



DOVER CASTLE TRAIL

DOVER CASTLE, KENT

This walk around the grounds at Henry II's mighty fortress will transport you on an adventure back in time. Your journey starts with a walk down from the visitor centre to the castle's First World War Fire Command Post, where you will learn how to spot enemy ships. Keep an eye out for the aviary built to house rare red-billed choughs nearby. Then, you'll descend into the Secret Wartime Tunnels, where you'll experience the sounds and smells of the Second World War as you follow the journey

of a wounded pilot in the underground hospital. Your time in the Middle Ages will begin as you journey through the medieval tunnels, before ascending the castle's Great Tower, where vividly recreated rooms bring Henry II's medieval palace to life. Finally, make time to admire the Roman pharos - the oldest surviving lighthouse in the country - once used to guide Romans across the Channel. There's much more to discover throughout the castle's 80 acres of grounds. www.english-heritage.

'Follow a wounded pilot's journey in the Secret Wartime Tunnels'

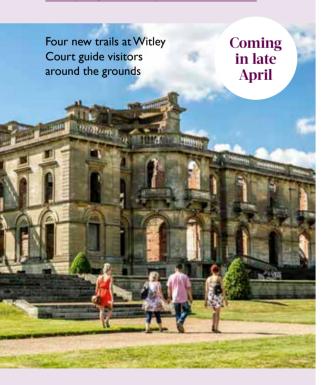
WITLEY COURT TRAILS

WITLEY COURT, WORCESTERSHIRE

This Easter, four new : mini trails - each with an activity to complete - will be available to guide you around the vast grounds of one of England's most magnificent country houses, now a spectacular ruin. Built in the 17th century, this Italianate mansion was remodelled in Victorian times before being ravaged by fire in 1937. Choose your trail and get acquainted with characters from Witley's past, who will help guide you

round the mansion's glorious grounds as vou discover their stories. Two of the trails will take you through the mansion's recreated gardens, with their ornate terraces, intricate parterres and vivid flower beds. At the heart of the South Parterre is the Perseus and Andromeda fountain, one of the grandest in Europe. While here, don't miss the wilderness play area near the visitor centre. www.english-heritage. org.uk/witley

'Meet characters from Witley's past, who will help guide you round'





Left The wyvern was the emblem of the de Grey family, who once owned Wrest Park, and is the star of a new trail

Below The grounds are full of intriguing features to discover, including the Chinese bridge



WYVERN TRAIL

WREST PARK, BEDFORDSHIRE

The wyvern - a winged, dragon-like creature - was the emblem of the de Grev family, who owned the magnificent Wrest Park estate for over 680 years. The site's French chateaustyle house, which was built in the 19th century, is set amid an outstanding restored garden landscape blending three centuries of English garden design. Your challenge on this new

trail is to try to spot the many images and sculptures depicting wyverns in the house and gardens. Only the keenest pairs of eyes will be able to spot the tiny wyverns hiding in unexpected places. For those who want to take a deeper dive into the story of the gardens and the people behind them, there are also three new interactive outdoor trails, offering visitors the chance to

explore the landscape. Along the way, you'll discover the iconic Archer Pavilion as well as some hidden garden gems there's the ornate marble fountain, the Chinese temple and bridge, and the 18th-century bowling green house. On top of all that, 'ghost' building viewers bring buildings of Wrest Park's past back to life. www.english-heritage.

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FAMILY TREE TRAIL

OSBORNE, ISLE OF WIGHT

Tree planting has long been used to mark special occasions or events. and Queen Victoria's Isle of Wight home is teeming with interesting trees that were planted by the royals and their visitors. From cork oaks and common limes to enormous coastal redwoods and giant sequoias, this new trail reveals the stories behind these special trees, with mini challenges to complete while exploring this royal residence. The trail takes you beyond the main house into the wider parkland leading down to Queen Victoria's private beach. On

your way back up towards the house, you'll pass the Swiss Cottage - a little Alpine-style chalet created by Prince Albert as a playhouse and museum for his children. Outside are the princes and princesses' kitchen garden and play fort, along with a modern play area for 21st-century kids. Don't forget to look out for the animal sculptures along the path between the beach and Swiss Cottage, and keep your eyes peeled for red squirrels as you amble through the woodland. www.english-heritage. org.uk/osborne



WARKWORTH CASTLE TRAIL

WARKWORTH CASTLE AND HERMITAGE, NORTHUMBERLAND

Once home to the powerful Earls of Northumberland, the Percys, this nowruined castle offers five new interactive trails, each based around a different figure from the castle's history. From fish farmer Widow Nawton to

teenage hero Henry Percy of Atholl, you'll learn about the daily life of your chosen character as you follow them around the castle on a quest. Will you help find the earl's missing robe with John del Wardrobe, or assist William Stowe in patrolling the castle as it faces attack? The trails will lead you inside the castle's magnificent keep where you'll explore wine cellars, kitchens and the great hall via hidden stairways - and around the grounds contained within the still-complete circuit of towered walls. The question is, who will you choose to follow first? www.english-heritage. org.uk/warkworth



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CHESTERS FORT TAKEOVER TRAIL

CHESTERS ROMAN FORT AND MUSEUM, NORTHUMBERLAND

Embark on a family adventure at Britain's best-preserved Roman cavalry fort. Positioned to guard a vulnerable section of Hadrian's Wall where it crossed the River Tyne, Roman soldiers and cavalrymen guarded Chesters Fort for hundreds of years – and now, it's your turn. Pick up a copy of the Takeover Trail and choose your characters - will you

be the commander. messenger, musician, guard or even the commander's dog? The whole family can explore the ruins together to find the rubbing stones hidden among the buildings, each revealing a tip to help you run the fort. Your quest will take you on an adventure to the barracks, the headquarters, the commander's house and the spectacular

bathhouse. While you're here, inspire your inner archaeologist with a stop at the unique Clayton Museum, home to hundreds of Roman artefacts. www.english-heritage.

org.uk/chesters



Above Uncover one of the Roman Empire's most northerly outposts