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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Need to feel free? Why not get out into the countryside around you and enjoy our hosted activities, from wildlife rambles to guided and ranger walks for all abilities. Kintail and Torridon in the Highlands and Grey Mare's Tail in the south-west are just some of the landscapes cared for by the Trust.

FLORA, FAUNA AND FOSSILS

Grey Mare's Tail Nature Reserve

Throughout July and August

Join the ranger on a 2-mile wildlife ramble in the Moffat Water Valley, including a visit to Dob's Linn, a renowned fossil site. Grade: moderate; bring a snack

1.00-4.00pm

£4 adults

£2 children and concessions

Booking essential. For information contact Grey Mare's Tail Nature Reserve on 0844 493 2249





OTTERS AND ORCHIDS GUIDED WALK

Plockton and Kintail & Morvich

Wednesday 16 July

A coastal walk near Plockton taking you through the wild flowers of the crofting meadows of Drumbuie and Port an Eorna. Learn about the crofting way of life, past and present, or maybe spot the elusive otter known to inhabit the coastline.

10.00am at the Plockton Hotel

£5 adults

No need to book – just turn up! For information contact the National Trust for Scotland ranger service at Kintail on 0844 493 2231 or kintail@nts.org.uk

FIVE SISTERS OF KINTAIL GUIDED WALK

Kintail & Morvich

Through to Friday 31 October

Experience stunning mountain scenery along one of Scotland's famous ridges and take in three munros. Learn about mountain plants, and maybe see red deer, golden eagles and ptarmigan.

Times on request from April to October.

Approximately 10 hours.

£25 (adults only)

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AT THE SEASIDE

Explore the coast of Scotland on foot or afloat. On our seashore rambles, you can learn all about coastal flora and fauna. Try your hand at sea kayaking – we offer taster courses and those for the more experienced.

Sea kayaking is one of the fastest growing outdoor activities and we are fortunate that the west coast of Scotland offers one of the best coastlines for this sport – not just in Scotland, but in the world.

SEA KAYAKING TASTER DAYS

Kintail & Morvich

April-October

Try our sea kayaking taster day and experience the stunning west coast landscapes from a totally different perspective. The session involves kayak instruction to master some basic skills and then exploration along the coast to visit islands and see wildlife. The Taster Day is available most weeks through to Friday 31 October.

Start time varies, either 9.30am from Morvich or 10.00am from Plockton. Finish at 4.00pm

£40 adults

£25 children aged 10 and over

Booking essential through the National Trust for Scotland ranger service at Kintail on 0844 493 2231 or

kintail@nts.org.uk



BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE SEA KAYAKING

Kintail & Morvich

August

Learn or broaden your sea kayaking skills and techniques whilst experiencing the stunning west coast landscapes from a totally different perspective. Please note that arrival for the course is the previous evening.

Start 9.30am from Morvich. Finish at 4.00pm

£195 per person and £350 per person (includes self-catering accommodation)

Booking essential through the National Trust for Scotland ranger service at Kintail on 0844 493 2231 or kintail@nts.org.uk

SEASHORE SCRAMBLE

Brodick Castle & Country Park

Thursday 10 July

Tickle sea anemones, try and catch a prawn and learn how to pick up a crab without losing your fingers! Come rock pooling with us and find out all about the creatures on the shore. Suitable for all ages. Some walking over slippery rocks involved.

2.00-3.30pm

Meet at Brodick Castle Reception Centre

Normal admission prices apply.

Booking not required. For information contact Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park on 0844 493 2152

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IN THE GARDEN

For the green-fingered amongst you, or those who simply enjoy a stroll in some of Scotland's premier gardens, come and enjoy a range of events outdoors throughout the summer.

ACORN CRAFT FAIR

Culzean Castle & Country Park

Saturday 12-Sunday 13 July,

Saturday 9-Sunday 10 August

A selection of local crafts on display and for sale in the Stone Barn at the Visitor Centre.

11.00am-5.00pm each day

Normal Country Park admission prices apply.

