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# POWDERHAM CASTLE

Historic Family Home of the Earl of Devon



## VISIT AGAIN FOR FREE

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### Easy to Find

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Email: [castle@powderham.co.uk](mailto:castle@powderham.co.uk) Visit: [www.powderham.co.uk](http://www.powderham.co.uk)

**BY CAR:** 10mins from M5 Jctn 30 on the A379 Dawlish Road

**BY BUS:** No 2 bus from Exeter/Newton Abbot/Torquay

**BY BIKE:** From Exeter follow the canal and Exe riverbank

**BY BOAT:** From Exmouth catch the ferry to Starcross\*

**BY RAIL:** Direct service from Exeter St.Davids to Starcross\*

\*Powderham Castle is less than 2 miles from here.

### Opening Times

The Castle and grounds are open to visitors from **1 April to 30 October 2011**.  
**Sunday to Friday and the following Saturdays: 23 April, 27 August & 29 October 11am to 4.30pm** (to 5.30pm 24 July to 2 September).

**The last guided tour is an hour before closing and at 2.30pm on Fridays.** (NB. 29 April open 1pm to 5.30pm. Last tour at 4.30pm)

The Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner closing times will vary during the season, please check on arrival.

### Admission

Includes Guided Tour

	DAY TICKET	SEASON TICKET
Adult	£9.80	£25.00
Child 4 – 16yrs	£7.80	£15.00
Family (2+2)	£27.80	£65.00
Senior	£8.80	
Under 4's	FREE	

Plenty of FREE parking.



### Visit again for FREE

Sometimes a day just isn't enough and we want you to have the chance to really take time to enjoy it all! Simply validate your ticket before you leave at the Welcome Hut or Gift Shop (proof of ID required) and you can return on another day this season for FREE.\*

\*Applies to full priced day tickets. Excludes Spooky Tours.

### BUY A SEASON TICKET

If you really want to make the most of Powderham Castle, the Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner and all the themed weeks then a Season Ticket is excellent value for money. It lasts for a full season, includes discounts for friends and family and discounts for you to other local attractions too. If you have already bought a day ticket we will give you your money back if you upgrade to a Season Ticket on the same day.



All information correct at time of going to press. Events, opening dates, prices, times and other details are subject to change, without prior notice. We reserve the right to close all or part of the Grounds or Castle as necessary. Please telephone for confirmation before commencing your journey.  
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**Devon's TOP Attractions**



## WELCOME TO POWDERHAM CASTLE

Take time to enjoy your visit to this magnificent 600-year-old Castle situated on the edge of the Exe estuary. Its surroundings; a fabulous deer park and extensive natural rugged beauty, create a welcoming setting.

The Earl & Countess of Devon are delighted to share their family home and history with you. The Castle has remained in the same family since Sir Philip Courtenay began building it in 1391. There have been many changes to the Castle over the years. Having withstood the ravages of civil war in the 17th century, it was embellished in the 18th century with some fine interiors and in the Victorian period the exterior was transformed into the spectacular building you see today.

Join an entertaining guided tour to see the impressive Castle rooms and hear fascinating stories of the Courtenay family. From the lavish Music Room right down to the Victorian kitchen, visualise what life would have been like for the past Earls, their families and household staff.

Outside discover the many acres of gardens and grounds. From the beautiful Rose Garden, an idyllic spot overlooking the deer park and Exe estuary to the peaceful Woodland Garden, with its stunning collection of trees. For the keen walker the breathtaking views from the foot of the Belvedere tower are very rewarding – you can see for miles and feel on top of the world! (The Woodland Garden & Belvedere are available until 1 August)

Autumn is a particularly wonderful time of year to see wildlife on the Estate. The 650 fallow deer begin their rutting season early September, reaching a peak in October a magnificent sight indeed. At the same time thousands of birds including shelduck, teal and widgeon start to join the resident little egrets and herons on the marshland for the winter.

