Introduction

The Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark has had a very busy and fruitful 2016, hosting over 60 events and working closely with the wonderful communities located here in the Geopark.

For 2017 we have put together another diverse range of events which we hope will cater to all interests and abilities. Our aim is to host events which encourage people to come out and interact with their Geopark and to attract visitors to this wonderful region.

The Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark covers a huge area of Cavan and Fermanagh and boasts numerous recreational sites as well as amazing geological and archaeological features at some inspiring locations. Sites like Castle Caldwell on the northern shores of Lough Erne right down to the impressive Clough Oughter Castle in the Lakelands of Cavan. All these wonderful sites across the Geopark have one thing in common – they all promote the amazing geological, archaeological, cultural and natural heritage so evident within the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark.

On the shore of Lough MacNean

www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com
The Geopark embraces local communities and forms partnerships so we are delighted to say that the majority of our events are run in conjunction with local communities, local tour guides or other stakeholders in the area.

Our events programme for 2017 includes fossil fun days, caving expeditions, family fun days, hedge laying demonstrations, bee keeping events, guided walks and jeep safaris. There is a real mix of activities for those interested in getting out and about and discovering the Geopark.

For more details on upcoming events, news and information on all Geopark sites please visit www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.
January

St Mogue’s Boat Trips

Sunday, 29th January, 12pm (weather permitting)

St. Mogue’s Island, Templeport, Bawnboy, Co Cavan
Take a boat tour on Templeport Lough to the mysterious ecclesiastical island of St. Mogue’s. Learn about the story of St. Mogue and all the legends associated with this picturesque island. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

Contact Local Geopark Guide Aidan Brady +353 (0) 87 6905898 for bookings and more information.

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February

A Hands On Introduction to Hedge Laying & Hedge Rejuvenation

Saturday, 4th February, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Meet at Doobally Church, Dowra, Co Cavan

Join local Geopark Guide Andy King together with Neil Foulkes for an introduction to hedge laying and rejuvenation. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. Places are limited. **Booking is essential.**

Contact Andy King +353 (0)87 663 8428 for bookings and more information.

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Burren Legends Walk

Sunday, 12th February, 1.45pm

Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Join us for a guided walk of Cavan Burren Park with Geopark Guide Seamus O’hUltacháin. Find out about the mythological characters associated with the folklore of Burren. Learn about the love story of Burren at Giant’s Grave. Please wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.

For more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121.

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NI Science Festival Roadshow

**16th-19th February 10.00am-5.30pm**

The NISF roadshow is a free event bringing a taste of the 2017 NI Science Festival to families all across the province! The roadshow will visit **Dungannon** (16th) - **South West Regional College, Enniskillen** (17th) - **South West Regional College, Newry** **Southern Regional West** (18th) and **Coleraine** (19th) consisting of a number of scheduled shows and on-going interactive activities.

Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark staff will help you make your own fossil to take home and teach you more more about the creatures that once inhabited the tropical seas millions of years ago!

Other participants include NI Space Office, Ulster Wildlife, Armagh Planetarium, Ballinderry Rivers Trust, The Royal Society of Chemistry and Bricks4kidz.

Dye Tracing Experiment at Marble Arch Caves

**Saturday 25th February 11am, approx. 2 hours**

The Marble Arch Caves are a key site in the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark. They are one of Europe’s finest showcaves and provide a glimpse into a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, winding passages and lofty chambers. Join Caves staff to hear about the hydrology of these fascinating caves while watching the Owenbrean River turn a luminous shade of green! Dye tracing is a method used by hydrologists to track and trace the flow of underground streams and rivers. Learn about the importance of dye tracing in the field of Geology and the different equipment used to carry out these exciting experiments. Find out more about the tracing experiments that have been carried out in the wonderfully wet County Fermanagh!

**Booking must be made online through Get Invited https://getinvited.to/ (the NI Science Festival ticketing partner).**

Suitable for 12 years plus, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be aware the showcave is not wheelchair accessible. Event is free.

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March

Turas as Gaeilge – Seachtain na Gaeilge

Domhnach, 5ú Márta, 1.45 i.n.
Sunday 5th March, 1.45pm

Páirc Bhoireann an Chabháin, Learga Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Turas treoraithe as Gaeilge le Treoráí Geopháirce Séamus Ó’hUltacháin. Caitear éadaí uiscedhionacha allamuigh agus coisbheart láidir.

Guided tour in Irish, with Geopark Guide Séamus Ó’hUltacháin
Please wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.

