



# Phoenix Park Visitor Centre & Ashtown Castle Programme 2017



## Heritage Services Phoenix Park

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# Welcome

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## FREE ADMISSION

Open daily 9.30am – 5.30pm  
Last admission 45 minutes before  
closing time.  
Groups visiting the centre must be  
booked by telephone.  
Free guided tours of Ashtown Castle  
are available, enquire at reception.



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## Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle

A lively and entertaining exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Phoenix Park is on display in the Visitor Centre. Here the visitor can enjoy an historical interpretation of the park from 3,500 B.C. to the present day. There are two audio-visual presentations available, one tells the story of the park through the ages while the other interprets the history of Áras an Uachtaráin.



## Tours of Áras an Uachtaráin

Tours are available on Saturdays only. The guided tours are free from 10:30am, last tour departing at 3:30pm from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Tickets are limited and are issued on a first come first served basis on the day, no group bookings are available. Phone 01-6770095 for confirmation before arrival as there can be short notice closures.



## Victorian Tea Rooms

These world famous Victorian Tea Rooms, situated along picturesque Chesterfield Avenue, serve a wide variety organic teas, coffees and delicious food. Opening Hours: April to October: 9.30 am-5.30pm; November to March: 9.30 am-4.30 pm. Open 7 days. Phone. 01-671 9376.



## Phoenix Park - Award Winning Restaurant

Located within the courtyard of the Visitor Centre, serving delicious freshly made meals, coffee and snacks.

Open daily 09.30am – 5.00pm (Summer) and 09.30am – 4.00pm (Winter)  
Phone: 086-3849075

# Vision



June  
2017

## Bloom in the Park

Bloom in the Phoenix Park will take place from Thursday 1st June until Monday 5th June 2017.

Visitors can enjoy the show gardens, the floral nursery pavilion, AOIFA Floral Art Stage, the plant village, the weekend style stage as well as live entertainment at the picnic areas and an Irish craft village. Children can attend Bloom for free and there will be entertainment in the Children's Zone with Budding Bloomers.

For additional information see website: [bloominthepark.com](http://bloominthepark.com)

**bloom**  
brought to you by Wood Box

## Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden

Come and discover the restored Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden and meet the Phoenix Park gardener on the second Saturday of every month from 10.30am-12.30pm. Find out about the preparation work of planting and seed sowing to produce beautiful summer displays featuring soft fruit, vegetables, perennials, annuals and herbaceous borders.


**Walled Gardens open from 10.00am – 4.00pm daily**


Tours on  
Second  
Saturdays



## Bike Hire

Bike hire is available at Phoenix Park Bikes, located at the Parkgate Street entrance to the park. Single bikes can be hired from €5 per hour. Tandem, electric and children's bikes are also available. Guided park tours, cycle safety courses and first aid courses can be arranged. Phone 087 3799946 or email [info@phoenixparkbikes.com](mailto:info@phoenixparkbikes.com)

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## Segway Tours

An alternative way to explore the park is by a guided tour on a Segway. An experienced Segway Instructor will accompany you as you experience the Segway, it's capabilities and how it travels on different terrains throughout the park.

Phone 087 3799946 for enquiries or email [info@cpadventure.ie](mailto:info@cpadventure.ie) & [www.cpadventure.ie](http://www.cpadventure.ie)

## Vision of the Phoenix Park Conservation Management Plan

“ To protect and conserve the historic character of the Phoenix Park and its archaeological, architectural and natural heritage whilst facilitating visitor access, education and interpretation, facilitating the sustainable use of the park's resources for recreation and other appropriate activities, engaging research, and maintaining its sense of peace and tranquillity. ”

Given the international significance of the Phoenix Park, the goal is to realise this vision at a standard comparable to the best in the world.





# Tree Walk at Ashtown Castle Arboretum

Wednesday 15th March

10.30 am to 11.30 am

You are invited to join us on an informative Tree Walk around Ashtown Castle Arboretum, beside the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. The walk will be led by the OPW Tree Officer and will take in just some of the magnificent specimen trees that are to be found at Ashtown Demesne.

