



HYLANDS
ESTATE

Events 2024-2025

November 2024 to March 2025



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Hylands Estate Events brochure for November 2024 to March 2025!

As the nights start getting a little shorter, we are embracing the festive season and can't wait to welcome you to Hylands Estate. This year sees the return of popular events Christmas at The Stables and Enlightened, plus we have new ways you can enjoy exclusive use of our beautiful house.

The park is open all year round, so we're the perfect place to come for New Year walks and where you can catch some of the early signs of spring. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

The location key will help you with where these events take place, and we also highlight where these events are free to attend:

HH Hylands House

BL Back Lawn

ST The Stables

FREE Free Event

HP Hylands Park

FP Free Parking

GP Grand Pavilion



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

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Enjoy our Christmas Vintage Afternoon Tea on Sunday 15 December in the Terrace Room at Hylands House. Our tables are very popular, so pre-booking is essential via our website.

Find everything you need at hylandsestate.co.uk



HYLANDS ESTATE GROUP VISIT PACKAGES

We are thrilled to be bringing back our Group Visit packages for organised trips to Hylands Estate!

Bring your group along for half the day where you can enjoy an exclusive tour experience of Hylands House. We will have a volunteer tour guide on hand who will take your guests on a journey from 1730 up to the present day, covering our architectural and social history along with insights from our restoration which started in the 1980's and was completed in 2007. This tour involves walking around the house and lasts approximately one hour.

Following the tour, everyone can enjoy tasty refreshments which include delicious, sweet treats from our onsite café, The Deli, in the stunning Terrace Room which overlooks the Back Lawn with views of Chelmsford in the distance.

Group Visits cost £30 person (min 30 guests, max 50 guests). Bookings includes a donation to The Friends of Hylands House, who are a charitable organisation who work hard to fundraise for project-based improvements and new initiatives at Hylands Estate, so everyone can enjoy Hylands Estate for years to come.

Tours for group bookings only are available on selected dates. Contact a member of our helpful team to find out more.



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HYLANDS OPEN ESTATE DAY

10am - 3pm

FREE ST HH

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Join us for our regular Open Estate Days! In 2025, we're moving our popular free event to the second Sunday of the month, meaning they can take place every month including May.

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This event features:

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Hylands House free open house, activities, storytelling, and guided tours.

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A programme of exhibitions about the history of the Estate, presented by our volunteers.



Urban Food Festival street food, crafts, and gifts outside of Hylands House, including local sellers and handmade treasures.



Open artists' studios and live music, all free at The Stables. Visit our resident creative community and buy some of their unique pieces from the shop.

Visit our website for the latest dates and information.
hylandsestate.co.uk/explore/openestate/

Our Christmas Open Estate Day takes place on Sunday 15 December! Along with all the usual Open Estate Day favourites, plus a Christmas gift and craft market in the Grand Pavilion, why not pick up some last minute treats and even something for yourself!



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CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES

5pm – 9pm

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Our popular Christmas market event returns for 2024, for not just one night but two!

Make The Stables at Hylands Estate your one-stop-shop for Christmas this year! Whether you are yet to start on your Christmas shopping, fancy a festive refresh of your decoration collection, or just need a few more treats for friends, family and of course, yourself – Christmas at The Stables on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November 5pm till 9pm will have everything you need to make your festive season extra special.

Escape the bustle of the High Street and spend the whole evening with us soaking up the festive entertainment in and around a beautiful setting. The Deli will be open late in the evening serving food and drink, so make sure you come hungry!

Our community of artists, designers, makers and creatives will be opening the doors to their studios on the ground and first floor of The Stables for visitors to explore.

Parking is free, and all stallholders will be accepting contactless payment as well as cash. Toilets are available on site, as well as places to sit for a rest between shopping sprees. Wrapping up warm is advised as most of the Christmas Market will take place outside.





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ENLIGHTENED

4.30pm – 9pm

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Following last year's sell out success, the magical outdoor light trail is returning to Hylands Estate in Chelmsford this winter with even more illuminated installations for all the family to enjoy.

For the fifth consecutive year, Enlightened will transform the landscape of the estate into a unique, mile-long journey of enchantment and illumination. Marvel at the majestic woodland that sparkles whilst being immersed in the magical soundscape. Try your hand at one of the many interactive elements where you can control the installation whilst competing with your fellow visitors and have your camera phone at the ready for the photo opportunity around every corner

Enlightened 2024 will be the biggest, brightest, and boldest year yet with a trail bursting with even more interactive and immersive elements than ever before along with visitor favourites.

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Introducing, Christmas Parties at Hylands Estate!

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Treat the team to a Christmas Party they won't forget! Enjoy a delicious three-course Christmas meal, plenty of bubbles, and a night of dancing at Hylands House this Christmas.

Choose from a selection of mouthwatering festive Christmas meal options (sprouts are optional) in the exquisite Banqueting Room. Special dietary variations are also available.

Keep the bubbles flowing with welcome drinks on arrival and further drinks packages available to pre-order. We'll also provide a stocked and staffed bar under the Grand Staircase.

After dinner you can dance the night away with our DJ in the Entrance Hall and capture the night's events in the photobooth.

