

#### 12 March 2024

#### EASTER FUN FOR EVERY-BUNNY WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

- The Trust will be hosting Easter egg trails at 35 of the special places in its care.
- Easter egg trails take place from Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April 2024 across Scotland from the Highlands to Scottish Borders
- Trails can be booked in advance for the majority of Trust places, with trail sheets costing £4 per child and accompanying adults going free

The National Trust for Scotland is going hopping mad for Easter and hosting a bumper 35 Easter egg trails at the special places in its care this spring.

Scotland's largest conservation charity has organised Easter egg trails from Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April 2024 at its places stretching from Brodie Castle in the Highlands to Priorwood Gardens in the Scottish Borders, with further information on each trail available on the Trust's <u>website</u>.

With over 100 iconic countryside, cultural and heritage places in its care, the Trust is offering families and others across Scotland the perfect opportunity to take part in one of the Easter egg trails and explore the many other gems the Trust looks after across Scotland at the same time.

Ian McLelland, National Trust for Scotland Regional Director for the South and West, said "We're excited to welcome families to our Easter egg trails across the length and breadth of the country, with 35 trails taking place at the special places in our care. Each trail offers something completely different providing the perfect excuse to experience more than one and make treasured memories with family and friends, while supporting the Trust's work to protect and share Scotland's nature, beauty and heritage now and for future generations to enjoy.

"Visitors can take in the beautiful spring colours and immerse themselves in nature during the trails, where they can flex their puzzle-solving skills by following clues to earn a delicious Easter treat, the perfect activity to keep youngsters entertained during the school holidays. Most of our Easter egg trails can be booked in advance, with each trail costing £4 with accompanying adults going free. There's guaranteed fun for all the family, so make this Easter one to remember and share in the amazing adventures that await with the National Trust for Scotland this spring."

This year, eager Easter egg trail-blazers will be rewarded with an allergen free chocolate egg made by B-Corp certified <u>Moo Free</u>. The family-owned company based in the UK uses 100% renewable energy in its factories to make its delicious chocolate products using Rainforest Alliance cocoa with recyclable packaging.

Andrea Jessop, CEO of Moo Free says: "We're delighted to be partnering with National Trust for Scotland this Easter. This time of year can often be frustrating for those who suffer with allergies or follow a vegan diet, but our mission is to ensure that no one feels left out. Moo Free offers a safe product that everyone can enjoy without compromising on taste. We have sourced the highest quality cocoa to create our delicious Easter Eggs that are free from dairy, gluten and soya, allowing everyone to join in on the fun this Easter at National Trust locations across Scotland."

Those wishing to make more of their visit and explore some of the other special places in the Trust's care, as well as discover the country's spectacular landscapes, are encouraged to consider booking one of the many holiday lets offered by the National Trust for Scotland. Holiday lets can be booked via the Trust's website, <u>www.nts.org.uk/holiday-accommodation</u>, and can accommodate families and groups as well as furry canine companions with various properties on offer to suit a variety of tastes.

The Easter events support the National Trust for Scotland's vision to care for, share and protect Scotland's nature, beauty and heritage for everyone to enjoy, as outlined in its 10-year strategy, launched in 2022. These events help to deliver its engagement objectives to provide access and enjoyment for everyone.

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### Notes to editors:

#### Images -

Location of National Trust for Scotland Easter egg trails taking place from 29 March to 1 April 2024:

# Aberdeenshire & Angus

<u>Barry Mill</u>: Fri 29 March–Sun 31 March, 11am–3pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

<u>Castle Fraser, Garden & Estate</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10.30am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

<u>Craigievar Castle</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 10am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

<u>Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

<u>Drum Castle, Garden & Estate</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 10am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

Fyvie Castle, Garden & Estate: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm).

