

Discover summer adventure and fun on your doorstep

25 July - 3 September

From pre-historic brains and art based fun, to adventures with Romans and computer wizardry, there are over 120 fun, low-cost or free, family friendly events to choose from.

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Family Events & Activities

Please note, places for bookable events are available from 2 July.

Wednesday 25 July

Amazing Algorithms

Centre for Computing History

Algorithms are important in making computers do particular tasks. At this hands-on workshop, explore algorithms that occur in our daily lives then have a go at teaching an old BBC Micro computer to count.

- 11am-12pm
- Ages 7+
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 or visit www.computinghistory.org.uk

Seize a Cipher

Centre For Computing History

Learn how to decode some secret messages using shift ciphers (or caesar ciphers). Use a cipher wheel to create your own coded communications.

- 2-3pm
- Ages 7-11
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 or visit www.computinghistory.org.uk

Wonderful Windcatchers

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Make a windcatcher using ribbons, wool, jangly church keys and beads.

- 11am-3pm
- **6** 5-11
- Free drop in



Wednesday 25 July

Dinosaurs!

Wisbech & Fenland Museum



Help the Museum celebrate their latest *Dinosaurs!* exhibition in partnership with the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences.

Drop-in to create your own mini-dinosaur, make a dinosaur mask or build a dinosaur skeleton to take home.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- **£**1 per child, drop-in

Event also runs: Friday 10 August Wednesday 22 August Saturday 1 September

Thursday 26 July

Brainstorm

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

The Whipple Museum of the History of Science joins forces with the Sedgwick Museum for a crafty summer session. Explore different types of brains and discover how we have developed our understanding of these. Then make your own thinking cap or dinosaur hat.



Ages 5+

Free, drop-in

Zoologist for a Day

Museum of Zoology

Discover the science of Zoology and the amazing diversity of animal life with this day-long hands-on workshop with researchers from the Museum and Department of Zoology.

🕔 10am-3pm

Ages 13-18

£15, pre-book www.museum.zoo. cam.ac.uk/events



It's Not Easy Being Green

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Creative Movements is coming to the Botanic Garden to bring the plants alive with storytelling and movement. Hear the story of a lonely little cactus, moving through the greenhouses and interacting with the spaces as you go. Expect dancing, drama and lots of fun.

10.15-11am (Ages 4-11) 11.30am-12.15pm (Ages 8-11)

Ages 4-11

£5 per child, normal adult admission charges apply, pre-book 01223 331875 or email education@ botanic.cam.ac.uk

Arty Alien

St Neots Museum

Travel through time with the Museum's Time Machine and design and make an alien mask using collage.

11am-3pm

🚹 Ages 4-11

£3.50 per child, drop-in

Children's Archaeology Day

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

Try out being an archaeologist for the day. Dig through the past, handle objects and find out what archaeologists look for in ancient 'poo'.

11am-4pm

All ages

Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Vintage Vehicles

Burwell Museum & Windmill

Travel back to the past on the Burwell and District Bus and explore different ways of getting around. Create your own amazing vehicles to take home.

1.30-4.30pm

All ages

Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Build Your Own 'Micro' Computer

Friday 27 July

Centre For Computing History

Build your own 'micro' computer and program it using the BASIC language. Although most of the workshop will be hardware focused, worksheets will be supplied to create simple programming projects. The kit will be yours to keep, and can be expanded to include a small touch screen.

Please note: there will be some soldering involved.

11am-3pm

♠ Ages 10+

£26 (accompanying adult £8), prebook 01223 214446 or visit www.computinghistory.org.uk

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Ages 4-11

£3.50 per child, drop-in



Saturday 28 July

Norris Museum's Summer Festival

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Help the Museum celebrate one year since its reopening and drop-in to this fun, family event. Browse stalls, meet people from the past, listen to music - and make your own mark on local history.

- 10am-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Sunday 29 July

Studio Sunday

Kettle's Yard

Discover your inner artist and drop-in to the Gallery's Learning Studio for practical art marking workshops.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Monday 30 July

Polar Play

The Polar Museum

Explore the Polar Museum with your little ones when it is closed to the public. There will be sensory play, crafts and books to read.

Please note: unfortunately older siblings cannot be accommodated at this event.

- 10am-12pm
- Ages under 5
- Free, pre-book www.polarplayunder5s. eventbrite.co.uk

Zoolab: How to Build a Dinosaur

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Take a voyage of discovery into how animal senses and characteristics have adapted over millions of years. Find out how some animals can change colour and body temperature and how others, including humans, adjust to widely different temperatures and environments.

- Sessions at: 11am/11.45am/12.30pm
- Ages 7+
- Free, pre-book
 www.zoolab.eventbrite.co.uk



Sing in the Summer

Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge

Featuring a range of great songs guaranteed to get you singing along, join in this free singing workshop led by the Choral Director of Shout Aloud! Children's Choir.

- Sessions at: 11am/1pm
- Ages 4+
- **1** Free, drop-in

Tuesday 31 July

Family Paper Craft Morning

Cambridge Museum of Technology at the Museum of Cambridge

Try your hand at a variety of papercrafts including using printing presses, paper mosaics and origami.