Breis eolais dean teagmháil le
Séamus ag +353 (0) 87 965 3178

For more information please contact Séamus on +353 (0) 87 965 3178

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Marble Arch Caves Reopens for 2017 Season

Monday 13th March

Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt

Marble Arch Caves opens for the 2017 visitor season. Tours available from 10am - 4.30pm (5pm in July and August). Tours suitable for people of any age and average fitness. Comfortable walking shoes and sweater recommended. Please be aware the tour can be affected by heavy rain. Pre-booking is advisable. For more information please visit www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com or telephone +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

GPS: 54.25, -7.81
National Science & Engineering Week

Monday, 13th March - Thursday, 16th March

Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre and Johnston Library, Cavan Town.
A series of hand’s-on interactive experiments aimed at Primary school children. All Primary Schools in Counties Fermanagh and Cavan will be notified about this event directly.

For further information please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

St. Patrick’s Day Festival

Friday, 17th March, 4.00pm
Belcoo/Blacklion
Come along and see the Geopark float in the annual St Patrick’s Day parade.
Spring Equinox Walk

**Sunday, 19th March 1.45pm**
**Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

Join us for Spring Equinox when day and night are of equal duration marking the beginning of Spring time at Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Seamus O’hUllacháin. Please wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.

For more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121.

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UNESCO World Poetry Day

**Sunday, 19th March 2.00pm**
**Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

To celebrate annual UNESCO World Poetry Day and Irish Tree Week, both which take place in March, we invite you to come and explore poetry and make poems in the beautiful and magical surroundings of the forest at Cavan Burren Park, the gateway to the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark. Event will be lead by local Geopark Guide Bee Smith.

For more information please contact Bee on +353 (0) 71 9643936

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Spring Alive Geopark Walk

Sunday, 19th March, 3.00pm

Lock 3, Skealon, Skealon Looped Walk, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan

See Spring come alive on this guided nature walk encompassing the looped walk along the Woodford River and Skealon Lock with local Geopark Guide Oliver Brady. Please wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. Meet at Skealon Lock No 3 signposted off the Ballyconnell – Carrigallen Road at 3.00pm.

For more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121.

GPS: 54.06, -7.63
On the Trail of Martel Caving Expedition

Saturday, 25th March, 2.00pm

Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt

Delve off the beaten track to explore ‘real’ caving, deep inside the Marble Arch Caves System. Meander through wild cave passages, climb through boulder chambers and squeeze though our famous flyover to emerge into the Marble Arch Showcave, before returning to the boulder chambers on your way out, muddy but proud!

All participants must be of moderate level of fitness and reasonably agile. This event is not suitable for individuals under 18 years old.
or people of limited mobility. Wear old clothes, a jumper and loose fitting trousers and wellies. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. This event is weather dependant.

Booking is essential and you will be required to complete a heath questionnaire before participating. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

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APRIL

Geo Detectives & Fossil Fun

Saturday, 8th April 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt

Enjoy hands-on fun by making your own fossils, take part in a fossil hunt and learn a bit more about the fantastic fossils that make up the rocks beneath our feet – all for free!. No booking is required. (Normal admission rates to the Marble Arch Caves apply.)

Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0)28 6634 8855 for further information.

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‘Build Your Bunny’ Easter Workshop

Saturday, 15th April, 11am-1.00pm

Bear Essentials Centre, Bawnboy, Co Cavan

Build your bunny or other teddy bear/animal with us at Bear Essentials. This workshop is for all ages 3-99, especially nice for families working together. After finishing our bunnies we will enjoy some refreshments and an Easter Bunny Egg Hunt in the garden and playground.

Book a place at www.bearessentials.ie or contact local Geopark Guide Anke on +353 (0) 87 7610537.

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Easter Extravaganza

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April, 10am - 4.30pm

Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt

Celebrate Easter at one of Europe’s finest showcaves. A range of activities available and this promises to be a Egg-cellent days fun for all. Take part in our Easter themed scavenger hunt, make your own fossil egg and much, much more! Booking for cave tours is strongly recommended and normal admission rates to the showcase apply.

All other activities will be available on an on-going basis throughout the day and are free of charge.

Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre on +44 (0)28 6634 8855 to book a place on a cave tour or for further information.

