

GEO PARK EVENTS

January – June 2024

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For 2024, our aim is to host a range of events which encourage people with various interests and abilities to engage with their Geopark – its unique landscapes, geology, and stories and to attract visitors to this wonderful UNESCO region.

The Geopark covers an extensive area, across West Fermanagh and West Cavan containing over 60 sites of natural, historical, or cultural interest. Our Geopark Guides are crucial to the delivery of the Events Programme and with their on-going support and assistance we are able to deliver a truly diverse and engaging programme.

In everything we do we promote the Leave No Trace Principles and ask people to adhere to the Geopark Code. Please be responsible and wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear to all events. Events may be added, altered, or cancelled and most are weather dependant so please check our website or social media pages for updated details.

Events in this guide will be delivered with the financial support of Geological Survey Ireland.

If for some reason we have to cancel an event please note that refunds will be offered.



ST BRIGID'S DAY

Step away for the day to explore Brigid's symbolism and heritage in creative writing, Brigid cross weaving & brooch making, Felting, and more.

Date/Time: Saturday 3 February, 10am–5pm
(Morning session: 10am–12.30pm, afternoon: 1.30pm–5pm) – different activities on each session

Location: Market House Blacklion

Suitability: Adults

Price: €30 half day, €55 full day session

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

ST MOGUES ISLAND BOAT TOUR

Join Geopark Guide Aidan for a boat trip to the historic St Mogues Island.

Date/Time: Sunday 4 February, 12pm–3pm

Location: Meet at Kilough Boat House

Suitability: Suitable for all

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: Free

Booking essential via

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DARK SKY STAR GAZING

Join well-known amateur astronomer Terry Moseley, of the Irish Astronomical Association on another Dark Sky Safari in the pristine dark skies of Cavan Burren Park.

Date/Time: Friday 16 February, 7.30pm–9pm

Location: 16 Cavan Burren Park

Suitability: Suitable for over 12's

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: £7 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

ARMAGH OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM – DARK SKIES ON TOUR: NORTHERN IRELAND SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Join Geopark and Planetarium staff for a 2-hour session dedicated to the wonders of space. Enjoy a planetarium show in the mobile star dome before seeing real meteorites, conducting a meteorite experiment and finishing your day with some space themed arts and crafts.

Date/Time: Saturday 17 February,
10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

Location: Kinawley Community centre

Suitability: Suitable for families

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: £8 per person, £28 family of 4

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

EARTH SCIENCES SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Pupils will have the chance to conduct 3 hands-on experiments learning about Volcanos, Earthquakes and Meteorites.

Date/Time: 20/21/22 February,
10am–11.30am, 12.30pm–2pm

Location: Belcoo Community centre

Suitability: Key stage 2 pupils

Price: £3.50 per pupil

Booking essential via info@cuilcaghlakelands.org

March

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY MARVELLOUS MAMMALS SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS

Pupils will have the chance to get up close to some native Irish mammals using our taxidermy collection, along with learning about habitats and the food chain.

Date/Time: 5/6/7 March,
10am–11.30am, 12.30pm–2pm

Location: 5 March – Killykeegan Nature Reserve,
6&7 – March Killykeegan Forest park

Suitability: Key stage 1 & 2, Junior infants to 5th class

Price: £3.50/€4 per pupil

Booking essential via info@cuilcaghlakelands.org

UNESCO WORLD POETRY DAY SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS

Pupils will join published poet and Geopark Guide Bee for an inspirational guided walk before producing their own Poem and Nature inspired Art!

Date/Time: 19/20/21 March,
10am–11.30am, 12.30pm–2pm

Location: 19 March – Killykeegan Nature Reserve,
20/21 March – Cavan Burren Park

Suitability: Key stage 1 & 2, Junior infants to 5th class

Price: £3.50/€4 per pupil

Booking essential via info@cuilcaghlakelands.org

2-DAY BASKET WEAVING COURSE

Join Geopark Guide Stephen to learn the ancient craft of willow weaving, with this 2-day course where you will weave your own bread basket.