- 0 10am-12.30pm
- Ages 5+
- £3.50, pre-book info@museumoftechnology.com

The Great Sea Dragon Discovery

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Join children's author Pippa Goodhart for a reading from her new book *The Great Sea Dragon Discovery* and learn how the story has close connections with the Museum's collection. A book signing follows the session.

- Sessions at: 10.30/11.30am
- Ages 5+
- **1** Free, drop-in

Arty Antiers

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Discover the mysterious antler headdresses of prehistoric *Star Carr* and make your own headdress to take away. Follow the trail through the Museum's, new *Star Carr* exhibition and imagine what life was like for our ancestors.

- 0 10.30am-12.30pm
- All ages
- **1** Free, drop-in

Digital Dark Materials

Fitzwilliam Museum

Join the Whipple Museum of the History of Science for pop-up workshops at the Fitzwilliam Museum. Make your own moving, digitally-enhanced alethiometer, inspired by the ADC production of His Dark Materials and the Whipple's exciting collections.

- 11.30am-1.30pm
- **Ages 8-12**
- Free, pre-book 01223 332904, education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Family Art Week: Museum in Motion

Fitzwilliam Museum

Create settings and characters inspired by the Fitzwilliam Museum collection and bring them to life. What stories will you choose to tell?

- 🚺 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Wednesday 1 August

Pacific Weaving

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Be inspired by the Museum's collection of woven objects from the Pacific and weave your own fish or bag to take home.

- **1**0.30am-12.30pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Children's Level 1 Glass Fusing Workshop

Stained Glass Museum

Learn how to cut glass and create your own glass fused artworks at this summer workshop. Perfect for children who are new to glass fusing or who'd like some more practice.

- **()** 10.30am-12.30pm
- Ages 7+
- £10 per child, pre-book 01353 660347

Creative Candle Votives

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Create and decorate a clay votive candle holder.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 5-11
- Free, drop-in

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- Ages 8-12
- Free, pre-book 01223 332904, education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Family Art Week: Proper Posers

Fitzwilliam Museum

What item from the museum would you most like to wear or hold? Whose moustache or wig would you try on? Explore costume and props around the Museum before crafting your own to try on and bring to life.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Workshop Wednesdays

Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

Find out about 17th century life and try out a different craft activity each week. Make your own replica of Cromwell's hat, design a Civil War flag or make a sweet smelling pomander to take home.

- 11.30am-1pm
- Ages 5-15
- 🗈 £2 per child, drop-in

Feathered Friends

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

Visit the Museum for a bird-themed family trail and craft activities.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Animal Journeys

Museum of Zoology

Journey around the world with amazing animal travellers at this family activity afternoon. Pack a suitcase and explore the galleries, and create a creature to take away with you.

- 12-4.30pm
- All ages
- **6** Free, drop-in

Children's Level 2 Glass Fusing Workshop

Stained Glass Museum

Led by a professional glass artist, create new and exciting glass artworks. Please note: this workshop is aimed at children who have done glass fusing before.

- 2-4pm
- Ages 7+
- £15 per child, pre-book 01353 660347



Thursday 2 August

Family Engineering Morning

Cambridge Museum of Technology at the Museum of Cambridge

Join the Museum's engineering team at the Museum of Cambridge and work with your family to design, build and test a towering chimney, a parachute and a stethoscope.

- 10am-12.30pm
- Ages 8+
- £3.50, pre-book info@museumoftechnology.com

Here be Dragons

Ely Museum

Dragons. Are they magical or scary? Find out more at this dragon-based craft session.

- 11am-12.30pm
- Ages 5-11 years
- £3, pre-book 01353 666655, admin@elymuseum.org.uk

Family Art Week: Comic Reliefs

Fitzwilliam Museum

Discover the magical stories told on Greek and Roman vases and reliefs and be inspired to create your own comic book creations.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

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- 11.30am-1.30pm
- Ages 8-12
- Free, pre-book 01223 332904, education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Spacey Tie-Dye

St Neots Museum

Have a go at tie-dyeing and make your own space inspired t-shirt to take away.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- **£3.50** per child, drop-in

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- All ages
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The Fastest Feet in the World

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Join storyteller Marion Leeper for the story of Atalanta. Explore the Museum to find the heaviest and scariest feet, and make some foot art of your own.

- 1.30-3pm
- **Ages 3-5**
- Free, pre-book www.fastestfeet.eventbrite.co.uk

Meet the Romans

Burwell Museum and Windmill

Did you know that there were once Romans in Burwell? Explore what their lives might have been like, test your archaeology skills on real Roman pottery and design your own pot.

- 1.30-4.30pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Bug your Bedroom

Centre For Computing History

Learn how to create the beginnings of an intruder alarm to protect your bedroom from being invaded by parents and siblings. Using a Raspberry Pi and some clever Python code, you will find out how easy it is.

