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National Trust challenges kids to adventure

Five National Trust of Australia (NSW) properties are participating in the Premier's Adventure Challenge, giving primary school students free access to listed museums and galleries across the state.

The challenge is the idea of the NSW Premier Nathan Rees to encourage children and their families to visit and enjoy the State's museums and galleries.

The S.H. Ervin Gallery, Everglades at Leura, the Norman Lindsay Gallery, Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage will provide free entry to primary students participating in the challenge on weekends, public and school holidays until 27 January 2010.

Their adventure begins when they pick up their free Kids' Adventure Passport from any participating museum or gallery in NSW. They can then explore the many treasures found within the listed National Trust properties – everything from world-renowned Australian art to the history of our oldest public building, and the house and gardens of the magnificent Everglades.

National Trust Education Manager Anne Howard said, "By visiting National Trust properties, children will gain an insight into the lives of early settlers and the artworks of some fantastic Australian artists.

Once the students have collected three stamps they can apply for an official certificate from the Premier, which recognises their achievement. They have six months to complete the challenge.

For details on where to collect a Passport and start the challenge go to www.arts.nsw.gov.au.

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Participating properties:

S.H. Ervin Gallery, Watson Road, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney

Everglades, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura, Blue Mountains

Norman Lindsay Gallery, 14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge via Springwood Blue Mountains

Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta

Experiment Farm Cottage, 9 Ruse Street, Harris Park