Date/Time: Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 March,
10am–4pm

Location: Marble Arch Caves classroom

Suitability: Over 16's

Price: £90 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org



DISCOVER KILLYKEEN FOREST PARK – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

Join Geopark guide Fengal for a relaxed 10 km trail through Killykeen Forest Park and hear about what trees can tell us.

Date/Time: Saturday 23 March, 11am–3pm

Location: Killykeen Forest Park, Main car park

Suitability: Basic fitness required

Price: €6 per person

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

EARTH-HOW DO I LOVE THEE? FOR WORLD POETRY DAY

Join Geopark guide Bee for a poetry workshop using sonnet and open forms to explore your love of the local landscape.

Date/Time: Saturday 23 March, 11am–1pm

Location: Enniskillen Library

Suitability: Adults

Price: £20 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org



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Join Geopark and Planetarium staff for a 2-hour session dedicated to the wonders of space. Enjoy a planetarium show in the Mobile star dome before seeing real meteorites, conducting a meteorite experiment and finishing your day with some space themed arts and crafts.

Date/Time: Saturday 30 March, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

Location: Scout Centre, Castle Saunderson

Suitability: Suitable for families

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: €9 per person, €34 per family of 4

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlandlakes.org

April

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Meet Geopark staff to get your scavenger hunt booklet before setting off on your self-led trail to see what you can find – return to Geopark staff to get a small prize when you're finished!

Date/Time: Tuesday 2 April & Wednesday 3 April, 1pm–4pm

Location: 2 April – Castle Caldwell, 3 April – Killeshandra Strand

Suitability: Families

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: Free

No booking necessary, just drop in!

CAVAN BURREN PARK – THE OUTDOOR MUSEUM (WORLD HERITAGE DAY)

Join Geopark staff and Neolithic experts to learn more about this fascinating site!

10am–11am – A tour of the Neolithic

Rock Art with local expert Gaby

11am–1pm – A tour of the megalithic tombs with Geopark guide Fergal

11am–1pm – A storytelling and arts and crafts session for kids aged 6 and up

2pm–4pm – Join Neolithic Rock Art expert Clare Busher O'Sullivan for a presentation on the Atlantic Rock Art found in the Burren.

Date/Time: Saturday 20 April

Location: Cavan Burren Park

Suitability: Suitable for all

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: €5 per person per activity

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlandlakes.org

WORLD EARTH DAY 2024 – INISHMORE WOODLAND TRAIL

Hear about how trees and woodland can tell us about climate, land, water and animals around us.

Date/Time: Sunday 21 April, 11am–1pm

Location: Cavan Adventure Centre, Inishmore

Suitability: Suitable for Adults

Price: €15 per person

Booking essential via www.cavanadventure.ie

CARING FOR CUILCAGH – MOTHER EARTH DAY LITTER PICK

Join Geopark staff for a litter Pick on Cuilcagh Mountain.

Date/Time: Saturday 27 April, 10:30am–12:15pm

Suitability: Suitable for Adults

(This event is not suitable for children under 16 years old)

Contact info@cuilcaghlakelands.org

for more information

May

BEALTAINÉ WILDFLOWER WALK

Join Geopark Guide Andy to celebrate the ancient festival of Bealtaine and the first day of summer by discovering the special wildflowers of this upland area of the Geopark.

Date/Time: Sunday 5 May, 2pm–5pm

Location: St Felim's Church in Gowlan,
– Garvagh Looped Walk

Suitability: Adults and children

10 yrs+, reasonable fitness

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Price: €5 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

SPRING INTO BEEKEEPING – WORLD BEE DAY (EGN WEEK)

Join Geopark Guide Kevin for a more in depth look at the world of Beekeeping. This course will teach you: Where to purchase your bees; What is a healthy Nuclei of bees; How to put them into your hive; How to look after your bees and the diseases / pests; A method of swarm control; Development of the colony and honey production.