- 2-4pm
- ♠ Ages 10+
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 or visit www.computinghistory.org.uk

Summer at the Museums Family Events & Activities 13

Friday 3 August

Animal Tails: Underwater Worlds

Museum of Zoology

Explore the animal kingdom with stories and play. You'll soon see why the Museum of Zoology is the *plaice* to learn about fishes and their friends.

- Sessions at: 10.30-11.15am / 11.30am-12.15pm
- **Ages 2-5**
- Free, pre-book www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk/ events

Marvellous Mosaics

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Join local artist, Zena Brackenbury for a mosaic-based workshop. Learn techniques to make your mosaic coaster, or a set of coasters.

Please note: as this activity involvesworking with small pieces of glass children under 10 will require adult supervision. Additional activities will beavailable for younger children.

- Sessions at: 10.30-11.30am / 12-1pm / 2-3pm
- All ages
- £3.50 per person, £5.00 for child and adult to make a coaster, £10.00 for a family pack of four coasters; pre-book: info@norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314



Family Art Week: Silhouetted Stories

Fitzwilliam Museum

Take a fantastic journey to explore stories from far off lands in the Museum's collections. Create a silhouette puppet to tell your own tales at home. Who knows what new stories you will discover...

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Spacey Tie-Dye

St Neots Museum

Have a go at tie-dyeing and make your own space inspired t-shirt to take away.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- **£3.50** per child, drop-in

Saturday 4 August

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- 11.30am-1.30pm
- Ages 8-12
- Free, pre-book 01223 332904, education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Butterflies and Moths

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Have a go at making butterfly and moth artworks using leaves from gingko trees. Learn how gardeners make new plants by taking cuttings and take your own cutting of Verbena bonariensis to attract butterflies to your garden.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Children free, normal adult admission charges apply, drop-in

An afternoon with Elliott, our oldest working computer

Centre For Computing History

How do you program a computer using a strip of paper? Find out at this demonstration session. The Elliott 903 is the size of an average desk and is also the oldest functioning computer in the Centre's collection.

- 🚺 2-3pm
- **All Ages**
- (2) Normal admission applies, pre-book 01223 214446 www.computinghistory.org.uk

Set the Scene

Fitzwilliam Museum

Help create a 'Museum of the Future'. Drop-in and explore the Museum's architecture for set design inspiration, then create your own mini-scene to add to a collaborative Museum map.

- 0 2-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in



Monday 6 August

Tall Towers

Great St Mary's Church

Find out about Great St Mary's amazing tall tower and the stories behind it. Discover some of the world's tallest towers with the Tall Tower Trail, have a go at designing and building a spire for the church, and try out some terrific tower building challenges. Mini-builders can join in too with playdoh, bricks and construction activities.

Normal admission applies to climb the 123 steps to the top of the tower to experience the wonderful views over Cambridge.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- £2.50 for ages 3+ (normal admission applies to climb the tower), drop-in

Time-travelling Scientists

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Step back in time to discover more about science in ancient Greece and Rome. How did they build such impressive buildings? How did they cure illnesses and make sense of the stars? Find out with the help of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science.

- U 12-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Tuesday 7 August

Design Your Own Dust Cover

Cambridge University Library, Milstein Seminar Rooms

The Library's magnificent Tower is almost 10 giraffes high and holds over half a million books, including thousands with vibrantly illustrated dust covers. Get inspiration from some of the books on display and design your own dust jacket. Bring your creation to life with help from children's book illustrators Jeff Crosby and Shelley Jackson. Got your own favourite book to share? Bring it along, the Library would love to see it.

- **10am-12pm**
- Ages 7-12
- Free, drop-in

Family Paper Craft Morning

Cambridge Museum of Technology at the Museum of Cambridge

Try your hand at a variety of papercrafts including using printing presses, paper mosaics and origami.

- 10am-12.30pm
- Ages 5+
- £3.50, pre-book info@museumoftechnology.com

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Artist Workshop for Young People

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Join artist Caroline Wendling for an exploration of colour through sculpture making using different kinds of papers.

- 2-4pm
- **Ages 12-14**
- Free, pre-book www.cwendlingworkshop. eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday 8 August

Minibeast Yoga

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Experience yoga as one of the millions of minibeasts that live in the Garden. Breathe like a bee, learn different poses to stretch out and balance, play a fun yoga game and listen to a relaxing story. Finish the session by making cute craft bugs.

- **10.15-11am**
- ♠ Ages 4-7
- £5 per child, normal adult admission charges apply, Pre-book 01223 331875 education@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Stained-glass Craft

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Use tissue-paper to create a design inspired by the church's stained-glass windows.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 5-11
- Free, drop-in

Pebbles Club Summer Party

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Celebrate the summer with *Pebbles* and *Friends*. Enjoy face painting, creative crafts and *Into The Jungle* by *Heartbeeps*, an interactive musical storytelling adventure.

- 10am-12pm (Into The Jungle 10:30 and 11:30am)
- Ages 5 and under
- Crafts and face painting £2 per child, drop-in.

