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All are invited to celebrate Pastimes and Past Times this Heritage Week in County Wicklow. Heritage Week 2019 is a call to action for people to discover, interpret and embrace their heritage and in turn create their own new pastime - to become an explorer, an archaeologist, a storyteller, a wildlife enthusiast. National Heritage Week is co-ordinated by The Heritage Council. This county event guide is produced by the Heritage Office of Wicklow County council to help you plan your itinerary and make the most of what Wicklow has to offer. Thanks to the multitude of volunteers and enthusiasts throughout the county for making Our Wicklow Heritage Week so special. Enjoy!

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# Our Wicklow Heritage Week

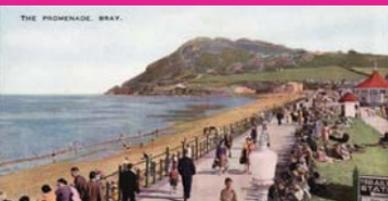
## Glendalough

Kick off Heritage Week with an action packed **Open Day** at Glendalough. In the field next to the Monastery visitors can discover the results from the latest community excavation. Kids can try out archaeology in the ever popular '**Big Dig**' while the **woodland heritage** of the valley and its influence on settlement and mining will be explored in displays, demonstrations and via hourly walks hosted by Wicklow Mountains National Park staff. Throughout the week activities continue with daily tours of the excavations hosted by UCD. A '**Nature & St. Kevin**' guided walk is planned from the Upper Lake on Sunday, while the Discovery Programme will be based in St. Kevins Church (Kevins Kitchen) on Monday demonstrating the latest **digital recording technology** used in modern archaeological research. Past times in the Glendalough Valley can be explored in maps and photos on display in the Brockagh Centre throughout the week.

## Dunlavin

The village of Dunlavin is a hive of Heritage Week activity. The Pastimes of **music and storytelling** feature large on the village's busy programme of over 12 events! Enjoy **Traditional Irish music for toddlers** under the spreading Oak tree and an open mic session in An Lár where all are invited to **share a tune** or poem. Partnering with the **local GAA**, kids are invited to perfect hurling skills, enjoy games and goodies while all are invited to view a most amazing exhibition featuring every All Ireland hurling Programme from 1971. Whether you want to **build an insect hotel**, attend a **Bee Keeping workshop**, view the **ancient craft of weaving**, explore **nature in the hedges**, draw the courthouse or solve the clues on the **family selfie scavenger hunt**, there is something for everyone in Dunlavin.

THE PROMENADE, BRAY.



## Baltinglass

What makes Baltinglass **Ireland's Hillfort Capital**? Find out at a talk in the Court-house by Alan Hawkes, archaeologist on Thursday, hear about recent excavations and see the beautiful display on local sites. Keeping with the **archaeology** theme kids are invited to try their hand at excavating in a simulated '**Big Dig**' on Saturday. A trip down **memory lane** is promised on a walking tour of the town on Tuesday evening, visiting local landmarks and discussing past times.

## Stratford on Slaney

This small town with a big industrial heritage hosts a textile tour, **exploring the cotton mills and textile heritage** of this purpose built industrial town.

## Hollywood

The **Ceiliruidh Celtic Miscellany** takes place in the historic St. Kevins Church of Ireland in Hollywood. This **acoustic candle-lit** concert with Maca and Ger Fitzgerald (bean an sean- nos) is a very special and enormously popular event. Free but booking recommended. Visit Hollywood community Centre on Tuesday for the inaugural **SUAS (sustainable upland argi scheme)** open day. Hear through a series of short talks and a site visit about how the scheme aims to protect the nature and landscape of the Wicklow uplands through sensitive farming systems.



## Bray

Bray **Past and Present** is explored in a walking tour of the town , visiting local buildings and uncovering stories of past residents. At Ballywaltrim Library there will be a talk on events in Bray **this week 75 years ago**, while at Eglington Road library , **this week 100 years ago in 1919** will be explored. Focussing on the Earl of Meath and the influence of the **Brabazon family**, there will be a special event in **Killrude-dery House** with genealogist and lecturer Sean J Murphy (free but book your place in advance). For something totally different head to Bray head for a spot of **land based Whale watching with IWDG**, you never know what you might see!

## Arklow

**Arklow Maritime 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 daily throughout Heritage Week. Other events include; a bus trip to **Ballymur-rin Quaker House** on Monday; visits to **Abercorn Masonic Hall** and an **evening in Arklow Library** with the author Charles Egan on Tuesday ; and a **remembrance service for Arklow fishermen** in the Methodist church on Wednesday.

## Greystones

St. Crispin's Cell, Rathdown is the hub for a special event to launch Heritage Week in Greystones, featuring **music, games and kids art** along with a talk on **local archaeology** and a fascinating display of artefacts discovered in this ancient site over the decades. Greystones library is the venue for the **Our Wicklow Women exhibition**, highlighting many stories of local interest, while there will be a talk on Thursday tracing the **development and history of the RHA** in Ireland.



## Kilcoole

All are invited to an open day at Darraghville **Georgian House and Gardens**, once the home of the Holy Faith order and now the Luisie Centre. Pop up cafe on the day.

## Newcastle

Meet at the community centre to take a tour to visit a nearby **19th century farmyard**, complete with vintage and modern machinery and learn about past farming practices in the locality.

## Enniskerry

The historic Carnegie library will host an **pop-up display of local life and past times**, much of the material sourced from local contributors.

## Delgany

The old burial ground in the village centre is a reservoir of local **history and heritage** with exquisitely inscribed headstones, an early Christian cross and remnants of a church. Nearby, a treat is in store for kids and families and all those who believe in the magical kingdom with a new **Fairy Trail** to explore on Priory lane along with games and activities.



## Ashford

Visit the beautiful **Nuns Cross Church** on one of two open days and discover the many persons, art and stories associated with this building. **At Mount Usher Gardens** visitors will be offered a special **guided tour** with their paid admission to the Robinsonian style gardens on Thursday, while on Tuesday evening the East Wicklow Rivers Trust host a **nocturnal bat walk**, meeting in the courtyard.

## Moneystown.

The community centre is the meeting point for a five mile **guided walk** to Lady's Well (Carrick Mountain), hear about local traditions and enjoy some music and poetry along the way.

## Wicklow Town

Imagine life as a lighthouse keeper in a self-guided tour of Irish landmark Trust's **restored lighthouse** at Wicklow Head. Keeping near the coast enjoy the spectacular scenery, history and nature on the **Wicklow cliff walk** or try land based **Whale watching at the Black Castle with IWDG**. The must-see Wicklow's Historic Gaol is offering **discounted entry** on Monday and Tuesday afternoons while at county buildings you can view an **exhibition to celebrate 120 years of local democracy in Ireland**



# Heritage Awards 2019

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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 heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.

## **The 2019 award categories are as follows:**

### **The Heritage Hero Award**

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.

### **The Hidden Heritage Award**

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.

### **The Heritage Communities Award**

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.

### **The Cool for Kids Award**

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

### **The Le Cheile San Eoraip Award**

Did your event showcase heritage links with other places in Europe? Did you event highlight a person, place or event with a European dimension? This award is open to organisers of events that best represent heritage links with Europe.

The closing date for entries is 20th September 2019 and entry is free. Recipients will be honoured at a Heritage Council Awards Day.

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