

Medieval fun throughout May

Sherwood Forest and Rufford Park events include:

1 & 2 May

Learn about medieval life with the Birkland Outlaws and medieval combat displays with the Oakwood Outlaws at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre.

3 May

A traditional May Day parade led by Robin Hood from the Edwinstowe to the Major Oak on the May Day bank holiday, the County Council is also championing the revival of May Day traditions and customs, encouraging all to get involved.

5 May

Enjoy the magical atmosphere of Sherwood Forest with a free story walk learning 'Tales of the Forest', these are aimed at adults and will take place every Wednesday throughout May. 7.30pm start at Sherwood Forest visitors centre.

8-9 May

Have a go archery for all and familiar characters from the Robin Hood legend out and about in Sherwood Forest. Free family story walks through the forest begin and take place every Sunday for the month. 1pm start at Sherwood Forest visitors centre.

15-16 May

A living history weekend at Rufford Country park on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 May, with a large medieval encampment demonstrating medieval crafts, cooking, warfare and music. On the same weekend there will be smaller medieval encampment by the Major Oak.

22-23 May

Costumed characters at Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre plus 'have a go archery'. Plus day time walks through Sherwood Forest and medieval storytelling for children and families.

29 May

A 'Robin Hood Family Day' with events and activities across the county's libraries.

31 May

For the ultimate Robin Hood experience the bank holiday will see a 'Silver Arrow' archery competition by the Major Oak in the heart of Sherwood Forest at 3pm.

Nottingham Castle events include:

1 & 2 May

'Medieval Entertainment' presents the 'Robin Hood Jousting Show' – a spectacle featuring Robin Hood and his Merry Men and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

8 May

A Medieval Family Fun Day with have a go archery, tug of war, falconry shows, trebuchet demos and have a go jousting. 'Become a Knight for the Day' will appeal to medieval enthusiasts of all ages.

15-16 May

'The Dogs of War', the Castle's resident medieval re-enactment group will be on site to talk about their deadly weapons and life in the time of Robin Hood.

22 May

Come and make some 'Funky Armour' with the Castle's Armourers Kath and Pete. An ideal Saturday afternoon pastime for children 11 and under. Drop in between 11 and 1 or 2 and 4.

23 May

A Medieval Family Fun Day

27 May

The Castle's medieval collections and treasures are so sizeable that they can't possibly be all on display, but now's your chance to explore the stores at Brewhouse Yard, with Collections Manager Ann Insker. Learn more about the period and why it's important that museums exist to care for such pieces.

29-31 May

Regia Anglorum stage a Medieval Re-enactment weekend depicting the late 12th Century - the life and times of Robin Hood and will transform the Castle grounds into a medieval encampment. An educational but enjoyable opportunity for all.



Family life in medieval times.

There will also be activities across the county with libraries hosting a series of free talks, using archives to bring to life the county during the time of Robin Hood.

The county and City Council have been working closely with Experience Nottinghamshire who are capitalising on the launch of the film to drive tourism to the region, providing a massive boost to the local economy. They, along with Visit Britain, have helped broker a relationship with Universal Pictures.