GPS: 54.25, -7.81
Cavan Walking Festival

Friday, 28th April to Friday, 5th May
To register your place and for more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121 or see www.cavansportspartnership.ie

Friday, 28th April, 7.00pm
Strolling Through Cavan Burren – A Prehistoric Park
Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion

Saturday, 29th April, 11.00am
Discover the Geopark on the Cavan Way
Market House, Blacklion

Sunday, 30th April, 2.00pm
Rocks and Flowers Garvagh Lough Looped Walk
Gowlan Church, Blacklion

Friday, 5th May, 7.00pm
Castlesaunderson and the Geopark – Guided Walk
Castlesaunderson – Meet at Castle Car Park

All Things Great and Small Expedition

Saturday, 29th April, 2.00pm
Meet at Main Car Park Killykeen Forest Park, Cavan
Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.
For more information please contact +353 (0)87 669 9681.

GPS: 54.00, -7.46.
MAY

Geopark Gourmet Tour

**Sunday, 7th May 9.00am**
**Meet at Cavan Courthouse, Cavan Town**

Experience a unique taste of the Geopark with this guided ‘highlights’ tour of the Geopark showcasing the best of what the area has to offer. Includes a tour of the famous Marble Arch Caves as well as a guided walk around Cavan Burren Park followed by a sumptuous lunch in the amazing MacNean Restaurant, home to award winning Chef Neven Maguire. Cost is €45 adults/€25 children. Places are limited.

For bookings or more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121.

**GPS: 53.99, -7.36**

Dawn Chorus - Cladagh Glen

**Saturday, 13th May 5.00am – 7.00am**

**Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt**

The early bird catches the worm! Head to Marble Arch Caves for 5:00am to join Geopark staff to hear the dawn chorus of birdsong welcoming the new day. Geopark staff will help you to identify which birds you can hear. This event is free of charge. Wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. **Booking is essential.**

For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

**GPS: 54.25, -7.81**
All Things Great and Small Expedition

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For more information please contact +353 (0)87 669 9681.

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Exploring the Cliffs of Magho

Saturday, 20th May 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Meeting Point Magho Cliffs Car Park off the A34 Enniskillen-Belleek Road
Guided walk along the Magho Cliffs pathway leading from the shore road to the Magho Viewpoint. 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 Centre via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

GPS: 54.47, -7.90
Bee Keeping Practical Workshop

Sunday, 21st May, 1.00pm

Recycling Centre, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan
To celebrate Biodiversity Week Geopark join Guide Aidan Brady of Cavan Beekeepers Association who will inform participants on beekeeping and honey making. This is an excellent opportunity to discover more about this important creature and learn about keeping your own bees. **Booking is essential.**

For bookings and more information please contact Aidan on +353 (0)87 690 5898.

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Stories from the MACGG
nearly 1 billion years in the making

Friday, 26th May 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Market House, Blacklion, Co Cavan
Join Dr Kirstin Lemon for an illustrated talk on the fascinating geology of the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark. Discover a history dating back nearly 1 billion years as we discover how hot deserts, tropical oceans and big freezes that have helped shape the magnificent landscapes of the Geopark. Light Refreshments provided.

For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855. This event is being held in partnership with the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland.

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Geoparks on the Air

**Saturday, 27th & Sunday, 28th May – All day**

**Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt**
Join members of the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club as they broadcast live from the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre and chat to Geopark colleagues from around the World.

For more information please visit www.learc.eu.

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All Things Great and Small Expedition

**Saturday, 27th May, 2.00pm**

**Killeshandra Town Lake, Co Cavan**
Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact +353 (0)87 669 9681.

GPS: 54.01, -7.52.

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Geopark Wild Flower Walk

Sunday, 28th May, 2.00pm
Meet at Doobally Church, Dowra, Co Cavan
As part of Biodiversity Week celebrations join Geopark Guide Andy King to explore some of the stunning wildflowers of the Geopark. Learn more about how our flora is linked to the landscape around us. This event is suitable for all the family and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121.

GPS: 54.21, -7.87

Marble Arch Caves, Family Fun Day - 32nd Anniversary of MAC Opening

Monday, 29th May, 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Marble Arch Caves, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt
A jam-packed programme of events throughout the day including an interactive family nature hunt, face painting as well as a variety of arts and crafts activities. Normal admission costs to the showcave still apply.

For further information or please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.

GPS: 54.25, -7.81
JUNE

European Geoparks Network Week
26th May – 11th June

On the Footsteps of Martel

Friday, 9th June, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Market House, Blacklion, Co Cavan

In the summer of 1895, Edouard Martel, a French cave scientist, carried out an expedition to explore unknown caves in the hills around Florencecourt and Boho. Martel triggered further expeditions to Fermanagh. 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.