Hylands House will be decked out with beautiful festive decoration from The Flower Room Essex, including the all-important Christmas tree.

Book now for £84 per person (incl VAT)
(Min 40 guest - max 80 guests)

Enquire with our friendly team today to give your team a memorable festive evening!





THE STABLES SUNDAY SESSIONS



We were delighted to receive funding in 2022 for our new programme of free music as part of our Open Estate Days, presented to you as The Stables Sunday Sessions.

Thanks to a two-year grant from Arts Council England, Hylands Estate and Hot Box Live presented regular free music once a month in The Stables showcasing the best in local grassroots live music the region has to offer.

Artists so far have included Jack Valero launching his debut single, Marc Halls (The Voice), Tom Peplow, Rachel Brooks, Roisin O'Hagan, Katy for Kings, Admissions, Will Colderidge, Longy, and the Zak Barrett Trio.

We will be continuing this into 2024 and beyond. Find our announcements on new acts via our social media pages and email newsletters.



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THE STABLES & ARTIST STUDIOS

Visit The Stables on your next trip to Hylands Estate! Here's some useful information to guide you when you visit:

ARTISTS STUDIOS & WORKSHOPS

Our public facing studios are open Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. All studios, including upstairs, are open on our Open Estate Sundays.

Our resident artists, designers and makers offer a selection of workshops that are bookable in advance. From jewellery making to warm glass workshops, get hands on with new skills and make something beautiful to take home.



THE DELI

The Deli at The Stables offers a varied menu that includes vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

Savour fresh, made-to-order sandwiches and seasonal salads, plus their famous homemade sausage rolls, cakes, pastries, and tarts crafted by staff at The Deli's farm kitchens in West Hanningfield.

Opening times

8am to 5pm, every day

ARTIST SHOP AND INFORMATION POINT

The Information Point is where you can pick up our multimedia tour headsets plus our Walks and Events leaflets. Make sure you explore the Artist Shop whilst you're there to purchase any unique gifts.

Opening times

Mon to Fri 10am to 4pm

Weekends 9am to 5pm

BOOK SHOP

The second-hand bookshop is managed entirely by volunteers of the Friends of Hylands House and carries a good stock of second-hand books covering many subjects and a large selection of collector's books. Contact the Friends to arrange to make a book donation, and let the Information Point know when so they can arrange your parking.

Opening times

October to March: Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 3pm

Weekends 10.30am to 3.30pm



HYLANDS PARK

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

There is plenty to do at Hylands Estate, whatever the weather and whenever the time of year! We have many cost effective and free activities available:

WALKS

Explore Hylands Estate on foot following our five mapped walks. You can find our walks leaflet online or in the Stables Information Point.

GEOCACHING

This activity is a great bonding activity for families, friends, or even co-workers! Find the caches hidden all around Hylands Estate.

ORIENTEERING

Try a new orienteering course at Hylands Park. Thanks to the Essex Stragglers Orienteering Society with funding from Active Essex.

THE PLEASURE GARDENS

The ornate Victorian Pleasure Gardens can be found near The Stables with a duck pond which is home to a variety of fish, ducks, and geese.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Hylands Estate is home to an award-winning accessible castle-themed adventure playground. Find The Deli Express nearby for playtime refreshments.







HYLANDS HISTORY & GARDENS MULTIMEDIA TOUR

Available all year round for free is our interactive multimedia tour which shares the rich history of Hylands House and our extensive gardens.

Hylands House was first built almost 300 years ago, and the gardens have been a major attraction for most of our history. Over time, each new owner made their own mark on the house and grounds, extending and remodelling the landscape according to the tastes and fashions of the day.

We're proud that we are known as the jewel in Chelmsford's crown. Now, our new multimedia tour, designed by ATS Heritage, will take you through the history of the Estate, telling the story of how we came to be as we are today.

How to enjoy the tour:

-  The tour is free to explore seven days a week.
-  Enjoy it via our official handheld devices, which can be borrowed from The Stables Information Point.
-  Alternatively, use your smartphone to listen to the tour by scanning the QR code at the first stop in The Stables area, or any others on the tour.
-  Don't forget to bring your earphones if doing the tour from a smartphone.

Start exploring at
hylandsestate.co.uk/explore/historyandgardenstour

FIND OUT MORE

Hylands Estate is proud to have approximately 574 acres of restored historic parkland open to the public. We're working hard to sustain our beautiful green space, through education, biodiversity work and conservation.

You can find out more about this work at
hylandsestate.co.uk/explore/gardens-and-parklands

HOW TO FIND US



Hylands Estate has two entrances. The Hylands Park entrance, CM2 8FS, is closest to the Adventure Playground and to visit the park. The Hylands House entrance, CM2 8WQ, is closest to Hylands House and The Stables.

By car

Exit the M25 at Junction 28 on to the A12 towards Chelmsford and Colchester. Exit the A12 at Junction 15 on the A414 dual carriageway towards Chelmsford. Parking charges apply from 9am to 6pm.

By public transport

Public transport is available from the city centre to Hylands. First Buses have services running which stop nearby the park. Check our Explore page on the website for the latest information.

Sustainable routes

Designated cycle and walking routes from the centre can be found on our website.



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