This will give you an appreciation of the arboretum as well as encourage you to further explore the magnificent trees that are not only in this tree collection but throughout the Phoenix Park.

## Clubs within the Phoenix Park

Over 2,300 sporting events take place in the Phoenix Park every year, organised by accredited sporting organisations to train and play matches such as soccer, gaelic football, hurling and camogie. There are also many athletic events and activities including orienteering, cycling races along with astronomy and model airplane flying. The oldest cricket club in Ireland, Phoenix Cricket Club founded in 1830, has its home in the Park as well as the oldest Polo Club in Europe, the All Ireland Polo Club which was founded in 1873.



## National Bike Week 2017

The Phoenix Park Bike Festival will run from Saturday 10th June to Sunday 18th of June inclusive.

We will have bike tours during the week and weekend. Find a new way to enjoy the park on your bike.

Contact Colm Ryder: 087 – 237 6130

[www.bikeweek.ie](http://www.bikeweek.ie)



Outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended.

Meet at Phoenix Park Visitor Centre at 10.30am sharp.

Booking Essential Ph: 01-6770095

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# All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 – 2020

This plan is a call to action. Everyone can help by becoming a Citizen Scientist

The plan was developed by scientists and bee experts from an All-Ireland steering group and co-ordinated by the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

This plan informs people on what they can do to help our pollinators in Ireland to survive and thrive.

Pollinators are in decline and this requires our immediate attention. Everyone is needed to help stop the number of bees declining and to tell everyone about how important bees are.

By protecting our pollinators we protect our food supply of fruit and vegetables so we can have a healthy balanced diet.

A Citizen Scientist is someone who voluntarily gives their time to scientific research in collaboration with professional scientists. Therefore you do not need a background in science.

## THE PLAN HAS 5 OBJECTIVES:

- 1: Making Ireland pollinator friendly**
- 2: Raising awareness of pollinators and how to protect them**
- 3: Managing pollinators – supporting bee-keepers and growers**
- 4: Expanding our knowledge on pollinators and pollination service**
- 5: Collecting evidence to track change and measure success**

[www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/irish-pollinator-initiative/all-ireland-pollinator-plan/](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/projects/irish-pollinator-initiative/all-ireland-pollinator-plan/)



Every month from March to October there will be a presentation given on our wild pollinators in the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, followed by a Bumblebee walk (weather permitting). The species seen and recorded on the walk will be sent into the National Biodiversity Data Centre. By taking part in the pollinator plan you can help our pollinators and our environment.

## Dates:

26th of March	3.00pm
23rd of April	3.00pm
28st of May	3.00pm
25th of June	3.00pm
23rd of July	3.00pm
27th of August	3.00pm
24th of September	3.00pm
15th of October	3.00pm



## Arbour Hill Cemetery

This military cemetery is the burial place of 14 of the executed leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising. Among those buried here are Patrick Pearse, James Connolly and Major John MacBride. The leaders were executed in Kilmainham Gaol and their bodies were transported to Arbour Hill for burial.

The graves are located under a low mound on a terrace of Wicklow granite in what was once the old drill or parade ground. The grave site is surrounded by a limestone wall on which the names are inscribed in Irish and English. On the left of the wall is a plaque with the names of others who were killed in 1916.

Arbour Hill Cemetery was one of the sites of national focus during the centenary commemorations of the Easter Rising of 1916. This cemetery is in the care of the Office of Public Works.

The cemetery is located on Arbour Hill at the rear of the National Museum of Ireland at Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. Bus Routes: 37, 38, 39 from the city centre.

