

# Wicklow Mountains National Park Events 2023



## Calendar

More events will be added if resources allow.  
Please check our website.

International Dawn Chorus Day Sunday 7 May at  
4.30am

Bumblebee ID Walk for World Bee Day  
Saturday 20 May at 11am

Wildflower ID & Folklore Walk Sunday 11 June

Bat Walk Wednesday 14 June at 9.30pm

Peregrine Falcon Watch tbc

Wildflowers of the Miners' Village Sunday 25 June  
at 11am

Butterfly ID Walk Sunday 9 July

Bat Walk Wednesday 12 July at 9.30pm

Family Art Sessions: Tuesday 4, 11, 18 & 25 July, 1,  
8, 15 & 22 August

Lectures 6, 13, 19 & 27 July, 3, 10, 16 & 24  
August

Family Bug Walks: Friday 11, 18 & 25 August

Family Bat Night Bat (for Heritage Week) Thurs-  
day 17 August at 7.30pm

Native Tree ID & Folklore Walk Sunday 17 Sep-  
tember

Rut Watch Sunday 8 October

## Bookings

Some of our events have limited places and  
require booking. Details are given under  
each listing. To book, please email:

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### Email List

If you wish to be notified about events,  
please send your email address to:

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**Sorry,  
No dogs on our events.**

Wicklow Mountains National Park covers approximately 23,000 hectares of the Wicklow Mountains.  
It is managed by the National Parks & Wildlife Service, under the auspices of the Department of  
Housing, Local Government & Heritage. The Park was established in 1991.

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## Wicklow Mountains National Park

# Dawn Chorus



### International Dawn Chorus Day

4.30 a.m. Sunday 7 May

Sunday 7th May is International Dawn Chorus Day, and all over Ireland people will be getting up early to join a guided walk and listen to the birds' songs.

**Location:** OPW Visitor Centre, Glendalough, A98HC80.

**Practicalities:** Adults & children welcome. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware car parking charges (€4) may apply.

**Booking:** Booking is not necessary. For more information, please phone 0404 45425.

# Bumblebees for Beginners



### World Bee Day

11 a.m. Saturday 20 May

Saturday 20th May is World Bee Day. Join our talk and walk and learn about Ireland's Bumblebees.

**Location:** The Education Centre, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults & children welcome. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking essential. Bookings will be taken from Saturday 6 May. To book, email [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)

# Wildflower Walk



### Upper Lake Area Glendalough

11 a.m. Sunday  
11 June

Join us on a gentle walk and learn how to identify some June wildflowers and some of their folklore.

**Location:** The Information Office, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults & children welcome. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking essential. Bookings will be taken from Saturday 27 May. To book, email [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)

# Falcon Watch



Date to be confirmed.  
(Some time in June)  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This event is dependent on Glendalough's resident peregrine falcons. If the birds decide to nest in an area where we can watch them easily, we shall organise a day with telescopes. The date and location are, of course, entirely decided by the birds themselves.

**Location:** To be confirmed.

**Practicalities:** Adults and children welcome. Family friendly. Bring binoculars if you have them. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

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## Wicklow Mountains National Park

# Bat Walks



9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 14 June

9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 12 July

Our Bat Walks are a perennial favourite with old and young alike. The walk starts at dusk as we watch the bats emerge from their maternity roost in the Information Office. We shall then head off on a stroll to see some other species. All ages are welcome.

**Location:** The Information Office, Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** All welcome. No dogs. Participants are advised to bring insect repellent and a torch. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

# Butterfly Walk



11 a.m.  
Sunday 9 July

Join a National Park guide to discover some of the butterflies living in the woods and meadows of the Upper Lake area of Glendalough.

**Location:** The Information Office, Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults only. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking is essential. To book, email [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)

# Wildflower Walk



Miners' Village  
Glendalough

11 a.m.  
Sunday 25 June

Come and discover some of the wildflowers growing amongst the mining ruins. Bog plants including carnivorous sundew, semi-parasitic lousewort and bog asphodel are just a few of the plants that can be found here.

**Location:** The Miners' Village, Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults & children welcome. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking essential. Bookings will be taken from Saturday 10 June. To book, email [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)



## Wicklow Mountains National Park

# Family Art Sessions

2 - 4 pm Tuesdays  
in July and August

Tuesday 4 July: Butterfly Art

Tuesday 11 July: Bat Art

Tuesday 18 July: Flower Art

Tuesday 25 July: Mammal Masks

Tuesday 1 August: Woodland Art

Tuesday 8 August: Clay Models

Tuesday 15 August: Nature Mandala  
Art (for Heritage Week)

Tuesday 22 August: Watery Energy  
Life Art

Bring your young person along for a fun packed afternoon of art. All materials supplied, just bring some creativity!

**Location:** The Education Centre, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults & children welcome. Please note that an adult must stay with the children, and be prepared to help! No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking is essential. Bookings will be taken one week prior to each session.

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## Family Bat Talk

7.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 17 August



Join us for a Bat Talk in the Education Centre at 7.30 p.m. before the Bat Walk at 8.30p.m. Aimed at both children and adults, this talk aims to dispel some of the myths about bats, and to entertain you with the true facts.

**Location:** The Education Centre, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** All welcome. No dogs. Participants are advised to bring insect repellent and a torch. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking is not required.

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## Family Bat Walk

8.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 17 August



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**Location:** The Information Office, Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** All welcome. No dogs.

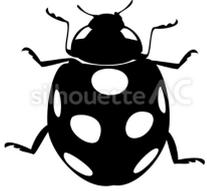
Participants are advised to bring insect repellent and a torch. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

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## Wicklow Mountains National Park

### Family Bug Walks



11 a.m.  
Friday 11 August  
Friday 18 August  
Friday 25 August

Our bug safaris have always proven hugely popular with both adults and children. Get up close and personal with beautiful butterflies, ferocious dragonflies, cute little ladybirds, and love 'em or loath 'em spiders!

**Location:** The Information Office, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults and children welcome. Family friendly, although not suitable for buggies. No dogs. Participants should bring a jar with a lid to help examine the bugs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking is essential. Bookings will be taken from Monday 31 July. To book, email: [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)

### Rut Watch



11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday 8 October

Wicklow is home to a large population of wild deer. They are particularly impressive in autumn when they 'rut'. National Park staff shall have telescopes set up on the Spinc walking trail between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Anyone walking on this route is welcome to stop by, view the deer through the telescopes and discuss the deer and their ecology with our staff.

**Location:** The Glenealo Footbridge, Spinc walking trail (white arrows), Glendalough. Participants are advised to visit to the Information Office (Upper Lake, Glendalough) to get directions to the telescopes before setting out.

**Practicalities:** The Spinc trail takes 3 hours. All are welcome, although the hike may be too long for young children. Please note, that participants will not be escorted on the hike. Hiking boots and rain gear are recommended. Bring binoculars if you have them. All dogs must be kept on leads. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

### Tree ID Walk



11 a.m. to 12.3 p.m.  
Sunday 17 September

Join us on a gentle stroll around Glendalough to learn how to identify trees. Discover their history, folklore, ecology and uses, from the mighty oak, the King of the Trees, to the delicate Mountain Ash.

**Location:** The Information Office, by the Upper Lake, Glendalough.

**Practicalities:** Adults & older children only. No dogs. This event is free of charge, but please be aware that the Upper Lake car park (Wicklow Co. Council, Eircode A98W778) has a €4 charge.

**Booking:** Booking is essential. Bookings will be taken from Saturday 2 August. To book, email: [wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wickloweducationcentre@npws.gov.ie)

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