Over the years many visitors have experienced the magic of Powderham and treasure special memories. We hope that you will also enjoy the beauty and splendour at Powderham Castle, knowing that your visit makes a much appreciated contribution to sustain our amazing heritage.

### Our Chosen Charities of the Year

Every year we host events that support a number of different charities and we also have a couple of charities we ask our visitors to support if they wish to. This year we have chosen two local charities; Hospiscare, offering support to those who are terminally ill and Tiverton Market Centre, a safe and neutral venue for young people to meet.



### Planning Your Day

A suggested itinerary is available on arrival to help you get the most out of your day. We would advise you to allow at least 3 hours for your visit, but don't worry if you can't fit it all in as you can visit us again for FREE! (see back of leaflet for details)

### Refreshments

The licensed Courtyard Tea Room offers a range of home cooked specials, light snacks and delicious cream teas. You are welcome to enjoy your own picnic in the designated areas, beside the lake and in the Walled Garden, but please don't feed the wild birds or animals and do take your rubbish home with you.

### Shopping

Visit the Courtyard Gift Shop for a range of gifts and our souvenir brochure, a lovely memento of a great day out. On your way home feel free to stop at our Powderham Country Store. It includes a lovely Plant Centre, the Powderham Trading Co, Orangery Restaurant, Plantagenista and a Food Hall offering a selection of local produce.

### Accessibility

The ground floor of the Castle is accessible to wheelchair users. A wheelchair is available for loan, whilst in the Castle only. The Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner is accessible to visitors with wheelchairs and pushchairs, although there are some steep slopes.

### Groups

We are delighted to welcome groups and recommend you book in advance to benefit from our group admission rates (15+) and reserve a time slot for a guided tour of the Castle. We will be pleased to help you plan every aspect of your visit. Please call our Groups Dept on 01626 890243

### Photography


Amateur photography & filming (including mobile phones) are welcome in the grounds, but not inside the Castle.

### Smoking

Smoking is not permitted inside the Castle, Tea Room, Gift Shop, within the Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner or any enclosed area including the Tractor/Trailer.

### Dogs

Sorry, no dogs allowed except guide dogs.

Follow us on:  

For latest events details visit [www.powderham.co.uk](http://www.powderham.co.uk) or pick up our Summer-Winter leaflet in June

\*portrayed by look-a-like actor Jonty Depp



**Daily Bird of Prey Display**  
Sunday 24 July – Friday 2 September  
The Devon Bird of Prey Centre will be returning to the Castle with their magnificent birds for another wonderful summer season. See the birds up close and then admire them in flight at the daily 3.30pm display on the North Lawn. Included in admission.



**Enchanted Dragons Week**  
Sunday 24 – Friday 29  
Dress up as your favourite fairy tale character for a magical trip into the realm of Dragons, Knights and Witches. Help Sir Drew P Drawers in his quest to find the fire-breathing dragon and his encounter with a witch called Hazel. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.



**Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra with special guests.**  
Saturday 30 July  
This will be a spectacular party in the park with a fireworks finale. Bring your friends along to this picnic style concert and boogie the night away! Advance Tickets: Adult £35 Child (5-15yrs) £15 available from MFL Box Office on 01603 660444 or on-line at [www.mflconcerts.co.uk](http://www.mflconcerts.co.uk). Concert starts 6.30pm (Gates open 5pm).



**38th Historic Vehicle Gathering**  
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10  
The Crash Box and Classic Car Club of Devon will be displaying an enormous range of classic and nostalgic vehicles from our motoring history. Why not make a day of it on the Sunday with a visit to the Castle in the morning. For more information please visit [www.cbccc.net](http://www.cbccc.net)



**Fathers Day**  
Sunday 19  
We are inviting 'Dads' to visit for FREE when accompanied by a paying child. He will also see the majestic birds from Hawkridge Birds of Prey. Treat him to a day out he will remember! Included in admission.



