

Heritage Week at a glance in County Wicklow...



Wicklow Event Guide

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This brochure is produced by the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council as an action of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan to highlight Heritage Week events in County Wicklow. The information is sourced from www.heritageweek.ie and from individual organisers. Please note that the responsibility for hosting events lies with the individual event organiser, and that they should be contacted directly if you wish to know more about a particular event. With 101 events happening in over 40 different venues throughout the county and special "Wild Child" events for younger heritage fans, there is something for everyone for Heritage Week 2010 in County Wicklow.

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Bray Look out for passing **Whales and Dolphins** from Bray Head and find out more about these species with experts from the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (www.iwdg.ie), bring suitable clothing and binoculars if you have them. **Festina Lente Historic Walled Garden**, Old Connaught Avenue will be hosting a family day with a host of activities such as Antiques Valuation Fair, Walking Tours, Music, Plants and Crafts sales. Attend an evening session at **Bray Central Library** getting to know the information available in the local history collection.

Greystones Meet at the Dart station for this family friendly walk on **Greystones beach** with an optional stop for coffee & cookies at The Happy Pear restaurant.

Delgany The **early Christian burial ground**, located in the heart of the village will be open for self guided tours all week, with organised talks on two mornings.

Blessington Russborough House – the most beautiful House in Ireland will be hosting a **traditional skills and crafts workshop** throughout the week, featuring a blacksmith and working forge, weaver and loom, candle maker, wood turner and sculptor.

Lacken Join the **Lakeside Heritage Group** for a guided walking tour of local landmarks such as the Forge, Shoeing Stone, Cilin, Graveyard, St. Boden's Well and much more.

Baltinglass A unique opportunity for the public to visit **Tuckmill Water Mill**, now disused and privately owned, this fine example of Wicklow's industrial heritage is located approx 3 km from Baltinglass.

Aghavannagh former **Military Barracks** will be having open mornings where members of the public can visit this historic building constructed as part of the Military Road, and once used as a hunting lodge by Parnell.

Glenmalure "The last house in the Glen" a unique play in a unique setting at the An Oige Hostel.

Greenan Farm Museum and Maze will be providing a **guided wild nature walk** for your wild child and encouraging older members of the family to come along with free and concessionary rates.



Glendalough The valley will play host to a variety of activities. A guided walk of the old **Glendalough cemetery** located beside the old monastery requires pre-booking to ensure a place, while the first of five weekly **lectures** will take place in the Visitors Centre, with Prof. Charles Doherty exploring 11th century links between the Glendalough and Wales. For those wishing to brush up on their tree or bryophyte (mosses, liverworts) knowledge and identification skills, pre-booking for these **guided walks** can be made with the Education Centre of **Wicklow Mountains National Park** (WMNP) from 7th Aug. **UCD Archaeology Field School** will be holding morning and afternoon public outreach tours at the Upper Lake to include talks on ongoing excavations, geophysical surveys, monuments and environmental history.

Roundwood Enjoy a leisurely stroll for kids at **Varty Reservoir**, keeping an eye out for animal tracks and signs.

Newcastle Find out all about biodiversity at 'Connections in Nature', at a talk at the Community Centre or bring the family along to Birdwatch Ireland's East Coast Nature Reserve for an educational and fun packed workshop on **Swallows and Martins; the Miracle of Migration** to be followed by a guided walk of the reserve. Appropriate footwear and clothes required.

Ashford Visit **Mount Usher**, one of Ireland's finest Robinsonian gardens and avail of a free-guided tour, lasting 90 mins (pre-booking needed), or call to the **Yarnhall** to try your hand at 'wet felting' or making a felt flower (free but pre-booking needed).

Wicklow Town A great selection of events taking place. Look out for escapees from **Wicklow's Historic Gaol** on the streets of the town, or visit the gaol to hear more about the fate of its former inmates. Talks will also be held on **Captain Robert Halpin**, Wicklow's most celebrated mariner. If you are interested in the **traditional shopfronts** of Wicklow Town or in getting a few tips for renewing or repairing these, call to the Town Forum Office on Main St. to view the preliminary results from this heritage study, or make an appointment. Guided nature walks are happening for both the wild child and the wild adult, at **Broad Lough and Brides Head** respectively, while the Irish Landmark Trust will be having an Open Day at **Wicklow Head Lighthouse**, an opportunity for members of the public to visit this building. Keeping with the Coastal theme, "**Wicklow's Beautiful Coastline**" a photographic exhibition featuring entries from Arklow Coastcare's competition will be running throughout the week in County Buildings.



Kilmacurragh Step back into the past by strolling through the **wildflower meadows** at Kilmacurragh Arboretum and finding out more about sensitive meadow management while at the same time enjoying this sister garden to the National Botanic Gardens.

