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For the Wild Child

There are lots of opportunities for kids to get close to nature this Heritage Week.

Get to be a **Wild Child** in Hollywood village hosted by the local Tidy Towns, or sign up to nature camps and **Storytelling in Nature** at Season Park farm in Newtownmountkennedy.

Its all about the **bugs and bees** at Easthill Organic Farm outside Newtownmountkennedy at their open event. Meet the beekeepers at Russborough House, take the ‘find the queen bee’ challenge and learn more about the fascinating journey from **hive to honey**.

There is a **bat walk** in Arklow around the boating lake with a chance to spot these elusive creatures as dusk falls, while at Glendalough kids can **explore birds with National Park staff** or attend an open day at Birdwatch Irelands **East Coast Nature Reserve** a coastal wetland teeming with wildlife.

The **‘Big Dig’** in Glendalough is a must for budding archaeologists, while the miniature hat making at Tara’s Palace in Powerscourt and the ever popular **Teddy Bear’s Picnic** at Bray library are bound to keep younger audiences enthralled.

It’s in your Nature at Sharpeshill WSPCA Animal Sanctuary, Rathdrum with an entertaining and educational day out for all the family promised to include demonstrations of **traditional crafts of pottery, wood whittling and knitting and storytelling**.

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HERITAGE AWARDS 2017

The Heritage Council is once again delighted to announce the Heritage Awards, showcasing the best of National Heritage Week and recognising the fantastic work of all the event organisers and volunteers that take part.

THE 2017 AWARD CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HERITAGE HERO

Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile for heritage? Nominate an individual or organisation who makes an outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of heritage in your local area. Anyone can nominate a Heritage Hero.

HIDDEN HERITAGE

Did your event shine a light on Ireland’s hidden heritage? This award is open to event organisers who successfully explored lesser known aspects of Ireland’s heritage during National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

HERITAGE COMMUNITIES

Did your event reach across your community? Maybe you worked in partnership with other community groups or encouraged young people to take part. This award is open to event organisers who brought their community together to celebrate National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

COOL FOR KIDS

Did your event help children learn about and enjoy heritage? This award is open to event organisers who encouraged children to participate in National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week Event Organisers can enter.

The closing date for entries is Friday 15 September 2017 and entry is free. Recipients will be honoured at a Heritage Council Awards Day.

Find out more at www.heritageweek.ie or Callsave **1850 200 878**.

Go Visit

There are a host of buildings to visit this year, many of them ‘new’ venues for Heritage Week. Visit a castle that is not a castle but a rare castellated Georgian house, at **Altidore** in Kilpedder and enjoy a tour by the current owners, direct descendants of Robert and Thomas Addis Emmet.

Visit the **Masonic Lodges** at Greystones, Arklow and Wicklow Towns. In 1725 the first Grand Lodge of Freemasons was formed in Ireland and from then to now members are part of many communities and will be on hand to talk and answer your questions over a cup of tea.

Easthill Farm, Newtownmountkennedy will host an evening focussing on bees, bugs and other pollinators, **Christchurch in Delgany** will be open for visits, while **Arklow Lifeboat Station**, one of the first in Ireland, built 1826, will also open its doors.

Visit **Wicklow Head Lighthouse** on its ever popular open day to see the conservation work of the Irish Landmark Trust. Imagine life as a lighthouse keeper on your self-guided tour of this restored C18th lighthouse now run as holiday accommodation.

Ballymurrin Farmstead near the Beehive, south of Wicklow town: Visit two 17C Quaker farmsteads, one unroofed; the farmhouse with bread oven and muted classical style. Milking parlour; stables; dower house; complete the courtyard and garden in front of house

Arklow Maritime Museum: The Museum is a treasure trove of shipbuilders’ models, half models, plans and a unique collection of eight paintings of Arklow sailing ships, open for visits with free entry for Heritage Week on Sunday 20th Aug.

Nuns Cross Church outside Ashford is celebrating 200 years, a treasure trove of art and history not to mention connections with the architect of

Music & Comedy

St. Kevin’s Church in Hollywood provides the historic setting for **Ceilirudadh**: An Acoustic Celebration of Music, Song and Poems with Paul Bradley (fiddle), Ger Fitzgerald (Bean an Sean Nos) and Rachel Conlan (fiddle).

Listen out for music as part of a celebration at **St. Crispin’s Ancient church** in Greystones and in the House of Storytelling evening at the Courthouse in Shillelagh. In Ashford, , Paul Sharkey promises an evening of humour featuring excerpts from the works of Eamonn Kelly, Hugh Leonard, Flann O'Brien and others.

