Days out
Northern Ireland

Spring and summer 2019

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Welcome

The longer days and warmer air can only mean one thing: spring and summer are on the way. Our gardens are beginning to bloom; our houses are coming out of their winter sleep and our countryside is buzzing with busy bees and pollinators. Now’s the time to explore the wonderful places we look after – from the coastal paths along the Causeway Coast, to the peak of Slieve Donard in the Mourne Mountains, this guide will introduce you to the rich variety of landscape, historic houses and industrial heritage that’s in our care.

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Hop along for some Easter fun

Over Easter half-term there are loads of activities at our places for kids and grown-ups to get messy, muddy and back in touch with nature. It’s the perfect opportunity for the whole family to create special memories and get inspiration for the summer months ahead.

In Fermanagh we’ll be welcoming the arrival of spring with lots of hands on fun, nature trails and wildlife spotting at Crom, Castle Coole and Florence Court. On Easter Monday Florence Court will be hosting its Easter Monday Family Fun Day. Have your face painted like Bunny, enjoy spring themed Easter crafts and step back in time as the estate showcases its industrial past with carpentry and blacksmith demonstrations.

You’ll find plenty to keep all ages entertained at our places in Mid Ulster too. Scale new heights in the play area at The Argory, check out the nature trail through the gardens and finish off in the courtyard for family games and a tasty treat in the tea-room. Say hello to the farmyard animals at Ardress House and discover the new spring flowers in the meadows at Springhill.

Along the way you’ll be able to try out a few of the ‘50 things to do before you’re 11 ¾’ challenges, take part in a Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt or just enjoy running wild in the great outdoors. And what’s more, every muddy day out helps us care for special places for many Easters to come.

Hop down to Rowallane Garden for some Fun in The Garden. Get competitive and challenge your loved ones to an egg and spoon race at the front of the house. Get involved in fun Easter crafting in the Barn or pick up a nature wristband and head off on an exploration around the garden, spotting nature bursting into life as you go.

Take a trip to Mount Stewart and see if you can spot Ruby Red and her friends as they celebrate the return of spring. Have fun on the trails, get mucky making seed bombs or join one of the family friendly garden tours. If you’ve energy for more, take a stroll to the natural play area and discover new challenges to be conquered.

Half-term is packed with activities at Castle Ward. Explore the Secret Shore Nature Trail or get creative with the spring themed activities. Why not make a day of it and bring along a picnic, visit the farmyard animals and relax by the shores of Strangford Lough.

On the North Coast, Downhill Demesne is full of surprises. Follow the sensory tree trail through the ancient woods and discover the Bishop’s Play Trail along the way. Head to Porstewart Strand to take part in sand sculpting and join in with one of the ranger or gardener walks and talks (please check website for dates and times).

Follow a Cadbury Easter Egg trail and get your face painted

Look out for Easter bunnies

Meet the animals at Ardress House

Dates and activities may change, for a full list of things to see and do this Easter half-term visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni
We're looking for kids of all ages who are happy to roll up their sleeves, pull on their wellies and help us with some important conservation jobs to look after nature at our places and spaces.

Our Big Missions for Little Rangers include everything from planting wildflower seeds, to protecting wildlife by lifting litter and bird and butterfly spotting to check how healthy the populations are.

Creative kids can build bug hotels or bird nests, to provide quality accommodation for wildlife, or get their hands dirty pulling out unwanted weeds.

‘A Little Ranger is a very fun job to do. It’s fun to get mucky and it helps the environment.’
Ollie, age 7

Here are some of the Big Missions your Little Rangers can help us with but look out for lots more ways to get involved at our places over the next few months.

**Bird spotting**
If you’re near the coast, check out how our seabird colonies are doing and see how many seabirds you can spot. Or if you’re inland, look up to the skies and count how many different species of birds you can see.

**Litter picking**
Help us to look after wildlife by carefully collecting any rubbish you spot on your summer adventure. If you find glass or dangerous items please report it to a ranger.

**Butterfly spotting**
Get up close to the butterflies and see how many different species you can spot. Look carefully (but don’t catch) and check that the butterflies are healthy. Quietly look to see that their wings aren’t damaged.

**Tree checks**
Help us make sure our trees are healthy – have a walk around a tree to make sure the trunk and roots are ok. Measure the width, check for lichen on the bark and take bark rubbings. Why not take a tree survey to see how many different species there are.

**Pond dipping**
Peer (carefully) into ponds to see what lurks beneath the surface. Note the variety of bugs you see. Check to see if you can spot any litter as this can be harmful to wildlife. Remove it, but only if it’s safe to do so.

**Build a bug hotel**
Find lots of types of sticks, moss and leaves and look for a log to build them around. Leave your bug hotel ready for other rangers to discover on their adventures.

**Weeding**
Find a ranger or gardener and ask if they have any patches of weeds they would like you to clear. Pulling up weeds helps give other flowers more room to bloom!

Take part in a Little Ranger Big Mission at a National Trust place near you, visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni for inspiration.
Top six natural play areas

We’re on a mission to connect children with nature. We want to see them running free in the fresh air, learning new skills and trying new things. To encourage them, we’ve created a number of natural play areas at our places where kids of all ages can play in nature.

Mount Stewart

Inspired by Edith, Lady Londonderry’s children’s book, The Magic Inkpot, Mount Stewart’s natural play area brings characters from this mythical tale of Irish legends to life. Step into a magical land of upside-down trees, where sea dragons play and sleeping dragons lie. Balance beams, stepping logs, a tree cave, squirrel run, see-saw and more provide a fun challenge for mind and body.

