

## **NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Try something new and learn something old this summer**

Families across the central belt are being challenged to try something new, whilst learning about Scotland's heritage with the National Trust for Scotland this summer.

With a jam-packed events programme which kicked off at the start of July, the National Trust for Scotland is encouraging parents and children to get out and about during the summer holidays to discover some of the country's national treasures.

Families can take part in a range of fun-filled activities, including den building, bug hunts, messy art, shield making, a family funfair and much more at sites across central Scotland.

Sites vary from castles and battlefields, gardens and glens, mountains and trees, with lots of history to learn about and wildlife to spot. Popular sites include Pollok House, Falkland Palace, Hill of Tarvit, Robert Burn's Birthplace Museum, St Abb's Head, Grey Mare's Tail and Ben Lomond.

Dom Driver, head of Natural Heritage for the National Trust for Scotland, said: "Summer is the best time of year for families to take advantage of the better weather and do something fun outdoors. This year we have organised even more events and activities for people of all ages and interests that are easy to get to and great fun to take part in.

"We provide affordable, inspirational experiences and great ways to spend more time outdoors and discover more about the country we live in, our amazing heritage, and National Trust for Scotland's work to protect it."

The National Trust for Scotland is Scotland's largest conservation charity with 360,000 members and growing, and is the only charity to care for both built and natural heritage.

Its full events programme can be found at [www.nts.org.uk/Events](http://www.nts.org.uk/Events).  
Members and non-members are welcome. Family memberships can be purchased for only £7.50 per month.

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