Book trail in advance

Haddo House: Fri 29 March, Sat 30 March and Mon 1 April, 10am–3pm (last entry 3pm)

House of Dun, Garden & Estate: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 11am–4pm (last entry 3pm)

<u>J M Barrie's Birthplace</u>: Sat 30 & Sun 31 March 11am–4pm (last entry 3pm)

<u>Leith Hall, Garden & Estate</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 10.30am–3.30pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

<u>Pitmedden Garden</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

# • Ayrshire & Arran

<u>Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 4pm). Usual Garden & Country Park admission prices apply. <u>Find out more</u>

<u>Culzean Castle & Country Park</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm) Usual admission prices apply.

<u>Robert Burns Birthplace Museum</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–5pm (last entry 4pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

# • Dumfries & Galloway

<u>Threave Garden & Nature Reserve</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10.30am–3.30pm (last entry 3.30pm). Usual admission prices apply.

# • Edinburgh & the Lothians

<u>House of the Binns</u>, Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

<u>Newhailes House & Gardens</u>, Musselburgh: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in advance</u>

# • Scottish Borders

<u>Priorwood Garden</u>: Fri 29 & Sat 30 March, 11am–3pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail for</u> <u>Good Friday or Book trail for Sat 30 March</u>

• Fife

<u>Royal Burgh of Culross</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 4pm). Usual admission prices apply. <u>Find out more</u>

<u>Hill of Tarvit Mansion & Garden</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 11am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book</u> <u>trail in advance</u>

<u>Kellie Castle & Garden</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 11am–4pm (last entry 3pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

• Forth Valley

Alloa Tower: Sat 30 March–Mon 1 April, 12–3pm (last entry 3pm)

Moirlanich Longhouse: Sat 30 & Sun 31 March, 2–4pm. Book trail in advance

# • Glasgow and Argyll

Ben Lomond: Sun 31 March, 10am–4pm (last entry 3pm)

<u>Crarae Garden</u>: Sat 30 and Sun 31 March, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

<u>Geilston Garden</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 11am–5pm (last entry 4pm). Usual admission prices apply. <u>Book trail in advance</u>

<u>Greenbank Garden</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm). Usual admission prices apply.

<u>The Hill House</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 11am–5pm (last entry 4pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

Holmwood: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–5pm (last entry 4pm). Book trail in advance

<u>The Tenement House</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–5pm (last entry 4pm). Usual admission prices apply. <u>Book trail in advance</u>

<u>Weaver's Cottage</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–5pm (last entry 4pm). Usual admission prices apply. <u>Book trail in advance</u>

# • Highlands

Brodie Castle & Estate: Fri 29 March-Mon 1 April, 10am-4pm (last entry 3pm)

<u>Glencoe National Nature Reserve</u>: Sat 30 March–Mon 1 April, 11am–4pm (last entry 4pm)

<u>Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage & Museum</u>: Fri 29–Sun 31 March, 11am–4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

# • Perthshire

<u>The Hermitage</u>: Fri 29 March–Mon 1 April, 10am–3pm (last entry 2pm). <u>Book trail in</u> <u>advance</u>

# About Moo Free

Moo Free is a family-run business that has been leading the charge on dairy-dodging chocolate for over a decade. In the last year, it has become B-Corp Certified and achieved a BRC AA accreditation. With strong ethics at its core, Moo Free champions a number of great initiatives to reduce the impact on the environment. It is dedicated to using ethically sourced ingredients with all of its cocoa coming from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms to help support sustainable farming. All packaging is fully recyclable, and its dairy-free factories send zero per cent waste to landfill. Its wonderful team includes several amazing autistic people.

All of Moo Free's choccy creations are free-from dairy, soya and gluten and are suitable for vegans and those following a plant-based lifestyle. The company has an impressive list of awards, including The King's Award for Enterprise: Promoting Opportunity, Food Manufacture Excellence Awards for Free-From Manufacturing Company of the Year for both 2022 and 2023, Free-From Food Awards and the Vegan Food & Living Reader Awards, and is led by husband and wife team, Mike and Andrea Jessop.