



Belsay at War

This weekend, Belsay returns to the 1940s, when the Hall and grounds were home to a real military training camp during the Second World War. Our wartime living history displays will tell the tales of the soldiers and spies who went to war nearly 85 years ago. Hear tales of secret resistance and sabotage and even volunteer for a deadly mission behind enemy lines!

Battle Zone Belsay

Dare you enter Battle Zone Belsay? New recruits are needed! Captain 'Teddy' Selwood will brief you on your first frontline mission - a fighting patrol through the dark forests and rocky canyons behind enemy lines. Watch out for snipers! Careful of minefields! Don't get ambushed!

This immersive experience features gunfire, loud bangs, smoke and pyrotechnics and is therefore not for the faint-hearted!

Please note that this activity is ticketed, as group sizes are limited, but there is no charge. Get your free tickets in advance from the English Heritage pop up by the Hall.

Battle Zone Belsay tours last approx. 25 minutes and depart from the gate by Croquet Lawn (behind the Hall) at the following times:

11am, 11.30am, 12 noon, 12.30pm, 1pm, 2pm 2.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm

Living History Zone

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| All Day | Explore our living history camp and meet Soldiers bound for the front. |
| 11.00 & 2.30 | Things that go bang in the night - Hear about SOE weapons and Gadgets used by agents behind enemy lines in this fascinating talk. |
| 11.30 & 1.30 | Children's Activities. Join us in the main arena to learn the basics of soldiering with our foot & bayonet drill and later learn how to destroy a Tank! |
| 12.00 & 3.00 | Dog Show. Join Sgt Garret and his canine chums as we explore the role of man's faithful friend in both military and civilian roles. Find out what tasks they performed and how they bravely and fearlessly served on land and in the air during WW2 |
| 12.30 & 3.30 | Moondrop to France. An SOE agent takes you behind enemy lines and describes what life was like in Occupied France, and her work as a wireless operator in preparation for D-Day. Presented by History's Maid. |
| 1.00 & 4.00 | Children's Activities. Object handling get up close and personal with weapons and other kit issued to service personnel, with our expert guide. |

Please do not cross any barriers or touch any weaponry unless invited to do so by a performer. There will be theatrical recreations of combat and drills using replica weaponry from the period, including loud bangs, smoke, and gunfire. Children must be accompanied at all times.

Visit [english-heritage.org.uk/events](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/events) or call 0370 333 1183