Booking not required. For information contact Culzean Castle & Country Park on 0844 493 2148

GARDEN WALK

Greenbank Garden

Saturday 12 July

Join the Greenbank Garden staff and get ideas on how to use or fill those odd corners in the garden.

2.30pm

Normal admission prices apply.

Booking not required. For information contact Greenbank Garden on 0844 493 2201



BEHIND THE GARDEN WALL

Hill of Tarvit

Thursday 21 August

Join the Head Gardener on a tour of the Kitchen Walled Garden, normally closed to visitors. Discover the secrets of the hothouse and the 'lost' curling pond here at Hill of Tarvit.

2.30pm

£4 adults

£3 concessions and NTS members

Booking not required. For information contact Hill of Tarvit on 0844 493 2185

FUSTY FUNGUS, EDIBLE EAT?

Drum Castle, Garden & Estate

Sunday 28 September

Join our fungus fanatic on this foray in the woods. Morning stroll followed by soup lunch. Afternoon fungus table with advice on do's and don'ts with fungus.

11.00am-3.00pm

£10 adults

£8 NTS Members

Includes lunch

Booking required. For information contact Drum Castle, Garden & Estate on 0844 493 2161

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PAST TIMES

Get close to your favourite period in history. Find out what it was like to be at the centre of a battle at sites such as Culloden and Killiecrankie. Enjoy costumed presentations at Newhailes and Bannockburn and much, much more.

LIVING HISTORY DAYS

Robert Smail's Printing Works Through to Saturday 25 October

As part of a celebration of 500 years of printing in Scotland, visitors can step back in time and meet employees of R Smail & Sons from 1896. By applying to take up an apprenticeship here visitors will be able to view 'the works' as it would have been.

Last Saturday of every month during the open season from April to October.

12.00 noon-5.00pm

Normal admission prices.

Booking not required. For information contact Robert Smail's Printing Works on 0844 493 2259

COUNTRY SKILLS

Drum Castle, Garden & Estate Sunday 3 August

Falconry and dog displays, craft demonstrations including spinning, weaving, corn dollies, bodging, lace making. Woodcraft for the children and craft stalls.

12.00 noon-4.30pm



Normal garden admission charges apply.
 Booking not required. For information contact Drum
 Castle, Garden & Estate on 0844 493 2161

THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE

Killiecrankie

July and August

Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle.
 Interactive battle talk (1hr) followed by a display of
 weapons and children's craft activities

2.00pm. Meet at the Killiecrankie Visitor Centre

£2.50 adults

£2 children

Booking not required. For information contact Killiecrankie
 Visitor Centre on 0844 493 2194

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS AT HILL OF TARVIT

Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse & Garden

Saturday 26-Sunday 27 July

Meet our actors as they recreate the Edwardian
 requirements of being good servants. Learn about
 Edwardian etiquette and the day-to-day running of a house
 such as Hill of Tarvit.

1.00–5.00pm

Usual admission prices to mansion house applicable.

Booking not required. For information contact Hill of Tarvit
 on 0844 493 2185

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TRY SOMETHING NEW

Ever fancied learning to play croquet, improving your painting skills or simply love vintage cars? Come along to a Trust property and try something new this summer.

FIVE-DAY PAINTING COURSE WITH SHEILA MITCHELL

Kellie Castle & Garden

Monday 30 June-Friday 4 July

Once again we are offering five-day painting courses with tuition by acclaimed local artist Sheila Mitchell, using the studio at Kellie Castle. Students will be able to use the adjacent charming walled garden to develop their skills. Tuition and materials provided.

10.00am-5.00pm

£190

Booking required. For information contact Kellie Castle & Garden on 0844 493 2184

MOUNTAIN WILD FLOWER IDENTIFICATION

Grey Mare's Tail Nature Reserve

Saturday 12 July

For beginning and improving botanists, learn how to identify some of the wild flowers to be found at the best site for upland plants in the south of Scotland. A strenuous day out in the hills. Please bring lunch.

9.00am-5.00pm.

Meet at Grey Mare's Tail car park.

