

Páirc Náisiúnta Sléibthe Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow Mountains National Park
www.wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie



SPRING EVENTS 2009



STAR GAZING & SATURN OBSERVATION NIGHT

Saturday 7th March 2009



Come along and observe Saturn, the moon and the night sky at the Upper Lake, Glendalough. Members of the Irish Astronomical Society will have powerful

telescopes set up to view the night sky. This event is weather dependant. Please phone the Information Office to check that the event will take place.



Suitable for all the family. Booking not necessary. This event will take place in the upper lake area of Glendalough. Drop in anytime from 8pm to 10pm.

CONSERVATION HIKE UP TONELAGEE

Saturday 21st March 2009

A strenuous hike of four to five hours starting at 11am at the Glenmacnass car park and climbing up to the 817 metre summit of Tonelagee mountain.

En route, a National Park Guide will discuss conservation issues that face the Park. This walk is limited to 10 places. Bring a pack lunch and be equipped for hiking in bad weather (hiking boots and suitable rain gear are essential).

Not suitable for children. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 7th March only.



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GROUSE HIKE

Saturday 4th April 2009

The Red Grouse is a declining species in Ireland. National Park Guides will discuss the protection & habitat management programme in detail, and hopefully we will see some of the grouse too.



This is a slow hike of two to four hours on the Wicklow Way near Djouce. Some of the hike will be off track. Participants must bring a pack lunch and be equipped for hiking in bad weather (Hiking boots and suitable rain gear are essential).

Aimed at adults but suitable for secondary aged children with an interest in the subject. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 21st March only.

CLARA VALE WALK

Saturday 25th April 2009

Explore the woods of Clara Vale Nature Reserve with a National Park Guide looking at the plants and animals there and the history of the woods. Participants should wear suitable footwear for venturing off track.



Aimed at adults but also suitable for older children with an interest in natural history. Not suitable for buggies. Meeting at 11am outside Clara Vale church. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 11th April only.

BOOKING DETAILS

To book, please phone:
The Education Centre
0404 45656 (Monday to Friday); or
The Information Office,
0404 45425
(Saturday & Sundays).

If you wish to be notified about future events, please send your email address to:
wickloweducationcentre@environ.ie

Unless otherwise specified, all walks start at 11am at the National Park Information Office beside the Upper Lake, Glendalough. All events are free of charge.



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**ABOUT WICKLOW MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
& KNOCKSINK WOOD NATURE RESERVE**

WHO ARE WE?

Wicklow Mountains National Park is a large area comprising nearly 20,000 hectares of the Wicklow Mountains. The area is looked after by the National Parks and Wildlife Service with a team of Conservation Rangers, Education Guides, and Maintenance Staff. The education programme has expanded year on year, and currently comprises of an Information Office by the Upper Lake in Glendalough, an Education Centre, also in Glendalough, and a second Education Centre, opened in 2007 at Knocksink Wood Nature Reserve in Enniskerry (just outside the National Park).

Both Education Centres operate Monday to Friday, and cater mainly for school groups - primary, secondary, and third level. The Information Office opens daily in the summer months (May to September) and at weekends only for the remainder of the year.



Education Centre
Glendalough



Education Centre
Knocksink



Information Office
Glendalough

OUR EVENTS PROGRAMME

Our programme of events for the public is operated by the Education team of both Wicklow Mountains National Park and Knocksink Wood. All our events are free of charge, but places on most of the walks are limited and booking is essential.



Wild Flower Walk



Nature Awareness



Geography Field Trip

Our events leaflets are available in the Information Office in Glendalough, at Knocksink Wood Education Centre in Enniskerry. Our events are also listed on our website, www.wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie.

For all events listed on this sheet, please contact the Education Centre at Glendalough or Information Office by the Upper Lake, Glendalough (for phone numbers, please see Booking Details).



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