

## Easter Holiday Activities - 2018

Activities that you and your family can take part in over the Easter holidays, most of which are free!

### National Trust Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

As part of its annual event the confectionery giant is planting clues around some of the National Trust's properties, parks and estates, with questions, challenges and a special prize.

This year, there are Easter Egg Hunts on at **Quarry Bank** in Styal, **Lyme Park** in Disley, **Dunham Massey** in Altrincham and **Hare Hill** in Over Alderley.

The hunts are running from Good Friday (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March) to Easter Monday (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April), with them running from 10.30 – 4 at Quarry Bank, Dunham Massey and Hare hill, and from 11 – 4 at Lyme Park.

Hunts cost £2, and normal National Trust admission charges will also apply.

Quarry Bank, Styal Road, Styal, Wilmslow, SK9 4LA

Dunham Massey, Woodhouse lane, Altrincham, WA14 4SJ

Lyme Park, Disley, Stockport, Sk12 2NX

Hare Hill, Prestbury Road, Over Alderley, Macclesfield, SK10 4PY



### Shimmer and Shine Window workshop

John Rylands Library, Deansgate

Be inspired by the colours of the radiant stained glass windows at Joh Rylands Library and recreate your own in this creative family workshop. It's free and there's no need to book – just drop in (suitable for over 4s).

5 Apr 2018 - Open 14:00 - 16:00

10 Apr 2018 - Open 14:00 - 16:00

12 Apr 2018 - Open 14:00 - 16:00

### Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)

Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP

Entry is free. Easy to get to by train or bus – MOSI is at the Castlefield end of Deansgate, close to Deansgate train station.

There are a range of activities on across the holidays, many linked to space, and the large museum is there to be explored daily, 10-5.

### Whitworth Park – Welly Walks

Whitworth Park, Oxford Road

Put on your wellies, get muddy and discover art and nature in the Whitworth Park. Download a free Welly Walks guide from <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=26059> to enjoy a walk that has been specially designed to support your toddler's inquisitive nature.



### Whitworth Art Gallery

Oxford Road, Manchester, M15 6ER

Entry to the gallery is free, from 10-5 daily.

Whilst you're there, pick up a hamper of art materials to explore and get creative with.

Easy to get to by bus, the gallery is situated on Oxford road, close to the MRI hospital.



### Wythenshawe Park Farm

This is a working, countryside, community farm, which gives children the chance to learn where their food really comes from, as well as seeing the animals on site. The farm is located next to the children's play area.

Open daily  
11.30am – 3.30pm



### The Manchester Museum

Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

Regular family events and activities, including an animal hat making workshop on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

[www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/events/](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/events/)

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### Z Arts

A wide programme of free and low cost activities for children of all ages such as dance and art.

Go to: <https://www.z-arts.org/easter-at-z-arts/> to see what's on over the holidays.

335 Stretford Road, Hulme, Manchester, M15 5ZA

### Police Museum

At the Greater Manchester Police Museum, discover the stories of cops and robbers while learning lots about local history in one of the city's earliest police stations.

Open Tuesday and Thursday  
10.30 – 3.30

57a Newton Street,  
Manchester, M1 1ET



### National Football Museum

Cathedral Gardens, M4 3BG

**FREE** entry. Interactive objects, games and displays throughout the museum that will appeal to a wide range of ages. Discovery Zone is designed especially for ages 5 and under. There is a special trophy hunt over the Easter weekend.

The museum is situated in Manchester city centre, close to The Printworks.



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### Stockport Air Raid Shelters

The air raid shelters in Stockport give you the opportunity to experience life as it was during a 'black out' in wartime Britain, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the home front.

Open Tuesday to Friday 1 – 5, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 11 – 5.

Admission is free for under 16s and £5 per adult.

61 Chestergate, Stockport, SK1 1NE

### Portland Basin Museum

Portland Basin is housed within the restored 19<sup>th</sup> century Ashton Canal Warehouse. It is an exciting family friendly museum, with something for all the family.

Open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 – 4.

Admission is free.

Portland Place, Ashton, OL7 0QA

### Hat Works

Visit and try on hats from all eras of history, to see which suits you best! View live demonstrations of working machinery and a huge collection of hats.

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10 – 5 and Sundays 11 – 5, the Hat Works is easy to reach by bus. Admission is free for under 16s and £5 per adult.

Wellington Mill, Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK3 0EU

### Manchester Spy Mission Treasure Trail

This self-guided themed treasure trail map can be downloaded to print at home, or sent through the post. It is packed with codes to crack, sneaky clues and information to help you discover new things in familiar places. A trail map costs £6.99, and only one is needed per family.

Visit

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/>

### Donkey Sanctuary Manchester

Visitors are invited to get involved with rescue mules and learn all about the importance of how people treat animals.

Open weekdays (except Weds) 3 – 5pm and weekends 10am – 3pm.

Free admission (donations welcome)



Donkey Sanctuary, Green Fold, Abbey Hey, M18 8RJ

### The People's History Museum

Learn about the importance of Manchester's cotton trade during the Industrial Revolution. At this museum you can uncover over 1,500 objects, and find out the stories behind them all.

Open daily 10am – 5pm.

Free admission.

Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3ER

### Highfield Country Park

Highfield Road, Manchester, M19 3RP

Take a wander around Highfield Country Park, exploring amongst the wooded areas and open spaces.

Highfield Country park is easy to access from the Fallowfield Loop (the cycle path which can be accessed at the side of Cringle Brook Primary).



### Reddish Vale Country Park

Reddish Vale, Stockport, SK5 7HE

Easy to get to by bus from Stockport centre, Reddish Vale Country Park has a wide range of outdoor areas to explore.

There is a visitor centre, which is open daily from 10.30-4.30, with hot and cold drinks available.

Toilets are open all day, including disabled toilets.

### Free Swimming



**FREE** swimming for children 16 and under (and over 60s) at nine swimming pools across the city.

You must register online at this website beforehand.

[www.manchester.gov.uk/info/20008/7/sport\\_activities\\_and\\_fitness/5256/swimming\\_in\\_manchester](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/20008/7/sport_activities_and_fitness/5256/swimming_in_manchester)

### Open Access Playschemes

Supervised play activities for school aged children (usually free). Open to all children in the local community on a first come first served basis.

Playschemes will be listed at [www.manchester.gov.uk/info/20001/6/children\\_and\\_childcare/3686/play\\_services](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/20001/6/children_and_childcare/3686/play_services)

Telephone 0161 245 7171

### Manchester Holiday Activities and Events Calendar

Free and low cost holiday activities, sports, crafts, exhibitions and events in local parks, galleries, swimming pools etc. will be published 7 days before holidays begin. Various locations throughout Manchester. [www.manchester.gov.uk/allsortstodo](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/allsortstodo)

For more ideas of things to do during the holidays, go to:

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/north-west/greater-manchester>

