Welcome

Welcome to a new year of exploring with the National Trust and hundreds of days out with fun things to see and do for all the family. Enjoy walks to take in the views, amazing objects in our collections, treats in the tea-room and special events for all tastes and interests.

National Trust members

During normal opening hours members are entitled to free entry. Additional charges for some events may also apply to members to help raise essential funds for the restoration and upkeep of the special place you are visiting.

Further information

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Glorious gardens in 2017

Some of Northern Ireland’s most beautiful private gardens are open to visitors under the Ulster Gardens Scheme. An exciting mixture of town and country gardens of different sizes and styles of planting are lined up for visitors to enjoy this summer season.

For details of open gardens and gardens by appointment visit ulstergardensscheme.org.uk or to request a leaflet, contact 028 9751 0721.

Join in and enjoy more

We look after gardens and woodlands, historic houses and acre upon acre of wild countryside, mountains and coastline. So whether you’re in the mood for an afternoon ramble with the dog, a hiking adventure with friends or a gentle stroll through a beautiful home before indulging in tea and cake in one of our tea-rooms, there’s always a special place to explore.

It’s time to stretch your legs, and your imagination, and go exploring.

Join today at your favourite place or online at nationaltrust.org.uk

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All your favourite places

With many miles of beautiful coastline, huge stretches of countryside, panoramic views, historic houses and glorious gardens in our care, we have a wealth of treasures for all to enjoy.

Mid Ulster

Ardress House

This 17th-century farmhouse, elegantly remodelled in Georgian times, offers fun and relaxation for all the family. The cobbled farmyard with a dairy, smithy and threshing barn is the perfect spot to feed the resident chickens, while the nearby apple orchards are great for exploring. Children will enjoy visiting the small farmyard animals, having a go on the ride-on tractors and dressing-up.

The Argory

Surrounded by a wooded riverside estate, the interior of this Irish gentry house still evokes the eclectic tastes and interests of the MacGeough Bond family. The rose garden, with its unusual sundial, pleasure gardens and walks along the River Blackwater are ideal for exploring. There’s also fun for kids on the indoor bug trail and the zipline in the children’s play area.

Springhill

This 17th-century plantation house, home of the Lenox-Conyngham family, is brought to life on guided tours. Discover the celebrated costume collection in the old laundry and kids ‘dressing up’ in the Costume Closet. Explore the walled garden and way marked trails, with views of Slieve Gallion and the Sperrins, and enjoy the natural play area.

Wellbrook Beetling Mill

Step back in time and discover how yarn was spun at Northern Ireland’s last working water-powered linen beetling mill. Hands-on demonstrations reveal the importance of the linen industry in 19th-century Ireland. The glen is ideal for relaxing walks and perfect for a picnic by the Ballinderry River.

Derrymore House

Resting peacefully in a landscape demesne, this 18th-century thatched cottage is rich in history and a great place for walks.

Gray’s Printing Press

The indelible story of printing is told behind this Georgian shop front in Strabane, once reputed as Ireland’s printing capital.

Whether you’re looking for active ways to spend your leisure time, somewhere to explore with the children or inspirational days out with family and friends – there’s always a special place to explore.

Leave every day stresses behind and enjoy all the time in the world with us. There really is something to see, do and enjoy at all our places, every day of the year.

When you visit, donate, volunteer or join the National Trust, your support helps us to look after special places for ever, for everyone.

Thank you for your part in keeping our places special.

For more information on places to visit, check out our website nationaltrust.org.uk/ni or follow us online.
Divis and the Black Mountain

Sitting in the heart of the Belfast Hills, this 2,000-acre mosaic of upland heath and blanket bog is a great place for a wild countryside experience. There are four walking trails to explore, affording panoramic views across Belfast and a wealth of flora, fauna and archaeological remains to discover.

Cregagh Glen and Lisnabreeny

For views across Belfast and beyond, follow the tumbling stream through the wooded glen and rolling farmland to a rath on the summit of the Castlereagh Hills. Discover the Second World War memorial commemorating US servicemen who died in Northern Ireland and enjoy the natural play area.

Minnowburn

Nestled in the heart of Lagan Valley Regional Park, this is a place to stroll, sit and play in. There are riverside, meadow and woodland walks, rich in wildlife, to explore. Wander along the Giant’s Ring trail and for fantastic views trace the stream along the banks of the River Lagan on the Terrace Hill trail.

Patterson’s Spade Mill

Travel back in time and witness history literally forged in steel at the last working water-driven spade mill in daily use in the British Isles. Dig up the history and culture of the humble spade and visit a bygone life fashioning steel into spades during the industrial era.

Belmont Tower

For more than 100 years this prominent Gothic-style late-Victorian building buzzed to the sound of children playing and learning in its former life as Belmont Primary School. Today this inspirational space has been restored and adapted to offer classes, conference facilities and tasty treats in the coffee shop.

In Northern Ireland 3 out of 4 places cannot fund their own conservation.

Carrick-a-Rede

Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, this rocky island is the ultimate clifftop experience. The bridge was traditionally erected by salmon fishermen and if you are bold enough to make the crossing you will be rewarded with unique geology and wildlife. On a clear day enjoy views across the seas of Moyle to Rathlin Island and the Scottish islands.

Giant’s Causeway

The famous basalt columns at our iconic World Heritage Site, left by volcanic eruptions 60 million years ago, are home to a wealth of local history and legend. Follow in the footsteps of giants along the windswept walking trails to discover flora and fauna of international importance as well as fantastic bird watching. Indoors, the interactive exhibition in the Visitor Centre unlocks the secrets of the landscape.

Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House

The sheltered gardens, Mussenden Temple and striking mansion ruins bear testament to the eccentricity of the Earl Bishop who once made this 18th-century demesne his home. With views over long white beaches and the mountains of Donegal it is a wonderful place for a refreshing walk or fun in the children’s adventure play area. Nearby at Hezlett House, life in a rural 17th-century cottage is told through the people who once lived there.
Cushendun

Nestled at the mouth of the River Dun (Brown River) at the foot of Glendun, Cushendun is a charming historic village steeped in character and folklore. Admire the white Cornish-style houses designed by Clough Williams-Ellis, explore the grounds of historic Glenmona House and enjoy the circular walking trail.

Portmuck and Skernaghan Point

Once the site of smuggling and home to an ancient monastery, the Islandmagee peninsula's coastline is steeped in history. An Area of Special Scientific Interest, it has some of Northern Ireland's largest colonies of cliff nesting seabirds and offers views of the famous Antrim coast.

White Park Bay

Embraced by ancient dunes, Neolithic settlements and passage tombs, this arc of white sand nestles between two headlands on the North Antrim coast. Home to a range of rich habitats and a myriad of wildlife, its secluded location makes it ideal for quiet relaxation and peaceful walks.

County Fermanagh

Castle Coole

One of the finest examples of Neo-classical architecture in Ireland, Castle Coole has an elegant and restrained exterior, while the interior is brimming with opulence, luxury and colour. Guided tours also reveal life below the stairs in the servants' rooms and quarters. The surrounding rolling parkland, interspersed with mature oaks, woodlands and paths, is perfect for refreshing walks and fun in the outdoor play area.

Crom

Home to islands, ancient woodland and historical ruins, this 2,000-acre demesne sits in a tranquil landscape on the peaceful southern shores of Upper Lough Erne. One of Ireland's most important conservation areas, it has many rare species and is great for relaxing walks, cycling and boat trips, or overnight camping.

Florence Court

On a guided tour of this welcoming Georgian mansion hear stories about the Cole family, and their staff, who lived here for over 250 years. Outdoors take a gentle walk or long cycle along 10 miles of trails in the forest park. Discover the mother of all Irish yew trees, the ice house, water-powered sawmill, blacksmith's forge and the kitchen garden which is being restored to its 1930s character.
County Down

Castle Ward
This 18th-century house has two distinctly different facades, classical and gothic, set within an 820-acre walled demesne overlooking Strangford Lough. Explore 21-miles of walking, cycling and horse riding trails. Visit the water-powered corn mill, impressive laundry and tack room, and stroll around the Sunken Garden. Discover old Castle Ward, the iconic filming location for ‘Winterfell’ in HBO’s Game of Thrones. There’s also the children’s Victorian play centre and adventure playground.

Mount Stewart
Filled with the spirit and character of Edith, Lady Londonderry, the house and gardens are bursting with imagination, colour and passion. Explore this exquisite home and see a world-class collection of paintings and many other internationally significant items. Stroll around the celebrated formal gardens and lakeside walk to catch a glimpse of our red squirrels. Then discover the natural play area and demesne trails through a landscape lost in time.

The Mournes
These famous wildlife-rich mountains are criss-crossed by well-marked coastal and mountain paths. Great for exploring, we look after paths to Slieve Donard and Slieve Commedagh, as well as the Mourne coastal footpath. Enjoy a spectacular walk on the wildside with views over Dundrum Bay.

Murlough National Nature Reserve
Home to seals, Neolithic sites and Ireland’s first nature reserve, Murlough is one of the most extensive examples of dune landscape in Ireland. A network of paths and boardwalks through these ancient dunes, woodland and heath makes it ideal for relaxed walks and spotting a wonderland of wildlife.

Rowallane Garden
This inspirational 52-acre garden is ‘a world apart’. The formal and informal garden spaces are home to magical features mingled with native and exotic plants, such as drifts of rare rhododendrons. It is a great place for a leisurely walk, family fun or just to relax on a seat and soak up the atmosphere. Leave the outside world behind and immerse yourself in nature’s beauty.

Strangford Lough
Uncover the tidal treasures of Britain’s largest sea lough and one of Europe’s key wildlife habitats. Enjoy bracing coastal walks, delicate wild flowers and butterflies, rock pools brimming over with marine life and some of the best birdwatching in the UK and Ireland. The lough is the winter home for up to 90 per cent of the world’s light-bellied brent geese and Northern Ireland’s first Marine Conservation Zone.

Thank you for your support – we couldn’t do it without you.
50 things to do before you’re 11 3/4

It’s time to go wild! We want kids to get messy, mucky and soggy. We want them to build a den out of twigs, run around in the rain, scrape their knees exploring a cave, plunge their hands into a gloopy rock pool. That’s why we’ve come up with 50 things to do before you’re 11 3/4.

Hit the dirt
Put the family’s washing machine to the test. Here are our favourite ways to get really, really dirty outdoors.

Build a cosy den
Make your own little hide-away. Gather some branches and twigs from the woods and let your imagination go wild.

Run around in the rain
Never mind if it’s raining outside, put some wellies on and go puddle-jumping!

Hunt for bugs
Crawl through the mud and track down a beetle, or hold a wriggling worm in your hand.

Climb a tree
With so many trees around, how do you know which one to climb? Find one with strong branches you can reach from the ground.

Discover what’s in a pond or river
Take your net and go dipping in the river. Remember to return any mini beasts that you find back to the water.

Go outdoors, keep track online
After a day exploring the great outdoors, kids can keep track of their adventures on our 50 Things app. They can unlock games, earn badges and collect secret rewards. And, of course, find out even more ways to go outside and get stuck into nature.