**Pirate Week**  
Sunday 29 May to Friday 3 June  
Ahoj, me hearties! Sail on down to Powderham to meet Capt Jack Sparrow\* for a barrel of laughs and discover some treasures! Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.



**Teddy Bear Picnic**  
Sunday 1 & Monday 2  
Join in the Teddy Bear Fun this Bank Holiday week-end. Meet Big Ted, follow the teddy trail to the Castle. Don't forget to bring your own teddy along too! The Build-a-Bear Workshop team will be here on Monday. Included in admission.



**Royal Wedding – Late Opening**  
Friday 29  
We will open at 1pm today so join us after watching the Royal Wedding and enjoy a FREE slice of cake from the Tea Room. We are baking especially to mark the occasion! We are open from 1pm to 5.30pm (last guided tour at 4.30pm) Normal admission applies.



**7th Silly Mini Sunday**  
Easter Sunday 24  
Cheer on the convoy of minis as they drive through the courtyard and grounds raising funds for Children's Hospice Southwest. Expected arrival 2pm. For more information visit [www.minisunday.com](http://www.minisunday.com). Included in admission.



**Chocolate Factory Fortnight**  
Sunday 10 – Monday 25 (ex Sat 16)  
Meet our very own Willy Wonka\* throughout the Easter holidays. Follow the candy trail and create your own sweet treats to take home. No gold ticket required to join in this exciting event. Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.



**Mothering Sunday**  
Sunday 3  
To celebrate this special day Mothers are invited to visit for FREE when accompanied by a full paying child. A special gift will be given to every 'mum' on arrival. Included in admission.



**Powderham Wedding Show**  
Saturday 26 & Sunday 27  
A fantastic opportunity for all brides to be to meet the best service providers under one roof. For information and tickets visit [www.powderhamweddingshow.co.uk](http://www.powderhamweddingshow.co.uk). £5 in advance. £7.50 on the day. Children under 15 yrs free.

## MARCH

Powderham Castle 2011 Events (March to July)

## Deer Park Safari

For a small extra fee take a ride on the tractor/trailer into the Deer Park to learn about the deer and their habitat and get an exceptional view of the Castle from what was originally the front entrance. Running at regular times throughout the day, weather and ground conditions permitting. Pick up point next to the Welcome Hut.

## Tennis

Please make use of the tennis court in the Pleasure Garden. Pop into the Gift shop to book a time and collect your rackets and balls. A refundable £20 deposit will be required against their loan.

## Guided Tour

Tours around the Castle start at regular intervals throughout the day. They leave from the Courtenay Gallery (accessed via the Courtyard Gift Shop). The time of the next tour is displayed on the information board outside.

## NEW Nature Trail

Make your own discoveries on our Nature Trail and earn yourself a shiny Powderham Castle medal! If you didn't get your nature trail form on arrival don't worry you can pick one up from the Gift Shop or our Nature Nook in the Brevhouse - a relaxing place to appreciate wildlife. In the spring the house martins build their nests here and if you are patient you will see them flying in and out.

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**WOODLAND GARDEN**  
Until 1 August

**BELVEDERE**  
Until 1 August

**WALLED GARDEN PLAY AREA & PETS CORNER**

**NORTH LAWN**

**BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY**  
24 JULY - 2 SEPT

**ROSE GARDEN & CHAPEL**

**PLEASURE GARDEN**

**COURTYARD GIFT SHOP & COURTENAY GALLERY**

**BREWHOUSE**

**VICTORIAN KITCHEN & SERVANTS HALL**

**TRACTOR/TRAILER PICK UP POINT**

## Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner

The Walled Garden is a short walk from the Castle and home to the many friendly Powderham pets; a donkey, miniature pigs, goats and guinea pigs to name but a few. You will also find Courtenay Fort here, our adventure play castle specially designed for those under 12 with slides, monkey bars and zip slide - perfect to feed their imagination!

The Walled Garden closing times vary due to daylight levels and weather conditions. Children must be supervised at all times. Height restrictions apply in Courtenay Fort.

