



Marble Arch Caves  
Global Geopark

# July-December 2016 Events Guide





# Introduction

For 2016 the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark has put together a truly diverse range of events and activities for both visitors and locals alike to sample the wonderful delights of the area. The Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark encompasses an area over 2,333km<sup>2</sup> in size stretching across the impressive landscape of counties Cavan and Fermanagh from Castle Caldwell on the northern shores of Lough Erne to Green Lough on the outskirts of Cavan town. In recent times the area has been expanded to encompass more sites of great geological and cultural importance within the Geopark.

At the core of the events guide is the Geopark's UNESCO status and as such we aim to promote best practices landscape interpretation, conservation, education and sustainable tourism through our events.

Our comprehensive events programme for 2016 caters for all interests and abilities including boat trips, bee keeping events, family fun days, solstice sunrises, gourmet tours, jeep safaris and fossil fun days. There is a real mix of activities for all those interested in learning more about their Geopark.

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

The Geopark is for everyone to enjoy and we hope this events guide entices people to come out and discover or perhaps rediscover this truly amazing landscape.

For further information on upcoming events, latest news, Geopark sites and much more please visit our website [www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com). You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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# JULY

## A walk through Karstic Cavan Cathal Búí Festival

**Friday 1st July 7.00pm**

**Meet at Gowlan Church, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

As part of the Cathal Búí Community Arts and Heritage Festival come out and experience a guided tour of Garvagh Lough Loop with local Geopark Guide Seamus O'hUltacháin. Learn about disappearing rivers and associated folklore. Experience wonderful natural and built heritage in this beautiful setting between Cuilcagh and Burren. Distance approx 6km. 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 9653178.*

## Guided Tour of Built Heritage of the Geopark – Moneygashel, Cathal Búí Festival

**Saturday 2nd 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'hUltacháin. 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 9653178.*

## Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari

**Sunday 3rd July 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Cuilcagh Mountain Park**

**(Meet in Cuilcagh Mountain Park Car Park)**

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.*

## Guided Geopark Walk Archaeology & Geology of Cavan Burren – Cathal Búí Festival

**Sunday 3rd July 1.45pm**

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



Cavan Burren Park

As part of the Cathal Búí 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'hUltacháin. 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 9653178.*

## Geopark Safari Tour – Cathal Búí Festival

**Monday 4th July 10.00am**

**Market House, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

As part of the Cathal Búí Community Arts and Heritage Festival 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 9853082.*



Cuilcagh Mountain

## Aghatirourke Ramble

**Saturday 9th July**

**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 Leggacurragh 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 +44 (0)28 9049 1547 during office hours or emailing amy.colvin@rspb.org.uk

*This event will be free for RSPB members. For non-members the cost is £5 for adults and £2.50. Please note some of the walking will be across the bog and may not be suitable for under eights.*

## Geopark Gourmet Tour

**Sunday 10th July 9.00am - 6.00pm**

**Meet at Cavan Courthouse, Cavan Town**

Experience a unique taste of the Geopark with an amazing opportunity of a guided "highlights" tour of the Geopark showcasing the best of what the area has to offer. This popular event includes a tour of the famous Marble Arch Caves as well as a guided walk around Cavan Burren Park. Also included in the event is 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 9526121.*

## All Things Great and Small Expedition

**Sunday 10th July 2.15pm**

**Rann Point, (signposted Lough Oughter) Killeshandra, Co Cavan**

Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts in the Geopark. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. *For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.*

## Exploring Cuilcagh Mountain – Guided bus & walking tour

**Saturday 16th July 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Meeting in Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre**

Why not take the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of one of the most fascinating areas of the Geopark. Visitors will be transported by bus to the newly developed Cavan Burren Park where you will learn more about this fascinating archeological landscape. Then, back on the bus to Cuilcagh Mountain Park where you will have an opportunity to explore the lower reaches of the mountain and find out more about this unique, fascinating landscape. Light refreshments will be provided. This promises to be a great event!. The event is not suitable for children under 16 years old. Cost £10.00 per person. **Booking is essential.** This is an outdoor event so warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are 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, 23rd July 12.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Cavan Canoe Centre, Butlersbridge, Co Cavan**

Why not see our Geopark from a different perspective! Join Cavan Canoe Centre staff with 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 of this area, a designated Special Area of Conservation. Visit Clough Oughter Island and see the amazing plantation castle. The cost of this event is € 25 adults/€ 15 children. **Booking is essential.**

