



**Marble Arch Caves  
Global Geopark**

# **Events Guide 2014**



# Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark



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# Introduction

Our 2014 programme of events for the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark is designed to embrace the ethos of UNESCO in hosting events within the Geopark area which reflect the rich natural and cultural heritage of the border regions of counties Cavan and Fermanagh. The Geopark stretches across the spectacular landscape of counties Cavan and Fermanagh from Castle Caldwell on the northern shores of Lough Erne to Drumlane Abbey on the shores of Lough Oughter.

For 2014 we have compiled a comprehensive programme to cater for all interests: from family fun days, heritage and geology talks to walking and food festivals, craft workshops and guided rambles. There is a mix of activities for all those interested in learning more about their Geopark.

Events incorporate a multitude of geological and environmentally diverse sites including the recently developed Cavan Burren Park and the intriguing Marble Arch showcave, all showcasing some of the finest natural landscapes in Ireland and offering a window into the area's 895 million year past. All of the locations for this year's events cater to a wide variety of interests through a diverse range of recreational, educational and social activities.

Geoparks embrace local communities and a large number of our events are run in conjunction with local groups and our local tour guides. Geopark events are for everyone and offer a chance to discover or re-discover the wonderful heritage of the area.

For further information on upcoming events, latest news, Geopark sites and much more please visit our website [www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com)

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# JANUARY



## **St. Mogue's Heritage Weekend "Life of St. Mogue"**

### **A presentation by Dr Brendan Scott**

**Date/Time:** Friday January 31st at 9pm

**Location:** Templeport Resource Centre,  
Co. Cavan

**Information:** Dr. Brendan Scott will discuss St. Mogue's Island, or Inch as it is sometimes known, an ancient burial place where funerals have been held since the 12th century. Its association with Mogue reaches back to his birth on the island in 555 A.D.



# FEBRUARY

## **St. Mogue's Heritage Weekend**

### **Boat trips to St Mogue's Island**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 1st February 11am - 3pm  
(weather permitting)

**Location:** Meet at Templeport Loughshore,  
Templeport, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Boat trips to St.Mogue's Island with  
guided tours.



## **St. Mogue's Heritage Weekend**

### **Templeport Historical Tour of Religious Sites**

**Date/Time:** Sunday February 2nd at 2pm

**Location:** Start 2pm at St Mogue's Church  
Bawnboy, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Beginning at St Mogue's Church  
Bawnboy travelling towards Jampa Ling Buddhist  
Retreat Centre then onto Holy Trinity Church  
Kildoagh, St Peters Church of Ireland, Port and  
finishing at St Patrick's Church, Kilnavart.

# MARCH



## Discover Fermanagh Event

**Date/Time:** Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th March

**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre

**Information:** Guided tours of the Marble Arch Caves will be offered on Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th March at half hour intervals from 12:30pm until 4:00pm. Short information sessions about the wider Geopark will also be delivered throughout the day. Booking is essential. Contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0)28 6634 8855 for further information.



## **Spring Walking Festival - Cuilcagh Mountain**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 15th March

**Location:** Cuilcagh Mountain  
(Meeting point Marble Arch Caves  
Visitor's Centre)

**Information:** Fermanagh District Council have organised a one day walk encapsulating the Cuilcagh Mountain area providing an opportunity for individuals to come out and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of one of Fermanagh's finest landscapes. The Festival costs £10 per person with two different walk start times available. Pre-registration is essential. For further information contact Chris Elliott on +44 (0)28 6632 5050 or via e-mail [chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk](mailto:chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk)

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**Date/Time:** Monday 17th March 4pm

**Location:** Blacklion-Belcoo  
(Cavan/Fermanagh)

**Information:** Come and see the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark float at the cross border Blacklion-Belcoo St. Patrick's Day Parade. See [www.blacklion.ie](http://www.blacklion.ie) for more details.

## **Spring Alive Nature Walk**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 23rd March 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Ballyconnell Canal Walk,  
Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

**Information:** See spring come alive on this guided nature walk encompassing Ballyconnell Canal, Woodford River and Annagh Woods with local Geopark Guide Oliver Brady. For more information please contact (+353) 4995 26121.

