

BURREN ROCKS! festival

Celebrating the geology and landscape of the Burren

Events programme May 25th - 31st 2009

Mon 25th

12.00 midday: A walk on the wild side

Guided wildlife walk led by John Murphy. Meet at Linnane's Pub, New Quay

3.00 pm: Conservation in the Burren National Park

Guided walk led by Emma Glanville. Meet at car park at Gortlecka Cross

7.00 pm: The disappearing rock

Guided geology walk led by Colin Bunce. Meet at car park at Gortlecka Cross

Tue 26th

2.00 pm: Exploring the ancient monuments of the Burren

Guided walk led by Christine Grant. Meet at the Burren Centre, Kilfenora (car sharing)

8.30 pm: "The Burren as Geopark? An update"

Illustrated talk by Dr Maria McNamara. Joint with Burren in Bloom. Burren College of Art

Wed 27th

2.00 pm Rocks - lichens - flowers - farming

Guided walk led by Stephen Ward, Emma Glanville and Maria McNamara

In conjunction with Burren in Bloom. Meet at Spar Village Stores, Ballyvaughan (car sharing)

7.00 pm: "The stone walls of the Burren"

Illustrated talk by Gordon D'Arcy. XPO, Kilinaboy

Thurs 28th

2.00 pm: From ancient deltas to modern cliffs

Guided geology walk led by Maria McNamara. Meet at O'Brien's tower, Cliffs of Moher

7.00 pm: Rock identification event

Got a rock lying around at home? Want to find out its story? Bring it to the Burren Outdoor Education Centre, Turlough, Belharbour, where three geological experts will attempt to reveal all. Plus there is a prize for the most unusual rock!

Fri 29th

2.00 pm: Exploring sea and stone

Guided geology walk led by Maria McNamara. Meet at Fisherstreet pier car park

8.00 pm: "Making fossils: how do you get plants and animals into a rock?"

Illustrated talk by Dr Maria McNamara. Burren Centre Kilfenora

Sat 30th

11.00 am: Underground adventure!

Caving trip led by staff from the Burren Outdoor Education Centre, in association with the Speleological Union of Ireland. Meet at the Burren Outdoor Education Centre, Turlough, Belharbour. Suitable for beginners. Booking essential: ring 065 7078066.

3.00 pm: Build a sand city!

Come together with local artists to make a giant city out of sand and other materials we find on the beach. For under-13s. Bring buckets, spades, etc. Meet at the washrooms, Fanore beach. Booking essential: ring 065 7072295.

Sun 31st

2.00 pm: Rocks - lichens - flowers - farming

Guided walk led by Stephen Ward, Sharon Parr and Maria McNamara. Meet at Spar Village Stores, Ballyvaughan (car sharing). Joint with Burren in Bloom

For all walks, please wear sturdy boots & bring raingear & a drink.

For more information on any of the events listed in this brochure, ring 065 7072295 or email info@burren.ie. For more information on Burren Connect or European Geoparks, please see www.burrenconnect.ie.