Pick up a 50 things to do scrapbook when you visit our special places—and tick off as many wild activities as you can.

Download the app and discover even more wild things to do at nationaltrust.org.uk/50things

We want kids to have fun, but we also want them to play safe, so we recommend all these activities are supervised by an adult.

What’s on
From guided walks and boat trips, music and craft fairs to children’s events and wildlife spotting, we’ve a fantastic array of activities for everyone. It’s time to start planning fun days out for all the family.

Strangford Lough
4 March
Greyabbey Bay Ramble
A fascinating walk from Greyabbey across the sand flats to nearby Mid Island with our Ranger. You will discover some of the area’s remarkable archaeological features and an abundance of wildlife that makes Strangford Lough so special. Wellingtons recommended.

Bring lunch for break on Mid Island.
Not suitable for dogs.

Meet at Greyabbey car park (Portaferry Road).
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10am–1pm
Adult £4   Child £1
Member Adult £4   Child £1

Springhill
4–5, 11–12, 18–19, 25–26 March
Daffodil Danders
Spring has sprung and so have our daffodils. Take a self-guided walk through Springhill grounds in the company of countless colourful daffodils.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission   Members Free

The Argory
4–5, 11–12, 18–19, 25–26 March
Daffodil Danders
It’s a sure sign that spring has arrived when the bright yellow heads of daffodils appear at The Argory. Enjoy a self-guided walk then relax with a cuppa in the Courtyard Coffee Shop.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission   Members Free

Fermanagh Places
4–5 March
Free Open Weekend
Visit Florence Court, Castle Coole or Crom free of charge this weekend and get a taste of what these fantastic places have to offer.
No Charge   Donations Welcome

National Trust Northern Ireland
11 March
Free Open Day
Enjoy free admission at a number of National Trust places today. Come and meet our staff and volunteers, and learn more about the amazing places we look after.

Excludes Fermanagh places (Fermanagh free weekend 4–5 March)

For further details visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ni
No Charge   Donations Welcome

Castle Ward
11 March
Volunteer Open Day
Come along and find out about the variety of volunteer opportunities we have on offer. Learn new skills, enjoy a laugh and make lasting friendships, and help support our work as a conservation charity.
11am–4pm

Carrick-a-Rede
11–12 March
Fishery Open Weekend
Cross the bridge and see inside the old fisherman’s cottage on Carrick-a-Rede island. Hear all about the history of salmon fishing and enjoy stunning coastal views.
1–4pm
Normal Admission   Members Free

12 13
Seek out the leprechauns at Hezlett House

**Castle Ward**

17 March

**Saint Patrick’s Weekend**

Spring is in the air and everything is waking up from its long winter’s sleep, including Castle Ward House, which reopens for another season. Join us for three days of traditional music in the Stableyard and celebrate the arrival of spring and Saint Patrick’s Day.

1–3.30pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Giant’s Causeway**

17–19 March

**Saint Patrick’s Day Festival**

Celebrate all things Irish at the Giant’s Causeway with fun for all the family in the Visitor Centre. Those pesky leprechauns have woken Finn from his slumber with their festivities. Follow their trail and be rewarded with gold. There will also be face-painting, balloon modelling, crafts and traditional music.

11am–4pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**The Argory**

18–19 March

**Spring Book Fair**

Browse through hundreds of second hand books and stock up on all your essential reads. There’s something for everyone. Live music and children’s activities on Sunday. Donations of unwanted books, CDs and DVDs are welcome prior to the event.

12noon–5pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Mount Stewart**

26 March

**Mums at Mount Stewart**

Treat your Mum to a fabulous afternoon tea. Sit back with a glass of Prosecco and enjoy some live music while celebrating your marvellous Mum.

Booking Essential

Contact 028 4278 8387

12noon–1.30pm and 2pm–3.30pm

Adult £25   Child £12.50 (up to 12 years)

Member Adult £25   Child £12.50 (up to 12 years)

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**Castle Ward**

17 March

**Saint Patrick’s Day Walk**

Join us on our annual walk through Saint Patrick’s Day. Enjoy a three mile walk through the rolling countryside of the demesne and discover the wealth of wildlife, history and stunning landscapes around this unique estate. Suitable for age 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Stout walking boots required. Well behaved dogs on leads only.

Meet at Mount Stewart reception.

Booking Essential

Contact 028 4278 8387

10am–1pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Mount Stewart**

25 March

**Discover Spring on the Demesne**

Enjoy a three mile walk through the rolling countryside of the demesne and discover the wealth of wildlife, history and stunning landscapes around this unique estate.

Meet at Mount Stewart reception.

Booking Essential

Contact 028 4278 8387

10am–1pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Strangford Lough**

8 April

**Geology Guided Walk at Kearney**

Learn about the fascinating geology along the coastline at Kearney with an experienced geologist. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.

Contact 028 4278 8387

2–4pm

No Charge   Donations Welcome

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**Good Food Market**

8 April

Come along to taste and buy a range of locally sourced produce. The historic Courtyard at The Argory will come alive with cookery demonstrations, guided estate tours, music and country activities.

11am–4pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Carry-a-Rede**

8–9 April

**Fishery Open Weekend**

Cross the bridge and see inside the old fisherman’s cottage on Carry-a-Rede island. Hear all about the history of salmon fishing and enjoy stunning coastal views.

1–4pm

Normal Admission   Members Free

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**Mount Stewart**

9 April

**Pet Nose Day**

This award-winning charity event returns as part of Pet Month and celebrates our four legged friends. Bring along your dog and be entertained by agility and training demonstrations.