# APRIL

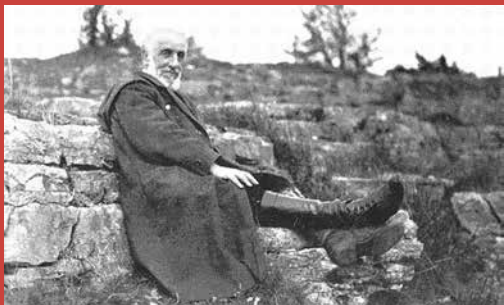
## **Cave Exploration . . .**

### **'On the Footsteps of Martel'**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 16th April  
7:30pm - 9pm

**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre

**Information:** In the summer of 1895, quiet hidden corners of the Fermanagh countryside received some unusual visitors when Edouard Martel, a French cave scientist, carried out an expedition to explore unknown caves in the hills around Florencecourt and Boho. Our exciting lecture brings alive this colourful, dramatic and often amusing story of the hidden Fermanagh underworld. This event is FREE. Booking is essential and please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 to book a place or for further information.



## **Easter Bonnets and Crafts Afternoon**

**Date/Time:** Thursday 17th April 2pm - 5pm

**Location:** Ballyhugh Arts and Cultural Centre,  
Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Easter arts and crafts activity day for school children to help stimulate their instinctive love of nature and the natural world and also to highlight the role of trees and wild flowers and their uses in our environment. There is charge of €10 per family for this event. As numbers are limited it is important to book. For further details and bookings please contact Cavan Heritage Office on (+353) 49437 8600.



## **Bear Essentials**

### **Children's Easter Workshop**

**Date/Time:** Thursday 17th April 10am - 4pm

**Location:** Meeting at Silver Bear Centre,  
Bawnboy, Co. Cavan

**Information:** All day children's Easter workshop includes build a bear, baking, decorating and celebrating new achievements. For more information or to book a place please contact Anke at (+353) 8776 10537.



## **Bear Essentials**

### **Build an Easter Bunny Workshop**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 23rd April 11am - 1pm

**Location:** Meeting at Silver Bear Centre,  
Bawnboy, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Creative workshop where children can build their very own Easter bunny. For more information or to book a place please contact Anke at (+353) 8776 10537.

# MAY

## **Stone Working in the Geopark A Guided Walk Through Time**

This event is part of the Cavan Walking Festival

**Date/Time:** Friday 2nd May 7pm - 9pm

**Location:** Moneygashel, Blacklion, Co. Cavan  
(meet at Gowlan Church)

**Information:** Guided tour of Moneygashel - Discover examples of stone working from the Neolithic right up to the 20th century with local Geopark guide Seamus O' hUltacháin. Distance 2.5km approx. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information or to register please see [www.cavansportpartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportpartnership.ie) or call (+353) 8725 48747.

## **The Cavan Way from Shannon Pot to Blacklion**

This event is part of the Cavan Walking Festival

**Date/Time:** Saturday 3rd May 3pm  
(meet at 2:15pm Blacklion)

**Location:** Meet in Blacklion Village  
(Transport provided to starting point at the Shannon Pot)

**Information:** This pleasant walk along the Cavan Way begins at the Shannon Pot - the source of the river Shannon then passing through the evocative Cavan Burren through one of the best preserved prehistoric landscapes in Ireland before descending past karst limestone towards the village of Blacklion. Distance 13km approx. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information or to register please see [www.cavansportpartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportpartnership.ie) or call (+353) 8725 48747.



## **Cuilcagh Mountain Climb**

This event is part of the Cavan Walking Festival

**Date/Time:** Sunday 4th May 10am

**Location:** Swanlinbar Community Centre

**Information:** Wonderfully dramatic, rugged and varied - the Cuilcagh climb is quite simply a hill walker's delight. Enjoy spectacular scenery and amazing views over unspoiled landscapes and open hillsides with this guided walk of Cavan's highest peak. Distance 12km approx. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information or to register please see [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) or call (+353) 8725 48747.

## **Cavan Dusk Chorus and Woodland Walk**

**Date/Time:** Saturday May 3rd 8pm - 10pm

**Location:** Jampa Ling, Tibetan Buddhist Centre, Bawnboy

**Information:** Walk along the Jampa Ling Golden Mile in the company of Cavan Golden Mile judges Heather Bothwell and Neil Foulkes. Contact Cavan Heritage Office for more information on (+353) 49437 8600.

