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**SECRET GARDEN TRAIL AND OLD-FASHIONED FAMILY FUN ON OFFER AT
PENSTHORPE THIS SUMMER**

Now that summer is here, Pensthorpe is calling all intrepid explorers to start discovering the wonders of nature on their doorstep, starting at its 700-acre park with a bumper summer programme to help kids get out and about during the school holidays.

Pond-dipping, den building, storytelling, noughts and crosses and lots of natural play activities to find across the park, including the iconic WildRootz stream for splashing and exploring, are just some of the brilliant activities on offer, as Pensthorpe recalls those glorious, carefree summers of the past and offers it up to a new generation of children.

From Monday 19th July until Sunday 5th September, a jam-packed and fully-immersive day out is guaranteed – without a screen in sight.

The new Secret Garden Wildlife Trail will allow visitors to make the most of the stunning four gardens that have been sculpted by some of the world's leading designers.

Keys will be hidden across the park for families to find, and children will be able to track their progress using a complimentary activity sheet that will be handed out upon entry.

There will be free craft activities to enjoy too, inspiring imaginations and letting artistic flair shine. There is also the long-awaited return of the Pensthorpe Explorer*, giving guests an off-road experience in the famous Land Rover trailer, visiting remote areas of the estate which are inaccessible on foot.

All of this is on top of what's available to enjoy all year round at Pensthorpe, including WildRootz, the magical outdoor adventure play; Hootz House**, the epic indoor play area; outdoor nature and sculpture trails; seven bird hides and multiple boardwalks that weave through the wilderness of the reserve – which is teeming with wildlife.

Martin Dupée, general manager at Pensthorpe Natural Park, said: "Here at Pensthorpe, we want to make the summer holidays extra special for families, especially after the last year, and take away the stress of trying to think of things to do to keep the children entertained that doesn't involve being in front of a screen. There's nothing better than getting outdoors to enjoy nature and it's something families can also enjoy back at home.

"That's why we have included so much in our summer programme this year, and all within the price of general admission, giving families so many fantastic opportunities to discover how much fun nature and the great outdoors can be."

Adult tickets are £12.95, senior (60+) tickets are £11.95 and child tickets (3-16) are £11.95. Alternatively, annual memberships are available for adults at £50, senior (60+) at £45 and children (3-16) at £45, which provide members with unlimited entry into the park and Hootz House for 12 months during the parks normal opening hours.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit the website: www.pensthorpe.com, or the park's Instagram, Twitter or Facebook pages.

*The Pensthorpe Explorer costs £4 per person, or £3.60 for annual members. If visitors wish to experience just the Pensthorpe Explorer, they do not need to purchase a standard admission ticket to the nature reserve.

**Hootz House is free. Timed sessions need to be booked in advance via the website: www.pensthorpe.com.

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Notes to editors

Pensthorpe Natural Park is a 700-acre family-friendly nature reserve located 11 miles inland from the North Norfolk coast.

Interactive trails, seven bird hides and several charming boardwalks weave through the wilderness of the reserve and present an opportunity to get closer to the native and visiting wildlife – over 1200 different species have been recorded.

Part of Pensthorpe's beauty is its ability to appeal to all ages and interests; it's a hidden gem for garden lovers, boasting five gardens designed by some of the world's garden design heavyweights. It's captivating for families and children curious to learn about the natural world, providing them with the perfect backdrop to paddle through streams, go bird and butterfly spotting, and enjoy hours in the wildlife-inspired eco play areas, often hailed as some of the best in Norfolk. And it's so serene that nature gravitates to it like a magnet, offering visitors unrivalled bird and wildlife watching opportunities.

Pensthorpe Natural Park is on the A1067, one mile from Fakenham and just over 20 miles from the city of Norwich.

Entry prices: Adults £12.95, Seniors £11.95, Children £11.95, Under 3's free. Annual Members are free. Parking is free. All tickets must be pre-booked in advance.

Online booking: All tickets – including timed entry slots – must be booked in advance. See the website for full details.

For more information about opening times for the reserve, shop and cafe please visit: www.pensthorpe.com

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