11am–5pm

Normal Admission   Members Free
Springhill
10–23 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Join our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts around Springhill house and grounds throughout the Easter holidays.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

The Argory
10–23 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Solve the clues to help find the Cadbury chocolate prize on our Easter Egg Hunts throughout the Easter holidays.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Rowallane Garden
10–25 April
Easter Fun
Wake up to spring and join us for some Easter fun in the barn.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Murlough NNR
14–17 April
Easter Bunny Hunt
Come along for some Easter fun as you follow the clues on the Cadbury Easter Bunny Hunt over the sand dunes and beach to discover the chocolate treasure.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
Meet at main car park.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
14–18 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Bring the children and take part in our popular Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. Follow the Dragons Egg Trail around the Lake Walk and return to collect your chocolate prize. Enjoy some Easter craft and challenge your family to crochet on the North Lawn.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Wellbrook Beetling Mill
14–18 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Follow the clues along the wooded glen, crack the code and unlock the Cadbury chocolate prize.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
2–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Easter at Castle Ward
14–21 April
Easter at Castle Ward
Our Easter week is packed with activities. Have a go at the family Easter Egg Hunt or get creative with the Easter themed children’s craft activities. Make a day of it and bring along a picnic, visit the farmyard animals and relax by the shores of Strangford Lough.
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Ardress House
14–23 April
Easter Egg Hunt
The Easter bunny has made a trail around the farmyard and gardens at Ardress House. Follow the clues to unlock the Cadbury surprise.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
1–6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Rowallane Garden
15–17 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Hop along for a family fun day exploring the nooks and crannies around the garden while following the clues in the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt to win a chocolate prize. Fun for everyone.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
10.30am–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Wake up to spring and enjoy our special places

Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House
15–18 April
Easter Egg Hunt
Fun for all the family as you follow the trail around the historic Downhill Demesne. Hunt for clues to crack the code and unlock the Cadbury chocolate surprise in our Easter Egg Hunt.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
Meet at Lion’s Gate.
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Florence Court
15–18 April
Easter Treasure Hunts
Enjoy some Easter fun as you follow the trail around the estate to find the Cadbury chocolate treasure at our Easter Egg Hunt.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Crom
15–18 April
Easter Treasure Hunts
Join us for some Easter fun on an Easter Egg Hunt as you follow the trail past the Old Castle Ruins to find the Cadbury chocolate treasure.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Coole
15–18 April
Easter Treasure Hunts
Join us for some Easter fun on an Easter Egg Hunt around the historic Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Cruise the Lough
See a different side to Crom estate from the water as you cruise around the lough in Crom’s 100 year old traditional craft.
Weather dependant.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6773 8118
1–5pm
Adult £4 Child £2
Member Adult £4 Child £2

Easter Sunday Celebrations
Join us on Easter Sunday for a bracing guided walk after your Easter celebrations. Plant wild flowers, enjoy face painting, jumping clay workshops and follow our conservation trail to the Giant Boot.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Easter Monday Family Fun Day
Easter fun for all the family, with Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts, music and much more.
Egg Hunt £1 per child.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

A cracking Easter week
April

Giant’s Causeway
22 April
Geology Walk
Learn about the fascinating geology along the coastline at the Giant’s Causeway with an experienced geologist. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.
Meet at the front of the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre
1.30pm–4pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Divis and the Black Mountain
23 April
Four Peaks Challenge
If you enjoy the great outdoors, then don’t miss this opportunity to join our Ranger for a guided walk across the peaks of the Black Hill, Black Mountain, Divis Mountain and Armstrong’s Hill. Suitable for age 12 years plus. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Suitable clothing and footwear essential. Bring a warm flask and light snack.
Registration at The Barn. Booking Essential
Contact 028 9082 8387
4.30pm–6pm
Adult £3 Member Adult £3

Strangford Lough
29 April
Ballyquintin Farm — Wildlife Walk
Join our Ranger on a walk along unspoilt tracks and across hidden stiles of Ballyquintin Farm on the Ards Peninsula. This ramble will be packed with beautiful scenery, tales and wildlife.
Suitable for age 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Not suitable for dogs.
Meet at Ballyquintin Farm car park near Portaferry.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10am–4pm
Adult £3 Member Adult £3

The Argory
29 April
Vintage Rally
Hundreds of vintage vehicles will descend upon The Argory as we host our famous vintage vehicle rally. A must-see event for all vehicle enthusiasts.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Go on a forest walk at Florence Court

Castle Coole
29 April
Paws in the Park
Dogs are always welcome at Castle Coole but especially today. Join our dog walk, enter our pooch in our pet dog show and pick up some behaviour techniques and grooming tips.
12noon–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
30 April
Jazz in the Gardens
Bring your picnic and settle down on the lawn with your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of jazz in the beautiful gardens at Mount Stewart.
Sorry no BBQ’s. 2–4.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
1 May
Dawn Patrol and Early Mornings on the Lough
See Strangford Lough at its most serene. While everyone sleeps we will embrace the early morning and watch the sun rise as the Lough comes alive for the new day. Then enjoy a well deserved continental breakfast of croissants, fresh fruit, yoghurt, OJ and tea/coffee by the water’s edge. Weather dependant. Suitable for age 18 years plus.
Booking Essential
Contact Clearsky Adventure Centre on 028 4372 3933 or email fun@clearsky-adventure.com
7.30am–10am