‘**Spudfest**’ is new to Heritage Week this year, taking place over an evening in the Horse and Hound pub in Delgany, this homage to the humble potato seems guaranteed to entertain.

Hands on Archaeology@ Glendalough

The monastic complex at Glendalough is the hub for an exciting programme of activities, leading up to and including Heritage Week, with lots of opportunities for hands on participation. Interested individuals (over 18’s) are invited to take part in a **Community Archaeology Excavation** taking place from 8th -18thth Aug, while teenagers (13-17 year olds) can volunteer for a Junior Excavation on Sat. 12th Aug. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and willingness to dedicate at least one full day. All training and supervision will be provided by the **School of Archaeology, UCD**, who will continue the excavation with their own field school throughout Heritage Week. Recent discoveries by UCD have unearthed evidence of the monastic enclosure wall, a Viking coins, jewellery, pottery and other interesting artefacts.

Also at Glendalough, the **Community Graveyard Survey** team plan to give tours of the recently developed **graveyard trail**. For children there will be the opportunity to take part in the **‘Big Dig’** a one day simulated archaeo-logical dig on Sat 19thth Aug and a family open day **Food & Resources** on Sat. 26th Aug featuring food, stalls and craft demonstrations focussing on human interaction with the landscape over the millennia. These projects are organised collaboratively by the Glendalough Heritage Forum, (more information and booking at www-glendaloughheritageforum.org) and made possible by support from the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council and The Heritage Council.

the GPO Francis Johnston, the playwright JM Synge and Sir Roger Casement. Visit on one of the open days to find out more. Keeping with the Synge theme, this is one of three exhibits on display at the nearby **Ashford Community & Heritage Centre**, the other two being a replica copy the Book Of Kells and artworks by local artists Susan and Kenneth Webb.

Killruddery House has a very special afternoon ‘trains, planes and automobiles’ with local history and storytelling promised, while the ever magnificent **Russborough House** will host the North Kildare Beekeepers for demonstrations and talks.

Get Outdoors

Heritage Week is a great time to be outdoors and this year you can take your pick from a selection of walks and guided visits to suit all interests. At all times dress appropriately for the weather and terrain and contact organisers in advance for further information or to book a place if required.

As part of the **All Ireland Whale Watch Day** join the IWDG for two free and guided land-based Whale Watching outings at Bray Head and at the Black Castle Wicklow Town. While there are no guarantees of sightings, given reasonable weather you have a good chance of seeing some of our wonderful local marine mammals.

Follow the footsteps of **Pilgrims along St. Kevin’s Way** from Hollywood to Glendalough, one of five Pilgrim Path events taking place in Ireland, or walk part of Wicklow’s newest way marked trail, the **Avonmore Way**, meeting at Trooperstown and exploring wildlife.

For those interested in mining heritage, join Nick Coy in a guided walk through Avoca, **‘The Greatest Irish Mine’** a landscape of the Copper and

more about the History, Culture & Biodiversity of the local PURE Miles, take the Macreddin Mile outside Aughrim to find out more about local historical landmarks along with edible herbs, leaves, berries, mushrooms and fruits as well as a range of native wildlife. **Mount Usher Gardens** are including a free guided tour with your admission ticket on the Wednesday of Heritage Week while the ever beautiful **Knocknaree Gardens** in Avoca will be open for visits every morning..

Talks & Exhibitions

‘The Week That Was’ comes under the microscope of Jim Scannell at this talk at Bray Library looking back at events in Bray, Co. Wicklow, 100 years ago during the week of August 19th to August 27th 1917 and also in a separate talk the same week in Bray 75 years ago in 1942. Newcastle’s History will also be examined via a historical map exhibition in the Community centre and a walk and talk while you can find out more about the former Union Workhouse at Shillelagh. David McIlreavy from the Medieval Bray Project will give a talk about Raheen na Cluig Church and recent research undertaken by this community based archaeological and research group.

Art & Atmosphere is an exhibition running all week in the Brockagh Resource Centre which will display historical depictions of the Glendalough Valley ‘through the artists eye’ from the 18th century in various etches, sketches and drawings , many quite rare. Blessington Tidy Towns are hosting a display of a selection of entries to their Lakeside photography competition highlighting the beautiful landscape of the Blessington Lakes.

The Geology of County Wicklow is an exhibition from the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) / Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council that runs for the week in County Buildings giving highlights from the recent Geological audit of county Wicklow and telling the story of the formation of the county’s underlying geology including Leinster granite, glacial features and mining deposits.

Sulphur mines unique to the Avoca Valley. For the more seasoned hikers, join a **20 km guided trek** over the mountains from neighbouring valleys at **Glendasan and Glendalough as far as Barravore and Glenmalure** learning more about the wonderful mining and associated heritage along the way.

