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SPRING AND SUMMER ARE THE BEST TIMES OF YEAR FOR POND DIPPING - LOOK OUT FOR WATER BOATMEN AND DIVING BEETLE LARVAE

NATIONWIDE

MAKE SOME NEW FEATHERED FRIENDS

WWT sites, any time

Spring is an exciting season in the birding calendar, so why not hop to one of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust sites to spot some seasonal visitors? You might spy an osprey, common cuckoo, willow warbler or hobby falcon stopping off for a well-earned rest. Keep an eye out for child-friendly activities – from April at WWT Martin Mere in Lancashire, you can take the family on a canoe safari – or simply keep a lookout for the magical sight of fluffy ducklings or the resident flamingos.

Boundless members enter free. For full details, see boundless.co.uk/wwt.



LONDON & SOUTH EAST

CHEER ON THE BLUES

The Gemini Boat Race, River Thames, 26 March

Pitch up on the banks of the Thames along the four-mile course between Putney and Mortlake to witness the world-famous Oxford-Cambridge University Boat Race. The best viewing spots are the bridges, but there will be big screens at Bishops Park in Fulham and Furnivall Gardens in Hammersmith. theboatrace.org

SEE THE EASTER STORY

Wintershall Passion Play, Trafalgar Square, 7 April

This full-scale reenactment of the final days of Jesus has been performed in London's Trafalgar Square on Good Friday since 2010. The play draws thousands of spectators, but big screens mean you needn't miss a thing. Free performances at noon and 3:15pm (90 minutes). wintershall.org.uk

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TRY SOMETHING NEW...

WATCH A METEOR SHOWER

There's a spectacular free light show happening this spring – all you need to do is look up. The annual **Lyrid meteor shower** is set to light up UK skies throughout the second half of April, but your best chance to witness this dazzling display is on 22 and 23 April, providing skies are clear. Head to the darkest location you can, wrap up warm, settle yourself in a reclining chair, let your eyes adjust, and wait for the magic to happen. The best sightings are often in the wee hours.

Curious about stargazing? Watch a free webinar with astronomer Will Gater at boundless.co.uk/yourevents.



FALL IN LOVE WITH A CLASSIC

Magnificent Motors, Western Lawns, Eastbourne, 29–30 April

Get your bank holiday weekend in gear at this free seaside motoring spectacular showcasing more than 600 vintage and classic vehicles, complemented by plenty of live music, fairground rides and food and drink stalls. visiteastbourne.com

SOUTH WEST & WALES

UNLEASH THEIR INNER SCIENTIST

British Science Week, 10–19 March

The annual hands-on science celebration returns, with events nationwide on the theme of 'Connections'. In Wiltshire, Bradford-on-Avon's My Science Fair explores the links between music and

science, while in Swansea, Super Science Sunday at the National Waterfront Museum (19 March) offers an afternoon jam-packed with interactive activities and experiments. britishscienceweek.org

EAST OF ENGLAND

GET CRAFTY

Norfolk Makers Festival, The Forum, Norwich, 11–19 March

Head east for this nine-day creative festival, bursting at the seams with activities and workshops on an eclectic mix of crafts – from sewing and



sculpting, to woodcarving and weaving. norfolkmakersfestival.co.uk

NORTH OF ENGLAND

INDULGE YOURSELF

York Chocolate Festival, 6–10 April

What better way to get your Easter chocolate fix than a trip to the country's chocolate-making capital? This five-day festival of pure decadence celebrates York's rich chocolate heritage. yorkfoodfestival.com

SCOTLAND & N.I.

ADMIRE THE BLOOMS

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, any time

Step into spring with a quiet escape to this world-famous botanic garden and its collection of plants from around the globe, only a mile from the city centre. Don't miss the fantastic panoramic views of the city's skyline. rbge.org.uk »