**Arbour Hill tours will commence on Sunday 5th March at 2pm and will continue every Sunday until the end of October.**



## Grangegorman Military Cemetery

Grangegorman Military Cemetery situated on Blackhorse Avenue outside the Phoenix Park is the largest Military Cemetery in Ireland. It was first opened in 1876 to serve as a graveyard for the soldiers of what was then Marlborough Barracks, now McKee Barracks and their families. Specific zones were laid out for English, Canadian, New Zealand and Australian service men. Children from the Royal Hibernian Military School are also interred here.

This picturesque Victorian tree lined cemetery with its well maintained lawns creates a reflective atmosphere.

The graveyard is maintained by the Office of Public Works in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Guided tours of Grangegorman Military Cemetery are available on Thursdays from April to November at 11am. Meet inside the cemetery gates or phone 01-6770095 with enquiries.



The National War Memorial Gardens tour will commence on Saturday 4th March at 2pm and will continue every Saturday until the end of October. Meet inside the gates.

# Irish National War Memorial Gardens

The Irish National War Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge are dedicated to the memory of the 49,400 Irish soldiers who died between 1914-1918 in the First World War. The gardens, which reflect a style of simple dignity, were completed by 1939 and occupy an area of approximately eight hectares on the southern banks of the river Liffey.

The War Memorial Gardens were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, a distinguished architect and landscape designer. The work of Sir Edwin Lutyens at Islandbridge, has generally been acknowledged as being an outstanding design capturing the mood of remembrance and reflection. On 10th September 1988, fifty years after they were initially laid out, the gardens were formally dedicated and opened to the public.

The bookrooms at Islandbridge are located at the entrance to the rose garden. There are two pairs of bookrooms built from granite, representing the four provinces of Ireland. These rooms contain the Books of Remembrance which were illustrated by the artist Harry Clarke and are inscribed with the names of the 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the First World War.

In this decade of centenaries (2013-2023) the War Memorial Gardens has become an important focus to remember and reflect, through a spirit of reconciliation, on the Irish men and women who lost their lives in the First World War.

[www.opwdublincommemorative.ie](http://www.opwdublincommemorative.ie)



# Phoenix Park Honey Show



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The Phoenix Park Honey Show, in conjunction with The Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Association (FIBKA), will take place at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre on Sunday 10th September 2017. There will be a large assortment of honey and bee-related products on display. While the honey judging is taking place, there will be a variety of interesting lectures and guided tours for visitors.



**This is a free event for all the family to enjoy. See the website [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie) nearer the date for further information.**



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## Beekeeping for Beginners

This introductory course will cover the basics of beekeeping in a syllabus delivered over five Saturdays. Topics will include the life cycle of the colony, hive inspections, management of hive and hive records, types of hive, and hive tools and techniques. Course participants will learn how to prevent, control and collect swarms. Finally, the course will cover products of the hive, harvesting and extraction. This course will also involve practical demonstrations at live hives in the Phoenix Park.

Beekeeping for Beginners Course will run on Saturdays 11th, 18th and 25th March and 1st and 8th of April 2017.  
10am – 2pm, Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

**For further enquiries please contact: Liam McGarry  
087-2643492 or [Mcgarryliam@gmail.com](mailto:Mcgarryliam@gmail.com)**





## Art Exhibitions 2017

<b>JANUARY</b>	Charcoal drawings of the park by Joseph Stafford. These images give a mythical view to subjects within the park.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	John Canning's paintings of the Magazine Fort. This collection of paintings brings the fort to life, depicting the various areas and the architectural designs within.
<b>MARCH</b>	The Pastel Society of Ireland's wonderful collection depicts internal scenes, animal images and plein air views.
<b>APRIL</b>	In conjunction with Parks Shared Heritage Exhibition at Farnleigh House there will be an exhibition of architectural images of park buildings.
<b>MAY</b>	Biodiversity of the Phoenix Park by Leif Barry, Guide. These wonderful images of bees and butterflies give an up close appreciation of some of the nature to be found within the park.
<b>JUNE</b>	Botanical artists, Holly Summerville and Yanny Peters bring together a collection of horticultural paintings to coincide with Bloom.
<b>JULY</b>	Donal Mac Polin a local artist displays a collection of his draughtsmanship skills with this exhibition, depicting many images of various boat styles used around our coast.
<b>AUGUST</b>	Uncovering the history of Ashtown Castle by Nick Mernagh, Guide. A talk on who built Ashtown Castle and when it was built. Intriguing new research on the castle and its Royal connections.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Royal Hibernian Military School Exhibition. From 1769 to 1924 the RHMS now, St. Mary's Hospital, was established for the orphans and sons of serving soldiers to provide an education with a military slant.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	The Irish Astronomical Society will display close up pictures of the planets and stars.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Portrait artist Will Nathans brings to the visitors centre images including commissioned Ecclesiastical portraits.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Celine Eagle's fine art represents a wide variety of subjects from interiors to floral art.