Into The Jungle an additional £1; pre-book info@norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314

Nature Yoga

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Challenge your coordination and connect with nature at this yoga session. Practice different poses, learn how your breath gives you energy, play a game and try a secret garden visualisation. Afterwards, make a garden leaf mandala to take away.

- 11.30am-12.15pm
- Ages 8-11
- £5 per child, normal adult admission charges apply, pre-book 01223 331875 education@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Workshop Wednesdays

Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

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- 11.30am-1pm
- Ages 5-15
- 📵 £2 per child, drop-in

It's a Bug's Life

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

Visit the Museum and embark on a bug safari and try out themed events and activities.

- 12-4pm
- 🚹 All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Mischief Monsters

Stained Glass Museum at Ely Library

Join the Stained Glass Museum team for some crafty fun at Ely Library. Create your own Mischief Monsters inspired by the Library's Summer Reading Challenge.

- **1.30-3.30pm**
- All ages
- £2 per child, pre-book in person at Ely Library

Take a Closer Look

Museum of Zoology

Drop in to discover one of the amazing specimens from the Museum's stores not normally on public display.

- **3-3.30pm**
- All ages
- 😉 Free, drop-in

Thursday 9 August

Family Engineering Morning

Cambridge Museum of Technology at the Museum of Cambridge

Join the Museum's engineering team at the Museum of Cambridge and work with your family to design, build and test a towering chimney, a parachute and a stethoscope.

- 10am-12.30pm
- Ages 8+
- £3.50, pre-book info@museumoftechnology.com

Tick, Tock Make a Clock

St Neots Museum

Get hands-on with clay to make and decorate your own clock.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- £3.50 per child, drop-in

Nocturnal Creatures

Ely Museum

Discover more about animals normally seen only at night through fun craft activities.

- 11am-12.30pm
- **Ages 5-11**
- £3, pre-book 01353 666655, admin@elymuseum.org.uk

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- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

The Farming Year

Burwell Museum and Windmill

Explore the Barn to find out more about how people would have lived and worked in Burwell when it was mostly a farming community. Dress up, handle mystery objects and design your own farm.

- 1.30-4.30pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

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Summer at the Museums Family Events & Activities

Friday 10 August

Dinosaurs!

Wisbech & Fenland Museum

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- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- £1 per child, drop-in

Paint a Pebble

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Be inspired by objects from the collection then paint a pebble to keep or send travelling all over the county.

- 10am-4pm
- 🚹 All ages
- Free, drop-in

Rachel's Robots

Centre For Computing History

Come and be introduced to robot 'staff' member, Jennifer. Listen to a short talk on Robotics followed by a robotics demo that will end with Jennifer doing a bit of Tai-Chi (depending on her mood, of course).

- 11am-12pm
- All Ages
- Normal admission applies, pre-book 01223 214446/www. computinghistory.org.uk

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- 11am-3pm
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- £3.50 per child, drop-in

Sunday 12 August

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- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Monday 13 August

Flying High

Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge

Join a quest to discover the flying creatures and winged messengers hidden inside the church. Have a go at 'flying high' craft activities and try out some flying challenges. Can you use your engineering skills to complete the egg drop challenge? Playdoh will be available for the littlest visitors.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- **£2.50 for ages 3+, drop-in**

The Romans are Coming!

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Fancy joining the Roman army? Or becoming a fearsome gladiator? Join the Museum for an afternoon of crafts, hands-on activities and dressing-up to help you make up your mind.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- **1** Free, drop-in

Tuesday 14 August

Family Paper Craft Morning

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Try your hand at a variety of papercrafts including using a printing presses, paper mosaics and origami.

- **10am-12.30pm**
- Ages 5+
- £3.50, pre-book info@museumoftechnology.com

Glass Jar Photo Frames

Stained Glass Museum

Decorate your own unique glass jar photo frame and have your photo taken to go inside.

- Sessions at: 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm
- Ages 5+
- £3.50 per child, pre-book 01353 660347

Dots and Dashes

Centre For Computing History

How did people communicate before computers? Discover how electricity was used in the form of Morse Code to send messages across large distances then have a go at sending your own using Morse Code kits.

- 11am-12.30pm
- Ages 7+
- f12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 www.computinghistory.org.uk

Wednesday 15 August

Magnificent Masks

Saffron Walden Museum

Find a fabulous creature and create your own animal mask inspired by the exhibition, *Worlds Under Glass:* Adventures in Taxidermy.

- Sessions: 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm (sessions are ticketed and run for 30 minutes)
- Ages 3+
- £1.50 per child (normal admission charges also apply), pre-book 01799 510333 or email museum@uttlesford.gov.uk (tickets will also be available on the day).

Wonderful Windcatchers

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Make a windcatcher using ribbons, wool, jangly church keys and beads.

- 🚺 11am-3pm
- Ages 5-11
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Thursday 16 August

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Egyptians at Denny

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

In addition to building parts of Denny Abbey, the Knights Templar also took time out to visit Egypt. Discover more about what they might have encountered with an Egyptian themed trail and crafts.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Mormal admission charges apply, drop-in

Musical Code with Sonic Pi

Centre For Computing History

Calling young music makers! Learn how to use Sonic Pi software on the Raspberry Pi to create some amazing tunes.

