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Culzean celebrates big 2018

The National Trust for Scotland have reported a 30 per cent increase in visitor numbers to Ayrshire's Culzean Castle from 2017 to 2018.

With Robert Adam's dramatic cliff top castle, inspiring history, beautiful scenery encompassing woodland, landscaped gardens and rugged coastline, it's easy to see why Culzean is a popular visitor attraction. Situated south of Ayr, Culzean welcomed 300,000 people to the historic Ayrshire estate in 2018.

The investment over the last few years to improve facilities and visitor experience, coupled with an array of events and activities have helped make Culzean an even more popular place to visit, contributing to the increase in visitor numbers. The unseasonably warm weather in early 2018 is also credited with encouraging visitors to enjoy outdoor attractions such as the Walled Garden and Culzean's open-access playground, Adventure Cove.

Operations Manager, Gareth Clingan, said: "Culzean has benefitted from investment in recent years and it is great to see that reflected in the number of people experiencing Scotland's heritage. Every single visitor helps our charity protect the places that make Scotland so special.

"We have continued to work hard over the winter months and are gearing up for another successful year. There is so much to discover at Culzean and we've added new features and experiences for our visitors to ensure we're at the top of everyone's bucket list for 2019."

Whether it is a walk around the grounds, gardens, a family picnic, or simply taking in the views of our national heritage, Culzean is a great day out for everyone to enjoy. The castle is set to reopen daily from Saturday 30 March. Admission prices start from £8.50 or free for National Trust for Scotland Members.

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