## **RSPB Dawn Chorus**

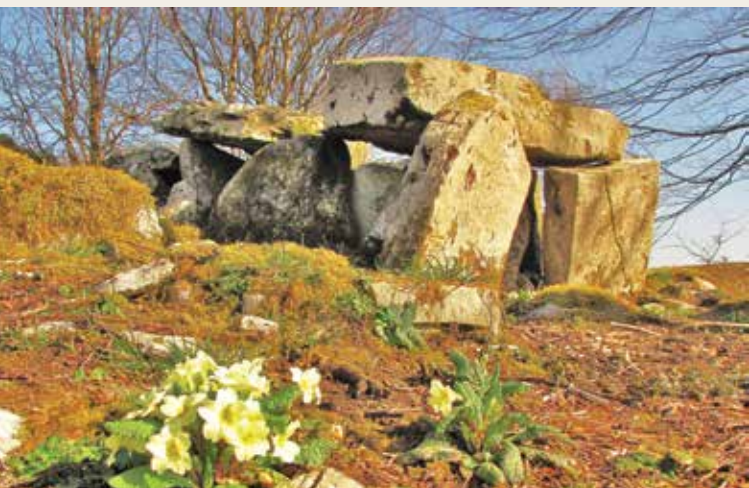
**Date/Time:** Saturday 3rd May 5am - 8am  
**Location:** Castle Archdale Country Park,  
Co. Fermanagh

**Information:** The early bird catches the worm! Head to Castle Archdale for 5am to join our local group and RSPB Fermanagh staff and listen to the birds welcome the new day in fine voice. Expert guidance will help you identify which birds you can hear. The event will conclude with a delicious breakfast at a local hotel. Price - £10 for non-members, £6 for RSPB members, £2 for children. Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £22. All prices include breakfast. This event is being held in partnership with the RSPB. For more information please contact the RSPB on +44 (0) 28 9049 1547.

## **GeoDetectives & Fossil Fun**

**Date/Time:** Monday 5th May 12pm - 4pm  
**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre

**Information:** Come along to the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre and enjoy some hands-on fun and learn more about the fantastic fossils that make up the rocks beneath our feet. This event is held in partnership with the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland. Normal admission rates to the Marble Arch Caves apply. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +00 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information.



## **Skealon Lock Looped Walk**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 7th May 7:30pm  
**Location:** Meet at Lock No. 3 Car Park,  
Kiltynaskellan, Doogary, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Discover this beautiful recently developed canal walk with local Geopark guide Oliver Brady. This walk is part of Cavan Walking Festival 2014. For more information or to register please see [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) or call (+353) 8725 48747.

## **Dowra Guided Nature/Heritage Walk**

**Date/Time:** Sunday May 4th 2pm to 5pm  
**Location:** Meeting at Doobally Church  
Signposted off the R207 approximately 3 miles north of Dowra Village on the Blacklion Road

**Information:** Spot the Rare Mare's Tail along this lush laneway in Dowra and admire the wonderful views of Dog Mountain and Cuilcagh with local Geopark guide Bee Smith. This event is in conjunction with the Cavan Heritage Office as part of Cavan Walking Festival. For more information or to register please see [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) or call (+353) 8725 48747.

## **Castle Saunderson Woodland Family Walk**

**Date/Time:** Monday May 5th 2pm - 5pm  
**Location:** Castle Saunderson International  
Scouts Centre, Clones Road,  
Belturbet, Co. Cavan  
Assemble at Castle Saunderson Church

**Information:** Discover this beautiful woodland with a guided walk around Castle Saunderson Estate. Discover our beautiful woodlands in the company of Cavan Golden Mile judges Heather Bothwell and Neil Foulkes. For more information please contact Cavan Heritage Office on (+353) 49437 8600.

## **Geopark Gourmet Tour**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 11th May 2014 9am - 6pm

**Location:** Leaving from Cavan Courthouse

**Information:** Experience a real 'taste' of the Geopark with this unique guided tour. This popular tour will highlight the rich natural and built heritage of the Geopark and includes tours of Marble Arch Caves and Cavan Burren Park. All this and a sumptuous lunch in the award winning MacNean House Restaurant in Blacklion - what a perfect way to spend a Sunday! Cost €45 adults/€25 children. Places are limited. For bookings or more information please contact (+353) 49952 6121.

## **Teddy Bear Adventure Walk at Bawnboy Forest**

**Date/Time:** Sunday May 11th 3pm - 5:30pm

**Location:** Meeting at the walking signpost outside of Bawnboy along Swanlinbar Road, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Discover the history of teddy bears while walking through the beautiful surroundings of Bawnboy forest. Bring your favourite teddy bear (adults too!). Refreshments provided. For more information or to book a place please contact Anke at (+353) 8776 10537. There is charge of €10 per family for this event. This event is organised in conjunction with Cavan Heritage Office.