Ballymurrin The **Old Quaker Farmhouse** is open for viewing by kind permission of the owners; visit this former meetinghouse, which has been in continuous occupation since the 1670's.

Kilpatrick is home to **St. Patrick's Well** which can be visited during Heritage Week, and once inspired **Ludwig Wittgenstein**, the celebrated Austrian Philosopher. Call to Kilpatrick House for an evening talk organised in association with the Irish Philosophical Society.

Avoca Join a guided walk over Ireland's most **extraordinary mining landscape** with its unique history, geology, flora, fauna and architecture (starting at the White Bridge, halfway between Meetings and Avoca).

Arklow Something for everyone – don't miss the chance to visit the **Arklow Maritime Museum** with its nationally significant collection of ships models, displays, uniforms, fishing spooners, maps, medals and other artefacts. There will be free entry for all of Heritage Week. Join others on a day trip via train to the **National Library of Ireland in Dublin** to visit the Yeats exhibition with a possible visit to RIA also, time permitting. A range of **child and family friendly walks** will be taking place both in daylight and evening hours around Arklow Town, along the south quay and the north beach, with a **Pet Blessing** for kids, a talk on vintage cars and an **Ecumenical Maritime Heritage Service** in St. Mary's and Peter's church.

Rathwood south of Shillelagh and north of Tullow, will be hosting **forest walks and train rides** suitable for all the family, a **birds of prey workshop, flying displays and talks**.



WICKLOW HERITAGE WEEK EVENT TIMETABLE – Saturday 21st August to Sunday 29th August (inclusive)

EVENT	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29
Arklow Maritime Museum Free admission all week. info@arklowmaritimemuseum.com Tel: 086 3843283 CF P W	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00	√ 10.00-5.00
Forest Walks & Train Rides at Rathwood. Fee for train ride. reception@rathwood.com Tel: 059 9156285 CF P W ☺	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 11.00-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 9.30-6.00	√ 11.00-6.00
Birds of Prey & Flying Displays at Rathwood. Fee applies. info@woodlandsfalconry.com Tel: 059 9156285 CF P W ☺	√ 11.00-5.00	√ 11.00-5.00			√ 11.00-5.00	√ 11.00-5.00	√ 11.00-5.00	√ 11.00-5.00	√ 11.00-5.00
Delgany Heritage Trail & Old Burial Ground Tour eamondebutlear@gmail.com Tel: 01 2876094 *Open for self guide daily 10.30am–8.00pm	√ *	√ *	√ *	√ * Talk 11.30am	√ *	√ *	√ * Talk 11.30am	√ *	√ *
Pet Blessing at St. Peters Junior Boys School Arklow jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P W ☺	√ 3.00-4.00								
Roundwood – Wild Child Walk from Old School, Main Street roundwooddistrictcc@eircom.net Tel: 086 8055040 CF ☺	√ 2.00-4.00								
Broadlough, Wicklow Town – Wild Child Nature Walk & Quiz Meet at Murrough Car Park malcolmspencer@yahoo.com Tel: 087 2444587 CF P ☺	√ 2.00-4.00								
Swallows and Martins; the Miracle of Migration kjennings@birdwatchireland.ie Tel: 01 2819878 CF ☺	√ 2.00-4.30								
Wild Ways at Greenan Maze – Kids Nature Walk contact@greenanmaze.com Tel: 086 8845624 Admission fee. CF P W B ☺	√ 2.00-3.30								
Tree Identification Walk at WMNP Glendalough, Upper Lake wickloweducationcentre@environ.ie Tel: 0404 45656 P W B	√ 11.00-1.00								
Bryophyte Identification Walk at WMNP Glendalough, Upper Lake wickloweducationcentre@environ.ie Tel: 0404 45656 P W B	√ 2.00-4.00								
Visit St. Patrick's Well at Kilpatrick info@kilpatrickhouse.com Tel: 087 2029999 CF P W	√ 2.00-5.00								
Arts & Crafts Workshops at Russborough House eric@russborough.ie Tel: 045 865239 CF P W	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00	√ 12.00-4.00
Wicklow's Historic Gaol – Talk on Robert Halpin tara@wicklowshistoricgaol.com Tel: 0404 66433 Admission Fee to Gaol. CF P W	√ 12.00-12.45	√ 12.00-12.45					√ 12.00-12.45	√ 12.00-12.45	√ 12.00-12.45
Guided Walk over East Avoca Mines – Start at White Bridge nickcoy@eircom.net Tel: 086 3706731 CF P		√ 3.00-5.00							
Wise Ways at Greenan Maze contact@greenanmaze.com Tel: 086 8845624 Admission Fee. CF P W		√ Free for Senior Citizens							√ Free for Senior Citizens
Wildflower Meadows at Kilmacurragh Felicity.Gaffney@opw.ie Tel: 01 8570909 CF P W		√ 3.00-4.00						√ 3.00-4.00	√ 3.00-4.00
Walk at North Beach Arklow jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P		√ 2.30-3.30							
Whale Watch at Bray Head – Meet at pitch & putt car park www.iwdg.ie Tel: 087 22888752 CF		√ 2.00-5.00							
Aghavannagh Barracks: Open for Afternoon Visit dburns@wicklowcoco.ie Tel: 0404 20191 P W			√ 1.00-5.00	√ 1.00-5.00	√ 1.00-5.00	√ 1.00-5.00	√ 1.00-5.00		
Glendalough Cemetery Walk Tel: 0404 45352 P B			√ 7.00pm						
Wicklow's Beautiful Coast Exhibition at County Buildings dburns@wicklowcoco.ie Tel: 0404 20191 CF P W			√ 9.00-5.00	√ 9.00-5.00	√ 9.00-5.00	√ 9.00-5.00	√ 9.00-5.00		
Traditional Shopfronts at Wicklow Town Rjm.omurchu@gmail.com Tel: 0404 62150			√ 10.00-1.00	√ 10.00-1.00	√ 10.00-1.00	√ 10.00-1.00	√ 10.00-1.00		