# Children's Art Cart Free Workshops on Sundays

The Phoenix Park Visitor Centre 11.00am-12.30pm

Strictly ages 6-11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
(workshops are subject to change)



## January Theme

8th	Paint a winter scene
22nd	Make a Collage
29th	Draw a park animal

## February Theme

5th	Music with Tanya
12th	Make a Valentine Card
26th	Paint a Spring Scene

## March Theme

5th	Music with Tanya
12th	Felt Making with Gabi
19th	Medieval Life
26th	Kings and Queens

## April Theme

2nd	Felt Making with Gabi
9th	Music with Tanya
16th	Farmer Ann
23rd	Kings and Queens

## May Theme

7th	Music with Tanya
14th	Felt Making with Gabi
21st	Draw Flowers from the Walled Garden
28th	Farmer Ann

## June Theme

11th	Medieval Life
25th	Farmer Ann

## July Theme

9th	Felt Making with Gabi
16th	Explore the Walled Garden
23rd	Draw Flowers from the Walled Garden
30th	Farmer Ann

## August Theme

13th	Paint a Summer Scene
20th	Medieval Life
27th	Farmer Ann

## September Theme

3rd	Farmer Ann
17th	Medieval Life
24th	Paint an Autumn Scene

## October Theme

1st	Visit Pumpkins in the Walled Garden
8th	Seed Collecting in Ashtown Demesne
15th	Medieval Life

## November Theme

5th	Make a Collage
12th	Paint a Winter Scene
19th	Story Telling
26th	Harry the Hedgehog with Dale Treadwell

## December Theme

3rd	Robby the Christmas Robin
10th	Puppet Show

# Discover Nature in the Phoenix Park

OPW Children's Eco Summer Camps 2017  
In association with Eco-Unesco

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Themes

July 4th & 6th Trees & Flowers of the Park

July 11th & 13th Kids Recycling ideas

July 18th & 20th Deer & Animals of the Park

July 25th & 27th Discover the Heritage of the Park

Price: €10 per day per child

Hours: 10.00am – 3.30pm

Booking essential, places limited. Phone 01-6770095



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## Doctors Orders - A Park Prescription

Some doctors are issuing 'Park Prescriptions' to encourage their patients to exercise outdoors. Benefits of being out and active in green spaces include; reduction of tension and stress, lower blood pressure, improved immune system responses, and milder ADHD symptoms in children. Regular exercise in a park also reduces obesity, chronic disease and mental health issues. As your fitness increases you can tackle progressively longer distances or aim to complete routes in shorter periods of time. Visit the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and collect a route map to help you improve your health as you enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the Phoenix Park.



# Wednesday Walks

March to October 11.00am – 12.30pm 2017

Weather permitting and subject to change

## March

### 8 Trees of Ashtown Demesne

A talk and a walk looking at the trees of the Phoenix Park, both native and non-native around the Visitor Centre.

### 22 Papal Cross

The walk will feature the historic visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland in 1979 and the Eucharistic Congress of 1932.

## April

### 5 The Gate Lodges of the Phoenix Park

A walk to the gate lodges of the Phoenix Park capturing the architecture and history of some of these unique lodges some of which were designed by Decimus Burton, Francis Johnson & Jacob Owen.