*For more information and to book a place please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121. This event is in conjunction with GSNI.*



Lough Oughter



## All Things Great and Small Expedition

**Sunday 24th July 2.15pm**

**Location: Meet at Courthouse, Dowra, Co Cavan**

Highlighting the Geoparks wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts in the Geopark. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. *For more information please contact +353 (0)49 9526121.*

## On the trail of Finn Mac Cool – Exploring Big Dog Forest

**Sunday 24th 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.*

## Build Your Bear Workshop

**Saturday 29th July 11.00am - 1.00pm**

**Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

This build your own bear workshop is being run in support of Bawnboy Festival and is suitable for those from 3years to 99years! *Please book directly with Anke on +353 (0)87 7610537 or www.beaessentials.ie.*

## Bog Day Celebration

**Saturday 30th July 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Cuilcagh Mountain Park**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

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.

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## Bawnboy Community Festival - Bee Keeping Display

**Sunday 31st July 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Location: GAA Grounds, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

Join in the celebrations of Bawnboy's 25th Festival year with this special Beekeeping Information Event where local Geopark Guide Aidan Brady of Cavan Beekeepers Association will inform participants on beekeeping and honey making. This is an excellent opportunity to discover more about this important creature and will give an opportunity to all who attend to learn about keeping their own bees. **Booking is essential.**

*For bookings and more information please contact Aidan +353 (0)87 6905898.*

# AUGUST

## Bawnboy Community Festival – Work House Tours

**Sunday 31st July - Monday 1st August, 1.00pm - all day**

**Bawnboy Workhouse, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

As part of Bawnboy's 25th Festival take a tour of Bawnboy's Workhouse. Learn about the story associated with this building. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. *For bookings and more information please contact Dympha Headen on +353 (0)87 9891862.*

## Bawnboy Community Festival - Boat Trips to St Mogue's Island

**Monday 1st August 2.00pm - 5.30pm**

**St Mogue's, Templeport, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

As part of Bawnboy's 25th Festival take a boat tour 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.

*For bookings and more information please contact Aidan Brady +353 (0)87 6905898.*

## Bawnboy Community Festival – Open Day at Jampa Ling

**Monday 1st August 2.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Jampa Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

As part of Bawnboy's 25th Festival everyone is invited to spend an informal day at the centre and to enjoy the garden and grounds with your friends and relatives. Stay for a cup of tea and visit the craft shop. Offers to help out on the day are greatly appreciated.

*For more information please contact the centre on +353 (0)49 9523448 or [www.jampaling.org](http://www.jampaling.org).*





## Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari

**Saturday 6th August 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Cuilcagh Mountain Park**

**Meet Cuilcagh Mountain Park Car Park**

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## A Rocky Place

**Sunday 7th August 2.00pm**

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

Enjoy the tales, legends and more inspired by the stones of Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Please wear sturdy footwear and wear warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event.

*For more information please contact +353 (0)71 9643936.*

## All Things Great and Small Expedition

**Sunday 7th August 2.15pm**

**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 in the Geopark. Suitable for all ages.

Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

*For more information please contact +353 (0)49 9526121.*

## Bawnboy Community Festival Festival Walk

**Sunday 7th August**

**Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

As part of Bawnboy's 25th Festival enjoy a walk of Bawnboy and surrounding areas. Start at St Mogue's Church via Lakefield – Ardara - Drumlogher. Distance approx. 10 km. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

*For bookings and more information please contact Oliver Brady +353 (0)87 0530906.*

## Taste of Cavan Festival

**Friday, 12th August - Saturday, 13th August**

**Cavan Equestrian Centre, Cavan Town**

A two-day festival celebrating locally produced food. From hand-made chocolates to award winning cheeses all proudly produced in Cavan. Come and experience a taste of the Gourmet Geopark at our stand highlighting some of our best food produces.

Hampers to be won and lots of activities for kids at Geopark area.

*For more information contact +353 (0)49 9526121*

*or see [www.thisiscavan.ie](http://www.thisiscavan.ie).*



## Heritage Week

### 'Things with Wings' – Bat & Moth Night

**Friday 19th August 9:00pm – 11:00pm**

**Castle Caldwell Forest (Castle Car Park)**

Discover more about some of our most elusive and mysterious mammals in their natural environment. Using bat detectors we will search for these animals as they forage for food in the woodland. You will also get an opportunity to 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!!! Light refreshments will be provided. All children must be accompanied by adult. This is an outdoor event so please bring a hand or head torch and warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear are essential.

