park is a rich and varied landscape of grassland, ponds and wood pasture – one of the rarest habitats in Europe.

Explore the Tramway Trail - an accessible figure-of-eight route which follows the old horse-drawn tramway that linked Ticknall to Ashby which is suitable for cyclists, walkers, wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Dogs are free to roam the parkland under close control. They're welcome on-lead in the gardens and stableyards.

Mobility vehicle and wheelchair are available to borrow.

Foremark and Staunton Harold

At Foremark and Staunton Harold, winter walks invite a slower pace and a deeper connection with nature. Foremark's wide trails wind around the reservoir and through woodland, offering expansive views across still water and open skies, while Staunton Harold's gently layered landscape combines meadows, woodland and reflective water for peaceful seasonal strolls. Both places are rich in wildlife, with birdlife especially active through the winter months.

Dogs are welcome on leads.

At Staunton Harold, the dog-friendly café is open daily, offering a warm drink and a place to pause after time outdoors.

Hardwick

The Hardwick Estate surrounding the magnificent Hall, covers around 2,500 acres of parkland and includes a variety of habitats from woodland and wetland to farmland.

Miles of walking routes explore the parkland, with woodland, ponds and far-reaching countryside views to enjoy along the way.

For those wanting a short stroll, the Miller's Walk is a 1.5-mile circular route around the ponds. History buffs can learn about the parkland's hidden stories on the Sculpture Walk and, for those looking to explore further, there's the Oak Walk. Maps are located at Visitor Reception.

Dogs on leads are welcome in the parkland and stableyard.

Mobility scooters and wheelchairs are available for loan.

Longshaw, Burbage and the Eastern Moors

A countryside haven on Sheffield's doorstep, Longshaw is a gateway to the Peak District, home to ancient woods, parkland and heather moorland. Walking at Longshaw can be a stroll to the pond, an easy-to-follow waymarked walk or a serious hike. Stop in at the Welcome Building when you visit for advice on routes or to pick up a map. Seasonal trails and spotter sheets for families will also be available.

After your walk, warm up in the award-winning Longshaw café, and enjoy spectacular moorland views through floor to ceiling windows.

Dogs are welcome in all outdoor spaces and there's a dog-friendly area in the cafe.

Ilam Park and the White Peak, Peak District

Winter brings a freshness to the White Peak and its landscape that's been inspiring artists and poets for centuries. Soak up iconic views of the famous Thorpe Cloud from Ilam Park, where you can take in the River Manifold along accessible pathways and stop at lots of scenic spots for photos.

If you're feeling adventurous, there are routes through the Manifold Valley, home to limestone crags and woodlands. Or if you'd like a leisurely stroll, walk along the Manifold track through the historic Hamps valley.

There are plenty of treats to choose from back at Ilam Park's cosy Manifold Tearoom too.

Dogs are welcome in all outdoor spaces.

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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, 890 miles of coastline, 1 million collection items and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves. In 2023/24 we received 25 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 5.4 million members, funders and donors, and tens of thousands of volunteers support our work to care for nature, beauty, history for everyone, for ever.

In January 2025 the National Trust marked its 130th birthday by launching its new 10-year strategy People and Nature Thriving. This strategy, which will guide the charity's work and direction from 2025-2035 and beyond, focuses on three key goals:

- Restore Nature
- End unequal access to nature, beauty and history
- Inspire more people to care and take action

The plans follow the largest public consultation ever carried out by the National Trust, with more than 70,000 people – including members, volunteers and industry partners – sharing their views on the Trust’s work and direction. Read more about the National Trust’s strategy [here](#).