- 2-4pm
- Ages 8+
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446/www. computinghistory.org.uk

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Romans!

Ely Museum

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- 11am-12.30pm
- Ages 5-11
- £3, pre-book 01353 666655 admin@elymuseum.org.uk

Gear Up for Printing

St Neots Museum

Try printing using bits and pieces from machines and tools to decorate a scrapbook or frame.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- **£3.50** per child, drop-in

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The Many Faces of Huntingdonshire

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Get inspiration from the Museum's Faces exhibition and create your own portrait – self-portraits, portraits of friends and family, or anyone else you choose. Try working using different materials and styles. Favourites will be selected for a display in the Museum.

- 🚺 10am-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Burwell at War

Burwell Museum and Windmill

Find out how Burwell was affected by the First and Second World Wars in the Nissen hut and Anderson shelter. Handle objects from both conflicts and create your own medal.

- 1.30-4.30pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Game On: The Guided Tour!

Centre For Computing History

During this special 30-minute museum tour, in-house gaming experts will guide you through the history of video games from the 70s to modern day.

- **l** 2-3pm
- All Ages
- Normal admission applies, pre-book 01223 214446/www. computinghistory.org.uk

Friday 17 August

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St Neots Museum

Try printing using bits and pieces from machines and tools to decorate a scrapbook or frame.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- £3.50 per child, drop-in

Take a Closer Look

Museum of Zoology

Drop in to discover one of the amazing specimens from the Museum's stores not normally on public display.

- 3-3.30pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Science Detectives at the University of Cambridge Museums

Venues across the University of Cambridge Museums



Calling all detectives in training. Experience a day of science and problem solving with the University of Cambridge Museums. Hone your scientific skills and get a taste of hands-on exploration at this day-long event. Enjoy sessions with the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, the Polar Museum, the Sedgwick Museum, the Museum of Zoology and the Botanic Gardens.

Please note: Drop-off at the Museum of Zoology and pick up at the Botanic Gardens.

- 9.30am-3pm
- Ages 8-11
- **£10**, pre-book www.museums.cam.ac.uk/summer

Saturday 18 August

BLING!

Fitzwilliam Museum

Explore the Museum's exhibition of designers and jewellery before creating a larger than life BLING creation with artist Iona McCuaig.

- 10.30am-12.30pm
- Ages 5-7
- £8, pre-book education@fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk 2-4pm All ages Free, drop-in

Monday 20 August

Little Explorers Summer Special

The Polar Museum

Join storyteller Marion Leeper for some Polar story fun.

- Sessions at: 10-10.45am & 11-11.45am
- Ages 4 and under
- Free, pre-book
 10am: littleexplorerssummer

special10am.eventbrite.co.uk

11am: littleexplorerssummer special11am.eventbrite.co.uk

Meet the Greeks

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Hurtle back in time to ancient Greece. Join in all sorts of crafts and hands-on activities to discover more about life for the ancient Greeks and the myths they told.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- **1** Free, drop-in

Market Square Stories

Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge

Ever wondered why there is a cat on a hat in the market square? Have you heard of the slimy Cambridge bookfish? Discover the secrets of the Market Square with a special trail starting at Great St Mary's then return to the church for craft activities inspired by the stories you have discovered.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- £2.50 for ages 3+, drop-in

Tuesday 21 August

Whipple Wildlife

Whipple Museum of the History of Science at the Museum of Zoology

Join the team from the Whipple Museum as they pop up in the unfamiliar habitat of the Zoology Museum. Spotted an animal in the wild? Want to get a better look? Find out how to use tried and tested techniques from zoologists of the past to help you hone your investigative skills.

Please note: this event takes place at the Museum of Zoology

- Sessions at: 10am-12pm & 2-4pm
- Ages 4+
- **1** Free, drop-in

Bead Buddies

Stained Glass Museum, Ely

Join in this weaving workshop to create your own lizards, snakes, flowers and more out of glass beads.

- Sessions at: 10.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm
- Ages 7+
- £3.50 per child, pre-book 01353 660347

Tuesday 21 August

Arty Antlers

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Discover the mysterious antler headdresses of prehistoric *Star Carr* and make your own headdress to take away. Follow the trail through the Museum's new Star Carr exhibition and imagine what life was like for our ancestors.

- 10.30am-12.30pm
- All ages
- 📵 Free, drop-in

The Fastest Feet in the World

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Join storyteller Marion Leeper for the story of Atalanta. Explore the Museum to find the smallest, heaviest and scariest feet, and make some foot art of your own.

- 1.30-3pm
- **Ages 3-5**
- Free, pre-book fastfeet.eventbrite.co.uk



Wednesday 22 August

The Fen Tiger

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Do you think you can see through the Fen Tiger's tall tales? Come and find out about some fossil myths and legends, then make up some of your own. Interactive storytelling with storyteller Marion Leeper.

