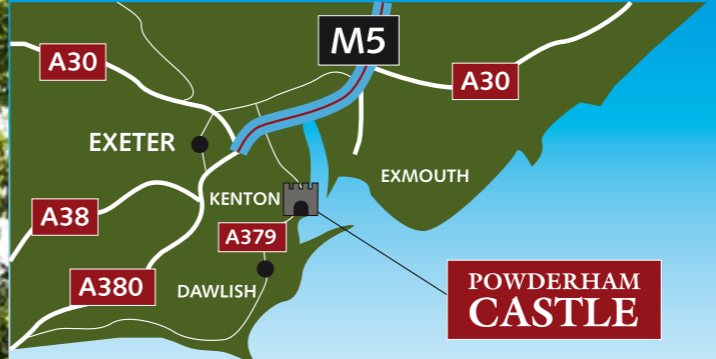


POWDERHAM CASTLE

Historic Family Home of the Earl of Devon



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Easy to Find

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- 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 31 October 2010**.
Sunday to Friday and the following Saturdays: 3 April, 29 May, 28 August & 30 October 11am to 4.30pm (to 5.30pm 18 July to 30 August).

The last guided tour is an hour before closing and at 2.30pm on **Fridays**. The Secret Garden & Courtenay Fort closing times will vary during the season, please check on arrival.

Admission

Includes Secret Garden and Courtenay Fort

	DAY TICKET	SEASON TICKET
Adult	£9.50	£25.00
Child 5 – 14yrs	£7.50	£15.00
Family (2+2)	£26.50	£65.00
Senior	£8.50	
Under 5's	FREE	

Plenty of FREE parking.



FREE return visit*

Don't forget you can visit us again within 7 days for free! Simply pop along to the Welcome Hut or Gift Shop before you leave to revalidate your ticket - proof of ID will be required.
*Please note the return visit does not include a Castle tour.

BUY A SEASON TICKET AND SAVE MONEY!

If you really want to make the most of Powderham Castle, including the Secret Garden, Courtenay Fort and all the themed weeks then a Season Ticket is excellent value. It gives you the opportunity to visit time and again on all the days we are open, your friends will be entitled to discounted entry and you will get discounted entry to other local attractions too.



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

An enchanting day out awaits you at 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 Castle has remained in the same family since Sir Philip Courtenay first built it in 1391. The Earl & Countess of Devon are delighted to share their family home and history with you. 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.

See the majestic Castle rooms with our tour guides and hear the fascinating stories of the Castle and the Courtenay family. Take your time to 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 keener 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 taken away 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 our chosen charities are **Help for Heroes**, supporting our wounded servicemen and women and **Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)**, who offer therapy, achievement and enjoyment to people with disabilities by working with horses.

Planning Your Day

A suggested itinerary is available to pick up 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 again within 7 days for FREE! (see back of leaflet for details)

Refreshments

The licensed Courtyard Tea Room offers a range of light lunches, refreshments and delicious cream teas. You are welcome to enjoy your own picnic in the designated areas, beside the lake and in the Secret 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 near the exit. It includes a plant centre, the House of Marbles 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 Secret Garden is accessible to visitors with wheelchairs and pushchairs, although there are some steep slopes.

Groups

We are delighted to welcome group visitors 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 Secret Garden or any enclosed area including the Tractor/Trailer.

Dogs

Sorry, no dogs allowed except guide dogs.

Our events list is regularly updated, for latest details visit www.powderham.co.uk or pick up our Summer/Autumn leaflet in June



Knights & Princesses

Hear ye, hear ye! All young knights and princesses of the land dress up and join in the fairy-tale fun. Meet Fairy Charlotte and her knight in shining armour for a 'very happy ever after'.

Sunday 25 – Friday 30

Included in admission



Fathers & Heroes Day

We are inviting Dads and members of the UK Armed Forces to visit for FREE when accompanied by a paying child. Treat them to a day out they'll remember. Activities throughout the day to support one of our chosen charities 'Help for Heroes'.

Sunday 20

Included in admission



Teddy Bear Picnic

There will be lots of teddy bear fun this week-end. Meet our own Big Ted, join in the picnic games and spot the teddies on a tour around the Castle. If you bring your own teddy along we will give you a fun-size teddy to take home!

Sunday 2 & Monday 3

Included in admission



British Red Cross – Open Gardens Scheme

Join a personal tour by the Earl of Devon through the Woodland Garden, established in the 18th century and full of spectacular trees and wildlife.

Tours at 2.15pm & 3.15pm

£7.50 (under 16s free)



Wonderland Week (2)

Don't be late for another chance to join our very own 'Mad Hatter' for a wonderful week, follow the white rabbit's trail through the grounds and join in the tea party fun and games. Don't forget to dress up as your favourite Wonderland character.

Sunday 18 – Friday 23

Included in admission



Powderham Food Fair at the County Store

A celebration of seasonal and local food. Come and try local produce, pick up recipe ideas and meet local producers.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20

For more information call 01626 891883



6th Silly Mini Sunday

Join us today to cheer on a convoy of mini raising funds for Children's Hospice South West as they drive through the grounds. www.miniraising.com

Easter Sunday 4

Included in admission



Stressless Exhibition

You will never beat the feeling of exceptional comfort and support you get from a Stressless recliner. Take the comfort test by visiting the largest display of Stressless sofas and chairs in the South West. www.comfort-weakend.co.uk

Friday 19 – Monday 22

10am – 5pm

Admission free.