### 12 Chesterfield Avenue Walk

A walk from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre to the gates of Farmleigh Estate taking in the history of Chesterfield Avenue and the historical sites on route.

### 19 Wild Life in the Phoenix Park

A walk featuring all aspects of wildlife in the Phoenix Park. From the location of a badger set to the trees of Ashtown Castle.

### 26 Prehistory of the Phoenix Park

A walk covering the ancient history of the land that is now the Phoenix Park, including a Neolithic burial cist.

## May

### 3 Phoenix Park Murders

A walk to the location of the 1882 Phoenix Park Murders, featuring the history of this tragic event.

### 17 Celtic Tree Trail

The Celts believed each tree had its own personality and meaning. Learn about their uses through history and why trees are so important.

### 24 People's Garden

A walking tour with OPW gardeners. Meet at the Parkgate Street entrance to the People's Gardens. (Wheelchair accessible).

### 31 Skyline tour from the Pope's Cross

Bay to the East, mountains to the South and buildings in between.

## June

### 14 Cycle Trail of Biodiversity

A cycle around Phoenix Park looking at the biodiversity of the park.

### 28 Victorian Walled Garden

A walking tour of the Victorian Walled Garden featuring the history of the garden plus information on the planting scheme.

## July

### 12 Bee Keeping in the Victorian Walled Garden

With gardener Brian Quinn.

### 26 Celtic Tree Trail

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## August

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## September

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## October

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# Weekend Lectures & Walks 2017

## Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

Free Admission. For bookings, please call 01-6770095. Subject to change.

### February

**Saturday 4th at 11.00am**

**Olive Oil for Good Health**

Olive Oil Tasting with Karen Cryan.

**Saturday 11th at 11.00am**

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**Saturday 18th at 11.00am**

**Olive Oil for Good Health**

Olive Oil Tasting with Karen Cryan.

### March

**Sunday 5th at 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Sky High**

Irish Astronomical Society. What you can see at this time of the year.

**Saturday 11th at 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Honey Hints**

Bee Keeping Course. Introductory course will cover the basics of bee keeping by Liam McGarry

**Saturday 18th at 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Honey Hints**

Next Step Bee Keeping Course. Introductory course will cover the basics of bee keeping by Liam McGarry

**Sunday 19th at 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Sky High**

Irish Astronomical Society. Get the best use of your telescope.

**Saturday 25th at 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Honey Hints**

Bee Keeping Course. Introductory course will cover the basics of bee keeping by Liam McGarry

**Sunday 26th at 3.00pm**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

A talk and walk about the pollinators of Ireland and the Phoenix Park.

### April

**Sunday 9th at 3.00pm**

**Wild Flowers of the Phoenix Park**

A talk on the many different species of wild flowers found in the Phoenix Park.

**Saturday 15th at 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Honey Hints**

Bee Keeping Course by Liam McGarry.

**Sunday 16th at 3.00pm**

**Royal Deer**

The Establishment of the Royal Deer Parks Management Committee by Lord Dungannon in the 19th Century.

**Monday 17th at 1.30pm & 3.00pm**

**Puppet Theatre**

The Moon and Sixpence, Ireland's travelling Marionette theatre company will be on site with a lively puppet show.

**Saturday 22nd at 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Honey Hints**

Bee Keeping Course by Liam McGarry.



**Sunday 23rd 2.00 at 3.00pm**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

A monthly lecture on pollinators and walk recording the many different species of bumblebee found within the park.

## May

**Sunday 7th at 3.00**

**Dragonflies**

A lecture and walk looking at the many different species of Dragonflies found within the Phoenix Park.

**Sunday 14th at 3.00**

**Butterflies**

A talk on Butterflies of the Phoenix Park and Ireland.

**Sunday 21st at 3.00**

**Biodiversity of the Phoenix Park**

A talk on the many species of flora and fauna found in the Phoenix Park.

