



HYLANDS
ESTATE

Events 2026

April to September 2026



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Hylands Estate Events brochure for April to September 2026!

It's a big year for Hylands as we look to welcome some new events to our wonderful grounds this year. We love welcoming back our familiar favourites too, and we've already started to talk about them in our emails and on our socials – be sure to follow and sign-up if you haven't already!

As usual, Hylands Park is looking wonderful and continues to be maintained by the hard-working council Parks team. Our park hosts a steady stream of events all year round and is well loved by many visitors from near and far. Thank you if you've been involved in looking after our grounds for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hylands Estate!

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



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HYLANDS OPEN ESTATE DAYS

FREE

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10
MAY

10am to 3pm

14
JUN

Join us for our regular Open Estate Days! Our popular free event takes place on the second Sunday of the month, meaning they can take place every month of the year.

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JUL

We pleased to be partnered with Essex Foodies Market, who deliver a packed selection of local food and craft traders outside the front of Hylands House.

09
AUG

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SEP



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



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



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 free family activities and storytelling are programmed thanks to generous funding from The Friends of Hylands House.



05
JUN

ADVENTURE CINEMA

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TO

The UK's largest outdoor cinema returns for 2026 with its most immersive season yet, bringing the big screen to life in iconic settings UK-wide!

07
JUN

This year we're excited to welcome them back, this time in the grounds of Hylands House, with the backdrop of our stunning mansion house!

Enjoy the following films on the Back Lawn:



Friday 5 June
Dirty Dancing 7.30pm



Saturday 6 June
Encanto Sing-A-Long 1.30pm
Mamma Mia! ExtrABBAganza 7.30pm



Sunday 7 June
Bing And His Friends At The Cinema!
11am
Andrea Bocelli 30: The Celebration 3pm
Pride and Prejudice 8pm

Picnics and drinks are welcome, and hot food and snacks will be available to purchase. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to book your tickets, visit adventurecinema.co.uk/venues/hylands-house



16
JUN

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN PRESENT: OTHELLO

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7pm

Join The Lord Chamberlain's Men this summer for **Othello**, one of the most captivating and thrilling plays ever written. See it performed how William Shakespeare first saw it, as The Lord Chamberlain's Men – with a history stretching back to Shakespeare's original company – present this play in the open air, with an all-male cast and Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

A powerful story of deception, jealousy and a man that loved not wisely but too well – this stunning and heartbreakingly poignant play is one you won't want to miss. Bring a chair and a picnic and prepare to be rapt and transported. Book early to avoid missing out!

Tickets on sale now at
hylandsestate.co.uk/events

(Picture taken from their last year's performance of Twelfth Night)



26
JUN

STATE FAYRE

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TO

Introducing State Fayre Festival 2026 – the UK’s biggest music & BBQ festival.

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JUN

Taking over Hylands Park from 26-28 June with headliners Kings of Leon, Alanis Morissette, and The Lumineers. Plus, The Black Crowes, Kingfishr, Skunk Anansie, Elvis Costello & The Imposters with Charlie Sexton, Counting Crows, Amble, Dylan Gossett, Sierra Ferrell, Max McNown and loads more.

Join us for three days of live music, incredible food from The FUME Pit hosted by the UK’s premier BBQ festival, and:



Vegetarian and vegan food traders



Whiskey, craft beers and cocktail bars plus non-alcoholic drinks options



Boutique camping options



State fair festival rides and activities

Day and weekend tickets are on sale now with boutique camping options available.

Book your tickets at
statefayre.com

WHERE THE SKY BECOMES WONDERLAND...

A CURIOUS ADVENTURE: THE ALICE IN WONDERLAND DRONE SPECTACULAR

4th-5th SEPT
CHELMSFORD

LIVE DRONE LIGHT SHOW | SCRUMPTIOUS STREET FOOD | FUN-FILLED FAMILY FAIR

ALICEDRONESHOW.COM

GET TICKETS NOW

04
SEP

A CURIOUS ADVENTURE: THE ALICE IN WONDERLAND DRONE SPECTACULAR

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6pm

Step into a world of wonder this September as Hylands Estate in Chelmsford transforms into a dazzling dreamscape inspired by Alice in Wonderland. For the very first time, experience a breathtaking drone light show featuring over 500 illuminated drones dancing across the night sky, bringing this beloved story to life like never before.

Marvel as iconic scenes and characters unfold above you in a magical fusion of storytelling and technology. Before the show, enjoy a lively family funfair packed with rides and games for all ages, and indulge in a delicious selection of scrumptious street food from local vendors.

Perfect for families, friends, and anyone looking for something truly unique, this brand-new event promises an unforgettable evening filled with enchantment, excitement, and spectacle.

Don't be late for this very important date!

Book your tickets at
alicedroneshow.com

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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 to take home.

THE DELI

Whether you're craving breakfast, lunch irresistible cakes, or something special for the little ones, there's something for everyone's tastes at The Deli. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are also available.

Opening times

8am to 5pm, every day for coffee and cake. Food is served from 8am to 3pm.

ARTIST SHOP AND INFORMATION POINT

The Information Point is where you 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 Information Point to arrange to make a donation.

Opening times

March to September: Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 3.45pm

Weekends: 10.30am to 4.30pm



GROUP VISITS

This year, we were thrilled to bring 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 tour guide on hand who will take your guests on a journey from 1730 up to today, 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).

The cost of each place includes a donation to The Friends of Hylands House. Tours are available on selected dates. Contact a member of our helpful team.



THE FRIENDS OF HYLANDS HOUSE

Celebrating 30 years this year, The Friends of Hylands House was formed in 1995 when a group of local people decided to get together with an aim to assist and encourage the development of Hylands House and Hylands Park.

As a voluntary organisation with a committed and thriving membership, we are grateful for their fundraising efforts and projects that support the growth and upkeep of our House and Estate!

To get involved, donate, or become a member yourself, visit their website
friendsofhylandshouse.co.uk







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 A14 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 city can be found on our website.



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