Events Guide 2015
Our 2015 programme of events for the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark is designed to embrace the ethos of UNESCO in hosting events within the Geopark area which reflect the rich geological, natural and cultural heritage of the border region of Counties Cavan and Fermanagh. The Geopark stretches throughout Counties Cavan and Fermanagh from Castle Caldwell on the northern shores of Lough Erne to Drumlane Abbey on the shores of Lough Oughter.

For 2015 we have compiled a comprehensive programme to cater for all interests: from family fun days, heritage and geology talks, food festivals to craft workshops and guided rambles. There is a mix of activities for all those interested in learning more about their Geopark. Events take place at a wide range of geologically and environmentally diverse sites including the recently developed Cavan Burren Park and the spectacular Marble Arch Caves, all showcasing some of the finest natural landscapes in Ireland and offering a window into the area’s 895 million year past. All of the locations for this year’s events cater to a wide variety of interests through a diverse range of recreational, educational and social activities.

Geoparks embrace local communities and a large number of our events are run in conjunction with local groups and our local tour guides. Geopark events are for everyone and offer a chance to discover or re-discover the wonderful heritage of the area.

For further information on upcoming events, latest news, Geopark sites and much more please visit our website www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com
Under Brigid’s Cloak Storytelling with Nuala Hayes

Sunday 1st February 1.45pm

Join Nuala Hayes for story telling and activities to celebrate the festival of Brigid on Sunday 1st February at the magical Cavan Burren Park. Have a go at making Brigid’s Cross and Bridóg Dolls. Lots of activities and fun for all the family. Refreshments served. For more information contact: +353 (0) 49 9526121.
Burren Legends Walk
Saturday 14th February 1.45pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan. Meet at interpretative centre.

Join us for a guided walk of Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Jim Nolan. Find out about the mythological characters associated with the folklore of Burren. Learn about the love story of Burren at Giant’s Grave this Valentine’s day. Please wear warm waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. Meet at Cavan Burren Park interpretative centre at 1:45pm. For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.
**National Tree Week**  
**Native Woodlands of the Geopark – Guided Walk**  
Sunday 8th March 2.00pm  
**Location:** Cuilcagh Mountain. Meet at Altachullion Viewpoint.  
As part of National Tree Week 2015 join us for a guided walk examining some of the native woodlands of the Geopark and reasons for their decline in recent years. Please wear stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.

**Discover Fermanagh Event**  
Sunday 8th March 11.30pm - 4.00pm

**Location:** Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre  
Guided tours of the Marble Arch Caves will be offered free on Sunday 8th March every 30 minutes from 11:30pm until 4:00pm. Telephone booking is essential. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis. Please be advised that the Caves may close for safety reasons following heavy rain. Booking is essential and please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855 to book a place or for further information.
Fermanagh District Council have organised a one day walk encapsulating the Cuilcagh Mountain area on Saturday 14th March 2015. The family walk will be held in the Marble Arch Nature Reserve. Pre-registration is essential with places allocated on a first come, first served basis and the event is free of charge. Meet some real-life cavers; get to make your own bark rubbing, search for fossils; identify plants/ferns and mosses, discover tree trunk inhabitants and much more. To find our more about the family walk or to book a place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on (+44) (0) 28 66348855

St Patrick’s Day Festival
Tuesday 17th March 4.00pm
Location: Belcoo/Blacklion
Come along and see the Geopark float at the cross border Blacklion-Belcoo St. Patrick’s Day Parade. See www.blacklion.ie for more information.
National Science and Engineering Week

Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th March
Location: Various Locations.

To celebrate National Science and Engineering Week a series of Earthworks Science Lab sessions have been arranged. All of the labs are completely interactive and are based on the Earth Science of the area and include activities such as: marvellous meteorites, how caves form, making your own volcano and earthquake simulation. Schools will be notified directly about this event.

World Poetry Day Guided Walk

Saturday 21st March 2.00pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion. Meet at interpretative Centre.

Join Bee Smith, local Geopark Guide on a tour of Cavan Burren Park as part of World Poetry Day. Enjoy the wonder and beauty of this prehistoric park accompanied by a selection of poems inspired by this relict landscape. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book your place please contact Bee on (+353) 71 9643936.

Spring Alive Geopark Nature Walk

Sunday 22nd March 3.00pm
Location: Skealon Looped Walk, Ballyconnell.

Meet at Lock No. 3.