## **Bluebell Walk**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 17th May 10am - 12pm

**Location:** Castle Caldwell Forest, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh

**Information:** Join expert RSPB NI staff to explore Castle Caldwell and see the stunning display of bluebells below the fresh green leaves in the beech woodland. Price - £5 for adults/£3 for RSPB members. Children U14 go free. This event is being held in partnership with the RSPB. For more information please contact the RSPB on +44 (0) 28 9049 1547.

# JUNE

## European Geoparks Festival

### Killeshandra Woodland Looped Walk

**Date/Time:** Sunday 1st June 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Killeshandra Woods - Meet at town lakeshore, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan

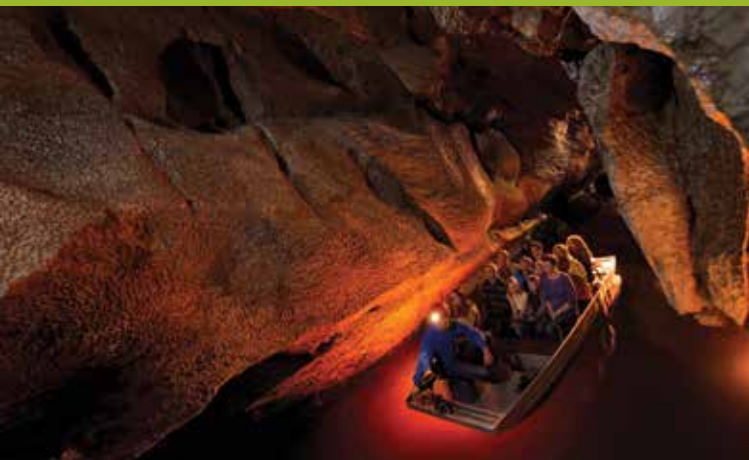
**Information:** As part of the Cavan County Fleadh weekend why not join us for a Sunday walk around the beautiful environs of Killeshandra Woods. The Fleadh is an exciting and entertaining weekend with entertainment and fun for all the family. Contact (+353) 49952 6121 for more details.

## European Geoparks Festival - Geofoodology

**Date/Time:** Sunday 1st June 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre

**Information:** Why not come along to the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre and enjoy a culinary and geology masterclass all rolled into one. Expand your culinary repertoire and impress your friend and family with conglomerate buns, ammonite shortbread and chocolate volcanoes! Cost £5 per person and booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information. This event is held in partnership with the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland.





## **European Geoparks Festival Rocky Ramble on Cuilcagh Mountain**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 8th June 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cuilcagh Mountain Park  
(Meeting in Cuilcagh Mountain Park  
Car Park)

**Information:** Why not come along and explore the fascinating and unique landscape of Cuilcagh Mountain. Discover more about how the landscape has been shaped, the rocks beneath your feet and the many unique plants and animals that live here. Stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing are essential. This event is not suitable for children under 4 years of age. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information.

## **Cavan Burren Park Midsummer Festival**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 21st June 12pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion,  
Co. Cavan

**Information:** Family fun day at Cavan Burren Park including guided walks, music, face painting and activities for all the family. Come and see the recently developed walking trails and visitors centre at the Cavan Burren. Discover the abundance of rich archaeological and geological sites, spectacular views and wonderful walking trails in one of the best preserved prehistoric landscapes in Ireland. Lots of fun and activities for all the family. For more information contact (+353) 49952 6121.



## **Summer Solstice Magic Lane Walk**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 21st June - 7pm

**Location:** Meeting at Doobally Church  
Signposted off the R207 approximately 3 miles north of Dowra Village on the Blacklion Road

**Information:** Discover the beautiful Orchid blossoming along this laneway in Dowra. Take in the wonderful views of Dog Mountain and Cuilcagh, home to rich biodiversity and spectacular scenery with local Geopark guide Bee Smith. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 per person for this event. For more information please contact Bee on (+353) 7196 43936.

## **Cathal Buí Festival - Blacklion**

Wednesday 25th June - Monday 30th June

**Information:** The Cathal Buí Community Arts and Heritage Festival takes place in the border village of Blacklion, Co. Cavan and celebrates the people, traditions and wonderful landscape of West Cavan - Cathal Buí Country. See [www.cathalbui.com](http://www.cathalbui.com) for more information.