GPS: 54.29, -7.87
Bioblitz on Cuilcagh Mountain Park

Friday, 9th June & Saturday, 10th June

Cuilcagh Mountain Park, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt

Over a 24 hour period, scientists, naturalists and members of the public will work together to identify as many species as possible within Cuilcagh Mountain Park. The Geopark work in partnership with the Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) and numerous other conservation organisations to identify and record and hopefully discover some new additions to the flora and fauna found within Cuilcagh Mountain Park.

For more information on this unique event please contact the Marble Arch Caves on +44 (0)28 6634 8855 or e-mail mac@fermanaghомagh.com

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All Things Great and Small Expedition

Saturday, 10th June, 2.00pm

Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact +353 (0)87 669 9681.

GPS: 54.26, -7.88
**Geopark Orchid Day Walk**  
**Sunday, 11th June, 2.00pm**

*Meet at Courthouse, Dowra, Co Cavan*
Learn more about the beautiful orchid plant of this guided walk with Geopark Guide Andy King. Lots of information on the local biodiversity of the Geopark. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

**For more information please contact** +353 (0)49 952 6121.

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**Solstice Sunrise Walk**  
**Sunday, 18th June, 4.30am**

*Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan*
Join us for a very special sunrise at Cavan Burren Park to celebrate Summer Solstice. Learn about the link between the geology and mythology of this very special place. Light refreshments served afterwards. Booking essential. Please wear sturdy footwear and wear warm waterproof clothing.

**For more information please contact** +353 (0)49 952 6121.

**GPS: 54.26, -7.88**
All Things Great and Small Expedition

Saturday, 24th June, 2.00pm
Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan
Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.
For more information please contact +353 (0)87 669 9681.

GPS: 54.26, -7.88

National Insect Week

Minibeast & Moth Hunt

Saturday, 24th June 11.00am & 3.00pm
Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre
Join us as we hunt for unseen wildlife in habitats throughout the Marble Arch National Nature Reserve. We will hunt, catch and identify invertebrates as we go! Learn a bit more about these mini-beasts fascinating lifestyles and their roles in an ecosystem. Get up close to some of the moth species found in the woodland, as we discover what is inside our moth trap from the night before.
This event is suitable for people of all ages but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring warm waterproof clothing and suitable footwear. Unfortunately, the Nature Reserve is not suitable for pushchairs. This event is free of charge. Book for one of the hour long slots.
For further information or to book a place please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on + 44 (0)28 6634 8855. This event is being held to celebrate National Insect Week.

GPS: 54.25, -7.81
Aghatirourke Ramble

Sunday, 25th June

Aghatirourke RSPB Reserve Cuilcagh Mountain Fermanagh - meet Gortalughany car park

Leaving Gortalughany car park we will follow the trail onto the reserve to the area of Legacurragh Gap through both blanket bog and limestone areas you’ll need suitable footwear and clothing to take part; please note the walk will not be to the summit of the mountain. We hope to see Skylark, Meadow Pipit, peat-nesting Sand Martins and perhaps birds of prey, typical blanket bog plants and the rare Moonwort; we will also see some of the geological features and go into a small cave. The area is very exposed and has the potential to become very wet and windy even in summer so suitable clothing and footwear are essential. Booking is essential by calling 028 9049 1547 during office hours or emailing amy.colvin@rspb.org.uk. There will be a charge for this event.

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Seán Éamoinn Ruairí Trail

Sunday, 25th June, 2.00pm

Glangevlin Hall, Glangevlin, Co Cavan

Bi-lingual guided walk as part of the Fleadh Na Ríochta, Glangevlin. Learn about the enigmatic Seán Eamoinn Ruairí on this Geopark Trail. Meet at Glangevlin Hall at 2.00pm. Please wear sturdy footwear and wear warm waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact Luke McGinley +353 (0)87 285 1154.

GPS: 54.19, -7.89
JULY

Bat Detectives

Sunday, 1st July, 8.00pm

Meet at Geopark Exhibition Room, Market House, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Join bat expert Caroline Shiel together with local Geopark Guide Andrew King for a ‘Bat Walk and Talk’ evening. Learn about our local bats, how to recognise them, where they live, where they breed, what they eat and how to protect them. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121 or +353 (0)87 663 8428.

GPS: 54.29, -7.87
Cathal Buí Festival
Guided Tour of Built Heritage of the Geopark – Moneygashel

**Cathal Buí Festival**

**Saturday, 1st July 11.30am**

**Gowlan Church, Moneygashel, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

Enjoy a guided tour of the mystical surroundings of Moneygashel Cashel. Discover examples of stone working spanning from prehistoric times to 20th century with local Geopark Guide Seamus O’hUllachtáin. Distance approx. 4km. Walk will last approx. 2 hours. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 and children are free.