See spring come alive on this guided nature walk encompassing the recently opened 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 3pm. For more information please contact +353 (0) 49 9526121.
April

**Build an Easter Bunny Workshop**
Saturday 4th April 11.00am - 1.00pm
Location: Silver Bear Centre, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan
Family workshop with an Easter theme - build your very own Geopark Easter bunny and take part in our Easter egg hunt! For more information or to book a place please contact local Geopark guide Anke on (+353) 87 7610537

**Spring Awakening Guided Walk**
Monday 6th April 2.00pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park. Meet at interpretative Centre.
As Cavan Burren Park changes with the seasons each signals special sights to see. Experience the magic of the flora and fauna of Cavan Burren in spring time. The woods are alive with birdsong. This walk will give participants a good background in the folklore that has grown out of the landscape, as well as facts about how the landscape evolved over time. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book a place please contact (+353) 71 9643936
Easter Extravaganza

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th April
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre
Make sure to visit the Marble Arch Caves this Easter and take advantage of the range of free interactive activities taking place including fossil hunts, nature trails and much more which will be offered throughout the day. This promises to be a great day’s fun for all the family. Booking for cave tours is strongly recommended and normal admission rates to the Marble Arch Caves apply. First tour begins at 10.00am and the last tour at 5.00pm. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on (+44) (0)28 66348855 to book a place on a cave tour or for further information.

Build a Geopark Bunny Workshop

Wednesday 8th April 11.00am – 1.00pm
Location: Silver Bear Centre, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan
Information: Enjoy this creative workshop where children can build their very own Easter bunny. Lots of fun and activities for all the family. For more information or to book a place please contact Anke on (+353) 87 7610537

Geopark Evening Chorus Walk

Sunday 26th April 7.00pm
Welcome the Summer season with an evening chorus walk with local Geopark guide Heather Bothwell. Identify birds and birdsong at evening chorus. Please wear sturdy footwear and wear warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.
Cavan Walking Festival
Friday 1st May - Sunday 10th May

A Guided Geopark Walk through Time
Cavan Walking Festival
Friday 1st May 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Location: Gowlan, Blacklion, Co. Cavan. Meet at Gowlan Church.
Enjoy a guided tour of the mystical surroundings of Gowlan looped walks, Garvagh Lough and Moneygashel Cashel. Discover examples of stone working spanning from prehistoric times to the 20th century with local Geopark guide Seamus O’hUltacháin. Enjoy the beautiful biodiversity of this area of the Geopark as summer begins. Distance approx 6km. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information or to register please see www.cavansportspartnership.ie or call (+353) 49 9526121.

Experience the Cavan Way
Shannon Pot to Blacklion
Saturday 2nd May 3.00pm
Register at MacNean Resource Centre at 2.15pm
Location: Blacklion Village, Co. Cavan.
As part of the Cavan Walking Festival 2015 experience the Cavan Way. Located right in the heart of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark, walkers will experience section two of the route from the mystical Shannon Pot through Cavan Burren Park across the limestone pavement of Corrickterrim before finishing up in the village of Blacklion where refreshments will be served. Distance is approx 13km. Please wear stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch. To register your place and for more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121 or see www.cavansportspartnership.ie.
May

Cuilcagh Mountain Climb
Sunday 3rd May 10.00am
Location: Cuilcagh Mountain. Meet at Swanlinbar Community Centre at 10.00am.
As part of the Cavan Walking Festival 2015 experience the rugged and wonderfully dramatic landscape of Cuilcagh Mountain right in the heart of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark. Enjoy spectacular scenery and amazing views with this guided walk of Cavan and Fermanagh’s highest peak. This event is for experienced walkers. Distance is approx 15km. Please wear stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch. To register your place and for more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121 or see www.cavansportspartnership.ie.

Teddy Bear Adventure Walk
Sunday 3rd May 3.00pm - 5.30pm
Location: Ballyconnell Canal & Forest Walk. Meet at Ballyconnell Park opposite filling station.
Discover the history of the teddy bear whilst walking in the beautiful surroundings of Ballyconnell Canal. Bring along your favourite teddy bear. Refreshments, face painting and teddy bear goodies available! For more information or to book your place please contact local Geopark guide Anke on (+353) 87 7610537.
GeoDetectives & Fossil Fun
Monday 4th May 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
Come along to the Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre and enjoy some hands-on fun and learn a bit more about the fantastic fossils that make up the rocks beneath our feet. Normal admission rates to the Marble Arch Caves apply. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855 for further information.