Florence Court
1 May
Scenic Forest Walk
Join our Ranger for a scenic 9km trail in Florence Court forest. At the highest viewpoint enjoy panoramic views of Fermanagh, Lough Erne and beyond. Sturdy footwear essential.
11am–1pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Crom
1 May
Cruise the Lough
See a different side to Crom estate from the water as you cruise around the lough in Crom’s 100 year old traditional craft. Weather dependent.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6773 8118
1–5pm
Adult £4 Child £2 Member Adult £4 Child £2

Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House
6 May
Behind the Scenes — Bluebell House
Come along for an afternoon stroll around the Bishop’s Gate gardens and glen to see the bluebells in full bloom. Join the estate Ranger who will highlight the latest developments around the wider demesne and show off the hidden gems in the gardens.
Meet at Bishop’s Gate.
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
6 May
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures. Gates will open from 7am for set up.
Terms and conditions apply, see website for details. nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
9am–12noon
Car £5, Van £10, Trailer £15

Rowallane Garden
6–7 May
Spring Plant Fair
A wonderful opportunity to purchase plants from a range of specialist plant stalls, as well as from Rowallane Garden.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Carrick-a-Rede
6–7 May
Fishery Open Weekend
Cross the bridge and see inside the old fisherman’s cottage on Carrick-a-Rede island. Hear all about the history of salmon fishing and enjoy stunning coastal views.
1–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Browse the plant stalls at Rowallane Garden spring plant fair

Visit the plant fair and enjoy a guided ramble around the estate as bluebells come to life for the new day. Then enjoy a well deserved continental breakfast of croissants, fresh fruit, yoghurt, OJ and tea/coffee by the water’s edge. Weather dependant. Suitable for age 18 years plus.
Booking Essential
Consideration for a £3 donation per adult.
Contact 028 4372 3933 or email fun@clearsky-adventure.com
7.30am–10am

Mount Stewart
7 May
Dawn Chorus Walk
Enjoy the delights of the spring dawn chorus and learn all about bird song with our Ranger, followed by a hearty breakfast.
Suitable for age 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Not suitable for dogs.
Meet at the Lookout, Mount Stewart.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
5–8am
Adult £8 Child £5 Member Adult £8 Child £5

Ardare House
7, 14 May
Apple Blossom Sundays
Set in the middle of our rich apple-growing county, Ardare House will be celebrating the apple blossom with apple treats and fun for all the family. There will be orchard tours, local ciders and apple produce on sale, and an apple trail for the kids.
1–6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
7, 21 May
Ramble with our Ranger
Join our Ranger for an energetic ramble around the estate as they reveal the tales and quirky stories hidden in the landscape of this iconic demesne. Suitable clothing and footwear essential. Dogs on leads welcome.
Meet in the Stableyard.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4488 1204
2–3.30pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

May

Discover a world of butterflies at Murlough NNR

Murlough NNR
6–7, 13–14, 20–21, 27–28 May
Flutter by Butterfly Trails
Murlough is home to over 700 species of butterflies and moths. Learn more about the different types of ‘flutterby’s’ on our self led trail across the dunes.
Meet at main car park.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
7 May

Ardare House
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Castle Ward
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Ramble with our Ranger

April

Ballyquintin Farm — Wildlife Walk
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Suitable for age 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Not suitable for dogs.
Meet at Ballyquintin Farm car park near Portaferry.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10.30am–12.30pm
Adult £2 Child £2
Member Adult £2 Child £2

The Argory
29 April
Vintage Rally
Hundreds of vintage vehicles will descend upon The Argory as we host our famous vintage vehicle rally. A must-see event for all vehicle enthusiasts.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free
Mount Stewart
12–13 May
Bluebell Walks
Join our Ranger team and explore the newly opened trails, with carpets of bluebells and primroses on display at this time of year. Suitable for age 8 plus with accompanying adult. Stout walking boots required. Well behaved dogs on leads only.
Meet at the Trailhead.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11am–12.30pm, 2–3.30pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Castle Ward
13 May
Dog Agility
This amazing fun display is not to be missed. These wonderful pets will have you transfixed as they traverse the jumps, tunnels, see-saws, twists and turns. Come along and cheer on your favourite canine friend.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Minnowburn
13 May
Minnowburn Dander
Join our Ranger for a walk around the picturesque Minnowburn area. Learn about the wildlife, botany and history of this outstanding location. Meet at Minnowburn car park.
11am–12.30pm
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Carrick-a-Rede
13 May
Geology Walk
Learn about the fascinating geology along the coastline at Carrick-a-Rede with an experienced geologist. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.
Meet at Carrick-a-Rede café.
1.30–4pm
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Florence Court
14 May
Music at the Summer House
Join us for an afternoon of music at the restored summer house. Bring a picnic and enjoy the views of the Pleasure Ground and across to Benaughlin Mountain.
2–4pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Castle Ward
14 May
Corn Mill Bursts into Life
The Corn Mill at Castle Ward was once the heart of this historic demesne. Dating from 1835, this once busy mill ground the corn from the fields into flour for the estate. Join our volunteers as they celebrate National Mills Weekend and see this piece of industrial heritage in full swing.
The Corn Mill will operate on the hour.
2–4pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Castle Coole
19 May
Candlelit Tour
Experience the sights and sounds of Castle Coole as you never have before, as part of Museums’ Night. After a candlelit walk through the upstairs and basement rooms enjoy a glass of wine in the basement kitchen.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6632 2690
7.30pm
Adult £10  Member Adult £10

Glenoe Waterfall
20 May
Geology Walk
Learn about the fascinating geology along the coastline at Glenoe with an experienced geologist. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.
Meet at Glenoe car park.
2–4pm
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Strangford Lough
20 May
Saint Brendan Sea Safari
A treat for all the family as we take a scenic voyage on Strangford Lough to view seals, seabirds and other wildlife at this internationally important marine site.
Waterproof clothing and footwear recommended.
Meet at Portaferry.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10am–12.30pm
Adult £25  Member Adult £25