Archaeology: At **Baltinglass Hills** there will be a very special opportunity to take a guided tour with James O Driscoll of the three hillforts on Tuckmill and find out about recent archaeological research. At the ancient site of **St. Crispins Cell** in Greystones there will be a talk and music, at **Dunlavin** there will be a walk to the nearby holy well, and at **Delgany village** there are tours of the old graveyard including the ruins of the church and the high cross. Keep an eye out for activity at **Raheen na Cluig** where the community based **Medieval Bray Project** hopes to be excavating at this early church site. **Glendalough** will be a host of archaeological activity (see below) involving daily tours, an excavation and more.

For **History buffs**, join a walking tour of Bray tracing the history of the **‘Big Houses’** from the Town Hall along Killarney Road with the ever knowledgeable Brian White, or a historical walk around **Newcastle village** from the Community Centre to accompany the map exhibition. Also in Newcastle, local author, Sean O Suillebhean will lead a special **‘walk and talk’** event encompassing local nature, placenames and history

There will be a guided **geology walk** along the coast at Greystones with Koen Verbruggen from the GSI, while at Wicklow town, the Friends of the Murrough are leading a scenic coastal cliff loop looking at local wildlife and archaeological sites.

For a more flexible option take a self guided tour and wander in your own time. Pick up a leaflet at the **Glenmalure Lodge Hotel** to find out



COUNTY WICKLOW HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS DAILY TIMETABLE 19th – 27th August 2017

Mining Heritage Hill Walk A 20km Hill Walk. Starting at Glendasan and finishing at Baravore, Glenmalure glenmalurepuremile@gmail.com T:0404 46768 Sat 19th, 9am - 5pm	B☺☀F
The Glendalough Big Dig A simulated excavation suitable for 5-12yr olds info@sia.ie Sat 19th, 11am - 6pm	B☺☀F
Tours of Wicklow Masonic Lodge, Wicklow Town wicklowmasonic748@gmail.com Sat 19th, 11am - 3pm Wed 23rd, 6.30pm - 9.30pm Sat 26th, 11am - 3pm	B☺F♿P
1917 in Bray A talk by Jim Scannell in Bray Library. braylib@wicklowcoco.ie. T: 01 286 2600 Sat 19th, 11.30am	☺F♿P
The Macreddin Mile Walk A self-guided walk exploring history and nature. info@brooklodge.com T:0404 36444 Sat 19th to Sun 27th, 9am - 9pm daily	☀☺F♿P
Knockanree Garden Walk A Garden Wander. T:086 862 9239 Sat 19th to Sun 27th, 9am - 1.30pm daily	☀♿P€
Walk on Glenmalure Pure Miles A Self -guided walk. Pick up a leaflet at Glenmalure Lodge Hotel glenmalurelodge@yahoo.com T: 0404 46188 Sat 19th to Sun 27th, 9am - 9pm daily	☀☺F♿P
Historical Tour Christchurch Delgany - from history to architecture! aileen.lennon@gmail.com T: 087 837 0322 Sat 19th and Sun 20th, 1pm - 2pm.	☺F♿P
Visit Altidore 'Castle' Georgian House, Kilpeddar T:087 760 1369 E: 4altidore@eircom.net Sat 19th to Sun 27th, 1pm - 5pm daily	B P ♿ €
Ballymurrin House, Wicklow (near Beehive) Visit to hear about Quaker history from 1668 to 1874 E: icon@iolfree.ie T: 0404 48206 Sat 19th to Sun 27th, 2pm - 3pm and 4pm - 5pm daily	B P ♿ €
Tours of Archaeological Dig At Glendalough from School of Archaeology UCD T: 01 716 8312 glendaloughheritageforum@gmail.com Sat 19th to Fri 25th, 2pm - 3pm daily	☺☀F P
Arklow Lifeboat Station Visit one of the very first lifeboat station to open in Ireland in 1826. T: 0402 32850 Sat 19th, 2pm - 4pm.	♿☺F P
300 Years of Irish Freemasonry Talk and Visit Masonic Emerald Lodge, Hillside, Greystones T: 089 248 2037 webmaster@emeraldldodge49.org Sat 19th, 2pm - 4pm.	F P
I Must Be Talking to Someone A night of humour with Paul Sharkey at Ashford Community & Heritage Centre. T: 087 256 1074 www.facebook/ Ashford community and heritage centre. Sat 19th, 8pm - 9.30pm.	♿ P €
Avoca The Greatest Irish Mine Walk with Nick Coy. Meet at Farriers Inn car park T: 086 3706731 nickcoy@eircom.net Sun 20th, 3pm - 5pm.	☺☀P ♿ F

