

Themed walks, evening lectures, children's activities...something for everyone!

BURREN ROCKS! is a week-long festival during the last week of May in celebration of the fantastic geology and landscape of the Burren. The festival is packed with over 15 events and activities to help you discover not only the geological secrets of the Burren, but also its flora, fauna, history and culture.

The festival coincides with European Geoparks Week, which promotes the geological heritage of the 33 European Geoparks - regions where geological heritage is used to support sustainable development.

BURREN ROCKS! is organised by Burren Connect, an Ennistymon-based group working on ways to link the environment, the community and tourism to conserve the Burren.

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

BURREN

ROCKS!

Celebrating the geology and
landscape of the Burren



Events programme
May 25th - 31st 2009



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Monday 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

Tuesday 26th

2.00 pm: Exploring the ancient monuments of the Burren
Guided archaeology 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. In conjunction with Burren in Bloom.
Burren College of Art

Wednesday 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, Kiilinaboy

All week!

**Display of winning entries in children's art competition
at the Burren Centre, Kilfenora**

The theme of the competition is: "What makes the Burren landscape unique?"
Competition categories: < 7 yrs, 8-12 yrs, 13-15 yrs & 16-18 yrs. Prizes in each category for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place & runners-up. Closing date for entries 18th May. For more info please ask your teacher, see www.burrenconnect.ie/geopark/events, or ring 065 7072295.

Thursday 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, where three geological experts will attempt to reveal all. Plus there is a prize for the most unusual rock!

Friday 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

Saturday 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. 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 building, Fanore beach. **Booking essential: ring 065 7072295.**

Sunday 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)
In conjunction with Burren in Bloom

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