Mount Stewart
27 May
Explore a Spring Garden
The gardens at Mount Stewart were recently described as one of the Top Ten Gardens in the World and they come alive at this time of year. Enjoy a tour of the gardens with our gardening experts. Discover the carpets of wild flowers in the woodlands and look out for the first returning spring migrants.
Meet at Mount Stewart reception.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11am–1pm
Adult £10  Child £5
Member Adult £10  Child £5

Mid Ulster Vintage Rally
3 June
Hosted by the Mid Ulster Vintage Vehicles Club.
Machinery on display with fun for all the family.
Sorry no BBQ’s.
12noon–5pm
£5

Rowallane Garden
27 May
Soap Making Masterclass
What is soap and how does it work? Learn how to make your own soap by the cold processed method. Class will involve weighing and sourcing ingredients, calculations and method. We will make soap using herbs from the garden to give an unusual twist. Price includes coffee/tea, tuition and materials.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 9751 0131
10am–1pm
Adult £25  Member Adult £25

Crom
29 May
Cruise the Lough
See a different side to Crom estate from the water as you cruise around the lough in Crom’s 100 year old traditional craft.
Weather dependant.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6773 8118
1–5pm
Adult £4  Child £2
Member Adult £4  Child £2

Springhill
3 June
Mid Ulster Vintage Rally
Enjoy the largest vintage vehicle rally in Mid Ulster. Hundreds of vehicles and items of machinery on display with fun for all the family.
Hosted by the Mid Ulster Vintage Vehicles Club.
12noon–5pm
Adult £5  Child £2
Member Adult £5  Child £2

Mount Stewart
3 June
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures. Gates will open from 7am for set up.
Terms and conditions apply, see website for details.
nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Springhill
28 May
Country Fair
Enjoy our annual Country Fair with dog shows, rare breeds, live music, craft stalls and much more. It’s an event not to be missed.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Mount Stewart
28 May
Candlelit Tour
Enjoy a tour of Mount Stewart Gardens in the spring light.
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1–5pm
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11am–1pm
Adult £10  Child £5
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White Park Bay
27 May
Geology Walk
Learn about the fascinating geology along the coastline at White Park Bay with an experienced geologist. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.
Meet at Ballintoy Harbour.
1.30–4pm
No Charge  Donations Welcome
Castle Ward
10–11 June
Open Book
‘A book is a dream which you hold in your hand’ and this event is guaranteed to make all book lovers dreams come true. Browse through thousands of quality used books and CDs for a great bargain, stroll down to the Barn for book themed crafts and much more. Book donations are welcome prior to event.
To arrange collection of large quantities of books please call 028 4488 1204.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
16–17 June
Twilight at the Trust
We are delighted to host another new production of this magical musical evening presented by Peter Corry. Enjoy a Champagne and canape reception followed by a tour of Mount Stewart House with boutique performances in various rooms. The evening comes to a finale with all the performers in the Central Hall for a short concert.
Booking Essential
Contact Mount Stewart 028 4278 7814
Online at eventbrite.co.uk or at Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place, Belfast 028 9032 6695
7pm–10pm
Adult £50
Member Adult £50

Portstewart Strand
17 June
Orchid Walk
Our amazing sand dune system is host to a range of orchids, including bee and pyramidal orchids, which can be seen growing in their natural habitat. The whole family will enjoy this trip across the sand dunes with our Ranger to explain the range of floral habitats.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7083 6396
2–4pm
Adult £2 Child £1
Member Adult £2 Child £1

Springhill
18 June
Garden Fair
A great opportunity to stock up on all your shrubs and plants, herbs and other specimens native to Springhill. Take a look at our community allotments, enjoy a tour of Springhill Gardens and get some gardening tips from our Rangers. Children can have a go in our ‘Plant it, grow it, eat it’ workshop.
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Minnowburn
24 June
Get Mellow in the Meadow
Enjoy a mellow walk through our new wild flower meadow. We will look at the wild flowers, the insects and evidence of the mammals that use the meadow as a home and food source.
Meet at Minnowburn car park.
11am–12.30pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Kearney
24 June
Rock Pool Picnic
Young wildlife enthusiasts will love this day out at magical Kearney village on the Outer Ards Peninsula. Discover the amazing creatures lurking beneath the seaweed and slithering through the pools. This promises to be a great day out for all the family.
Wellingtons are highly recommended. Meet at Kearney village.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10.30am–12.30pm
Adult free Child £3
Member Adult free Child £3

Mount Stewart
24–25 June
Specialist Plant Fair
‘Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?’ Come and see our many visiting nurseries. Ask advice and buy some plants to add magic to your own garden. View the garden diaries of Edith, Lady Londonderry and enjoy special tours of our formal gardens and pleasure grounds.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Crom
25 June
Outdoor Adventures
Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of outdoor activities celebrating the beauty of nature and wildlife at Crom. Take part in craft activities, bug hunts, woodland trails and more.
1–6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
25 June
Jazz in the Gardens
Bring your picnic and settle down on the lawn with family and friends to enjoy an afternoon jazz session. Sorry no BBQ’s.
2–4.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Discover the amazing creatures at Kearney
Go wild and complete some of your 50 things to do in July:

### Portmuck

**1 July**

**Geology Walk**

Discover the fascinating geological features around Portmuck harbour and how they helped shape the history of the local area. Organised in partnership with Earth Science Ireland.