**Sunday 28th at 3.00**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

A monthly lecture on pollinators and walk recording the many different species of bumblebee found within the park.

## June

**Sunday 25th at 3.00pm**

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## July

**Sunday 23rd at 3.00pm**

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## August

**Sunday 27th at 3.00pm**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

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## September

**Sunday 24th at 3.00pm**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

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## October

**Sunday 8th at 3.00pm**

**The RMS Leinster**

A talk on the sinking of the RMS Leinster on the 10th October 1918.

**Sunday 15th at 3.00pm**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020**

A monthly lecture on pollinators and walk recording the many different species of bumblebee found within the park.

**Sunday 29th 1.30pm & 3.00pm**

**Puppet Theatre**

The Moon and Sixpence, Ireland's travelling Marionette theatre company will be on site with a lively puppet show.

## November

**Thursday 9th at 10.45**

**Ceremony of Remembrance of the First World War**

In attendance will be representation from the Irish Army, Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána.

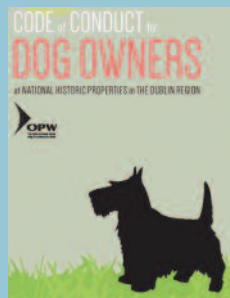
## December

**Sunday 17th at 3.00pm**

**Puppet Theatre**

The Moon and Sixpence, Ireland's travelling Marionette theatre company will be on site with a lively puppet show.

# Code of Conduct for Dog Owners



Dogs accompanied by responsible owners are welcome in the Phoenix Park. Please consider that other park users may not be as fond of dogs and may find dogs intimidating. Your dog should be kept in sight and under control at all times. However, they are not permitted in Ashtown Walled Garden or the Playgrounds and must be kept on a lead at all times in certain areas. Dog waste should be placed in a tightly sealed bag

and taken home or deposited in the normal bins provided. The full Code of Conduct for Dog Owners is available to download for free from [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie)

Some species in the park – especially ground nesting birds and deer – are sensitive to disturbance by dogs, please pay attention to and observe the signs to protect our wildlife. At certain times of the year, deer can become particularly intolerant to intrusion, during rutting (September-October) or fawning (May-July) for example. For your own safety and that of your pet, please observe signage.

Thank you for helping us protect our wildlife and ensuring the Phoenix Park is a safe and pleasant environment for all our visitors.

# WILD DEER ROAM FREELY IN THE PARK



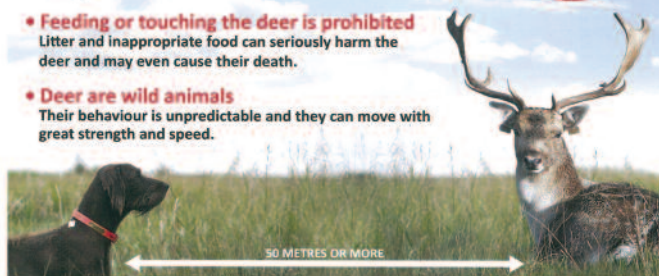
**ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC:** Please keep at least 50m away from the deer and be alert. Do not feed or touch the deer. Do not photograph the deer at close range.

• **Dogs must be kept under control at all times** and be prevented from worrying or approaching the deer. Dogs closely approaching the deer are liable to be attacked by them.

• **It is dangerous to approach the deer at any time** Particularly during May, June and July when the females are protecting their young and during September and October mating season.

• **Feeding or touching the deer is prohibited** Litter and inappropriate food can seriously harm the deer and may even cause their death.

• **Deer are wild animals** Their behaviour is unpredictable and they can move with great strength and speed.



**ADVICE TO DOG OWNERS:** Deer can feel threatened by dogs even over long distances and when dogs are not behaving aggressively. This is particularly during the birthing (May to July) and mating (September to October) seasons. We recommend walking your dog outside the park at these times.