- **10.30-11am & 11.30am-12.30pm**
- Ages 5+
- Free, pre-book www.the-fen-tiger.eventbrite.co.uk

Creative Candle Votives

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Create and decorate a clay votive candle holder.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 5-11
- Free, drop-in

Mythical Beasts

Saffron Walden Museum

Create your own mystical beast collage inspired by the exhibition, Worlds Under Glass: Adventures in Taxidermy.

- Sessions: 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm (sessions are ticketed and run for 30 minutes)
- Ages 3+
- £1.50 per child (normal admission charges also apply), pre-book 01799 510333 museum@uttlesford.gov.uk (tickets will also be available on the day).

Workshop Wednesdays

Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

Find out about 17th century life and try out a different craft activity each week. Make your own replica of Cromwell's hat, design a Civil War flag or make a sweet smelling pomander to take home.

- 11.30am-1pm
- Ages 5-15
- **£2** per child, drop-in

Dinosaurs!

Wisbech & Fenland Museum

Help the Museum celebrate their latest *Dinosaurs!* exhibition in partnership with the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. Drop-in to create your own minidinosaur, make a dinosaur mask or build a dinosaur skeleton to take home.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- £1 per child, drop-in

Scarecrows, Country Crafts & Maypole Dancing

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

Get a taste of life in the countryside with family crafts, scarecrow making and even a spot of dancing.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in



Design Your Own Dust Cover

Cambridge University Library Milstein Seminar Rooms

The Library's magnificent Tower is almost 10 giraffes high and holds over half a million books, including thousands with vibrantly illustrated dust covers. Get inspiration from some of the books on display and design your own dust jacket. Bring your creation to life with help from children's book illustrators Jeff Crosby and Shelley Jackson. Got your own favourite book to share? Bring it along; the Library would love to see it.

- 10am-12pm
- Ages 7-12
- Free, drop-in

Electronics Lab - Build a Pong Console

Centre For Computing History

A workshop for budding electronics engineers or anyone interested in learning to solder. Come and build yourself a Pong Console that you can impress your friends with.

- 11am-2pm
- Ages 8+
- £26 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 www.computinghistory.org.uk

Farmyard Friends

Ely Museum

From horses to cows, chickens to pigs, have fun and get creative with our farmyard crafts.

- 11am-12.30pm
- Ages 5-11
- £3, pre-book 01353 666655 admin@elymuseum.org.uk

Fab Fish

St Neots Museum

Help celebrate St Neots' Festival of Waterways and make a fabulous fish to take home.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- **£3.50** per child, drop-in

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- (E) Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Burwell Life

Burwell Museum and Windmill

Visit the Museum's upper gallery to find out more about school, shopping and everyday life in Burwell. Try out a new career as a telephonist, shopkeeper or teacher and learn to make a rag rug.

- 1.30-4.30pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Friday 24 August

Marvellous Mosaics

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Join local artist, Zena Brackenbury for a mosaic-based workshop. Learn techniques to make your mosaic coaster, or a set of coasters.

Please note: as this activity involves working with small pieces of glass children under 10 will require adult supervision. Additional activities will be available for younger children.

- Sessions at: 10.30-11.30am, 12-1pm & 2-3pm
- All ages
- £3.50 per person, £5.00 for both child and adult to make a coaster, £10.00 for a family pack of four coasters; pre-book info@norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314

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- 11am-3pm
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Monday 27 August

Open Studio

Kettle's Yard

Join artist Lucy Steggals and North Cambridge community members for fun, creative art-making activities.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in



Children's Level 1 Glass Fusing Workshop

Stained Glass Museum

Learn how to cut glass and create your own glass-fused artworks at this summer workshop. Perfect for children who are new to glass fusing.

- 10.30am-12.30pm
- Ages 7+
- £10 per child, pre-book 01353 660347

Paper Taxidermy

Saffron Walden Museum

Be inspired by the exhibition Worlds Under Glass: Adventures in Taxidermy and try out some of the skills involved. Make your own bind up body, using shredded paper and wire,

- Sessions at: 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm (sessions are ticketed and run for 30 minutes)
- Ages 5+
- £1.50 per child (normal admission charges also apply), pre-book 01799 510333 museum@uttlesford.gov.uk (tickets will also be available on the day).

Rachel's Robots

Centre For Computing History

Come and be introduced to robot 'staff' member, Jennifer. Listen to a short talk on Robotics - the past, present and future - followed by a robotics demo that will end with Jennifer doing a bit of Tai-Chi (depending on her mood, of course).

- 11am-12pm
- All Ages
- (2) Normal admission applies, pre-book 01223 214446 www.computinghistory.org.uk

Stained-glass Craft

All Saints Church, Cambridge

Use tissue-paper to create a design inspired by the church's stained-glass windows.

- 11am-3pm
- 🚹 Ages 5-11
- **1** Free, drop-in

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- 🚹 Ages 5-15
- £2 per child, drop-in

Dragons at Denny

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey.

Calling all families with a sense of adventure. Discover the magical world of knights and dragons with themed crafts and activities.

