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Super weekend to launch Culzean's Wild Woodland

Superheroes are flying in to the National Trust for Scotland's Culzean Castle and Country Park in Ayrshire on 28 and 29 May to celebrate the launch of their fantastic new play area.

Wild Woodland is aimed at children aged 5+ and is inspired by the rich natural heritage of the historic Culzean estate which has been in the care of the conservation charity since 1945. Full of fun features, the playground has been getting rave reviews since it opened in April this year.

To mark the launch, a host of superheroes will be visiting Ayrshire and there will be lots of extra adventures with Euro Bungee, NERF Wars, Bouncy Castles, a scavenger hunt and more.

Culzean Operations Manager Gareth Clingan said:

"Wild Woodland is out of this world, so we thought we should get some superheroes in for the weekend to help test it out. We want everyone who visits Culzean to have experiences they will never forget, and this is a fantastic new feature to explore and enjoy."

The play area is the latest investment at Culzean Castle and Country Park which is currently benefiting from £2.5 million investment to improve facilities for visitors. Parking improvements, landscaping works and new trails are all underway and will be complete later this summer.

Gareth continued:

"Culzean is one of Scotland's treasures and we are looking forward to sharing and celebrating its spectacular scenery and amazing history with thousands of visitors this summer."

The superhero weekend runs on Sunday 28 and Monday 29 May from 10.30am – 4.30pm. Normal admission charges apply and there are additional charges for some activities.

Culzean Castle and Country Park features in the National Trust for Scotland's new recruitment campaign, which tells Scotland that 'membership is the key to

Scotland's treasures'. Members get free entry to all Trust properties, including Culzean. Family membership starts from £7.50 per month.

Culzean Castle, Robert Adam's 18th-century masterpiece - a real 'castle in the air' - is perched on a cliff high above the crashing waves of the Firth of Clyde. The castle has a spectacular Oval Staircase, impressive Armoury and the Circular Saloon, with its panoramic views over the Clyde. Explore the deer park, swan pond, and miles of woodland walks and coastline in the extensive grounds.

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