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Fun Time for Kids at Arklow North Beach jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P			√ 2.30						
Behind the Wheel at Arus Lorcaín, Arklow jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P W			√ 8.00pm						
UCD Archaeological Field School – Upper Lake Glendalough Thomas.kador@ucd.ie Tel: 086 8295326 CF P W				√ 11.00-3.00	√ 11.00-3.00	√ 11.00-3.00			
Lectures for the Curious at Glendalough Visitors Centre Tel: 0404 45352 P W				√ 7.30-9.00pm					
Visit to National Library of Ireland by train from Arklow Station – contact organiser for full details; jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) P W				√ 9.00 am start					
Mount Usher Guided Tours info@mountushergardens.ie Tel: 0404 40205 Admission fee to gardens, free guided tours on 25th P W B					√ 10.30am 1.00pm 3.30pm				
Ecumenical Maritime Heritage Service at St. Marys & Peters Church Arklow jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 P W					√ 8.00-9.00pm				
Getting to know your Local History collection at Bray Library, Ballywaltrim cbrennan@wicklowcoco.ie Tel: 01 2866566 P W					√ 7.00pm				
Evening Walk of South Quay, Arklow , leaving from Lifeboat Station jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P W						√ 7.00pm			
Greystones Beach Walk from Dart Station jennifermkavanagh@eircom.net Tel: 085 8183392 (before 4 pm) CF P								√ 11.00-4.00	
Kilpatrick House: Wittgenstein in Wicklow Talk info@kilpatrickhouse.com Tel: 0404 47137 P W						√ 7.00pm			
Connections in Nature – Talk at Newcastle Community Centre galanthus@eircom.net Tel: 086 1905391 P W						√ 8.00pm			
Free Felting Fun in Yarn Hall Ashford – Booking needed maria@theyarnroom.com Tel: 085 1303762 P W B								√ 10.00 - 6.00	
Celebrating Heritage & Cultural Diversity at Festina Lente, Bray jillcarey@festinalente.ie Tel: 086 3549755 Admission fee for adults CF P W								√ 11.00 - 5.00	
Tuckmill Water Mill, Baltinglass: Open for visit dburns@wicklowcoco.ie Tel: 0404 20191 CF P								√ 10.00 - 1.00	
Brides Head Cliff Walk, Wicklow Town – Meet at Glen turn car park malcolmspencer@yahoo.com Tel: 087 2444587 CF P								√ 2.00 - 4.00	
Wicklow Head Lighthouse Open Day Julie@irishlandmarktrust.com Tel: 01 6704733 CF P									√ 10.00-4.00
Lacken Heritage Walk – Meet at Lacken RC Church Tel: 087 2878305 CF P W								√ 2.00pm	
Ballymurrin Quaker Farmhouse Open Afternoon dburns@wicklowcoco.ie Tel: 0404 20191 CF P W									√ 2.00-6.00
“The last man in the Glen” short play at Glenmalure panchord@eircom.net Tel: 087 6836736 CF P									√ (every half hour 2.00-4.00)

NOTE: All events are free unless otherwise stated. Where events have wheelchair access, car parking and are suitable for children, this is indicated as follows

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| CF | Suitable for children | W | Partial wheelchair access |
| P | Car parking available | B | Advance booking needed |
| W | Full wheelchair access | ☺ | Wild Child Day event |