If you choose, at your own risk, to walk your dog in the park at these times, please keep your dog on a lead and consider an alternative route, such as following the wall line of the park where you are close to exit gates. If pursued by deer, let go of the lead. Deer are less likely to attack if the dog runs away from them.

Never touch or move young deer - they are often left alone by their mothers but are NEVER abandoned.

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# Olive Oil for Good Health

Talk & Tasting given by Karen Cryan.

Olive Oil Sommelier at the  
Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

Saturday 4th, 11th & 18th February at  
11.00am.

Free event, booking required, places limited.



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# Primary School Modules

The modules can be arranged at a time to suit school requirements, Monday to Wednesday, between 10am – 12noon.



## Module 1. Trees - what would we do without them

Introduction: Identify exotic and native tree species in the arboretum beside the Visitor Centre. Break for 15mins. Then a 20min video on the history of the park, after which the group can look around the visitor centre, which is self guiding over two floors.

## Module 2. Discover the animals that live in the park

Introduction and power point presentation on deer, squirrels, badgers and much more. Break for 15mins. Then a 20min video on the history of the park, after which the group can look around the visitor centre, which is self guiding over two floors.

## Module 3. Step back in time with our Heritage module

Introduction: Video and self guiding tour of the visitor centre. Break for 15 mins. Become a king or queen for the day with a visit to Ashtown Castle and find out about what life was like in medieval times.

## Module 4. Biodiversity

Learn about the different habitats that exist in the Phoenix Park and the diversity of species that can be found here. There are trees, wild flowers, mammals, birds, bees, butterflies and dragonflies all living in the Phoenix Park.

## Module 5. Pollinators

Learn about the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 and what everyone can do to help our pollinators survive and thrive in Ireland. By protecting our pollinators we protect our food supply of fruit and vegetables.

**The Visitor Centre is located just off the Phoenix Monument beside Áras an Uachtaráin on the main road of the park.**



# The Magazine Fort

The Fort is strategically sited on St. Thomas Hill, off the Military Road, close to the Islandbridge Gate.

Free guided tours are available. Tickets are limited and are issued from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, on a first come first served basis on the day of the tour. No group bookings are available. Tours will run from April to September on Friday and Sunday at 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.30pm and October to March every Sunday at 12.00pm. Phone 01-6770095 the day before arrival as there can be short notice closures.

The Fort was built in 1734 -1736 to the design of John Corneille, to store gun powder and ammunition for British Government Forces. One third of the British Army was stationed in Ireland and was regularly rotated around the Empire. The Fort was raided on two occasions - Easter Monday 1916 and 23 December 1939.



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## Seachtain na Gaeilge

The Phoenix Park Visitor Centre would like to encourage our visitors to engage with the Irish language during "Seachtain na Gaeilge" 1st – 17th March 2017.



## Want to take Better Photographs?

A weekend Photography Course will take place on Saturday 13th & 14th of May and 21st of October and Sunday 22nd of October 2017 from 10.00am – 3.30pm each day in the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

The workshop covers the basics of digital photography and essential knowledge to understand your camera and to help you take better photographs.

Places limited. Booking essential, please phone: 01 8492572



# Come Fly with Me

Bird & Biodiversity Events in the  
Phoenix Park 2017



### Gardening for Birds and Wildlife

Sunday 18th June at 2:00pm

A guided walk to view the beautiful walled gardens of Ashton Demesne in the Phoenix Park, with tips and advice from BirdWatch Ireland on how to make your garden more wildlife friendly.

All welcome. Meeting at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Booking necessary through the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre: Ph: 01-6770095.

### Badgers, Bats and Nocturnal Birds

Wednesday 12th July at 9:00pm

A night time walk to experience the wildlife of the Phoenix Park that comes to life after dark. We will search for tracks and signs of Badgers, look for various species of Bats and listen for nocturnal birds such as the Long-eared Owl.

All welcome. Bring torches. Meeting at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Booking necessary through the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre: Ph: 01-6770095.



