

Armadale Castle, Gardens and Museum of the Isles – Family Activities Programme – Summer 2021

This summer our family linked activities have a castle theme linked to our temporary exhibition – Coastal Castles of Clan Donald.

Each week there will be drop-in activities available on the grass outside the museum, such as outdoor trails, wild-life exploration, and giant games.

Bookable family workshops will take place in our new outdoor learning space, in the Old Laundry Activity Tent. Due to Covid rules, each workshop has space for 10 adults, with no restriction for the number of accompanying children. (See below for details.)

Within the tent, we will have activities available for families with children of all ages, from babies to 12 year olds. Playdough and sensory play for babies and toddlers, activities and play for early-years children, and a themed creative workshop for 8 – 12 year olds.

There will be a Story and Song session at the end of the morning and afternoon, at 11.40am and 3.40pm.

Date	Bookable Workshops in Old Laundry Tent 10.00 – 10.40 and 11.00 – 11.40 am. 2.00 – 2.40 and 3.00 – 3.40pm.	Other activities for all ages
1 st July	<u>Castle Tapestry – Weaving workshop</u> Weave a tapestry coaster or make your own felted limpet necklace. Add your own woven details on our shared giant looms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper plate weaving. - Yarn dollies. - Outdoor castle shapes trail. - Small world castle blocks to play with.
8 th July	<u>Dragons and Sea Monsters – Puppet workshop</u> Make a threaded dragon or sea monster puppet using natural resources, string, and tissue paper, or sew your own felt puppet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a cardboard spinning dragon or sea monster bracelet. - Play our Winds and Sea Monsters game - Small world sea creatures to play with. - Family Pond-dipping
15 th July	<u>Food and Feasting in the Castle – Gardening Workshop</u> Plant your own seeds and seedlings with one of our Gardeners here at Armadale. Make a wooden spoon Jester puppet-stick. Learn some jokes and poems to make the Clan Chief laugh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insect exploration with magnifying glasses and insect jars. - Play food and kitchen. - Learn to make a grass rabbit.
22 nd July	<u>Castle Maps and Mini-beasts – Mini-beast and Pond-dipping workshop</u> Learn about the mini-beasts here at Armadale, from one of our Gardeners. Make your own castle map with quill writing and castle seal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make your own bumble bee craft kits. - Make your own beetle game. - Castle maps and mazes to explore. - Armadale Castle garden map trail. - Mini-beast puzzles and play.
29 th July	<u>Castle Islands – Clay Modelling workshop</u> Free castle clay modelling - make your own dragon, castle, crest, or imaginary castle creation. Use clay to model tiny castles for your own castle island.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gather natural resources to make your own paper plate castle island. - Fold and decorate a cardboard Armadale Castle. - Try your hand at some secret castle codes. - Small world castle blocks to play with.
5 th Aug	<u>Flags and Shields – Storytelling workshop</u> Listen to Scottish stories, myths and legends told by our Castle Bard. Make a jointed character-puppet to tell one of the castle stories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make your own castle flags and pennants. - Make a bouncing bear puppet. - Outdoor colour trail - Castle books and puppets to play with.

12 th Aug	<u>Boats and Fishing – Junk Boat Modelling workshop</u> Make your own junk boat model and find out if it floats or sinks. Race your boats with your family. Make origami boat models.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a flapping seagull. - Make a fish on a string mobile. - Outdoor scavenger hunt around the grounds. - Find out what floats and what sinks. - Water puzzles and play.
19 th Aug	<u>Castle Tapestry – Weaving workshop</u> Weave a tapestry coaster or make your own felted limpet necklace. Add your own woven details on our shared giant looms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper plate weaving. - Yarn dollies. - Outdoor castle shapes trail. - Small world castle blocks to play with.
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