Shrugh Golden Mile Walk
Tuesday 5th May 7.00pm
Location: Ballymacgovern, Co. Cavan. Meet at Ballymacgovern Inn car park.
As part of the Cavan Walking Festival 2015 experience the beauty of the Golden Mile trail near Ballymacgovern with local Geopark Guide Oliver Brady. Learn more about the built and natural heritage of this area. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. To register your place and for more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121 or see www.cavansportspartnership.ie.

Skealon Lock Looped Walk
Wednesday 6th May 7.00pm
Location: Skealon Looped Walk, Ballyconnell. Meet at Lock No. 3.
As part of the Cavan Walking Festival 2015 experience the beauty of the Woodford River, Coologe Lough and Kiltynaskellan on this guided walk with local Geopark Guide Oliver Brady. Distance is approx 5.7km. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. To register your place and for more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121 or see www.cavansportspartnership.ie.
**Geopark Gourmet Tour**

**Sunday 10th May 9.00am – 6.00pm**

**Location:** 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) 49 9526121.

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**Dawn Chorus in conjunction with Bird Watch Ireland**

**Sunday 17th May 4:30am**

**Location:** Killeshandra, Co. Cavan. Meet at town lake car park.

The early bird catches the worm and this will certainly be the case at this dawn chorus event in conjunction with Bird Watch Ireland. Join local Geopark guide Heather Bothwell and Bird Watch Ireland as you listen to the birds welcome the new dawn in fine voice. Experts will guide you in identifying which birds song you are hearing. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.
Geoparks on the Air
Saturday 23th to Monday 25th May
11.00am – 4.00pm daily
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
Join members of the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club as they broadcast live from the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre, contacting colleagues in other Geoparks throughout Europe. For more information please visit www.learc.eu

Geopark Honey Making Workshop
Biodiversity Week Celebration
Saturday 23th May  12.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Silver Bear Centre, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan.
To celebrate Biodiversity Week join us for this very special event where local Geopark Guide Aidan Brady of Cavan Beekeepers Association will host a workshop 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. Places are limited and booking is essential. Please contact (+353) 49 9526121 for more information.
Exploring the Cliffs of Magho
Biodiversity Week Celebration

Sunday 24th May 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Meeting Point Magho Cliffs Car Park off the A34 Enniskillen-Belleek Road.

Come along and join Geopark staff for a guided walk along the newly refurbished Magho Cliffs pathway leading from the shore road to the Magho Viewpoint. It will be well worth the effort of a 300m climb as 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 on +44 (0) 28 66348855.
Geopark Wildlife Walk  
Biodiversity Week Celebration  
Saturday 30th May - 2.00pm  
Location: Dowra. Meet at Dobally Church.  
As part of Biodiversity Week celebrations join local Geopark Guide Andy King to explore some of the stunning wildflowers of the Geopark. Learn more about how they are intrinsically 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) 49 9526121.

LoughFest  
Saturday 30th May 12.00pm – 4.00pm  
Location: Broadmeadow, Enniskillen.  
The annual extravaganza is a free event sponsored by Waterways Ireland which promises thrills and spills for the whole family with a range of activities including climbing walls, bouncy castles, high ropes course, face painting, fossil making and rubbing and much more! For further information contact Chris Elliott on +44 (0) 28 6632 5050.

Marble Arch Caves – 30th Anniversary celebrations  
Sunday 31st May 11.00pm – 5.00pm  
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.  
Come along and help us celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the opening of the Marble Arch Caves. A jam-packed programme of events will take place throughout the day including interactive story-telling sessions, face painting, balloon modelling, family treasure hunts as well as a variety of arts and crafts activities. All activities will be free of charge. However, normal admission costs to the showcave still apply. For further information or please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.
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European Geoparks Festival
22 May 7 June 2015
Laid back Lecture – Rocking around the Geopark
Thursday 4th June  7.00pm
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
Join Dr Kirstin Lemon for an illustrated talk on the fascinating geology of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark. Discover a history dating back nearly 900 million years as we discover about the hot deserts, tropical oceans and big freezes that have helped shape the magnificent landscapes of the Geopark. Booking essential on  +44 (0) 28 6634 8855

Guided Woodland Walk
Sunday 7th June 2.00pm
Location: Killeshandra. Meet at town lake car park.
As part of European Geoparks Week 2015 join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a guided tour of the beautiful environs of Killeshandra Woods and Lough. Learn more about the geology, flora and fauna of this tranquil landscape. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121

Forest Fun & Minibeast Hunt
Sunday 7th June 11:00pm & 3:00pm
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
Come along and join staff at the Marble Arch Caves on Saturday 7th June, in a hunt for unseen wildlife in the Marble Arch National Nature Reserve. We will hunt in habitats throughout the Nature Reserve, catching and identifying invertebrates as we go! Why not learn a bit more about these mini-beasts fascinating lifestyles and their roles in an ecosystem. 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. This event is FREE of charge. Book for one of the hour long slots. The event runs at 11:00pm and then again at 3:00pm (subject to demand). For further information or to book a place please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on + 44 (0) 28 66348855.
Geopark Orchid Day Walk
Sunday 14th June 2.00pm
Location: Dowra, Co. Cavan. Meet at Dowra Courthouse.
Learn more about the beautiful orchid plant on this guided walk with local Geopark guide Andy King. Lots of information on the local biodiversity of the Geopark. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.

Summer Solstice Fairies Family Walk
Sunday 21st June 2.00pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park. Meet at interpretative Centre.
Experience the longest day of the year with a summer solstice family walk at Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Come and see the bog cotton in flower and the wild orchids on show. Learn about the folklore and fairy stories associated with this magical place. This event is ideal for children. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book a place please contact (+353) 71 9643936.
Cathal Buí Community & Heritage Festival,
Blacklion, Co. Cavan

Wednesday 24th June – Monday 29th June 2015

Illustrated Geopark Lecture on Cavan Burren/ Marlbank Area

Friday 26th June 8.00pm
Location: Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan.
Illustrated lecture on some of the more recent findings in the Cavan Burren and Marlbank areas of the Geopark with Gaby Burns. There is a charge of €5 for adults and children are free.

For more information and to book a place please contact local Geopark Guide Seamus on (+353) 87 9653178.
Guided Tour of Built Heritage of the Geopark - Moneygashel

Saturday 27th June 11.30am

Location: Moneygashel, Blacklion, Co. Cavan. Meet at Gowlan Church, Moneygashel.

Enjoy a guided tour of the mystical surroundings of a section of the Gowlan looped walks; Garvagh Lough and Moneygashel Cashel. Discover examples of stone working spanning from prehistoric times to 20th century with local Geopark guide Seamus O’hUltacháin. Distance approx 6km. Walk will last approx 2 hours. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 for adults and children are free. For more information and bookings contact Seamus on (+353) 87 9653178

Guided Geopark Walk Archaeology & Geology of Cavan Burren

Sunday 28th June 1.45pm

Location: Cavan Burren Park. Meet at interpretative Centre.

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. Walk will last approx 2 hours. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge of €5 for adults and children are free. For more information and to bookings contact Seamus on (+353) 87 9653178
Geopark Safari Tour

Monday 29th June - 10.45am

Location: Meet at Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan. As part of the Cathal Buí 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 €15 for adults. For more information and to book a place please contact +44 (0) 28 66348855.
Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari
Saturday 4th July 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Location: Cuilcagh Mountain Park. Meeting in Marble Arch Caves Visitor 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 66348855 for further information or to book a place.

Cavan Burren Park - Marble Arch Caves
Saturday 18th July 9.00am - 4.00pm
Location: Cuilcagh Mountain Park. 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. Participants will be given a guided tour of the newly developed Cavan Burren Park and this will be followed by a lengthy walk to the summit of Cuilcagh Mountain down to the Marble Arch Caves where participants will be provided with an opportunity to partake in a cave tour and have some light refreshments. This promises to be a great event. The event is not suitable for children under 16 years old. Cost £5.00 per person. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855 for further information or to book a place.
Explore the Geopark by Canoe
Saturday 25th July 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Location: Cavan Canoe Centre, Butlersbridge, Co. Cavan.
Why not see our Geopark from a different perspective! Join Cavan Canoe Centre staff 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 a Special Area of Conservation. Visit Clough Oughter Island and see the amazing plantation castle. The cost of this event is €25 /€15 children. Please book directly with Cavan Canoe Centre on (+353) 87 2905752.

International Bog Day
Saturday 25th July 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Location: Cuilcagh Mountain Park. Meeting in Cuilcagh Mountain Park Car 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. Booking is essential. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855 for further information.
Bilberry Sunday Guided Walk  
Sunday 2nd August - 2.00pm  
Location: Cavan Burren Park. Meet at interpretative Centre.
Celebrate Bilberry Sunday at Cavan Burren Park with local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Take a guided tour of the Giant’s Leap Trail through a relict dry river valley and see the fireweed blaze in the sink holes at Legnaveagh. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book a place please contact (+353) 71 9643936.

Taste of Cavan Festival  
Friday 7th August 2.00pm – 9.00pm  
Saturday 8th August 11.00am – 6.00pm  
Location: Cavan Equestrian Events Centre.
A two-day festival celebrating locally produced food. From hand-made chocolates, award winning cheeses, artisan breads, jame’s, meats and ice-creams... all proudly produced in Cavan, Come and experience a taste of the Geopark at our stand highlighting some of our best food produces. For more information contact (+353) 49 4378579 or see www.thisiscavan.ie
Cuilcagh Mountain Jeep Safari
Saturday 8th August 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Cuilcagh Mountain Park (Meeting in Marble Arch Caves Visitor 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 66348855 for further information or to book a place.

CSI: Marble Arch Caves
Sunday 16th August 2015 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
Would you like to become a CSI or Carboniferous Sea Investigator for the day? Why not come along and find out more about the fascinating creatures that inhabited the tropical seas about 340 million years ago. Take part in our new CSI trail, test your knowledge in our fossil activity quiz and make your own fossils to take home! Booking is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to book a place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on (+44) (0) 28 66348855
Heritage Week
Friday 21st August 9.00pm – 11.00pm
Location: Castle Caldwell Forest (Castle Car Park).
Join staff from the Northern Ireland Bat Group and discover more about some of our most elusive and mysterious mammals in their natural environment. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a hand or head torch. 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 on +44 (0) 28 66348855.

Rock Detectives Clubs at Marble Arch Caves and Cavan Burren Park
Wednesday 26th August 2014
4-7 year olds – 11.00am-1.00pm
8-12 year olds – 2.00pm-4.00pm
Marble Arch Caves: Try out the treasure hunt for (4-7 year olds) or have a go at orienteering (8-12 year olds) in the Cladagh Glen. Explore the array of plants and find out just how many of them have existed for millions of years.

Thursday 27th August
4-7 year olds – 11.00am-1.00pm
8-12 year olds – 2.00pm-4.00pm
Cavan Burren Park: 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 contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855.
**Mushroom Identification Walk**  
**Sunday 6th September - 2.00pm**  
**Location:** Cavan Burren Park. Meet at interpretation Centre.  
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 and local Geopark Guide Bee Smith. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book a place please contact (+353) 71 9643936.

**Rocky Ramble on Gormaconnell Rock (European Heritage Open Days)**  
**Saturday 13th September**  
**Location:** Gortmaconnell Townland. Meet at Gortmaconnell car park entrance - ½ mile from the 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 how the landscape has been shaped, the rocks beneath your feet and 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 four years of age. Booking is essential, places are limited to 21 persons. Please contact Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855 for further information or to book a place.
**Autumn Equinox Walk**  
**Saturday 19th September - 1.45pm**  
**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan.  
Meet at interpretation Centre.  
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 stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.

**Get Outdoor’s Weekend**  
**Saturday 19th September**  
**Location:** Castle Archdale County Park  
A series of hands-on events will take place to celebrate Get Outdoors Weekend, including climbing, canoeing and cycling and staff from the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark will be on hand for fossil making and rubbing plus a host of interactive biodiversity activities. For further information contact Chris Elliott on +44 (0) 28 66325050.
Fermanagh Walking Festival
Saturday 10th October and Sunday 11th October
Location: Various locations within the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark
The Fermanagh Walking Festival will take place over weekend of 10th and 11th October with walks taking place in the Cuilcagh Mountain area. The family walk on Saturday 10th will be held in Marble Arch Nature Reserve. Meet some real-life cavers; get to make and your own bark rubbing, search for fossils; identify plants, ferns and mosses, discover tree trunk inhabitants and much more. Pre-registration is essential with places allocated on a first come, first served basis and the event is free of charge. To find our more about the family walk or to book a place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on (+44) (0) 28 66348855

Halloween Spooktacular at Marble Arch Caves
Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October
Location: 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. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre on +44 (0) 28 6634 8855.
November
Samhain Salutations Walk
Sunday 1st November - 2.00pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan.
Meet at interpretative centre.
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 stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. There is a charge for this event. For more information or to book a place please contact (+353) 71 9643936.

Science Week
Monday 9th to Friday 13th November
Location: Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre & Others
A series of hand-on interactive experiments aimed at school children. For further information or to book your place please contact the Marble Arch Caves Visitor’s Centre on +44 (0) 28 66348855.
Winter Solstice Sunset Walk
Sunday 20th December 1:45pm
Location: Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan.
Meet at interpretative Centre.
Experience the magic of the Winter Solstice at Cavan Burren Park with 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 places of burial and worship to the astronomical phenomenon which marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact (+353) 49 9526121.
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