37th Historic Vehicle Gathering

The Crast Box and Classic Car Club of Devon will be displaying an enormous range of classic and nostalgic vehicles from our motoring history. For more information visit www.cbccc.net

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11

JULY



Wonderland Week

Don't be late for another wonderful week at the Castle. Step through the looking glass to meet our very own 'Mad Hatter', follow the white rabbit's trail through the grounds and join in the tea party fun and games. Don't forget to dress up as your favourite Wonderland character.

Saturday 29 May to Friday 4 June

Included in admission



Chocolate Factory Fortnight

Dress up in your most colourful outfit to meet our very own 'Willy Wonka' in his candy castle. Follow the lollipop trail and create your own sweet treats to take home. No gold ticket required to join this exciting event.

Friday 2 – Friday 16 (ex Sat 10)

Included in admission



'Messiah' in the Music Room

A performance on a domestic scale with the voices of Westsok, the accompanying of Diverimento Strings and the organ providing a discreet continuo. Tickets available from 01626 890243

Saturday 13

7.30pm

£20 plus £1 p&p

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. Remember to stay on afterwards if you would like to be taken up to the Secret Garden.

Tennis Court

Please feel free to use the tennis court in the Pleasure Garden. Pop into the Gift shop to book your time slot and collect your rackets and balls. A refundable £10 deposit will be required against their loan.

WOODLAND GARDEN
Until 1 August

BELVEDERE
Until 1 August

NORTH LAWN
BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY
18 JULY - 30 AUGUST

ROSE GARDEN & CHAPEL

Brewhouse - Nature Corner
Pop into the Brewhouse to see our photographic display of nature and wildlife. Pick up a nature trail form here and make your own discoveries throughout the day.

SECRET GARDEN & COURTENAY FORT

PLEASURE GARDEN

VICTORIAN KITCHEN & SERVANTS HALL

BREWHOUSE

COURTYARD GIFT SHOP & COURTENAY GALLERY

RIDING SCHOOL

TRACTOR/TRAILER PICK UP POINT

Map not to scale

Courtenay Fort

Let your imagination run wild and be a knight, a princess or even a king or queen of your own castle in Courtenay Fort – our hugely popular adventure play castle – specially designed for those under 12. With slides, monkey bars and zip slide the children will have endless fun storming this castle.

Footnote: Courtenay Fort's closing times will vary due to daylight levels and weather conditions. Children must be supervised at all times.

Secret Garden

The Secret Garden is a short walk from the Castle and home to the many friendly Powderham pets. A donkey, miniature pigs, goats, guinea pigs and ducks, to name but a few, live here in a blissfully happy environment and enjoy the company of visitors, children and adults alike! Don't forget if you go on a Deer Park Safari the tractor/trailer will take you up to the Secret Garden afterwards.

Secret Garden opening times will vary due to daylight levels and weather conditions.

Pony Rides

New for 2010 – Have a ride on one of our Powderham ponies in the riding school. See the information board outside for times. Pay at the Riding School when you ride.

Birds of Prey 18 July to 30 August

Majestic birds of prey including falcons, hawks and owls will delight visitors of all ages with displays by expert falconers. Audience participation, 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.

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.

Powderham Castle 2010 Events (August to November)

AUGUST

Sunday 1 – Friday 6
Pirate Week
Ahoy, me hearties! Grab your shipmates and sail on down to meet our very own 'Capt Jack Sparrow' for a barrel of laughs, lots of pirate antics and along the way discover your own treasure!



Sunday 8 – Friday 13
Robin Hood Week
If you want to meet Robin Hood and be one of the merry men then make sure you visit this week. Activities throughout the day.



Sunday 15 – Friday 20
Jester Week
Meet Elic the Jester and see why he is the best 'award-winning' entertainer in the King's court. His sense of humour coupled with juggling, stilt walking, and mystifying magic will inspire you to give it a go.



Friday 20
Shakespeare – Merchant of Venice
This summer Theatre Set-Up will be returning to perform another of Shakespeare's well known comedies. Bring a picnic and enjoy a summer's evening relaxing in the secluded Pleasure Garden.



Sunday 22 – Monday 30
Pirate Week (2)
Shiver me timbers – he's back! Yes our very own 'Capt Jack Sparrow' will be here once more to capture your pirate sense of adventure.



SEPTEMBER
Sunday 5
FORCE 10k Run
Run 10km around the beautiful Castle grounds and help raise funds for Cancer Research in Devon.



Saturday 25 & Sunday 26
South Western Game & Country Fair
Falconry village, fundog show, arena events, craft marquee, extensive food hall, childrens amusements and much more.



Sunday 26
Red Cross Marathon
Team up with 3 friends, run 10km each and complete a marathon between you!



OCTOBER

Sunday 10
Stride Devon
Raise money for breast cancer research by joining this sponsored walk around our beautiful grounds.



Monday 25 – Sunday 31
Spooky Tours
Dress up in your spookiest outfit and come along to the Castle this week to join a tour in a different light.



NOVEMBER
Thursday 4
Michaelmas Fair
A food and craft fair with stands throughout the Castle in aid of the Devon Armed Forces charities.



Friday 19 to Sunday 21
Cooper Antiques Fair
A wonderful selection of exceptional antiques to admire and buy including period oak and country furniture, jewellery, paintings and porcelain.



Holding your own event at Powderham Castle

Powderham Castle is a stunning setting 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 leading venue for wedding receptions and corporate entertaining, Powderham Castle promises a memorable occasion for all who choose to hold an event here.

Birthday Parties in the Secret Garden
Why not celebrate your child's birthday in the wonderful haven of the Secret Garden. Available for your exclusive use Sunday to Friday 4pm to 6pm (ex July & August).

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