Arklow Maritime Museum Free entry! info@arklowmaritimeheritage.ie T:0402 91683 Sun 20th, 10am - 5pm	☺F♿P
Tours of Glendalough Graveyard with local enthusiasts Meet at Round Tower glendaloughheritageforum@gmail.com Mon 21st - Sat 26th, 3pm - 4pm daily	☺F☀P
International Spud Fest A fun evening at Horse & Hound Delgany. mary@horseandhounddelgany.com T: 086 154 9288 Sun 20th, 4pm - 7pm	♿F P
Tours of Old Burial Ground Delgany. T:01 287 6094 laillidebuitlear@gmail.com Sun 20th, 12pm - 1.30pm, Wed 23rd & Sun 27th 11.30am - 1pm	☀☺♿F P
The Geology of Wicklow Exhibition at Co. Buildings Wicklow Town dburns@wicklowcoco.ie T: 0404 20100 Mon 21st to Fri 25th, 9am - 5pm daily	☺♿F P
Nature Base Camp At Season Park allotments Newtownmoutkennedy. Ages 6-12 T: 087147 7507 grace_garde@hotmail.com Mon 21st to Fri 25th, 10am - 2pm daily	☀☺♿€ P B
Miniature Hat Making At Taras Palace, Powerscourt House Tarasmuseum@gmail.com Mon 21st, 2pm - 3pm	☺♿€ P
Nun's Cross Church, Ashford Open Days A 200-year-old church with connections to Francis Johnston, Sir Roger Casement and J.M. Synge. T: 086 601 4755 awdunne@iol.ie Tue 22nd & Wed 23rd 10am - 5pm, Sun 27th 2pm - 6pm.	☺♿F P
The Abercorn Masonic Hall Ferrybank Arklow – open day. T: 085 818 3392 kavanaghjennifermj@gmail.com Tue 22nd, 4pm - 9pm	☺♿F P
Guided Nature Walk on Avonmore Way 8km from Trooperstown to Clara Vale. T: 01 281 8406 info@wicklowuplands.ie Tue 22nd, 5pm - 8pm	B☀F
Arklow Bat Walk Around boating lake. T: 0402 42700 cbareman@arklowrc.ie Tue 22nd, 8.30pm - 10pm	☀☺F P
Big Houses of Bray Walking tour with Brian White leaving from the Town Hall. T: 087 230 9185 brayhistory@gmail.com Wed 23rd, 11am - 12.30pm & Sat 26th, 3pm - 4.30pm	☀☺F♿
Explore wildlife of East Coast Nature Reserve Sea Road Newcastle with BWI T: 01 281 9878 info@birdwatchireland Wed 23rd, 10.30am - 3.30pm	☺☀P ♿ F
Wild Child Nature Trail and tour at Hollywood Village www.facebook.com/HollywoodTT Wed 23rd, 11am - 12pm	☺☀P ♿ F

Wicklow Mountains National Park Nature Explorers Birds at Upper lake Glendalough Aimed at children aged 5 to 11 years wickloweducationcentre@ahg.gov.ie T: 0404 45656 Wed 23rd, 2pm - 4pm	☀☺♿F P B
Explore Bugs, Bees & Pollinators At Easthill Organic Farm, Newtownmountkennedy info@easthillfarm.ie T: 087 285 3052 Wed 23rd, 7pm - 8pm	☀☺F P
Guided Tour of Mt Usher Gardens (with ticket purchased), Ashford info@mountushergardens.ie Wed 23rd, 10.30pm - 12pm & 2pm - 3.30pm	☀♿P B €
August 19th-28th, 1942 A talk by Jim Scannell in Ballywaltrim Library, Bray T: 01 272 3205 Wed 23rd, 11.30am - 12pm	☺♿F P
Synge/ Book of Kells and Webb View 3 exhibitions at Ashford Community & Heritage Centre. T: 087 256 1074 www.facebook.com/ ashfordcommunityandheritagecentre Thur 24th - Sun 27th, 10am - 6pm daily	☺♿P €
"Investigations at Raheen na Cluig" A talk by David McIlreavy, Bray Medieval Project Bray Library T: 01 286 2600 braylib@wicklowcoco.ie. Thur 24th 7pm - 8pm	♿F P
Walk St. Kevin's Pilgrim Path (one of 5 Pilgrim path walks taking place in Ireland). T: 087 224 0368 / 0504 24004 info@pilgrimpath.ie Thur 24th 9am - 4pm	☀B F
Wicklow Unbound A talk by Sean O Suillebhean in Bridge Street Books, Wicklow Town T: 085 737 3763 caeimhe@wordwellbooks.com Fri 25th, 7pm - 8.30pm	F♿
A House of Stories and Music At the Courthouse, Shillelagh exploring history of the Union workhouse and burial ground. annettedillnolan@yahoo.ie T: 087 602 8614 Fri 25th, 7.30pm - 10pm	☺♿F
Wicklow Bound Newcastle Inn. Talk and Walk by local author, and nature enthusiast, Seán Ó'Súilleabháin. T: 085 737 3763 caeimhe@wordwellbooks.com Sat 26th, 12pm - 2pm	☀☺♿F
Baltinglass Hillfort Tour Visit three hillforts on Tuckmill with James O Driscoll Archaeologist. T: 086 246 1426 jodriscoll111@yahoo.ie Sat 26th, 12pm - 3.30pm	☀☺F
The Lakeside in Photos Blessington exhibition of images from Tidy Towns competition. blessingtontidytowns@gmail.com T: 087 634 9853 Sat 26th, 10am - 6pm	☺♿F P
Glendalough: Food & Resources Family Open Day exploring people and the natural landscape for food and raw materials. glendaloughheritageforum@gmail.com T: 0404 20100 Sat 26th, 11am - 3pm	☀☺F