Springhill

Venture through the woodlands at Springhill and discover a clearing with natural climbing frames, rope swings and dens, mystical creatures and thrones. Children of all ages will be able to get in touch with nature and create their own stories and games as they let their imaginations run wild in this natural setting.

Downhill Demesne

Located 200 yards through Bishop’s Gate, past the beautiful gardens and carpets of wild garlic, the Bishop’s Play Trail is the perfect place to let your children explore their natural surroundings. Tackling the spider’s web, climbing the causeway stones and navigating the walking see-saw are just some of the adventures on offer here.

Minnowburn

The natural play trail at Minnowburn winds through the forest following the River Lagan. Made largely from recycled tree trunks and willow, the trail features balancing beams, stepping stones, a seesaw, log ladder and more. Some of the larger pieces of natural play include a giant xylophone, willow den and a teddy bear picnic seating area.

Florence Court

You’ll find the natural play area at Florence Court located just behind the house with plenty of activities to discover. Have a go at adding to the nest of willow, try the rope swing, or make some music on the wooden xylophone. Using tree stumps, branches, and other natural materials found in the forest, the rangers are always adding to the play area, so there’s something new to see every time you visit.

Murlough Nature Reserve

Our newest natural play area, you’ll find this playground near the carpark just before you enter the dunes. Look out for larger than life animals as you climb, crawl, hop and skip through this fun obstacle course.
What’s on

We have a full calendar of things to see and do this spring/summer across Northern Ireland. From nature walks, to family fun days, you’ll find lots of reasons to get out and enjoy our places and spaces. For the full programme of events please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni.

Rowallane Garden
Every Sunday (March–September)

Garden Walk
Go on a leisurely walk with one of our friendly volunteers. Learn about the history of the garden and find out what is in seasonal bloom with these informative walks.
2.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
Every Weekend (March, April and September)
Daily (Throughout May–August)

Bike and Canoe/Kayak Hire
Hire both bikes and canoes on the same day and receive 10% off the total! Everyone can enjoy the estate’s top quality bike and canoe trails, with biking equipment available from age 18 months and canoeing from age 4 years.
Booking Essential
Contact Strangford Sea Safari on 028 4372 3933 or email fun@strangford-seasafari.com

Castle Ward
From March onwards
Sea Safari
A sightseeing tour of Strangford Lough with its abundance of nature and wildlife. See the SeaGen, Angus Rocks Lighthouse, surface whirlpools and some of the many seals at Cloughy Rocks Nature Reserve. You might even spot a pod of porpoise or even a basking shark!
Suitable for ages 3 years plus. Trips leave from Strangford Pier and run hourly throughout the day
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From £20 per adult

Roundabout
Every Weekend (March, April and September)
Weekly from March onwards

Go Plant Hunting
Collect your Plant Hunters Passport and take your family on an imaginary journey following in the footsteps of the plant hunters who collected amazing plants from around the world. At the core of the experience is an illustrated activity booklet. Each stop in the booklet will unlock the story of a plant and the person who discovered it through an activity or puzzle.
10am–6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Plant Hunters at Rowallane Garden

Murlough NNR
2 March
Jo’s Walks – Woodland in Winter
A ramble through Murlough’s woodlands, identifying trees in winter and looking at how the woods have developed.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Portstewart Strand
2 March
Conservation Farming Talk and Walk
Discover why we use grazing animals at our places to help deliver our conservation management plans. Our ranger will talk about the type of livestock used, the benefits they bring and the challenges of having them on the dunes and beach.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7083 6396
2–4pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Fermanagh Places
2–3 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.
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Spring Sensory Walk
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Rowallane Garden
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From £20 per adult

Cushendun
1 March

Beach Clean
Join our ranger team on a litter pick to help keep our beach beautiful.
Meet at Cushendun beach
Booking Advisable
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–12noon
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Members help keep special places special
Fermanagh Free Open Weekend

The Argory
7 March
Artificial Sunshine: A Series of Talks
Wonder what makes the acetylene light fittings at The Argory so unique? Join our curator as she explores the history of domestic lighting throughout the ages.
Complimentary refreshments served
Booking Essential
Contact 028 8778 4753
7pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Murlough NNR
9 March
Winter's Gone, What's Next for the Rangers
Join the ranger team for a walk and talk to find out what they do over the winter months and what's next on the calendar.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Guided talks every 15 minutes.
Contact 028 4375 1467
10.30am-12.30pm
Booking Essential
Meet at the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre
9am–5pm

Giant's Causeway
9 March
Community Open Day
Join us for the first of our Community Open Days of 2019 and enjoy the full Visitor Experience free of charge. Take a guided walk with one of our rangers, or explore the site at your own pace with a self-led audio guide, available in 11 languages. Browse the range of locally sourced gifts and crafts in the shop, or relax with a coffee or treat in the café.
Meet at the Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre
9am–5pm

Carrick-a-Rede
9–10 March
Fishery Open Weekend
Come explore the fisherman's cottage on Carrick-a-Rede Island and hear how salmon fishermen first erected a rope bridge here in 1755. Guided talks every 15 minutes.
Meet at the fisherman's cottage on Carrick-a-Rede Island
1–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
Saturday 9 March
Night Run
Join us for our Night Run this March, in partnership with Cotswold Outdoor. This event is about having fun at your own pace, meeting new people, exploring Mount Stewart after dark and raising funds for our ongoing conservation work.
Online Booking Essential
Please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Meet at Mount Stewart reception
5.15–9pm
Adult £14 child £7
Member Adult £14 child £7

Mussenden Temple goes green on 17 March

Mount Stewart
9–10 March
World Book Weekend
Do you like jumping in muddy puddles like Peppa Pig or do you have adventures like The Famous Five? We would love to hear all about your favourite stories and characters at our World Book Day Weekend. Come dressed up and join the fun.
11am–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Downhill Demesne
16 March
Bulbs and Buds
Join our knowledgeable gardener and explore the beginning of spring on the estate. Get some tips to take home all the while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Bishop's Gate.
Meet at Bishop's Gate
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
17 March
Saint Patrick’s Walk
Join us on our annual walk through Saint Patrick’s country. Organised jointly by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the Lecale Ramblers, the route includes a mixture of quiet country roads and green lanes. The event is free and a wee dram of whiskey (or tea/coffee) is provided at our refreshment point. Due to livestock this walk is not suitable for dogs.
For further information contact Downpatrick Tourist Information Centre on 028 4461 2233 or email downpatrick.vic@nmrandd.org
Registration 10–10.30am, walk starts 10.45am
Free event

Giant's Causeway
17 March
Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration
Celebrate all things Irish at the Giant’s Causeway with live music, dance and a special Leprechaun trail down to the stones, as well as face painting and treats for all.
Meet at the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre
9am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Hezlett House
17 March
Leprechaun Hunt
Help us to find the Leprechauns that have escaped from their homes in Bishop’s Gate. Enjoy traditional Saint Patrick’s Day crafts and activities. Fun for all the family.
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mussenden Temple
17 March
Mussenden Lights
Mussenden Temple will be going green for one night only. Grab your camera and a torch and don't miss this rare opportunity to see the iconic Earl Bishops Library in a different light.
Meet at Lion's Gate
7–9pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Carrick-a-Rede
18 March
Ballintoy Rockhunt Club
Calling all fossil hunters! Come and explore Larrybane Quarry to find fossils and learn about the geology of the area.
Everyone welcome
Meet at Larrybane Quarry
10am–12noon
Have fun fossil hunting at Larrybane Quarry
Mount Stewart
23 March
Spring Walk
Enjoy a three mile walk through the rolling countryside of the Demesne and discover the wealth of wildlife, history and stunning landscape of this unique estate. Suitable for children aged 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

The Argory
23–24 March
Spring Book Fair
Browse through hundreds of second hand books and stock up on all your essential summer reads. Enjoy live music in the courtyard on Sunday afternoon.
11am -5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Artificial sunshine lights up The Argory

Springhill
30 March
Allotment Open Day
Fancy seeing what goes on behind the big wall at Springhill? Hear more from our community allotment holders and learn some top tips on how to grow your own.
11am–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Rowallane Garden
30 March
Flower Pressing Session
Learn about the techniques of flower pressing. Our gardeners will show you how and why it’s important to press flowers, and share a few tips on how to speed up the process. Great fun for families.
11am–12noon
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
31 March
Mother’s Day
Treat your mum to a fabulous afternoon tea. Sit back and relax with a glass of Prosecco while celebrating your marvellous mum.
Children are 12 years and under Booking Essential
Contact 028 8778 4753
7pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
31 March
Castle Ward in Bloom
Treat your mum or someone special to a day out at Castle Ward this Mother’s Day. Visit the Windsor Garden in full bloom, take a tour of the eccentric mansion house and make your own posy with the Victorian language of flowers.
12noon –4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Rowallane Garden
Throughout April
Spring Sensory Walk
Pick up a copy of our ‘Spring Sensory Strolls’ walk. It will help you explore and interact with our garden. Our experienced gardening team have selected the path and picked locations to showcase key points of sensory interest during this time of renewal and change.
10am -6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

The Argory
6 April
Good Food Market
Come along to taste and buy a range of locally sourced produce. The historic courtyard will come to life with a cookery demonstration, guided estate tours, music and more.
For trade stand information, please email argory@nationaltrust.org.uk
11am –4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
7 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 –3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Glenoe Waterfall
13 April
The Geology of Glenoe
Come for a journey through time as we look at the fascinating and diverse geology of this beautiful glen.
Meet at disused quarry car park, Waterfall Road, Glenoe
1 –4pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Learn about the geology of Glenoe

Mount Stewart
6 April
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures. As this is held outdoors, please check Facebook or our website to confirm event is going ahead.
TRADERS: Gates will open from 7am for set up. Please do not arrive before 7am as you will not be able to access the property and may cause congestion on the Portaferry Road.
Terms and conditions apply, please see website for details. Traders and caterers please email eventsmountstewart@nationaltrust.org.uk for prices.
9am –12noon
Car £5 Van £10 Trailer £15

Murlough NNR
6 April
Jo’s Walks – Beach Combing
Join Jo, Murlough’s first warden and naturalist for another of her fantastic walks and talks. We’ll be discovering the secrets of the shore and searching for treasures brought in by the waves.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2.30pm
No Charge Donations Welcome
Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

We are delighted to team up with Cadbury once again to offer a fun Easter experience at our places. With nature themed egg hunts, activities and games suitable for all, it’s a great family day out. Normal admission charges apply, Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, £1.50 per child.

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Every time you head out on a Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, you help us fund vital conservation work to protect special places for future generations to explore. Thank you.

Strangford Lough
13 April
Greyabbey Bay Ramble
Join a ranger on a fascinating walk across the sand flats to nearby Mid Island. Discover some of the area’s remarkable archaeological features and an abundance of wildlife that make Strangford Lough so special.
Long distance walk. Suitable for children aged 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Wellingtons and packed lunch required.
No dogs please.
Meet at Greyabbey car park
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11.30am–2.30pm
Adult £4 Child £1
Member Adult £4 Child £1

Mount Stewart
13–28 April
Easter at Mount Stewart
Scurry on down to Mount Stewart over the Easter holidays and see if you can spot Ruby Red and her friends as they celebrate the return of spring. Have fun on our trails, get mucky making seed bombs or join one of our family friendly garden tours.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
14 April
Rhododendron Ramble
Tour the rhododendrons at Mount Stewart with Head of Gardens, Neil Porteous. Suitable waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear essential.
Meet at Mount Stewart reception
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11am–1pm
Adult £10 Child £5
Member Adult £10 Child £5
Normal Admission Applies

For a full list of what’s happening at our places this Easter, including Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni

Castle Ward
15–28 April
Easter at Castle Ward
Explore the Secret Shore Nature Trail or get creative with the spring themed activities. Why not 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

Downhill Demesne
15–28 April
Easter at Downhill
A full two week programme of nature based discovery with events for all ages spread across Downhill/Hezlett House and Porstewart Strand to include sand sculpting, sensory tree trail, walks and talks with our rangers and gardener and a selection of the ‘50 things to do before you’re 11¾’.
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Events may change, please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni for the latest information
Celebrate World Heritage Day at the Giant’s Causeway

The Argory
15–28 April
Easter at The Argory
Hop over to The Argory this Easter and go wild in the play park, enjoy Easter crafts and games in the courtyard and take part in our nature trail.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Springhill
15–28 April
Easter at Springhill
Put a spring into your step this Easter at Springhill! Discover new spring flowers in the meadows. Enjoy springtime activities and have lots of fun in the natural play areas.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Giant’s Causeway
18 April
World Heritage Day
Come help us celebrate World Heritage Day at Northern Ireland’s only World Heritage Site. Hear what makes this such a special place and how the National Trust is protecting it for ever, for everyone.
Meet at the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre 9am–5pm

Rowallane Garden
18–26 April
Fun in the Garden
Get competitive and challenge your loved ones to an egg and spoon race at the front of the house. Get involved in fun Easter crafting in the barn. Pick up a nature wristband and head off on an exploration around the garden to spot nature bursting into life.
10am–6pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Cushendun
19 April
Curious Fairies
Come along and try to find the Cushendun fairies emerging from their winter slumber to look after the special flora/fauna that live here.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

Kearney
20 April
Have a Go: Scything
Enjoy a hands on tools day. We will be using traditional scythes to cut winter grass at our heritage orchard to improve its health and habitat for wildlife.
Maximum 6 adults. Other tasks suitable for children 8 years plus. Bring outdoor clothing and packed lunch.
Meet at Kearney Village car park
Booking Advisable
Contact 028 4278 7769
10am–1pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Become a bug detective at Murlough NNR

Strangford Lough
20–21 April
Life Around the Lough
Photographic exhibition from National Trust collection presenting historical records, lesser known landscapes and work of National Trust volunteers on nature reserves.
Meet at Lookout Information Centre, Mount Stewart
12noon–5pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Divis and the Black Mountain
21 April
Four Peaks Challenge
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 Coffee Barn
10am–4pm
Adult £3
Member Adult £3

Giant’s Causeway
21 April
Earth Day
To celebrate Earth Day, we’re offering a free guided geology walk of the World Heritage Site.
Meet geologist guide Ian Enlander at the front of the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre
Booking Essential
Contact 028 2073 3419
2–5pm
No Charge

Cruise the lough at Crom

Crom
22 April
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 £5 Child £2.50
Member Adult £5 Child £2.50

Murlough NNR
27 April
Bug Detectives
Join in as we get out our magnifying glasses and discover a whole world of bugs and beasties… just where could those little critters be hiding?
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Rathlin Island
27 April
Mucky Route Repairs
Well worn paths need work to keep them in a good condition and help prevent erosion and habitat damage, so get stuck in to some practical work helping our rangers look after the trails on Ballyconaghan.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–4.15pm
Free event (boat charge additional)

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No. 18
Create some wild art

50 Things Month at the Giant’s Causeway
Join our Rangers every Saturday in May 2019 for a 50 Things activity

No. 36
Make a home for a wild animal

No. 37
Check out the crazy creatures in a rock pool

No. 31
Hunt for bugs

The Tiger Who Came to Tea visits Rowallane Garden

The Argory
27 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.
11am-5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

White Park Bay
27 April
Primrose Walk and Dawn Chorus
Tune your ears in to the birdy melodies from our delightful songbirds as we wind our way through an ocean of primroses.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
6-8am
No Charge Donations Welcome

Mount Stewart
28 April
Jazz in the Garden
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. Picnics welcome. Please note that this event takes place outside. Appropriate clothing required
2-4.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Rowallane Garden
May-June
Tiger Who Came to Tea
Normal Admission Members Free

Giant’s Causeway
Every Saturday in May
50 Things Month
Join our team for a 50 Things activity.
Meet at the Giant’s Causeway Visitor Centre
10am-12noon
No Charge

Carrick-a-Rede
Every Sunday in May
50 Things Month
Join our team for a 50 Things activity.
Meet at reception
2-4pm
No Charge

The Argory
2 May
Artificial Sunshine: A Series of Talks
Kevin Killen, creator of The Argory’s spectacular neon artwork, ‘Artificial Sunshine,’ discusses the inspiration behind his design and the fascinating process of working with neon.
Complimentary refreshments served
Booking Essential
Contact 028 8778 4753
7pm
Normal Admission Members Free

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Cushendun
3–6 May
Big Arts Weekend
Come along and support this local event, try some of the delicious food and see the wide array of hand crafted goods the artisan market has to offer.
Meet at Glenmona House
10am–5pm
Free event

Minnowburn
4 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

Mount Stewart
4 May
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures.
As this is held outdoors, please check Facebook or our website to confirm event is going ahead.
TRADERS: Gates will open from 7am for set up. Please do not arrive before 7am as you will not be able to access the property and may cause congestion on the Portaferry Road.
Terms and condition apply, please see website for details. Traders and caterers please email eventsmountstewart@nationaltrust.org.uk for prices.
9am–12noon
Car £5 Van £10 Trailer £15

Join the birds for dawn chorus at Mount Stewart

Murlough NNR
4 May
Jo’s Walks – Rabbits and Flowers
A walk investigating the history and social life of Murlough’s rabbits and how important they are for conserving Murlough’s flowers.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Rowallane Garden
4–5 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

Castle Ward
5–6 May
The Wonderful World of Mary Ward
Celebrate the wonderful life of Mary Ward and learn more about this leading naturalist, astronomer and artist through a range of fun activities and displays.
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Crom
6 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 (check website for details)
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6773 8118
1–5pm
Adult £5 Child £2.50
Member Adult £5 Child £2.50

Cushendun
6 May
Go Wild with the Rangers
Join our ranger for a morning of fun and adventure in Cushendun.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

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11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
5 May
Dawn Chorus Walk
Enjoy the delights of the spring dawn chorus at Mount Stewart and learn all about bird song with the ranger, followed by a hearty breakfast.
Suitable for children aged 8 years plus with accompanying adult. No dogs please.
Meet at Lookout Information Centre, Mount Stewart
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
4.30–8am followed by breakfast
Adult £10 Child £6
Member Adult £10 Child £6

Have fun in nature with our rangers at Cushendun

What nests will you find at Springhill

Springhill
10 May
Nest Quest
Join our ranger team to help spot nests around the gardens and wider estate at Springhill. Learn the importance of why we protect the birds’ nests and hear first-hand how you can help birds at home.
Handmade nest boxes available to buy.
Booking Advisable
Contact 028 8674 8210
2pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
10–11 May
Bluebell Walks
Join the ranger team and explore the trails, with carpets of bluebells and primroses at this time of year.
Suitable for children with accompanying adult.
Unsuitable for buggies. Stout walking boots required. Well behaved dogs on leads only.
Meet at Mount Stewart Trailhead
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11am–12.30pm and 2–3.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Downhill Demesne
11 May
Woodland Trail and Plant Fair
Join our ranger and gardens team on a behind-the-scenes woodland walk around Bishop’s Gate. Explore the Black Glen and carpets of wild garlic while enjoying the wealth of wildlife, history and breathtaking views on offer. There will also be a plant fair to enjoy during your visit.
Meet at Bishop’s Gate
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free
Ardress House
12, 19 May
Apple Blossom Sundays
Set in the middle of our rich apple-growing county, Ardress 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.
11am–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Coole
17 May
Candlelit Tour
Experience the sights and sounds of Castle Coole as you never have before, as part of Museums at 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 £15
Member Adult £15

Castle Ward
17 May
Castle Ward at Night
See Castle Ward as you have never seen it before and celebrate Museums at Night on an exclusive torchlight tour.
National Trust Members only – Limited spaces available
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4488 1204
7.30–9.30pm

Cushendun
18 May
Red Squirrel Day
Let’s have a walk around the woods in Cushendun to see if we can find our wonderful native red squirrels in the tree canopy above.
Meet at Glenmona House
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
12noon–2pm
No Charge Donations welcome

Mount Stewart
18 May
Tastings at the Temple – Spring has Sprung
Enjoy an evening of fabulous company and a decadent spring themed menu, all in the stunning surroundings of the Temple of the Winds.
Strictly over 18’s only
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
7.30–10.30pm
Adult £30
Member Adult £50

Murlough NNR
18 May
Bluebell Stroll with a Ranger
Join our ranger on a walk through Murlough’s heathland. Discover the best views of the bluebells that carpet the shadier parts of Murlough in spring.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

White Park Bay
18 May
Bluebell and Bird Walk
An exciting opportunity to discover the bluebells and birds of White Park Bay. Our knowledgeable ranger will lead you to the best views of the bluebells and identify all our feathered friends along the way.
Meet at car park
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

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Portmuck Geology Walk
15 June
Discover the fascinating geological features and interesting coastal plants around Skernaghan Point at the beautiful northern tip of Islandmagee.
Meet at Browns Bay car park
1–4pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Mount Stewart
16 June
Father’s Day Fun
Bring the whole family to Mount Stewart for some tasty food, live music and 50 things fun.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Springhill
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Exploration of Skernaghan Point
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Castle Ward
21 June
Midsummer Music
Enjoy an evening of music at Castle Ward on the longest day of the year. Watch the sun setting over the shores of Strangford Lough as you while away the evening listening to the music.
Limited spaces available
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4488 1204
7.30–10pm
Adult £10 Child £5
Member Adult £10 Child £5

Giant’s Causeway
23 June
Dawn Chorus Walk
Join our conservation expert Dr Cliff Henry on an early morning guided walk of the site and hear about the flora and fauna of Northern Ireland’s only World Heritage Site. After working up an appetite, enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast in the Causeway Hotel.
Meet at The Causeway Hotel
Booking Essential
Contact 028 20733419
6.30–9.30am
Adult £7
Member Adult £7

Murlough NNR
29 June
Ragwort Challenge
Muck in with the rangers and help us remove this invasive species. Get the whole family involved and crown the champion ragwort remover as our rangers try and remove as much as possible in one day.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
10.30am–1pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Springhill Garden Fair
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Flower Pressing Session
Get ready to learn about the techniques of flower pressing. Our gardeners will show you how and why it’s important to press flowers, and share a few tips on how to speed up the process. Great fun for families.
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No Charge Donations Welcome
Take a tour to learn more about Downhill gardens and estate

Mount Stewart
30 June
Tour the Temple
Join one of our guides for a tour of the Temple of the Winds. Hear the history of this special building and enjoy the stunning views over Strangford Lough. Meet at the Temple of the Winds Booking Essential Contact 028 4278 8387
12noon-1pm and 2-3pm Normal Admission Members Free

Castle Ward
Sundays throughout July and August
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

Downhill Demesne
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July
Downhill Gardens and Estate Tours
An exciting opportunity to join our knowledgeable gardener and learn more about the beautiful gardens at Bishop’s Gate. Meet at Bishop’s Gate 2-4pm Normal Admission Members Free

Carrick-a-Rede
5 July
Fossil Hunting
Join our ranger team for fossil hunting in Larrybane Quarry. Meet at Larrybane Quarry 10am-12noon No Charge Donations Welcome

White Park Bay
5 July
Go Wild with the Rangers
Join our rangers for a morning of fun and adventure on White Park Bay. Booking Essential Contact 028 7084 8728 10am-12noon No Charge Donations Welcome

Crom
6 July
Music by the Lake
Join us for a relaxing evening and listen to local musicians by the shores of Lough Erne. Online Booking Essential Visit nationaltrust.org.uk/crom 7-10pm Adult £12 Child £5 Member Adult £12 Child £5

Murlough NNR
6 July
Jo’s Walks – Duneland Flowers
A walk in search of the specialised flowers of Murlough’s duneland on a long ramble through the coastal duneland. Meet at Keel Point concrete standing Booking Essential Contact 028 4375 1467 2pm No Charge Donations Welcome

Look for butterflies in the sand dunes at Portstewart Strand

Portstewart Strand
6 July
Butterfly Safari
Fun for the whole family as you join our rangers on the hunt to catch and identify the dunes fluttering residents. Nets provided. Booking Essential Contact 028 7083 6396 2-4pm Adult £2 Child £1 Member Adult £2 Child £1

Castle Ward
12-13 July
Pirates Picnic
‘Ahoy me hearties’, we are back from sailing the seven seas for another fun filled day at Castle Ward. Captain Ward is looking for some swashbucklers to join him as he makes you ‘Walk the Plank’. Come in pirate costume and prepare to seek and find his hidden treasure. ‘Shiver me Timbers’ there is lots of fun to be had! 1-5pm Normal Admission Members Free

Mount Stewart
12-13 July
Teddy Bears Picnic
Bring along your favourite teddy and join Little Red Riding Hood. Bring a picnic or treat yourself to something delicious from our caterers. Dress up and enjoy a day full of activities for all ages. 11am-4.30pm Normal Admission Members Free

Portstewart Strand Butterfly Safari is a summer highlight
Mount Stewart
21 July
Summer Garden Walk
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 with our gardening experts and discover the colours and scents of a summer garden.
Suitable waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear essential
Meet at Mount Stewart reception
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
11am–1pm
Adult £10 Child £5
Member Adult £10 Child £5
Normal Admission Applies

Rowallane Garden
21 July
Rainbow Smoothies
Join us and try a variety of rainbow summer fruit smoothies to help cool off on a summers day.
Our smoothie mastermind will use the best of summer fruits and local dairy products to create a healthy and fun way for kids and adults alike to enjoy seasonal fruits. Each demo lasts approx 30 minutes.
2–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mussenden Temple
21, 28 July
Music Sundays
Enjoy some local musical talent to accompany your Sunday afternoon walk.
12noon–2pm
Normal Admission Members Free

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Family bike ride and BBQ at Mount Stewart

Grangemore and Bann Estuary
27 July
Conservation Farming Activity Day
Help our ranger team to control invasive ragwort and bracken. Small tools and gloves provided. Includes farmland butterfly survey demonstration.
Meet at Cranagh Road
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
11am–3pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Mount Stewart
27 July
Family Bike and BBQ
Ever wanted to cycle the trails at Mount Stewart? Bring the whole family for an evening of cycling and BBQ fun.
Ticket price includes one burger or hotdog plus a soft drink. Please bring your own seating or picnic blankets.
Meet at the check in point at Car Park 2
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
5.30–9pm No arrivals after 7pm please
Adult £8.50 Child £8.50
Member Adult £8.50 Member Child £8.50

Mount Stewart
28 July
Tour the Temple
Join one of our guides for a tour of the Temple of the Winds. Hear the history of this special building and enjoy the views over Strangford Lough.
Meet at the Temple of the Winds
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
12noon–1pm and 2–3pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Cushendun
31 July
Join a Ranger for the Day
Find out what a ranger does and get involved with some hands-on activities. Learn more about the village and the team here.
10am–1pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Kite Festival at Downhill Demesne

Mount Stewart
29 July–4 August
Kite Festival
This high flying spectacle returns as a week long event, offering fun for all the family as a kaleidoscope of kites of all shapes and sizes take to the skies over this stunning coastal estate. Award winning kite displays, stunt kite performances and synchronised kite teams make this a festival not to be missed. Quad pod rides, petting farm, specialist food and drink market, helicopter rides and much more on offer throughout the week. See website for daily programme details
12noon–5pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Downhill Demesne
29 July–4 August
Kite Festival
Bring your picnic and settle down on the lawn with your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of jazz in the gardens at Mount Stewart. Sorry no BBQ’s. Picnics welcome. Please note that this event takes place outside. Appropriate clothing required
2–4.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Learn about the bats that live at Ardress House

The Argory
Every Sunday in August
Lazy Sundays
Come and join us every Sunday in August for laid back tunes and relaxation. Chill in the Courtyard while the kids are entertained and feast on our summer BBQ.
BBQ is an additional cost
1–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Ardress House
2 August
Go Batty
Help identify all eight of Northern Ireland’s bat species that live at Ardress and make some batty crafts to take home.
8.30pm–late
Normal Admission Members Free

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Car Bazaar
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9am–12noon
Car £5 Van £10 Trailer £15

Murlough NNR
3 August
Jo’s Walks – Heathland Flowers
Join Jo to learn about the flora of the dune heath, hopefully spotting important plants like the Devil’s Bit Scabious which supports our butterfly population.
Meet at Murlough main car park
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Portmuck
3 August
Whale Watch
With an outstanding panoramic view across the North Channel to Scotland, the Portmuck clifftop path is an ideal place to go whale watching. Bring binoculars and telescopes if you have them. Experts will be on hand to offer tips.
Meet at Portmuck car park
2–5pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Mount Stewart
7 August
Bug Detectives
Join in as we get out our magnifying glasses and discover a whole world of bugs and beasties… just where could those little critters be hiding?
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
1.30–3.30pm
Child £8

Uncover a world of bugs at Mount Stewart

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Camping and campfires on Salt Island

Look for wildlife at Mount Stewart

Join our rangers for a woodland skills day

Mount Stewart
14 August
Wildlife Trackers
Through games and interactive activities, learn tracking skills and how to look for tell-tale signs of wildlife. If you 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
Child £5

Strangford Lough
15–16 August
Salt Island Camping
This two day family event is open for everyone ready for adventures, bushcraft and campfire on a remote island off Killyleagh. Suitable for children aged 8 years upwards with accompanying adult.
Meet at Killyleagh Harbour
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4278 8387
Depart Killyleagh at 10.30am on 15 August, returning at 2pm on 16 August
Adult £30 Child £30
Member Adult £30 Child £30

Springhill
16 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.
7.30pm–late
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7, 14, 21, 28 August
Downhill Gardens and Estate Tours
An exciting opportunity to join our knowledgeable gardener and learn more about the historic gardens at Bishop’s Gate.
Meet at Bishop’s Gate
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Cushendun
9 August
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.
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

Carrick-a-Rede
10–11 August
Fishery Open Weekend
Come explore the fisherman’s cottage on Carrick-a-Rede Island and hear how salmon fishermen first erected a rope bridge here in 1755.
Guided talks every 15 minutes.
Meet at the fisherman’s cottage on Carrick-a-Rede Island
12noon–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Divis and the Black Mountain
11 August
Walking Yellow Jacks Cairn
Find out more about Divis and the Black Mountain’s remarkable archaeological landscape, walk with our ranger team and learn about the Yellow Jacks Cairn, an old burial cairn steeped in history.
Suitable clothing and footwear essential.
Meet at Divis Barn
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

Springhill
16 August
Family Fun Day
Get outdoors and closer to nature this summer at Springhill. Enjoy traditional lawn games, Little Ranger fun, face painting, live music, BBQ and loads more.
11am–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Mussenden Temple
11, 18, 25 August
Music Sundays
Enjoy some local musical talent to accompany your Sunday afternoon walk.
12noon–2pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Explore Downhill Demesne

Crom
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Music by the Lake
Join us for a relaxing evening and listen to local musicians by the shores of Lough Erne.
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Member Adult £12 Child £5

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17 August
Downhill’s Secret Gardens
Ranger led tour of Downhill gardens. Learn more about the historic walled garden and lost arboretum, now coming back to life.
Meet at Bishop’s Gate
Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Murlough NNR
17 August
Outdoor Adventures – Minibeasts
Come and join Shelagh on a minibeast adventure. Become a mini explorer for the day and discover the many different insects at Murlough.
Meet at Keel Point concrete standing
Booking Essential
Contact 028 4375 1467
2pm
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Castle Coole
23 August
Queen Anne Afternoon Tea Experience
Join us in the Breakfast Room at Castle Coole for an exclusive afternoon tea experience. Ticket includes admission.
Booking Essential
Contact 028 6632 2690
2pm
Adult £25 Member Adult £25

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August

Normal Admission Members Free
2–4.30pm
Clothing required that this event takes place outside. Appropriate

Sorry no BBQ’s. Picnics welcome. Please note
Mount Stewart
25 August
Afternoon of jazz in the gardens at
Lawn with your family and friends to enjoy an
Bring your picnic and settle down on the

Jazz in the Garden
25 August

Contact 028 4278 8387
Booking Essential
Meet at the Temple of the Winds and enjoy the views over Strangford Lough.

Join one of our guides for a tour of the Temple of the Winds. Hear the history of this special building
and enjoy the views over Strangford Lough. Meet at the Temple of the Winds

Tour the Temple
25 August

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10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

White Park Bay
23 August
Go Wild with the Rangers
Join our rangers for a morning of fun and adventure on White Park Bay.

Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
10am–12noon
No Charge Donations Welcome

Rathlin Island
31 August
Whale Watching and Wildlife Walk
On the sea cliffs at Ballyconagan looking out across the North Channel towards Scotland, sit for a while
with your binoculars in the hope of catching view of a whale or dolphin swimming past. There is plenty
of wildlife to be spotted on Ballyconagan also.

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Adult £4 Child £2
Member Adult £4 Child £2

Ferry Crossing Charge Additional

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10am–4pm
Booking Essential
Meet at Ballintoy Harbour and White Park Bay Coastal path.

