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### **Leeds Castle Unveils 2026 Sublime Sculpture Trail Celebrating the Wellbeing of Art and Nature**

This summer, visitors are invited to discover a captivating collection of contemporary sculptures as the annual Sculpture Trail returns to Leeds Castle, celebrating the powerful connection between art, nature and wellbeing.

Running until **Sunday 4 October 2026**, the picturesque grounds and gardens of Leeds Castle will become an open-air gallery, with a collection of inspiring artworks thoughtfully positioned throughout the estate.

This year's trail explores the theme of **Wellbeing**, inviting visitors to slow down, reconnect with nature and experience the landscape from a new perspective. Created by talented local artists, each sculpture offers a unique interpretation of wellbeing, encouraging moments of reflection, curiosity and creativity along the way.

As visitors follow the self-guided trail, they will discover artworks nestled amongst the Castle's magnificent gardens, woodland and parkland, creating a striking dialogue between sculpture and its surroundings.

The trail offers an opportunity to experience Leeds Castle in a new way, with artworks appearing around unexpected corners of the estate and providing new perspectives on its historic landscape. Whether stopping to admire a sculpture, taking photographs or simply enjoying the tranquillity of the surroundings, visitors can explore at their own pace.

#### **A Trail for All Ages**

Designed to be enjoyed by families, art lovers and anyone looking to spend time outdoors, the Sculpture Trail combines discovery and creativity with the opportunity to explore Leeds Castle's beautiful grounds.

Visitors will receive a **trail map and guide**, helping them navigate the route and learn more about each artwork and the artists who created them. Along the way, there will be plenty of opportunities to spot local wildlife, discover hidden corners of the estate and capture memorable photographs.

The Sublime Sculpture Trail is **included with a Leeds Castle admission ticket**, with walking routes suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Visitors can also enjoy the Castle's cafés, picnic areas and full programme of attractions and experiences during their visit.

The trail forms part of Leeds Castle's wider summer programme, which offers visitors the chance to explore more than 900 years of history alongside its gardens, birdlife, adventure play and seasonal events.

Take your time, explore at your own pace and discover how art, nature and a historic landscape can inspire moments of calm, creativity and wellbeing this summer at Leeds Castle.

**The Sublime Sculpture Trail runs from Saturday 29 August to Sunday 4 October 2026.**

Find out more at: [leeds-castle.com/sculpture-trail](https://leeds-castle.com/sculpture-trail)

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**About Leeds Castle Foundation**

Leeds Castle is considered a national treasure, providing a window onto over nine hundred years of British history. It is a haven of tranquillity and offers a wealth of discovery and enjoyment for all ages.

Situated five miles southeast of Maidstone in Kent, Leeds Castle's rich and riveting history, including serving six of England's medieval queens, to its elaborate transformation into a glamorous 1930s country house retreat for the influential and famous by Anglo-American heiress, Lady Olive Baillie, secures its place as one of the most visited historic attractions in Britain.

The Castle and its estate is preserved and maintained by the Leeds Castle Foundation, a not-for-profit charity.

**For more visitor information:**

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