



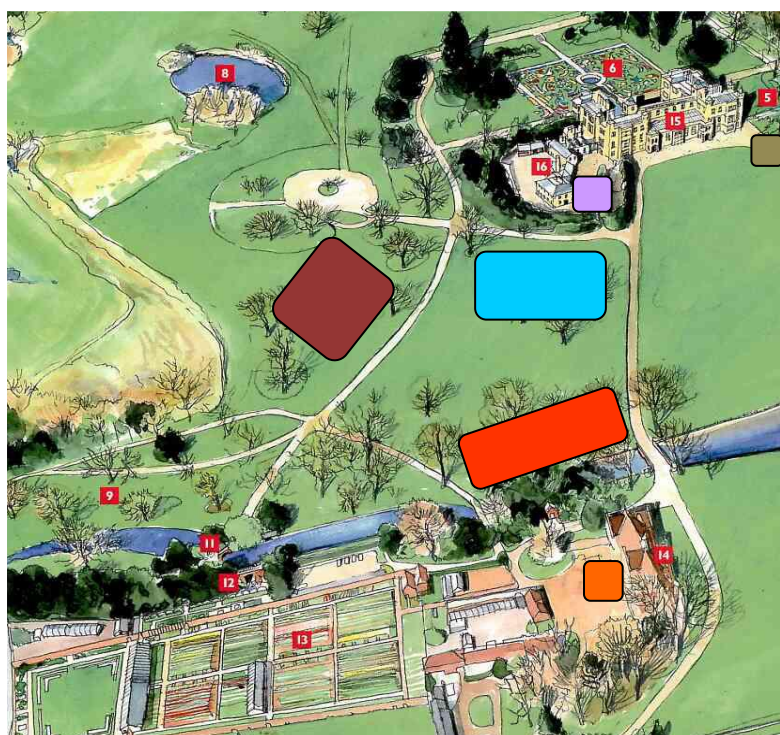
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WWII WEEKEND

This weekend the top secret history of Audley End is uncovered as we return to the 1940s when the House had the cover name 'Station 43' and was used to train Polish agents of the Special Operations Executive for clandestine warfare in enemy-occupied Europe.

Throughout the day in the Living History Zone, meet our recreated agents and their authentic 'enemies', hear the wartime stories of the men, women and even animals that fought for freedom in WWII. Visit the Kids' Zone to train on the assault course, Dig for Victory with the Land Girls and enjoy interactive tales of wartime derring-do! Plus the chance to sing-along and dance to the live 1940s music in the Performance Tent.

Finally, don't miss the exciting main arena displays, featuring guns, vehicles, explosions and action a-plenty!



House and Service Yard



Kids Zone & Performance Tent



Living History Zone



Stable Yard and British HQ



Main Arena



War Memorial

Sunday 05 th	Performance Tent	Living History Camp	Main Arena Displays
10.30am	Act of Remembrance Join our Polish reenactors at the War Memorial (on the grass mount near Lion gate) to remember those that fell in WWII		
11.00am		Things that go bang in the night SOE developed an arsenal of weird and wonderful weapons to help them 'set Europe ablaze' from exploding rats to silenced pistols. Join History's Maid to learn more about the objects that helped win the war and even inspired the author of James Bond	
11.30am	Swingtime Sweethearts Wartime Music	Eat Knuckles, Fritz! Come and learn the World War II art of ungentlemanly warfare. Taught by William Fairbairn and Eric Sykes to all British troops as well as Special Operations this is a lesson in how to fight dirty, the art of the silent kill and some truly bizarre combat techniques.	
12.00pm			High Explosive! Or how to make things go 'bang!' From hand grenades to high angle mortars, see (and hear!) our SOE agents in action.
12.30pm		Handbags to hand grenades Meet a Special Operations Executive agent as she goes through her training and learn what life was like preparing to go into occupied France as a secret agent. With History's Maid	
1.00pm			The Dogs of War Dogs were used throughout WWII - for guarding, searching, patrolling, tracking and even fighting. Learn about man's best friend in wartime and see the incredible canine nose and teeth in action!
1.30pm	Mission: France Hear about Dr Kate Vigurs' latest book	The D-Day Paratrooper A presentation on the equipment and experiences of the British Paratrooper as he made the jump into Occupied France. Share the stories, the pitfalls, the challenges and the thoughts of some of the first into France	
2.00pm			Firepower! Axis and Allied troops demonstrate the firearms of WWII. From the crack of the British bolt-action Lee Enfield rifle to the American gangster-era Tommy gun to the deadly chatter of the feared German MG42 machine gun. A close-up look at the weapons that SOE agents were trained to use at Station 43.
2.30pm	Swingtime Sweethearts Wartime Music	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.	
3.00pm			Battle Exercise: Destroy the Bridge! Our agents are put through their paces in this realistic training exercise, with vehicles, firing weapons, exploding pyrotechnics and all of our soldiers! Will the SOE agents succeed in destroying a vital enemy-held bridge? Watch and find out!
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