Meet at Portmuck car park.

2–4pm

No Charge  Donations Welcome

### Carrick-a-Rede

**1 July**

**Go Wild with the Rangers**

Join our Rangers for a morning of fun and adventure. We will help you to complete some of your ‘50 things to do before you’re 11¼’.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 2073 3419

10am–12noon

No Charge  Donations Welcome

### Castle Coole

**2 July**

**Summer Music Sessions in the Drying Green**

Enjoy the first of our summer music sessions at Castle Coole. Sit back and relax as the music plays in the beautiful Drying Green. Bring a picnic or enjoy some tasty treats from the Tallow House tea-room.

2–4pm

Normal Admission  Members Free

### The Argory

**2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July**

**Lazy Sundays**

Come and join us every Sunday in July for laid back tunes and relaxation. Chill in the Courtyard while the kids are entertained and feast on our summer BBQ.

1–4pm

Normal Admission  Members Free

### White Park Bay

**7 July**

**Go Wild with the Rangers**

Join our Rangers for a morning of fun and adventure. We will help you complete some of your ‘50 things to do before you’re 11¼’.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 2073 3419

10am–12noon

No Charge  Donations Welcome

### Portstewart Strand

**8 July**

**Butterfly Safari**

Great for kids — it’s the season of butterflies and moths. Do you know what a cinnabar moth looks like? Join our Rangers on the hunt to catch and identify the dunes fluttering residents. Butterfly nets provided.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 7083 6396

2–4pm

Adult £2  Child £1

Member Adult £2  Child £1

### Mount Stewart

**1 July**

**Car Bazaar**

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Traders and caterers please email events.mountstewart@nationaltrust.org.uk for prices.

9am–12noon

Car £5, Van £10, Trailer £15

### Murlough NNR

**1–31 July**

**Rubbish Art**

Help us create a unique piece of art every day throughout July, using only the rubbish that is found along the shore.

Meet at main car park.

11am–12.30pm

Normal Admission  Members Free

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**National Trust gift membership — a very special present**

Enjoy an overnight camping experience at Florence Court

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**19 July**

**Bug Detectives**

Join in as we get out our magnifying glasses and discover a whole world of bugs and beasts… just where could those little critters be hiding? This is a drop off activity for children aged 5–11 years.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 4278 8387

1.30–3.30pm

£7.50 per participant

### Mount Stewart

**22 July**

**A Stroll in a Summer Garden**

The gardens at Mount Stewart were recently described as one of the Top Ten Gardens in the World and they look stunning at this time of year. Enjoy a tour of the gardens with our gardening experts.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 4278 8387

11am–1pm

Adult £10  Child £5

Member Adult £10  Child £5

### Florence Court

**22 July**

**Pop up Camping**

An overnight camping experience on the front lawn at Florence Court. Join us for an evening of entertainment by the campfire and an estate walk.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 6634 8249

Check in time 6pm

Two person tent £30

### Castle Ward

**23, 30 July**

**Summer Music Series**

The summer is here and that can only mean one thing — the start of Castle Ward’s Summer Music Series. Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a tranquil and beautiful setting listening to the musical melodies. The perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

2.30–5pm

Normal Admission  Members Free

### Giant's Causeway

**24–28 July**

**50 Things North Coast Summer Scheme**

A fun packed week of activities to delight and inspire your pre-teens on the North Coast.

Suitable for age 7–11 years.

**Booking Essential**

Contact 028 2073 3419

10am–3pm

Child £7.50  Member Child £7.50
Castle Ward
24–28 July
Kids Summer Adventure Camp
Activities galore for a fun-filled and exciting week designed to entertain the kids this summer. Archery, rock hopping, canoeing, climbing and more. Single day attendance also possible. Free bus service from Newcastle, Downpatrick and Strangford. Suitable for age 8–15 years.
Booking Essential
Contact Clearsky Adventure Centre on 028 4372 3933 or email fun@clearsky-adventure.com
10am–4pm

Mount Stewart
26 July
Wildlife Trackers
Explore the many habitats to be found around the grounds of Mount Stewart. Through games and interactive activities, learn tracking skills and how to look for tell-tale signs of wildlife. If we are lucky you may even spot some red squirrels. This is a drop off activity for children aged 5–11 years.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
1.30–3.30pm
£7.50 per participant

Cushendun
28 July
Woodland Craft Skills Day
Join our Ranger for a day of fun and adventure. Learn survival techniques, forage for survival tools, build a campfire and much more.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 2073 3419
10am–1pm
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Strangford Lough
29 July
Have a go at: Bushcraft Fire
This event is perfect for families looking for outdoor experiences. You will learn how to safely build and start your camp fire without matches. Bring packed lunch. Suitable for age 7–14 years with accompanying adult. Wellingtons essential. Meet at Greyabbey car park (Portaferry Road).
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
10am–1pm
Adult free  Child £3
Member Adult free  Child £3

White Park Bay
4 August
Go Wild with the Rangers
A morning of fun and adventure with our Rangers. We will help you to complete some of your ‘50 things to do before you’re 11¾’. Booking Essential
Contact 028 2073 3419
10am–12noon
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Adress House
4 August
Go Batty
Help identify all eight of Northern Ireland’s bat species that live at Adress House and make some batty crafts to take home.
7.30–10pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Mount Stewart
5 August
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures. Gates will open from 7am for set up. Terms and conditions apply, see website for details.
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9am–12noon
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2.30–5pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Mount Stewart
9 August
Bug Detectives
Join in as we get out our magnifying glasses and discover a whole world of bugs and beasts... just where could those little critters be hiding? This is a drop off activity for children aged 5–11 years.
Booking Essential
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1.30–3.30pm
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Booking Essential
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10am–12noon
No Charge  Donations Welcome