£10, concessions £5.

Booking essential. For information contact Grey Mare's Tail Nature Reserve on 0844 493 2249



HISTORIC WHEELS VINTAGE CAR RALLY

Brodie Castle

Sunday 10 August

Come and see over 200 vintage cars dating from the early 1900s to the present day at this enjoyable afternoon for all the family. Outdoor refreshments, art stalls, with all proceeds going to charity. Free Arts Exhibition in the stables arranged by the Scioloto Group.

1.30-5.00pm

£3.50 adults

£2 concessions/children

£8 families

Children under 3 years free

Booking not required. For information contact Brodie Castle on 0844 493 2156.

CROQUET TUITION

Hill of Tarvit

Through to Sunday 31 August

Come and learn the techniques and play croquet in the wonderful Edwardian setting of Hill of Tarvit. Croquet tuition takes place every Thursday at 1.00-4.00pm from April to end of August.

Every Thursday 1.00-4.00pm

Free

Booking not required. For information contact Hill of Tarvit on 0844 493 2185

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Time to relax with music or take part in a murder mystery evening. Drama, Scottish country dancing, pipe bands, children's plays – there's plenty to choose from.

MURDER MYSTERY

Pollok House, Pollok Country Park

Tuesday 1 July-Sunday 31 August

Tour the house and find the clues from the room scenes and the various statements made to the police by the suspects. Use your skill, judgement and imagination to work out who the murderer was and why they did it. Pick up an entry form from the front desk and start sleuthing. The first correct entry drawn after the close of the event wins a free lunch for four at Pollok's award winning Edwardian restaurant.

10.00am-5.00pm each day (last admission to the house 4.30pm)

Normal admission prices apply.

£8 adults

£5 concessions

£20 family

Children under 12 years free when accompanied by a member or paying adult. Booking not required.

For information contact Pollok House on 0844 493 2202

AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH MUSIC WITH THE FIFE STRATHSPEY AND REEL SOCIETY

Kellie Castle & Garden

Friday 11 July

Live traditional Scottish music and song in the Great Hall at Kellie.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



7.30-9.30pm

£10 adults

£8 concessions

Booking required. For information contact Kellie Castle & Garden on 0844 493 2184

PETER PAN

Hill of Tarvit

Thursday 17 July

An outdoor theatre production of this wonderful children's classic. Heartbreak's unique interpretation of the book by J M Barrie provides a multi-talented cast and live music to create an exceptional evening of family entertainment.

6.45pm

£12.50 adults

£7 children

Booking required. For information contact Hill of Tarvit on 0844 493 2185

ANTONIO DE INNOCENTIS – CLASSICAL GUITAR

Kellie Castle & Garden

Wednesday 6 August 2008

The internationally acclaimed guitarist returns to Kellie for his annual concert. A complimentary glass of wine will be served during the interval.

7.30-9.00pm

£10 adults

£8 concessions

Booking required. For information contact Kellie Castle & Garden on 0844 493 2184



SUMMER'S HERE

The holidays are here and there's plenty on offer for those enjoying their break from work or families looking to keep their little ones busy over the school holidays.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: A CHILDREN'S WALK

Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve

July-August

Enjoy getting to know some of the animals and plants of Ben Lawers. Wellies and waterproofs recommended. Adults must be accompanied by a child (and vice versa).

10.30am-12.30pm. Meet at the Ben Lawers Mountain Visitor Centre car park.

£2 adults

£5 children

Booking required. For information contact Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve on 0844 493 2136

SEALED KNOT ATTACK FALKLAND PALACE

Falkland Palace

Saturday 20-Sunday 21 September

Sealed Knot enact a living camp from the 17th century, where you can see how soldiers lived while preparing to do battle. Learn all about how they cooked and dressed and the herbs they used for their medicinal qualities. A battle re-enactment will show the weapons and battle strategies of the time.

Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm-5.00pm.



Normal admission charges apply.
Booking not required. For information contact Falkland
Palace on 0844 493 2186

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S EVENING

Pitmedden Garden

Saturday 2 August

The Buchaneers Jazz Band perform in a marquee in the
magnificent walled garden.