Date/Time: Saturday 25 May, 11am–2pm

Location: Enniskillen Castle

Suitability: Adults, over 16's

Price: £7 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

DISCOVER MILLTOWN VILLAGE AND DRUMLANE ABBEY (EGN WEEK)

Join Geopark guide Fergal for gentle walk around and history of the Abbey and see the features of Milltown Village.

Date/Time: Saturday 25 May, 2pm–5pm

Location: Drumlane Abbey, Milltown

Suitability: Adults, basic fitness required

Price: €5.50 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

WALK THE DRUMLINS (EGN WEEK)

Join Geopark guide Fergal for a walk through the unique drumlin landscape of Lough Oughter.

Date/Time: Sunday 26 May, 11am–3pm

Location: Meet at Bakers Bridge, Milltown Road of N3 Cavan Northern bypass

Suitability: Adults, basic fitness required

Price: €10 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org



FAMILY FUN DAY – CELEBRATE EGN WEEK WITH CUILCAGH LAKELANDS GEOPARK

An afternoon of family friendly activities at Killykeen Forest park including foraging walks, science experiments, virtual reality experiences, kite making, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, orienteering and much more! Most activities are drop in, but some activities need prebooked – please see our website for more details.

Date/Time: Saturday 1 June, 12pm–4pm

Location: Killykeen Forest Park

Suitability: Families

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Full details and booking www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL INSECT WEEK

Pupils will have the chance to hunt for minibeasts using our specialist equipment and identify what they have caught using ID charts.

Date/Time: 11/12/13 June, 10am–11.30am, 12.30pm–2pm

Location: 11 & 12 June – Claddagh Glen, 13 June – Cavan Burren Park

Suitability: Key stage 1 & 2, Junior infants to 5th class

Price: £3.50/€4 per pupil

Booking essential via info@cuilcaghlakelands.org



SUNSET PADDLE TO CLOUGH OUGHTER CASTLE WITH CAVAN ADVENTURE CENTRE

Join the Cavan Adventure Team on this special sunset paddle to Clough Oughter Castle to mark summer Solstice.

Date/Time: Friday 21 June, 7pm–10.30pm

Location: Cavan Adventure Centre, Inishmore

Suitability: Adults of a reasonable fitness level

Price: €40 per person

Booking essential via www.cavanadventure.ie

SUMMER SOLSTICE AT CAVAN BURREN PARK

Join Geopark Guide Feral to visit and hear about the fascinating megalithic tombs and build heritage within Killykeen Forest.

Date/Time: Saturday 22 June, 5pm–6.30am

Location: Cavan Burren Park

Suitability: Adults – no yoga experience necessary

Price: €20 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

SUMMER SOLSTICE AT KILLYKEEN FOREST PARK

Join Geopark Guide Feral to visit and hear about the fascinating megalithic tombs and build heritage within Killykeen Forest.

Date/Time: Saturday 22 June, 2pm–4pm

Location: Killykeen Forest Park,

Meet at Gortanoul foot bridge

Suitability: Adults, basic fitness required

Price: €5.50 per person

Booking essential via www.cuilcaghlakelands.org

CITIZEN SCIENCE FIT COUNTS – NATIONAL INSECT WEEK

Join Geopark staff for a Citizen Science family activity. Get your ID charts and monitor insects for 15 mins to add to the National Database. Scavenger hunts and treasure trails are also available!

Date/Time: Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 June, 11am–4pm

Location: 29 June – Tully Castle

30 June – Castle Saunderson

Suitability: Families

(Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

No booking necessary – just drop in!



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For more information on upcoming activities, latest news, additional Geopark sites and much more please visit:

www.cuilcaghlakelands.org
www.cavanburrenpark.ie
www.marblearchcaves.co.uk

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