

Detectives Wanted! Pensthorpe Unveils Interactive Maize Maze Mystery for Summer



Pensthorpe is inviting families to become nature detectives this summer with the launch of an all-new interactive maize maze experience, alongside a brand-new Field of Adventure packed with giant games.

Opening for the summer holidays, **The Great Cornspiracy** is no ordinary maize maze. Instead of simply finding the exit, visitors are challenged to solve a mysterious wildlife whodunnit.

Armed with a case file themed sheet, budding detectives must navigate the towering maze, uncover clues, analyse evidence and eliminate suspects to answer one all-important question: **who ate the golden cob?**

Along the way, families will discover fascinating facts about some of Britain's best-loved wildlife, learning how animal footprints, droppings, feeding habits and behaviour can all help solve a mystery in nature.

The detective adventure is joined by Pensthorpe's brand-new **Field of Adventure**, where seven oversized garden games provide even more opportunities for families to play together. From

giant classics that encourage teamwork and friendly competition to games perfect for all ages, it's designed as the ideal place to continue the fun after cracking the case.

Victoria Saunders, Operations Manager at Pensthorpe, said:

"We wanted to create something that was more than just a traditional maize maze. The Great Cornspiracy combines outdoor adventure with problem-solving and wildlife discovery, encouraging families to explore, work together and learn along the way. Combined with our new Field of Adventure, it's a fantastic addition to what is already one of our biggest and best summers yet."

Beyond the new summer attractions, visitors can enjoy everything else that makes Pensthorpe one of Norfolk's favourite family destinations. Earlier this year, the reserve unveiled its impressive new outdoor play area, adding another exciting space for children to climb, explore and challenge themselves, alongside the site's award-winning indoor play area.

Nature lovers can also meet this year's adorable flamingo chicks, explore five stunning themed gardens filled with inspiring planting and striking sculptures, and discover more than 700 acres of internationally important nature reserve, home to an incredible variety of wildlife and beautiful walking routes.

Whether you're solving the mystery in the maize, challenging friends to giant games, discovering wildlife or simply enjoying a day outdoors together, Pensthorpe offers a full day of adventure for all ages this summer.

The Great Cornspiracy and the Field of Adventure are open throughout the summer holidays and are included with normal admission. Visitors are encouraged to book online in advance for the best prices.

Notes to Editors

Pensthorpe 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 native and migrating wildlife – over 1,200 different species have been recorded.

A hidden gem for garden lovers, Pensthorpe is home to six spectacular gardens, including the Millennium Garden designed by world-renowned plantsman Piet Oudolf. Families enjoy wildlife-inspired eco play areas, including WildRootz, which are often hailed as some of the best in Norfolk. The reserve's serene environment offers unrivalled birdwatching opportunities and a unique way to connect with the natural world.

With over 110,000 visitors a year and a recent Best Rural Attraction award, Pensthorpe has become a standout destination for all ages. The reserve is on the A1067, one mile from Fakenham and just over 20 miles from the city of Norwich. Entry prices fluctuate through the year. Adult tickets start from £13.95 and children from £9.95. Under 3's at just £2.00. Annual members receive free entry. Parking is free. For more information about opening times for the reserve, shop and café, please visit: www.pensthorpe.com