

Wicklow Mountains National Park

Páirc Náisiúnta Sléibthe Chill Mhantáin



SUMMER EVENTS 2009



DAWN CHORUS

In conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland

Sunday 17th May 2009

Sunday 17th May is Dawn Chorus Day, and all over Ireland people will be getting up incredibly early to join a guided walk to listen to and learn the birds' songs. The National Park is delighted to once again welcome the staff of Birdwatch Ireland to host this walk. There is no limit to the number of participants – all are welcome. There is an optional Birdsong Workshop in the Education Centre after the walk.



Suitable for all ages. Booking is not required. Meeting at 5am at the Upper Lake car park in Glendalough.

BRITTAS BAY BEACH & SAND DUNE WALK

For National Biodiversity Week

Saturday 23rd May

Explore the sand dune system of Buckronev Nature Reserve, beside Brittas Bay, with a National Parks & Wildlife Service Guide looking at the biodiversity of plants and animals that live there. A gentle through the dune system discovering the wealth of flora and fauna that live there.



Aimed at adults but also suitable for older children with an interest in natural history. Not suitable for buggies. Meeting at 11am at Buckronev Nature Reserve. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 9th May only.



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ST. KEVIN'S WAY WALK

Saturday 6th June 2009

To celebrate St. Kevin's Day the National Park will be hosting a walk along a section of the St. Kevin's Way Pilgrim Route. Join a Wicklow Mountains National Park Guide and look at the nature and history of this old pilgrim route. Expect to hike for 3 to 4 hours. Participants must wear hiking boots and bring full rain gear and a pack lunch.



Aimed at adults but may be suitable for secondary aged children with an interest in the subject. Meet at the Visitors Centre at 11 am. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 23rd May only.

PEREGRINE FALCON WATCH

10am to 5pm Sunday 7th June 2009

The Wicklow Mountains National Park was up to protect a range of native plants & animals including the worlds fastest animal – the Peregrine falcon. Come along find out more about these very special birds.



All welcome. Booking not necessary but please contact the Information Office to check that the watch will take place as it is weather dependant. Follow signs from the Upper Lake car park to the viewing location.

BUG WALK

Sunday 14th June 2009

Take a safari through the amazing world of bugs. Bring a jar with a lid to help examine the mini-beasts. Much loved by children and adults alike.



Family friendly, although not suitable for buggies. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 30th May only.



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BAT WALK

9.30pm Thursday 18th June 2009

See, hear, and learn about bats on our ever popular bat walk. Meet at the Information Office at dusk (9.30pm) to see the bats emerge from their roost. This will be followed by a short walk along the woodland path to the Lower Lake to look for more bats. Bring insect repellent and a torch.

Booking is not required - all are welcome.



WILDFLOWER WALK

Saturday 27th June 2009

Learn to identify some of the wildflowers of Glendalough and discover a little about their ecology, folklore & history.

This walk is aimed at adults but maybe suitable for secondary aged children with an interest in natural history. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 13th June only.



BOG WALK

Saturday 25th July 2009

Explore one of Ireland's most important habitats - the ever-declining bog. See insect eating plants and explore the life of a bog pool. This walk will be off track and wet underfoot, so all participants must be suitably equipped (wellies or hiking boots and suitable rain gear). The walk is limited to 15 places.

This event is aimed at adults but may be suitable for secondary aged children with an interest in natural history. Booking is essential. Bookings taken from Saturday 11th July only.



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SUMMER LECTURES

8pm, Thursdays at the Education Centre by the Upper Lake
Glendalough

Thursday 11th June

Chimpanzee rehabilitation & habitat reconstruction - By Méabh Ní
Chuinneagáin of the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Thursday 18th June

A Seal's Life – an insight into these wonderful animals - By Sarah Fields
of The Irish Seal Sanctuary.

Thursday 25th June

The reptile that St. Patrick forgot: IWT Lizard Survey 2008 - By Sean
Meehan of the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Thursday 2nd July

The Garden Birds of Co. Wicklow - By Niall Hatch of Birdwatch Ireland.

Thursday 9th July

An Introduction to the Moths of Ireland - By Angus Tyner of Moths
Ireland.

Thursday 30th July

Ireland's Wild Orchids Need You—By Dr. Tom Curtis of Orchid Ireland

Booking not necessary. All welcome. Free of charge. For more
information, please contact the Information Office Tel: 0404 45425

BOOKING DETAILS

For events booking, please phone:

The Information Office,

0404 45425

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.

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



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FAMILY FUN DAY EVENTS

Education Centre, Upper Lake, Glendalough

Bring your primary school aged children along to a mixed afternoon of nature-based activities including art and nature walks. Please note, an adult must stay with the children and be prepared to help! Starts at 2pm and finishes at 4pm

1. Flowers—Thursday 9th July
(bookings taken from 2nd July).

2. Birds – Thursday 16th July
(bookings taken from 9th July).

3. Bug safari – Thursday 23rd July
(bookings taken from 16th July).

4. Mammals – Thursday 30th July
(bookings taken from 23rd July).



5. Trees—Thursday 6th August (bookings taken from 30th July).

6. Bats - Thursday 13th August (bookings taken from 6th August).

7. Lakes and Rivers - Thursday 20th August (bookings taken from 13th August).

8. Habitats and the plants and animals that live in them (part of www.heritageweek.ie) - Thursday 27th August (bookings taken from 20th August).

Activities may change depending on weather conditions.

Admission is free. **Booking is essential.** Bookings taken one week prior to each event. For bookings and more details, please phone the Education Centre Tel: 0404 45656



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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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