## **'The Stones are Talking'**

### **An illustrated talk with Gaby Burns**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 25th June 8pm

**Location:** Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Illustrated talk with Gaby Burns on recent archaeological discoveries in the Cavan Burren/Marlbank area. Cost adults €5, children are free. For more information please contact Séamus on (+353) 8796 53178.



## **Beautiful Buildings of the Barrs**

### **Explore the Built Heritage of Moneygashel**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 28th June 11:30am

**Location:** Moneygashel, Blacklion, Co. Cavan  
(meet at Gowlan Church)

**Information:** Guided tour of Moneygashel - discover the beautiful buildings of the Barrs including Moneygashel Cashel. Distance 2.5km approx. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. Cost adults €5, children are free. For more information please contact Séamus on (+353) 8796 53178.

## **Written In Stone: A guided tour of the geology and archaeology of the Cavan Burren**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 29th June 1:45pm

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park Entrance  
(Meet inside Burren Forest entrance - second gate)

**Information:** A guided tour of the magnificent prehistoric landscape of Cavan Burren. Learn more about the archaeology, geology and mythology of this magical place with Séamus Ó'hUltacháin and Gaby Burns. Walk will last approximately 2 hours. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 for adults and children are free. For more information please contact Séamus on (+353) 8796 53178.



## **Geopark Safari Tour**

**Date/Time:** Monday 30th June 10:45am

**Location:** Meet at Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Guided bus tour of the Geopark. Travel back in time and experience a wonderful tour of some of the Geopark's best sites highlighting the wonderful archaeological, geological and natural value of this scenic area. Tour will last approximately 4 hours. Cost €15 adults. For bookings please contact +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.

# JULY

## **Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July  
2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cuilcagh Mountain Park (Meeting  
in Marble Arch Caves Visitor's  
Centre)

**Information:** Jump on board one of the Geopark Landrovers and explore the stunning scenery of Cuilcagh Mountain Park. Ranging from the rugged upland cliffs to the weathered limestone landscapes on the lower ground, this safari is a chance for you to experience and explore the patchwork of landscapes found on Cuilcagh Mountain. Cost £5 per person. This event is not suitable for children under 12 years old. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information or to book a place.

## **Woodland Wildlife Walk: Marble Arch National Nature Reserve**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 27th July 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Meeting in Marble Arch Caves  
Visitor's Centre

**Information:** Experience the many sounds and sights of nature within the Marble Arch National Nature Reserve. Listen to the birdsong, spot signs of mammal activity and view the spectacular array of tree and plant species as we take a leisurely stroll through the Nature Reserve. Fun for all the family. The path is not suitable for pushchairs. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information.





## **Wet and Wonderful Geopark Canoe Trip**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 26th July, 12pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cavan Canoe Centre

**Information:** The landscapes around Lough Oughter are home to a host of birds and wildlife but did you know that they were shaped by the power of glaciers over 13,000 years ago? Join staff from the Cavan Canoe Centre for this delightful canoe trip along the waters of Lough Oughter and get some of the best views of the landscape. The cost of this event is €25 and includes a visit to Clogh Oughter Castle. Please book directly with Cavan Canoe Centre on (+353) 8626 60686.

## **Lunasagh Walk**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 27th July - 2pm

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (Meet inside Burren Forest entrance - second gate)

**Information:** Experience Lunasagh in the magical surroundings of the prehistoric landscape of the Cavan Burren with local Geopark guide Bee Smith. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 per person for this event. For more information please contact Bee on (+353) 71964 3936.

# AUGUST

## **Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August  
2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cuilcagh Mountain Park (Meeting  
in Marble Arch Caves Visitor's  
Centre)

**Information:** Jump on board one of the Geopark Landrovers and explore the stunning scenery of Cuilcagh Mountain Park. Ranging from the rugged upland cliffs to the weathered limestone landscapes on the lower ground, this safari is a chance for you to experience and explore the patchwork of landscapes found on Cuilcagh Mountain. Cost £5 per person. This event is not suitable for children under 12 years old. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information or to book a place.

## **Going Batty - Geopark Bat Detectives**

**Date/Time:** Friday 8th August 9pm - 11pm

**Location:** Castle Caldwell Forest  
(Castle Car Park) Co. Fermanagh

**Information:** Join staff from the Northern Ireland Bat Group and discover more about some of our most elusive and mysterious mammals in their natural environment. All children must be accompanied by adult. Please bring a hand or head torch. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are essential. Booking is essential. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre via telephone on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.