- 12-4pm
- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Animal Journeys

Museum of Zoology

Journey around the world with amazing animal travellers at this family activity afternoon. Pack a suitcase and explore the galleries, and create a creature to take away with you.

- 12-4.30pm
- All ages
- **1** Free, drop-in

Fun with the micro:bit

Centre For Computing History

Join in a treasure hunt and experience some coding fun with the micro:bit.

- **1** 2-3.30pm
- Ages 8+
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446/www. computinghistory.org.uk

Children's Level 2 Glass Fusing Workshop

Stained Glass Museum

Led by a professional glass artist, create new and exciting glass artworks.

Please note: this workshop is aimed at children who have done glass fusing before.

- 2-4pm
- Ages 7+
- £15 per child, pre-book 01353 660347



Thursday 30 August

Conducting Carrots

Centre For Computing History

Be inspired by secret codes and messages and make your own secret pictures using solar print paper.

- 11am-12pm
- Ages 7+
- £12 (accompanying adult £8), pre-book 01223 214446 www.computinghistory.org.uk

Solar Secrets

St Neots Museum

Be inspired by secret codes and messages and make your own secret pictures using solar print paper.

- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- £3.50 per child, drop-in





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- All ages
- Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

All at Sea

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Learn how people from across the world have navigated the oceans with help from the Whipple Museum. Use a compass to explore the Museum and play a Pacific-themed trading game. Then make your own bean map to take home.

- 1-4pm
- All ages
- **6** Free, drop-in

Meet the Mill

Burwell Museum and Windmill

Finish the holidays with a visit to the windmill - are you tall enough to climb all the ladders to the top? Don't worry if not, as there is plenty to do on the ground floor.

Please note: visitors must be over 1.1m tall to climb the ladders.

- 1.30-4.30pm
- All ages
- (2) Normal admission charges apply, drop-in

Mix and Match Crafts Day

Norris Museum, St. Ives

Friday 31 August

Join in with different crafts related to the local area and history.

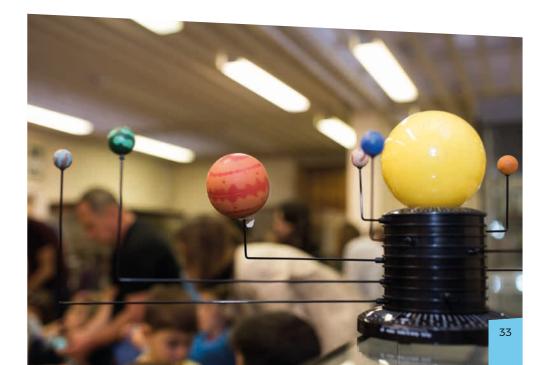
- 10am-4pm
- All ages
- **1** Free, drop-in

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- 11am-3pm
- Ages 4-11
- £3.50 per child, drop-in



Saturday 1 September

Leaf Art

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Leaves come in all different sorts of shapes and sizes. Help sort and match a pile of tree leaves and make a beautiful leaf-shape artwork to take home.

- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- Children free, normal adult admission charges apply, drop-in

Recruits Required

Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

Find out what life was like during the Civil War through a range of themed activities. Try on replica clothing and armour, discover 17th century food and cures, make your own helmet and learn some pike drill. If you're successful you'll earn a replica coin for your pay to take away.

- 11.30am-3pm
- 🚹 All ages
- £3 per child, drop-in

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- 11am-3pm
- All ages
- £1 per child, drop-in

Sunday 2 September

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- N 11.30am-3pm
- All ages
- **£**3 per child, drop-in



Other things to do

Additional fun things happening this summer

Castle Hill Open Day

Various venues

Saturday 21 July

Come and explore one of the oldest and most vibrant areas of Cambridge as venues on Castle Hill open their doors for the day. Historians, local experts, artists, musicians and dancers will come together to provide a variety of free, drop-in events for all ages. Pack a picnic or visit the food stalls and make a day of it!

- 12-5pm
- All ages
- Free, drop-in

Further information available at: kettlesyard.co.uk/castle-hill-open-day/

Horsing Around at the Heritage Centre

National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Art, Newmarket

Drop-in any day during the summer holidays for a host of horse themed activities. Follow the horse hair trail, meet and groom the Shetland pony, or take part in an exciting behind the scenes tour of the Retraining of Racehorses yard. There's also garden games in the Rothschild Yard and picnics available from the onsite bakery. Daily activity updates available on the website and Facebook.

- 10am-5pm
- All ages
- Normal admissions apply, drop-in

Plant Patrol

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Koala, monkey and friends are all searching for their favourite plants at the Botanic Garden. Can you help them? Take a trip around the Garden to find some amazing species and find out why animals love plants so much.

- Available during normal opening hours
- All ages
- Children free, normal adult admission charges apply, drop-in

Chatty Mouse's Anglo Saxon Summer

Chatteris Museum

Join the Museum's resident Chatty Mouse character for a range of Anglo Saxon themed activities throughout the summer holidays.

