

National Trust Stowe Events Listings 2018

These have been split into seasonal sub-sections and one section for families

Key:

NAA (normal admission applies)

B (booking essential on 0344 249 1895 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe unless another number or website listed alongside event)

Events highlighted – this means there are multiple dates for an event

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Spring/Summer

01 May – 30 Jun

“Aren’t we worthy?” – The vote

In the year of Vote 100, help us choose great British women to sit in our modern day Temple of the British Worthies. Vote for your worthy women then come back later in the year to see who was chosen.

NAA

Wed 16 May, 20 Jun, 18 Jul, 15 Aug, 19 Sep, 17 Oct, 21 Nov, 19 Dec 10.30am-12.30pm

Man’s best friend monthly dog walk

Join the dogs of Stowe on a paw patrol with a different theme and leader each month.

NAA Free

Fri 25 May, 15 Jun and 6 Jul 7-9pm

Stowe Trail Run

Whether you have just started running or are an experienced runner, trail running allows you to enjoy the great outdoors. This 10k trail race series is organised by Gold Swan Events with Stowe providing the backdrop.

B 6km - £10, 12km - £14

Sun 27 May 10am-5pm

Gardening on the small scale – Men in Sheds

Local community group Men in Sheds will be in the New Inn courtyard selling their handcrafted garden items such as planters and trugs.

Free

Sat 26-Mon 28 May 10am-5pm

Book Fair

Drop in to our historic Parlour rooms to peruse our vast array of second-hand books for sale. All profits help restore the gardens at Stowe.

Free

Fri 01 Jun 10am-5pm

Play your part, free open day

Join us as we start our week of celebrations to thank you fantastic volunteers. Discover Stowe for free by playing your part and having a go at volunteering opportunities for yourself.

Free access to the gardens and Stowe House

Fri 29 Jun 2-4pm

EqualiTeas tea party

Come along to this 1928 themed tea party to purchase cakes made by our local community, share, and debate and celebrate what equality means to you. It’s been 90 years since the Representation of the People Act which gave all men and women over 21 the equal right to vote.

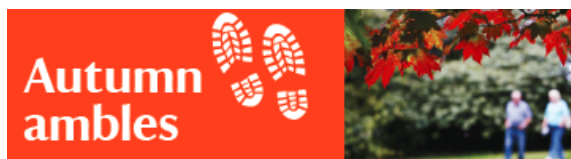
Free

Mon 6-Sat 11 Aug 10.30am-2pm

Introduction to orienteering

Join the South Midlands Orienteering Club as they offer an introduction to orienteering with Stowe providing the backdrop. Meet a SMOC club member by the Lakeside Pavilions who will explain what to do and offer advice.

NAA



Sat 8 Sep 10am-5pm

Heritage Open Day

The gardens and Stowe House will be open for free to discover. Head to the Gothic Temple where you can catch a rare glimpse of the inside of this special monument which is normally a holiday cottage.

Free

Fri 14 – Sat 15 Sep 8-9.45pm

Lost Cinema

Bring a picnic along for a chilled, outdoors viewing experience with friends and family by the Temple of Venus. Choose from The Lost Boys showing on Friday night or Pretty Woman on Saturday.

B Adult £12 www.thelostcinema.co.uk

Mon 17 Sep – Sun 04 Nov 10am-6pm

Autumn rambles

Pick up one of our self-led walks from our visitor centre to enjoy a ramble around the gardens and park to discover more about the stories of Stowe. In autumn, they'll be a bright display of autumn colour to admire across the Grecian Valley.

Free NAA

Tue 10 Sept – 09 Nov

"Aren't We Worthy?" – The winners

Join us as we celebrate our winning worthy women, as voted for by you, in a modern day representation of Stowe's famous Temple of the British Worthies.

Free NAA

Sat 6 – Sun 7 Nov

Apple weekend

There'll be an array of apple goodies on sale from our orchard, taste freshly pressed juice, identify your rare variety and chat to the gardens team.

Free



Winter is the perfect time to see the gardens glisten with crisp frost and mist drifting across the lakes. At our visitor centre, New Inn, there'll be plenty of Christmas cheer with opportunities to spend time with family and friends at our festive events. Here are some highlights:

Mon 13 Nov – Fri 17 Dec 10am-4pm

Christmas shopping season

Throughout the season you'll find a select group of stallholders in our atmospheric Parlour Rooms selling homemade and traditional products. Make shopping a leisure-time treat with a catch up over coffee with a friend before browsing our shop for Christmas gifts.

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Sat 01 Dec – Fri 04 Jan 2019 10am-4pm

Landscape advent calendar

Head out on a winter quest along our cryptic trail to discover all 24 'doors' hidden in the landscape for our advent calendar on a monumental scale.

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TBC

Weekends 01-02, 09-10, 15-16 Dec 10am-4pm

Carols in the courtyard

Get together at the New Inn; enjoy carols in the courtyard, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine.

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Wed 26 Dec – Sun 06 Jan 10am-4pm

Boxing Day and New Year's

Escape for fresh winter walks and crisp air in the garden. You may even spot an early 'Stowedrop' or two! Warming winter treats in the café await you on return.

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Families - Space to play

Available daily

Family explorer activities

Enjoy a different themed adventure each month at Stowe, with plenty of opportunities to get outdoors, enjoy nature and have a go at some of the 50 Things to do before you're 11%! Grab a free family explorer guide when you arrive and discover a world of fun.

May: We're going on a bug hunt

Jun: Blooms and bees

Jul: Summer leaf spotters

Aug: Fluttery butterflies and marvellous moths

Sep: What's growing at Stowe?

Oct: Autumn leaf spotters

Nov: Wild art

Dec: Landscape Advent Calendar

Free NAA

Every Wednesday of the school holidays, 10.30am-12noon

Wild Wednesday

30 May: Plant it, grow it, eat it

25 Jul: Wild art

1 Aug: Den building

8 Aug: Let's go fly a kite

15 Aug: We're going on a bug hunt

22 Aug: Walk on the wild side

29 Aug: Minibeast Motels

24 Oct: Arty autumn

B £2 per child NAA

Tue 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec 10.30am-12noon

Toddler Tuesdays

Play, sing songs, hear stories and make toddler crafts in a child-friendly environment.

Free

1-3 Aug

Big Camp

An exciting chance to camp out by the Temple of Friendship for two nights and immerse yourself in the monumental world of Stowe. With night and daytime fun including nature walks, have-a-go activities and marshmallow toasting around the campfire. Dinner and breakfast included.

B £85 adult, £35 child. Call to book on 01280 817156 between 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.

Sat 2 –Sun 28 Oct 10am-4.30pm

Half-term: Hallowe'en trail

Follow the creepy trail around the gardens; find the pumpkins with hidden clues to discover the story of Persephone and her link to the underworld. Solve the puzzle and claim your prize. Return to spooky HQ at the New Inn visitor centre to claim your prize.

NAA £3 per trail