Springhill
11 August
Batty Bonanza
An exciting night of fun for all the family. Learn more about the bats that make their home in and around Springhill and make something batty to take home.
7.30–10pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Kearney
12 August
50 Things at Kearney
Join the ranger team for a fun filled session of art and craft activities along the coast at Kearney on the Outer Ards Peninsula. We will be building miniature castles and other structures from pebbles before the rising tide
10am–12noon
Normal Admission  Members Free

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Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House
19 August
Downhill’s Secret Gardens
An afternoon stroll with the estate Ranger to hear about our plans to restore the secret gardens of Downhill Demesne. Meet at Bishop’s Gate.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
2–4pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Mount Stewart
27 August
Jazz in the Gardens
Bring your picnic and settle down on the lawn with your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of jazz in the beautiful gardens at Mount Stewart. Sorry no BBQ’s.
2–4.30pm
Normal Admission  Members Free

Fermoy
30 August
Murlough NNR
Calling all bookworms. Browse through the hundreds of second hand books in our Courtyard treasures. Gates will open from 7am for set up. Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures. Gates will open from 7am for set up. Terms and conditions apply, see website for details.
9am–12noon
Car £5, Van £10, Trailer £15

The Argyll
2–3 September
Autumn Book Fair
Calling all bookworms. Browse through the hundreds of second hand books in our Courtyard and stock up on your winter reads. There’s sure to be something for everyone. Live music and children’s activities on Sunday. Donations of unwanted books, CDs and DVDs are welcome prior to the event.
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Murlough’s BIG 50th
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nationaltrust.org.uk/murlough-nature-reserve

Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House
2 September
Castlerock Walk Fest
A day of guided walks, long and short, in the Benevanagh Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Organised by Castlerock Community Association in partnership with National Trust.
Booking Essential
Contact Castlerock Information Centre on 028 7084 9303

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Volunteer and make a difference

Who we are and what we do

We’re a charity founded in 1895 by three people who saw the importance of our nation’s heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Over 120 years later these values are still at the heart of everything we do.

Members help keep special places special

We are supported by 78,000 members in Northern Ireland with a total membership of 4.8million nationwide. For details on how to become a member or to find out more about the work of the National Trust visit nationaltrust.org.uk

In Northern Ireland, 3 out of 4 places cannot fund their own conservation

Volunteer and make a difference

As an independent charity we rely on the support of volunteers to help care for Northern Ireland’s coast, countryside, mansions and gardens.

From protecting wildlife habitats to welcoming visitors, helping in our shops and tea-rooms or providing administrative support, we’ve lots of opportunities to get involved.

Look out for more ‘things to do’ in our autumn and winter guide
Time to get away

If you’re looking for an excuse to go somewhere different for family parties or hidden-away breaks our holiday cottages offer a home away from home.

Each one is characterised by its quirky history, unique architecture or beautiful landscape setting.

Portbradden Cottage, Antrim
Nestled in an idyllic harbour on the North Antrim Coast, this three bedroom cottage is an inspirational location from which to explore the North Coast of Northern Ireland—sleeps six people.

Crom Cottages, Fermanagh
At Crom there are seven cottages around two sides of a large open courtyard, right on the tranquil shores of Upper Lough Erne. Erne view is the largest cottage and accommodates six people. Alder Cottage is the smallest with one double bedroom.

Butler’s Apartment, Florence Court, Fermanagh
Butler’s Apartment provides an unforgettable country house experience at Florence Court. Situated in the south wing, this unique and atmospheric apartment retains its original features and character, and is enhanced with luxurious additions—sleeps four people.

Potter’s Cottage, Castle Ward, Down
This quaint stone cottage is in the heart of the Old Castle Ward farmyard near the peaceful and tranquil shores of Strangford Lough—sleeps four people.

Holiday cottage bookings
For further details and bookings contact:
T: 0344 800 2070
E: cottages@nationaltrust.org.uk
W: www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk

Some cottages are adapted for visitors with special requirements.

Camp and caravan

When it comes to camping there can be few sites to rival the special places we look after. Our campsites are set in some fantastic locations, ideal for exploring the surrounding countryside. Be inspired by nature and wake up to the great outdoors.

Crom
Crom is one of Ireland’s most important nature conservation areas with rare and spectacular wildlife, inspirational woodland walks and nature trails—the perfect place to pitch your tent. The estate is a well-known camping destination, but for those who want to enjoy a little more luxury, we’ve introduced new ‘glamping’ pods. They were originally used to house pigs, but they’ve certainly had an upgrade since then!
Bookings: contact 028 6773 8118.

Castle Ward
Tucked away in the stunning 820 acre demesne there are 28 hard stand sites, space for up to ten tents and four eco-friendly continental camping pods. The Bunkhouse, a two-storey former game-keepers cottage is also ideally suited for groups of up to 14 people.

Surrounded by 34 km of trails there is plenty of space for walking, cycling and other outdoor activities all year round.
Bookings: contact 028 4488 1204 or email castleward.accommodation@nationaltrust.org.uk

Every booking helps us look after special places for ever, for everyone.

Causeway Hotel
A warm welcome followed by exceptional hospitality, comfort and cuisine are what you can expect from a visit to the Causeway Hotel. Situated at the entrance to the world famous Giant’s Causeway, with views over the beautiful Antrim coast, there are 28 ensuite bedrooms and conference facilities for up to 60 delegates.
Bookings: 028 2073 1210 or causewayhotel.reception@thecausewayhotel.com
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