

# What's on at National Trust Avebury and the Wiltshire Landscape

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## **Avebury Chapel summer opening**

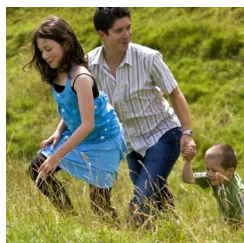
*Mon 29 Aug – Thurs 29 Sept, 11am-4pm, (Mondays to Thursdays only)*

The National Trust has recently purchased Avebury Chapel, both to protect it for generations to come, and as a space for interpretation and engagement.

This summer the chapel will be open between Mondays and Thursdays. Visitors can pop in to see this beautiful and significant building as well as chat to a member of the team.

On Mondays and Wednesdays there will also be family activities from making a butterfly feeding station to creating your own piece of nature art. Why not join in with one of these activities and tick off one of your '50 things to do before you're 11¾'?

(Please note that Avebury Chapel will be open Mondays - Thursday only, subject to volunteer availability). **Call 01672 539250 for details or visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)**



## **Join in a summer of play at Avebury in August**

**Teddy Bear Story Hour** *10,11,17,18,24 and 25 Aug 12.30-13.30 (free with entry)*

**Curate your own museum at Avebury** *7,14,21 and 28 Aug 1-4pm (free with entry)*

**Become a digger at archaeology afternoons at Avebury** *1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27 and 29 Aug 1-4pm (free with entry)*

**Stretch out with a children's yoga session** *5,12,19 and 26 Aug 1.30-3.30pm (free with entry)*

As well as visiting Avebury Manor to immerse yourself in the lives of the people who lived here, you can join in with the teddy bear story hour, play with the family games in the Old Farmyard and Church Garden or explore the Neolithic stone circles. There's a family booklet available to help you find fun things to do all over the site (suggested donation £1).

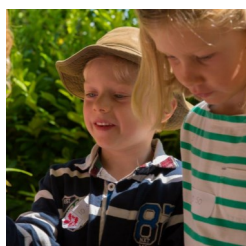
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## **50 things Fridays 50 things to do before you're 11¾, Old Farmyard, Avebury**

*2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug, 11am-4pm*

Make something special and discover more about the natural world around us. With a range of activities available you could make a home for wildlife, create some wild art or make friends with a bug. (Note: some activities have a small charge.)

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## **Browse the Lammas Day market at Avebury, Crafts and food**

*3 - 4 Aug, 10am-5pm*

To celebrate the Lammas Day harvest festival, Avebury will be holding a traditional crafts and food market in the Old Farmyard. Browse a range of stalls and be tempted by delicious food and stunning artisanal gifts.

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## **Discover Durrington Walls, Stonehenge Landscape**

*3 Aug, 1.30pm-4pm, £8 (children free), booking essential*

Though peaceful today, thousands of years ago Durrington Walls was alive with the sounds and smells of a bustling community of hundreds of people, living their lives, holding festivals and acting as the workforce for the building of Stonehenge. Our expert guide will take you on a 3 mile walk to explore Durrington Walls and discover 6,000 years of hidden history.

**Call 0344 249 1895 for details [nationaltrust.org.uk/stonehenge-landscape](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/stonehenge-landscape)**



## **Summer archaeology walk Stonehenge Landscape**

*17 Aug 2-5pm, £8 (children free), booking essential*

The National Trust Stonehenge Landscape is an intriguing place, with many of its secrets still lying tantalisingly below ground. This informative 4 mile afternoon walk with an expert guide will have you looking at this landscape with new eyes. You'll visit ancient earthworks including the Cursus, Stonehenge Avenue and some of the many and varied barrows.

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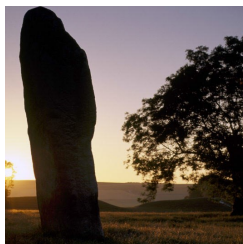


## **Trust 10**

*25 August 8.30am (9am start), outside the Coach House Cafe, High Street, Avebury*

Join us on the 4th Sunday of every month for our free 10k trail run in partnership with Cotswold Outdoor. This is a challenging run, with steep climbs and rough terrain. You'll be rewarded with stunning views over this iconic prehistoric landscape which will leave you feeling spiritually and physically refreshed. Why not reward yourself afterwards with breakfast in the National Trust café?

**Call 01672 538036 for details [nationaltrust.org.uk/running](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/running)**



## **Join a wildlife adventure evening at Avebury, Avebury Chapel**

*28 Aug, 7pm-9.30pm, free, but booking essential*

Bring your little explorers along to join the National Trust rangers on an evening wildlife adventure. You'll experience the sights and sounds of the night and discover what life awakens at this time. Depending upon the weather we could be looking for bats and owls and watching the sunset.

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## Ask the gardener in Avebury Manor Garden

*30 Aug 2-3pm free with entry*

Our gardeners at Avebury Manor have many years of experience behind them. Here is an opportunity to have a face-to-face chat with one of them to discover more about the manor garden or to ask a question to solve a problem in your own garden.

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## Join the Wiltshire Landscape Walking Challenge

*Twelve spectacular locations in Wiltshire Jan – Dec 2019, £12, booking essential*

These varied walks will give you the chance to explore this beautiful county at your own pace, taking you to special places, rich in archaeology, wildlife and breath-taking views. Complete them all by 31 Dec to enter a prize draw for a chance to win a £300 Cotswold Outdoor voucher. **Call 0344 249 1895 for details [nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)**



## Join the Stonehenge and Avebury Walking Challenge

*Jan - Dec 2019, £10, booking essential.*

Walking all around the World Heritage Site. Through a series of eight walks you can explore the two iconic landscapes that make up the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site. Globally significant for the exceptional preservation of its Neolithic and Bronze Age archaeology you'll have the chance to see many aspects of these extraordinary places. **Call 0344 249 1895 for details [nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)**



## 'Still digging ...' an exhibition on the last 20 years of excavation at Avebury

*Free with entry to the Alexander Keiller Museum*

This exhibition gives an added dimension to your visit to the museum, explaining a little more about the more recent discoveries and ongoing research into the story of this fascinating landscape. **[nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)**

### *Highlights for Autumn ....*

Don't miss the annual **Sculpture Exhibition**— tucked in the nooks and crannies of Avebury Manor garden, every corner turned will reveal a work of art (7 Sep—13 Oct)

Join us to celebrate the **Apple Season** with workshops and activities (17, 19, 20 Oct).

**Half term fun** for all the family 26 Oct—3 Nov.

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