## **Taste of Cavan 2014**

**Date/Time:** Fri 8th August 2pm - 9pm  
Sat 9th August 11am - 6pm

**Location:** The Food Hall Marquee at the  
Cavan Institute, Cathedral Rd,  
Cavan

**Information:** A two-day festival celebrating locally produced food. Over 60 stands taking part. From hand-made chocolates, award winning cheeses, artisan breads, jams, meats, mushrooms, ice-cream... all proudly produced in Cavan. Come and see our Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark Stand highlighting local Geopark food producers. Children's fun day in adjoining Con Smith Park. For more information contact (+353) 4943 78579 or see [www.thisiscavan.ie](http://www.thisiscavan.ie)



## **Heritage Week 2014**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 23rd - Sunday 31st  
August

**Location:** A wide variety of events at various  
locations throughout the Geopark

**Information:** Heritage Weeks takes place annually in association with the Heritage Council and is a week long programme of events providing the opportunity to explore a wealth of heritage in your local area. All events are organised in conjunction with Cavan County Heritage Office. For more information on Heritage Week events within the Geopark please see [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie) or contact Cavan Heritage Office on (+353) 4943 78600.

## **Magho Cliffs Nature Walk**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 31st August 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Meeting Point Magho Cliffs Car  
Park off the A34 Enniskillen-  
Belleek Road

**Information:** Come along and join Geopark staff for a guided walk along the newly refurbished Magho Cliffs pathway leading from the shore road to the Magho Viewpoint. It will be well worth the effort of a 300m climb as the view from the top is arguably one of the best vistas on the island of Ireland and the cliffs are also home to some of the rarest flora and fauna within the Geopark. Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are essential. Booking is essential. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre via telephone on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.



# SEPTEMBER

## **Autumn Equinox Walk**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 20th September 1:30pm

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (Meet inside Burren Forest entrance - second gate)

**Information:** Join us at the Cavan Burren Park for an autumn equinox guided walk when the length of day and night is almost equal. Discover more about the rich archaeological, geological and mythological heritage of this wonderful site. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. Tour will last approximately 3 hours. Contact (+353) 4995 26121 for more information.

## **Get Outdoors Weekend**

**Date/Time:** Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September

**Location:** Castle Archdale County Park, Co. Fermanagh

**Information:** Fermanagh District Council are organizing a series of hands on events to celebrate Get Outdoors weekend and staff from the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark will be on hand for fossil making and rubbing plus a host of interactive biodiversity activities. For further information contact Chris Elliott on +44 (0) 28 6632 5050 or via e-mail [chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk](mailto:chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk)





# OCTOBER

## Fermanagh Walking Festival

**Date/Time:** Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th & Monday 13th October

**Location:** Various locations within the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark

**Information:** A variety of walks will be available within the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark. For further information contact Chris Elliott on +44 (0) 28 6632 5050 or via e-mail [chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk](mailto:chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk)



## On the trail of Finn Mac Cool Exploring Big Dog Forest

**Date/Time:** Sunday 5th October 2pm - 4pm

**Location:** Meeting at Big Dog Forest Car Park

**Information:** Big Dog Forest takes its name after two very distinctive small rounded hills known as Big Dog and Little Dog. But, how have they formed? Legend tells us one way and science another - so why not come along and see which one you believe! Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are essential. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.



# NOVEMBER

## Science Week

**Date/Time:** Monday 10th to Friday 14th  
November

**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre  
& Other Locations

**Information:** A series of hand-on interactive experiments aimed at schoolchildren. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor's Centre via telephone on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.



## Christmas Craft Fair

**Date/Time:** Saturday 29th November 10am -  
4pm

**Location:** Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

**Information:** Christmas craft event at the Market House, Blacklion. Come and browse a wide variety of gifts with a large selection of local crafts on offer. Contact the Market House Blacklion on (+353) 7198 53941 for more information.

# DECEMBER



## **A Winter Solstice Sunset Walk**

**Date/Time:** Sunday 21st December  
1:45pm - 4pm

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion,  
Co. Cavan (Meet inside Burren  
Forest entrance - second gate)

**Information:** Experience the winter solstice at Cavan Burren with a guided sunset walk around this enigmatic landscape. Experience this prehistoric landscape taking full vantage of the Burren's wonderful monuments including Tullygobban Tomb, Calf House Portal Tomb and Giant's Leap Wedge Tomb with local Geopark guide Séamus Ó hUltacháin. Contact (+353) 4995 26121 for more information.



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For more information on upcoming events, latest news,  
Geopark sites and much more see  
[www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com)



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