## Birds of Prey 24 July to 2 September

Majestic birds of prey including falcons, hawks and owls will delight visitors of all ages with displays by expert falconers. Audience participation, particularly for youngsters, features prominently in the demonstrations, which give a fascinating insight into the birds' natural habitat, diet and behaviour.

Held on the North Lawn, the show will take place at 3.30pm and is included in the admission.

## Victorian Experience

During the Easter and summer holidays a visit to the Victorian Kitchen will be separate to a Castle tour. You can meet the Castle's Cook and even have a go at some of the chores carried out by staff in the Victorian household.

## Powderham Castle 2011 Events (August)

### AUGUST

**Sunday 31 July – Friday 5**  
**Pirate Week**

Shiver me timbers - Capt Jack Sparrow\* is back and looking for some more crew members to join him for piratey fun. Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.

**Sunday 7 – Friday 12**  
**Robin Hood Week**

Outlaws and maidens are needed to join Robin's band of Merry Men, as the hooded hero battles the wicked Sheriff of Powderham and attempts to rescue the beautiful Maid Marian. Activities at set times throughout the day. Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Included in admission.

**Sunday 14 – Friday 19**  
**Mad Science Week**

Dr. What and Professor Where conduct amazing scientific experiments...sometimes with disastrous (but usually hilarious) results! Have you ever heard a jellybaby squeal? How do you make a fizzy fountain? Come and find out... Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.

**Friday 19**  
**Shakespeare – Much a do about nothing**

Theatre Set-Up will be returning to perform another of Shakespeare's well known comedies this summer. Bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing, entertaining evening in the secluded Pleasure Garden. Adult £12, Senior £10, Child (under 16yrs) £6.50 (Tickets £2 extra on the night). For more details or to book tickets call 01626 890243 or visit [www.ts-u.co.uk](http://www.ts-u.co.uk)

**Sunday 21 – Friday 26**  
**Pirate Week**

Avast! this is your last chance to see Capt Jack Sparrow\* join in the pirate tomfoolery and discover some booty. Pick up your session ticket on arrival. Activities at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.

**Saturday 27 – Friday 2 Sept**  
**Wonderland Week**

Don't be late to join the Mad Hatter\* for a wonderful week. Follow the white rabbit's trail through the grounds and join in the tea party fun and games. Pick up your session ticket on arrival. at set times throughout the day. Included in admission.



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## Future events at Powderham

**Sunday 11 September**  
**FORCE 10K Run**



**Monday 24 – Sunday 30 October**  
**Spooky Tours**

**Thursday 3 November**  
**Michaelmas Fair**



**Friday 18 to Sunday 20 November**  
**Cooper Antiques Fair**

We are always adding more events to our calendar so keep a look out for updates and new events taking place at **Powderham Castle** or **Powderham Country Store** on our website events pages [www.powderham.co.uk](http://www.powderham.co.uk)

## Holding your own event at Powderham Castle

Powderham Castle is a stunning venue that lends itself to all manner and sizes of events. If you would like to hold your own event in the Castle or grounds then please get in touch.

## Weddings and Functions

Recognised as a popular choice for wedding receptions and corporate entertaining, Powderham Castle promises a memorable occasion for all who choose to hold an event here. The Castle's own chapel is available for wedding blessings and can seat up to 60 guests. For more information on this and our accommodation provision please contact our Functions Manager on 01626 890243

## Birthday Parties in the Walled Garden

Why not celebrate your child's birthday in the wonderful safe haven of the Walled Garden Play Area & Pets Corner. Available for your exclusive use Sunday to Friday 4pm to 6pm (excludes 24 July – 2 Sept). For more information contact the Groups Dept on 01626 890243

## Victorian Era Educational Visits

The Heritage Lottery Fund has contributed to a Victorian Learning programme aimed at Key Stages 1 & 2. If you would like to bring a group of children to spend the day with our Housekeeper and Cook for a Victorian experience then contact the Groups Dept on 01626 890243.