Geology Walk Greystones meet at Lifeguard hut, South Beach. Koen.verbruggen@gsi.ie. T: 087 204 2974 Sat 26th, 11am - 1pm	☀☺♿F P
Whale Watch Ireland 2017 Bray Head with The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group jcivory67@gmail.com T: 087 683 3898 Sat 26th, 2pm - 5pm	☀☺♿F P
Whale Watch Ireland 2017 Black Castle, Wicklow Town with Irish Whale and Dolphin. brianglanville1@hotmail.com. T: 087 139 0665 Sat 26th, 2pm - 5pm	☀☺♿F P
Storytelling in Nature At Season Park Woods, Newtownmountkennedy Suitable for 3-10-year-olds and their minders. Bring a picnic and go for a stroll afterwards. carolinecostigan@gmail.com T: 087 933 0850 Sat 26th, 2pm - 3pm	☀☺F P
Teddy Bear's Picnic At Bray library with crafts and storytelling. T: 01 286 2600 Sat 26th, 2pm - 4pm	☺♿P B F
Historic Walk & Map Exhibition At Newcastle Community Centre. Travel to Ballyvolan Stud. Talk about local history. Visit adjoining ancient woodland. careym1@eircom.net. T: 01 281 9321 Sat 26th, 2.30pm - 4.30pm	☀☺♿F P
Ceiliuradh-3 Miscellany An acoustic celebration of music, Song and Poems at Hollywood Church blessingtoncomhaltascaislocha@gmail.com T: 086 075 2072 Sat 26th, 2.30pm - 4.30pm	☺♿F P B
Open Day at Wicklow Lighthouse A self-guided tour of this restored C18th lighthouse. T: 01 670 4733 caroline@irishlandmark.com Sun 27th, 10am - 4pm	☺F
North Kildare Beekeepers Demo At Russborough House, learn about bees from hives to honey. friedaoconnell@russborough.ie T: 045 865 239 Sun 27th, 11am - 5pm	☀☺♿F P
Wicklow Cliff Loop Walk. Meet at Glen Turn car park Wicklow Town. (not suitable for young children) friendsofthemurrough@gmail.com. T: 087 947 3072 Sun 27th, 11.30am - 1.30pm	☀☺F P
Family Open Day at WSCPA Sharpeshill, Rathdrum featuring pottery, wood whittling, knitting. See items from yester years and hear stories from childhoods long ago. wicklowspca@eircom.net. T: 0404 44783 Sun 27th, 1pm - 4pm	☀☺♿F P
It's in your Nature An adult focused nature event at Season Park Farm Allotments, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. grace_garde@hotmail.com T: 087 147 7507 Sat 19th 10am - 12pm & Sun 27th 2pm - 4pm.	♿P B €

Heritage Walk To Blessed Well Dunlavin. Meet at Scoil Nicolais Naofa. www.facebook.com/Dunlavin Sun 27th, 6.30pm - 8pm	☀☺F P
Trains, Planes, Automobiles and Family Stories from Killruddery With Brian White (entry to garden included for registered attendees). www.killruddery.com T: 01 286 3405 Sun 27th, 3pm - 5pm	☀☺B F P



Visit www.heritageweek.ie for more information on events, updates on competitions and organiser eventps. For all queries and bookings please contact the event organiser directly.

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