- Available during normal opening hours
- All ages
- 😉 Free, drop-in

SummerDaze

If you are keen to get out and about this summer, the Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS) will be offering up a fun-packed programme of free activities. Join the team along with Cambridge museums on Wednesday afternoons at parks and community centres across Cambridge.

For more information about SummerDaze and to see the full programme visit cambridge.gov. uk/summerdaze or facebook.com/chypps 01223 457873 chypps@cambridge.gov.uk

Family Events & Activities

ADC on Tour presents: His Dark Materials



Philip Pullman's epic fantasy trilogy comes to life as a double bill at the Fitzwilliam Museum this summer as part of the 'ADC on Tour' season. Using a specially built temporary theatre and spectacular sets, lighting and puppetry, this unique production promises to be a theatrical experience like no other.

- 10.30am-4.30pm
- Ages 8+
- **E** Prices vary by day www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Making the Most of Your Visit

Useful information, tips and advice

Access

The museums and collections welcome all visitors and unless specified, most organisations are generally accessible by wheelchair.

Further information can be found on individual websites. If you have any questions about access, please email info@cam.ac.uk or phone Susan Miller on 01223 746406.

Opening Times

Opening times may vary so if you are planning on dropping-in, it's always an idea to check museum websites before setting out.

Eating & Drinking

Many of the venues listed offer refreshments, snacks and light meals. This is indicated by the symbol in Museum Information. For further details please see individual websites.

Visiting with Younger Children

Children of all ages are welcome across our organisations. To help you plan your visit, you'll find age ranges listed alongside specific activities.

Look out for the symbols below in Museum Information



Baby changing



Buggy parking



Shop

Travel

Parking facilities are limited at many venues. We recommend considering public transport. If coming into Cambridge, Park and Ride runs until 8.30pm and up to 3 children travel free with each full price adult. Park and Ride: www.cambridgeparkandride.info.



Museum Information

All Saints Church

Jesus Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8BP www.visitchurches.org.uk 01223 324442



Please note: toilets located at nearby Westcott House

Burwell Museum & Windmill

Burwell, CB25 OHL www.burwellmuseum.org.uk 01638 605544







Cambridge Centre for Computing History

Cambridge, CB1 3EW www.computinghistory.org.uk 01223 214446







Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Cambridge, CB2 1JE www.botanic.cam.ac.uk 01223 336265







Cambridge University Library

Milstein Seminar Rooms Cambridge, CB3 9DR www.exhibitions.lib.cam.ac.uk 01223 333030



Chatteris Museum

PE16 6JA www.chatterismuseum.org.uk 01354 696319



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Cromwell Museum

Huntingdon, PE29 3LF www.cromwellmuseum.org 01480 708008





Please note: There is full wheelchair access. Toilets and baby changing located across the road at Huntingdon Town Hall

Elv Museum

Ely, CB7 4LS www.elymuseum.org.uk 01353 666655





Farmland Museum

A10. Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9PO www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk 01223 860988









Fitzwilliam Museum

Cambridge, CB2 1RB www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk 01223 332904







Great St Mary's Church

Cambridge, CB2 3PQ www.gsm.cam.ac.uk 01223 747273







Kettle's Yard House & Gallery

Cambridge, CB3 0AQ www.kettlesyard.co.uk 01223 748100







Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

Cambridge, CB2 3DZ www.maa.cam.ac.uk 01223 333516





Museum of Cambridge

Cambridge, CB3 0AQ www.museumofcambridge.org.uk 01223 355159





Museum of Classical Archaeology

Cambridge, CB3 9DA www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum 01223 330402



Museum of Zoology

Cambridge, CB2 3EJ www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk 01223 336650









National Heritage Centre for

Horseracing & Sporting Art

Newmarket, CB8 8EP www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk 01638 667314







Norris Museum

St Ives. PE27 5BX www.norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314







The Polar Museum

Cambridge, CB2 1ER www.spri.cam.ac.uk 01223 336540





Saffron Walden Museum

Saffron Walden, CB10 1JL www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org 01799 510333





Sedgwick Museum of Earth **Sciences**

Cambridge, CB2 3EQ www.sedgwickmuseum.org 01223 333456





Please note: Wheelchair/buggy access via lift. Please check website for details.

St Neots Museum

St Neots. PE19 1AE www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk 01480 214163





Stained Glass Museum

Elv. CB7 4DL www.stainedglassmuseum.com 01353 660347







Wisbech & Fenland Museum

Wisbech, PE13 1ES www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk 01945 583817

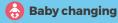






Key:

Refreshments





The following museums are closed for redevelopment but will be joining in with events and activities at other venues:

Cambridge Museum of Technology www.museumoftechnology.com

Whipple Museum of the History of Science www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple

The fun doesn't stop here...

With a FREE family offer throughout the year, the University of Cambridge Museums are great places to visit at any time. Whether you're looking to learn something new, a day out close to home, or a fun way to spend a rainy day, our Museums are a great place to start.



To find out more about what's on offer throughout the year, visit our website www.museums.cam.ac.uk or follow us on:



