

National Trust Press Release

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A half term full of fun with the National Trust

There is loads to do at National Trust properties across Kent this October half term, including a host of spooky Halloween activities.

Kicking off the holidays, Chartwell, in Westerham, and the White Cliffs of Dover will be holding their annual apple fairs on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October. Then throughout the week there will be Halloween happenings, including scary tales and trails, at Chartwell, Quebec House, Scotney Castle, Sissinghurst Castle Garden and Smallhythe Place. There is also the possibility of discovering some autumn delights at Knole with a trail through the deer park, the opportunity to make a collage with natural materials at Scotney's Autumn Seekers event, or the chance to use your map reading skills to discover the countryside surrounding Ightham Mote.

However, if you just fancy wrapping up and crunching through some glorious autumn leaves then enjoying a warming bowl of soup afterwards, the National Trust across the county is the place to go!

Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southeast for more information about dates, times and admission charges.

Here is some more information on events taking place across the county:

Chartwell

Westerham, tel: 01732 868381

Apple Weekend

Sat 24 & Sun 25 Oct, 11am - 5pm

Enjoy a special menu in the restaurant, get tasting in the shop and meet the gardeners. Normal admission charges apply

Halloween Twilight Bat Trail

Wed 28, Thu 29 & Fri 30 Oct, 4pm - 6pm

A spooky stroll around the garden looking for bats. Includes pumpkin soup and hot dogs. Booking essential on 01732 863087 £10

Ightham Mote

Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, tel: 01732 810378

Wild Child

Fri 30 Oct, 11am - 4pm

Learn how to read a map and do a fun trail on the surrounding estate. Escorted trails available noon & 2 pm. Normal admission charges apply

Knole

Sevenoaks, tel: 01732 462100

Autumn Trail

Wed 28 – Fri 30 Oct, 11am - 3pm

Follow Trusty the Hedgehog's fun autumn trail through the deer park. Child £1

Quebec House

Westerham, tel: 01732 868381

Death of Wolfe Creepy Trail

Sat 24 Oct – Sun 1 Nov, 1pm - 5pm (closed Mon & Tue)

A spooky spot-it trail around Quebec House. Normal admission charges apply

Scotney Castle

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, tel: 01892 893860

Autumn Seekers

Wed 28 Oct, on the hour from 11am - 3pm

Seek out autumn leaves and other natural materials to create your very own collage and take it home. Not suitable for children under 5. Normal admission charges apply plus £2

Halloween Trail

Fri 30, Sat 31 Oct & Sun 1 Nov, 11am - 4pm

Join in with the Hallowe'en fun on the Scotney Spook Trail. Not suitable for children under 5. Normal admission charges apply plus £2

Sissinghurst Castle Garden

Sissinghurst, nr Cranbrook, tel: 01580 710700

Christmas Craft Fair

Mon 26 & Tue 27 Oct, 11am - 4pm

A chance to buy your Christmas presents from local craft stalls.

Spooky Sissinghurst Tales

Fri 30 Oct, 11am - 3pm

Come and hear some of the ghostly stories about Sissinghurst's past.

Book Making

Sat 31 Oct & Sun 1 Nov, 11am, 1.30pm & 3pm

Learn from a professional artist how to work with handmade paper to create your own little book.
Booking essential £3

Smallhythe Place

Smallhythe, Tenterden, tel: 01580 762334

Halloween – Spooky Stories, Unexpected Sights and Dramatic Interludes

Sat 31 Oct, 7pm - 8pm & 8pm - 9pm

A unique guided tour of the whole property in the dark, where you will encounter a host of spooky experiences. Booking essential. Adult £6, child £3

The White Cliffs of Dover & South Foreland Lighthouse

Langdon Cliffs, Dover, tel: 01304 202756

Apple Fayre

Sat 24 & Sun 25 Oct, 10am - 4pm

A marquee will accommodate a large selection of apples and juices. Taste before you buy, talk to the apple experts and pick up a selection of local produce.

Nature Trail – South Foreland Lighthouse

Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct, 11am - 3.30pm

A trail sheet will lead children around the grounds of the lighthouse

- Ends -

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