For more information and bookings contact Seamus on +353 (0)87 965 3178

GPS: 54.25, -7.89

Guided Geopark Walk Archaeology & Geology of Cavan Burren

**Cathal Buí Festival**

**Sunday, 2nd July 1.45pm**

**Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

As part of the Cathal Buí Community Arts and Heritage Festival come out and experience a guided tour of the wonderful prehistoric landscape of Cavan Burren Park. Learn more about the magnificent megalithics, the amazing geology and the intriguing folklore of this special landscape with local Geopark Guide Seamus O’hUllachtáin. Walk will last approx. 3 hours. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 for adults and children are free.

For more information and to book contact Seamus on +353 (0)87 965 3178

GPS: 54.26, -7.88
Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari
Sunday 2nd July  2:00pm – 4:00pm

Cuilcagh Mountain Park (Meeting in Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre)
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 £5.00 per person. This event is not suitable for children under 12 years old. Booking is essential.

Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information or to book a place.

GPS: 54.25, -7.81

Geopark Safari Tour – Cathal Búi Festival
Monday, 3rd July, 10am

Market House, Blacklion, Co Cavan
Join us for a guided bus tour of some of the highlights of the Geopark showcasing the archaeological, geological and scenic value of this area. Tour will last approx. 4 hours. Cost is € 20 for adults.

For more information and to book a place please contact Ena on +353 (0)071 985 3082.

GPS: 54.29, -7.87
Cuilcagh Ramble
Friday 21st July 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Cuilcagh Mountain Park (Meeting in Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre)
Why not take the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of one of the most fascinating areas of the Geopark, Cuilcagh Mountain Park. You will have an opportunity to explore the lower reaches of the mountain and find out more about this unique, fascinating landscape which has been over 300 million years in the making! This event is not suitable for children under 12 years old. This walk is approximately 3km in length. Booking is essential.
Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information or to book a place.

Explore the Geology and Heritage of the Geopark by Canoe
Saturday, 22nd July, 2.00pm
Cavan Canoe Centre, Butlersbridge, Co Cavan
Why not see our Geopark from a different perspective! Join Cavan Canoe Centre staff and Dr. Kirstin Lemon of GSNI and experience the beauty of Lough Oughter and surrounding landscape which was shaped by the power of glaciers over 13,000 years ago. Learn about the wonderful biodiversity in this designated Special Area of Conservation. Visit Clough Oughter Island and see the plantation castle. The cost of this event is € 25 adults/€ 15 children. Booking is essential.
For more information and to book please contact +353 (0)49 952 6121. This event is in conjunction with GSNI.
On the trail of Finn Mac Cool - Exploring Big Dog Forest

Sunday 23rd July  2:00pm – 4:00pm
Meeting at Big Dog Forest Car Park

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. This walk is not suitable for children aged 8 years and under. Booking is essential as places are limited. 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

GPS:  54.41, -7.96

Bog Day Celebration

Sunday 30th July 1:00 pm– 4:00pm

Cuilcagh Mountain Park
Join us in Cuilcagh Mountain Park to find out a bit more about the fascinating bog habitats that dominate the Geopark. Learn or refresh your memory on how people hand cut peat, listen to stories from days gone by in the bog and take part in some bog pool dipping activities along with many more fun interactive activities which will be available for the day. This event promises to be a great day out for all the family. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855 for further information.

GPS:  54.25, -7.81
AUGUST

Bawnboy Community Festival
Thursday 3rd to Monday 7th August

Bawnboy, Co Cavan
Events include: Boat Trips to St Mogue’s Island, Bawnboy Workhouse Tours, Jampa Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre Open Day, Build Your Bear Workshops

Taste of Cavan Food Festival
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th August

Equestrian Centre, Cavan Town
Taste of Cavan returns on 11 and 12 August 2017 with even more great local producers displaying their wares, demonstrations from internationally-renowned chefs and lots of exciting fun for all the family. Geopark stand will highlight artisan food and craft producers within the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark
Heritage Week

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th August

Locations throughout the Geopark
Events include: Under the Arms of the Beech Tree – Jampa Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre and The Big Dig at Cavan Burren Park.

SEPTEMBER

Autumn Equinox Walk Cavan Burren Park
24th September, 1.45pm

OCTOBER

Neolithic Autumn Walk, Cavan Burren Park
15th October, 1.45pm

DECEMBER

Winter Solstice Sunset Walk Cavan Burren Park
23rd December, 1.45pm
Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark

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