**Places are limited and 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.*



## Rock Detectives Clubs Marble Arch Caves

**Saturday 20th August 2016**

Session 1: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Session 2: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

### Marble Arch Caves

Take part in our CSI Carboniferous Sea Investigator Trail and learn more about the creatures that inhabited the tropical seas millions of years ago. You will also get to make your own fossil to take home! Try out the treasure hunt or have a go at orienteering in the Cladagh Glen. Explore the array of plants and find out just how many of them have existed for millions of years.

## All Things Great and Small Expedition

**Sunday 21st August 2.15pm**

### Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Highlighting the Geopark's wonderful biodiversity and heritage join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a series of convivial butterfly and bug hunts in the Geopark. Suitable for all ages. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. *For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.*



## Guided Tour of Seehouse & Kilmore Cathedral

**Sunday 21st August 3.00pm – 6.00pm**

### Kilmore Cathedral, Cavan

Come and join us for a tour of one of the Geopark's hidden gems – Kilmore Cathedral. Located approx. 5km outside of Cavan Town and not far from Lough Oughter, one of this cathedral's most interesting features is a 12th century Romanesque doorway built into the outside wall of the vestry. A guided tour of the cathedral as well as the adjacent Seehouse will be led by local historian Wendy Swan. Refreshments will be served after the tour in the adjoining hall.

*Please contact the Heritage Office on +353 (0) 49 4378614 for more details.*





## The 'Big Dig' Cavan Burren Park

**Wednesday 24th August 1.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan**

An exciting event for children this Heritage Week at Cavan Burren Park – The Big Dig is for kids who like to get their hands dirty! The Big Dig aims to introduce the mystery and adventure of archaeology in a fun and relaxing environment through original and dynamic activities. Led by the Irish School of Archaeology all activities are hands on and practical and where better than to learn about archaeology than at our very own prehistoric park – Cavan Burren! **Booking is essential.**

*For more information please contact the Geopark Office in Ballyconnell on +353 (0) 49 9526121.*

## Under the Arms of the Beech Tree

**Thursday 25th August 7.00pm – 9.30pm**

**Jampa Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

Join us for this Woodland Walk Meditation with local Geopark Guide Desmond Gough through the ancient woodland of Jampa Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre. This walk will be followed by a poetry reading. Distance approx. 2.5km. Please wear sturdy footwear and wear warm waterproof clothing.

*For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.*

## Cuilcagh Ramble

**Friday 26th August 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Cuilcagh Mountain Park**

**(Meeting in Cuilcagh Mountain Park Car Park)**

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.

## Rock Detectives Clubs Cavan Burren Park

**Saturday 27th August 2016**

Session 1: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Session 2: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Cavan**

Join us for an expedition to discover the rocks and landscapes and the people that lived off them. Have a go at making your own planet Earth, dig in the glacial mud, and construct your own megalithic tomb before discovering the secrets that the park has to tell.

*For further information or to book your place please on any Rock Detectives Session please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.*

## Heritage Event Dusk Moth Hunt

**Saturday 27th August 8.00pm – 10.00pm**

**Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

This is a free family event with outside activity and story telling. Please bring rain gear/shoes and torch. Places are limited.

**Booking is essential.**

*Please book directly with Anke on +353 (0)87 7610537.*





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# SEPTEMBER

## Mushroom Identification Walk

**Sunday 4th September 2.00pm**

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

Learn about and how to identify the wealth of mushroom species that are abundant at this time of year in Cavan Burren Park with mushroom expert Tina Pommer of Leitrim Landscape Walks and local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. €20 per person.

*For more information or to book a place please contact Bee on +353 (0) 71 9643936.*

## Rocky Ramble on Gortmaconnell Rock (European Heritage Open Days)

**Sunday 11th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Gortmaconnell Townland**

**(Meet at Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre)**

Why not come along and explore the fascinating and unique landscape of Gortmaconnell townland on Cuilcagh Mountain. Discover more about the rocks beneath your feet, learn how the landscape has been shaped and used by past generations as we visit one of the many lime kilns found in the foothills of Cuilcagh Mountain. You will also get to see some of the many unique plants and animals that live here. Stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing are essential. This event is not suitable for children under 8 years of age.