Meeting at the Floodgates car park, Newtownards accompanied by adult. Wellingtons advisable
Suitable for children aged 8 years plus with
local wildlife with the ranger.
This will be a good opportunity to learn about
Lend us a hand and help clean marine litter.
Join Jo for her end of summer walk – learn about
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7 September
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10am–5pm
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seals at their haul site across at Ballykinlar.
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Contact 028 4278 7769
1–2.30pm
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Strangford Lough
7 September
Ards Beach Clean
Lend us a hand and help clean marine litter. This will be a good opportunity to learn about local wildlife with the ranger. Suitable for children aged 8 years plus with accompanying adult. Wellingtons advisable
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Mount Stewart
7 September
Car Bazaar
Come along and sell your unwanted items or browse around the many stalls and pick up a few treasures.
As this is held outdoors, please check Facebook or our website to confirm event is going ahead.
TRADERS: Gates will open from 7am for set up. Please do not arrive prior to 7am as you will not be able to access the property and may cause congestion on the Portaferry Road. Terms and conditions apply, please see website for details. Traders and caterers please email eventsmountstewart@nationaltrust.org.uk for prices.
9am–12noon
Car £5 Van £10 Trailer £15

Mount Stewart
7 September
Foraging Fun at Minnowburn
Come along and meet members of the Fermanagh Beekeepers as they hold their annual Honey Show. See bees at work in the observation hive and taste and buy some of the honey on display.

Contact 028 7084 9303
Booking Essential
Meet at Minnowburn car park

11am–1pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Minnowburn
8 September
Hedge Fun
Come along for a foraging morning on the outskirts of the city with one of our rangers. Bring a basket or container to gather some delicious autumn fruits.
Meet at Minnowburn car park
11am–1pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

National Trust Northern Ireland
European Heritage Open Day
14 September
Visit a number of National Trust attractions free of charge today and get an insight into the heritage and conservation of the amazing places right on your doorstep.
For details visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni
10am–5pm
No Charge Donations Welcome

Murlough Bay
20 September
Night Safari and Star Gazing
Join our rangers for a 4-wheel drive night trip to find nocturnal wildlife at Murlough Bay.

Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
7pm
Adult £5 Child £5
Member Adult £5 Child £5

Downhill Demesne
21 September
Boundary Wall Walk
A ramble with the ranger to see the hidden gems of this historic estate including the Ice House, Dovecote, ornamental lakes and a champion tree.

Booking Essential
Contact 028 7084 8728
2–4pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Downhill Demesne
25 August
Jazz in the Garden
Bring your picnic and settle down on the lawn with your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of jazz in the gardens at Mount Stewart.

Sorry no BBQ’s. Picnics welcome. Please note that this event takes place outside. Appropriate clothing required
2–4.30pm
Normal Admission Members Free

Events may change, please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ni for the latest information
Be our guest

Whether you’re looking for a luxury hotel break on the Causeway coast, a camping adventure in a woodland setting or the tranquillity of a cosy lakeside cottage, our holiday accommodation has something to suit your mood and budget…

Located in some of Northern Ireland’s most picturesque spots, each of our accommodation options is characterised by its quirky history, unique architecture and beautiful landscape setting.

Relax by the lakeside in County Fermanagh

We have a range of holiday cottages and accommodation in Fermanagh, from quirky glamping pods, to a cottage for six people.

On the shores of Upper Lough Erne Crom is one of Ireland’s most important nature conservation areas with rare and spectacular wildlife, inspirational woodland walks and nature trails. The estate is a well-known camping destination, but for those who want to enjoy a little more luxury, we offer ‘glamping’ pods. They were originally used to house pigs, but they’ve certainly had an upgrade since then. Crom also has seven holiday cottages ranging from Erne View, which sleeps six people, to Alder Cottage, the ideal romantic retreat with one double bedroom.

Butler’s Apartment at Florence Court, provides an unforgettable country house experience. 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).

Screen history and scenery at Strangford Lough

Fans of Game of Thrones will recognise Potter’s Cottage at Castle Ward from series one where it appeared in the set of Winterfell. 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).

Also tucked away in the stunning 820 acre demesne at Castle Ward are 24 hard-standing pitches, space for up to ten tents and six eco-friendly continental camping pods. The Bunkhouse, a two-storey former game-keepers cottage is also ideally suited for large families or groups of up to 14 people.

Rediscover the Causeway Coast

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

Get away from it all at Strand House, a Cornish-style coastal cottage right in the heart of the Glens of Antrim.

Step through the bold red stable door of this cottage to discover the quirky internal layout. Take in the sea views from the bedroom or head outside to feel the sand between your toes on the wide sandy beach.

For added luxury book a stay at the Causeway Hotel. Recently refurbished this warm and welcoming hotel offers exceptional hospitality, comfort and cuisine. Situated at the entrance to the world famous Giant’s Causeway, with views over the beautiful Antrim coast, there are 28 en-suite bedrooms and conference facilities for up to 60 delegates.

Holiday bookings

For further details and to book a National Trust holiday cottage, glamping pod or hotel visit nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays or call 0344 800 2070.
7 Facts you might not know about the National Trust in Northern Ireland...

1. We look after 108 miles of the country's coastline — that’s a huge 22% and 46 square miles of countryside.

2. The National Trust is 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.

3. Over 2,500 people volunteer for the National Trust in Northern Ireland, still at the heart of everything we do.

4. We are the guardians of Northern Ireland’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Giant’s Causeway which was visited by over one million people last year.

5. Each year over two million visitors enjoy free access to over 60 outdoor spaces we look after in Northern Ireland such as Slieve Donard, Slieve Comedagh, Minnowburn, Glenoe Waterfall, Portmuck and Derrymore.

6. In Northern Ireland, three out of four places cannot fund their own conservation. In 2018 we spent £17 million on conservation work across Northern Ireland.

7. We rely on the support of volunteers to help care for Northern Ireland’s coast, countryside, mansions and gardens. Over 2,500 people volunteer for the National Trust in Northern Ireland — gifting around 160,000 hours annually.
You can help take care of everything from open countryside to sweeping coastlines and even majestic staircases. Join the National Trust and your membership will help look after these special places for everyone to enjoy.

Become a National Trust member and you can start getting to know hundreds of special places from just £6 a month.

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

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