Dress warmly, relax and enjoy the music! Bring a picnic.
7.00-9.30pm

£12.00 (£10.00 if purchased before 19 July)

Booking required. For information and booking contact
Pitmedden Garden on 0844 493 2177

NIGHT WATCH

Newhailes

Friday 29 August

A ranger-guided walk. There's plenty of wildlife out once the sun
goes down ... Join this walk around the estate searching for it.

8.30-10.00pm

£2 adults

£1 children

Booking required. For information contact the ranger service
on 0844 493 2124



FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Treat your young ones to a day out with activities to entertain, educate and stimulate their senses.

PONDEMONIUM

Inveresk Lodge Garden

July and August

A ranger-led children's event. The Inveresk pond is heaving with life at this time of year. Come along to play some games and do some dipping to see what you can find wriggling away in the depths.

2.00-3.30pm

Children £1, accompanying adults free.

Booking required. For information contact the ranger service on 0844 493 2124

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Georgian House

Saturday 28 June-Sunday 7 September

Summer break activities for children. Try writing with a quill pen; dressing up in costumes; handling objects and colouring in.

10.00am-5.00pm

Normal admission charges apply.

Booking not required. For information contact The Georgian House on 0844 493 2118



GO WILD!

Preston Mill & Phantassie Doocot

Thursday 17 July

A ranger-led children's event. Our ranger knows loads of really wild games with a nature theme – all we need now is for you to come down to the Mill for an afternoon of fun!

2.00-3.30pm

Children £1, accompanying adults free.

Booking required. For information contact the ranger service on 0844 493 2124

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Drum Castle, Garden & Estate

Sunday 20 July

An opportunity for bears of all sizes and ages to bring their owners to the annual picnic. Children's entertainment throughout the afternoon with the Teddy Bears' Parade at 4.00pm.

1.00-4.30pm

Normal garden charges apply

Booking not required. For information contact Drum Castle, Garden & Estate on 0844 493 2161



CHILDREN'S LANDROVER SAFARI

Glencoe & Dalness

July, August and October holiday weeks

A spooky tour of Glencoe's dark past. Includes a visit to some places used in the Harry Potter films.

3.00-4.00pm

£5

Booking required. For information contact Glencoe Visitor Centre on 0844 4932222





FAMILY ARTS, CRAFTS AND QUIZZES

Bannockburn

Through to Friday 31 October

A range of activities through summer and October school holidays and at weekends during term time. Available during property opening hours. These activities are suitable for children aged 5 to 16 years.

10.00am-5.30pm (last admission 5.00pm)

Charge included in admission to property.

Booking not required. For information contact Bannockburn Visitor Centre on 0844 493 2139

CHILDREN'S WALK: SPIDERS

Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate

Wednesday 13 August

Many legs and silky threads! Come and help us find these fascinating creatures and learn more about their long-legged way of life. Children's walks are aimed at 5 to 12-year-olds. Some of our trails are unsuitable for pushchairs – please check with the Visitor Centre.

2.30-4.00pm. Meet in the property's car park. Car parking charges apply for non-NTS members.

NTS Members £1 adults, £2.50 children

Non-members £1 adults, £3.50 children

Booking required. For information contact Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate on 0844 493 2167

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STAYING OVER

Why not make a week of it and experience events at a range of Trust properties?

Choose from castles or crofts, lodges or lighthouses, country cottages or city apartments. If your holiday activities include hillwalking, beachcombing, sightseeing, walking the dog or just reading by an open fire, the National Trust for Scotland has something for you.

You don't have to be a Trust member to book a holiday, but a self-catering holiday with the National Trust for Scotland will support our conservation work in Scotland – all proceeds return to the estate where you stay.

For further information and to book please visit www.ntsholidays.com





Events in this booklet represent a range of activities taking place at a property near you each week. To view the complete list please visit the events section of www.nts.org.uk.

Here you can search by the property you plan to visit, the type of event and the date.