

Wild Nephin National Park

Wildfires Prevention

Advice for General Public

Wildfires can have catastrophic impacts on upland habitats, wildlife and rural communities, putting homes, property and lives at risk and diverting emergency services from their main tasks. Members of the public and visitors to recreational areas should cooperate with all requests regarding fire safety, obey all relevant by-laws and be considerate in parking vehicles so as not to impede access by emergency vehicles.

Where fire outbreaks occur at or near recreational areas the following actions should be taken by visitors in the interests of safety.

1. Do not light fires in and around forests or open land. Fires are only permitted in fire pits at designated campsites.
2. Do not light BBQs within the National Park. BBQs are only permitted in fire pits at designated campsites.
3. Be prepared – Plan your visit. Know where you are going. Carry mobile telephone, maps, etc.
4. Consult the National Park website in advance to be familiar with any current Weather Warning or Fire Risk Danger Notices - www.wildnephinnationalpark.ie
5. Do not block forest entrances or roads when parking - access may be required by emergency services.
6. Report any illegal and suspicious activity to National Park staff or the Gardai.
7. If you see smoke or a fire in the distance, act immediately.
8. Do not attempt to intervene or fight fires under any circumstances.
9. Gather all family/group members and move to a safe fuel-free location such as a car park, upwind of the fire.
10. Telephone Fire and Rescue Services via 112 and report the fire and its location.
11. Evacuate if instructed to do so, and cooperate with all Emergency Service Instructions.



Important contact numbers

National Park Visitor Centre +353 (0)98 49888

National Park Headquarters +353 (0)98 49996

In case of emergency phone 112 or 999



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