**Booking is essential, places are limited to 21 persons.**

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

## Autumn Equinox Walk

**Saturday 24th September 1.45pm**

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

Join us at Cavan Burren Park for an Autumn Equinox guided walk. Discover more about the rich archaeological and geological heritage of this wonderful landscape and learn about the importance of equinox to our ancestors. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

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## Geopark Gourmet Tour

Sunday 25th September 9.00 am – 6.00pm

Cavan Courthouse, Cavan Town

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# OCTOBER

## Woodland Scavenger Hunt – Ely Lodge Forest

Sunday 2nd October 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Meet at Ely Lodge Lower Car Park

As Autumn sets in – how many signs of its arrival will you be able to discover in the magnificent forest at Ely Lodge? Collect fallen leaves and twigs to make your own woodland collage, search for signs of woodland mammals and make your own bark rubbing are just some of the activities that will be on offer! This event is suitable for all the family (Sections of the walk are pushchair/ wheelchair accessible). Warm waterproof clothing and suitable footwear is essential and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

## Mists and Mellowness: A Relaxing Amble

Sunday 2nd October 2.00pm

Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Join local Geopark Guide Bee Smith for this walk and bathe in the forest's pristine air. Indulge in a spot of what the Japanese call “forest bathing” to relax and recharge. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event.

For more information or to book a place please contact Bee on +353 (0) 71 9643936.

## Bear Scary Halloween Family Event

Friday 28th October 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co Cavan

This event is in conjunction with Cavan County Council Heritage Office. For more information please see [www.beaessentials.ie](http://www.beaessentials.ie) or Bear Essentials Facebook page.

Please book directly online or with Anke on +353 (0) 87 7610537.

## Build Your Halloween Bear

Saturday 29th October 11.00am – 1.00pm

Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co Cavan

A workshop for all ages.

Please book directly online at [www.beaessentials.ie](http://www.beaessentials.ie).



## Samhain Picnic (weather permitting)

Sunday 30th October 2.00pm

Interpretative Centre, Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co Cavan

Celebrate Celtic New Year at Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Experience a guided tour of this prehistoric landscape home to our ancestors for thousands of years. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. **There is a charge for this event.**

For more information or to book a place please contact Bee on +353 (0) 719643936.

## Fermanagh Walking Festival

Various locations within the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have organised a walking festival encapsulating the Cuilcagh Mountain area in October. The family walk will be held in the Marble Arch Nature Reserve from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Why not come along and meet some people from the past, search for fossils, discover tree trunk inhabitants and much much more – all free of charge.

This is an outdoor event and warm, waterproof clothing is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Unfortunately the Nature Reserve is not suitable for pushchairs. To find out more about the Walking Festival please contact Chris Elliott on 0300 303 177 or e-mail [chris.elliott@fermanaghmagh.com](mailto:chris.elliott@fermanaghmagh.com).

*For more information on the Family Walk please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855 [mac@fermanaghmagh.com](mailto:mac@fermanaghmagh.com)*

## Halloween Spooktacular at Marble Arch Caves

**Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October**

**Marble Arch Caves**

Put on your scariest fancy dress costume and journey underground on a nail biting, spine tingling guided tour of the fantastic Marble Arch Caves. Come and meet the ghost of Edouard Martel, the Wheathill Witch and their spooky friends! **Booking is essential.** The Caves may close following periods of heavy rain.

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# NOVEMBER

## Science Week

**Monday 14th – Thursday 17th November**

**Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre & Others**

A series of hand-on interactive experiments aimed at Primary schoolchildren. 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 via telephone on +44 (0)28 6634 8855.*

# DECEMBER

## Gingerbread House Christmas Workshop

**Saturday 10th December 2.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co Cavan**

Make your very own wonderful Gingerbread House to share with loved ones over Christmas.

*Please book directly online at [www.beaessentials.ie](http://www.beaessentials.ie).*

## Winter Solstice Sunset Walk

**Sunday 18th December 1.45pm**

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

Experience the magic of the Winter Solstice with local Geopark Guide Seamus O'hUltacháin at Cavan Burren Park. Enjoy a guided sunset walk around this amazing relict landscape. Walkers will be guided to the famous prehistoric monuments of Cavan Burren Park to experience how our ancestors related their place of burial and worship to the astronomical phenomenon which marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.

*For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.*



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For more information on upcoming events, latest news, additional  
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