### Winter Bird Walk

Saturday 18th November at 11:00 am

A guided bird walk to look for winter bird species in the Phoenix Park. Our target species on the day will include winter migrant species such as Fieldfare, Redwing, resident woodland species such as Jay and Treecreeper and a range of waterbirds on the ponds and lakes. We will also provide useful tips and advice on feeding birds in gardens.

All welcome. Meeting at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Booking necessary through the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre: Ph: 01-6770095.

### Santa's Little Helpers

Sunday 10th December at 11:00am

A fun family event to learn more about winter birds with a range of activities for children; making fat balls and bird Christmas cake.

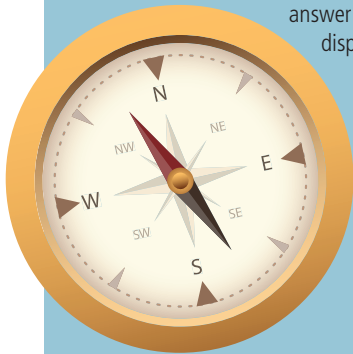
Children's Event. Meeting at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Booking necessary through the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre: Ph: 01-6770095.



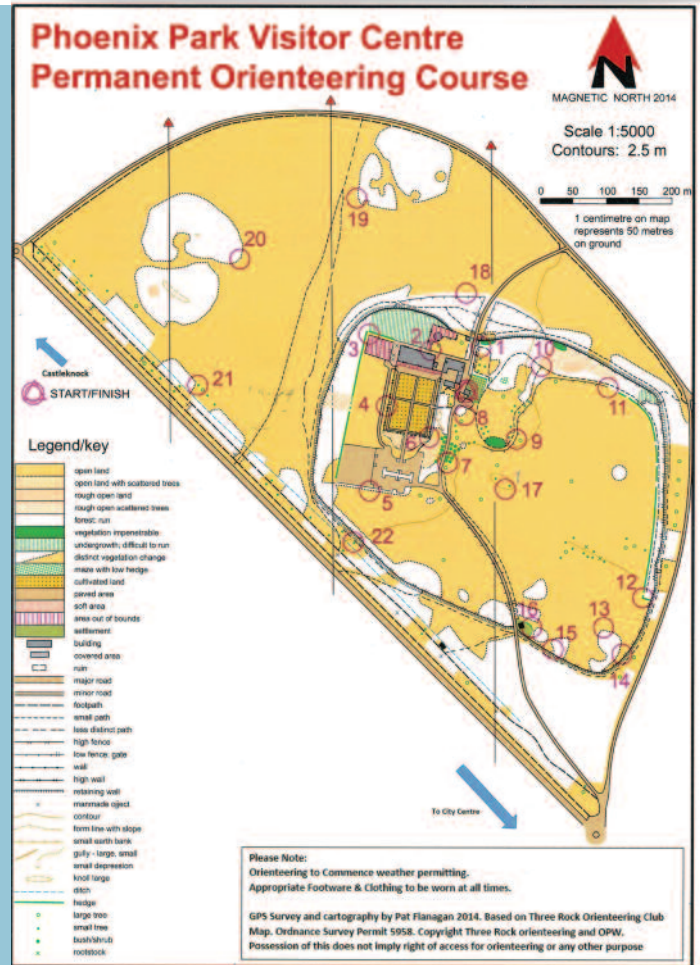


# Orienteering in the Phoenix Park

Orienteering is a competitive international sport that combines running with navigation. It is a timed race in which individual participants use a specially created, highly detailed map to select routes and navigate through diverse terrain and visit control points in sequence. There are twenty-one Irish Orienteering clubs with approximately 1,100 members ranging in age from nine to ninety. The Phoenix Park has a permanent orienteering course which comprises of three courses. It is located in the vicinity of Ashtown Demense and you can collect the course map from the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, or download for free from [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie). The answer sheet for this course is permanently displayed at the Visitor Centre.



Please come suitably prepared for the weather and ground conditions. It is recommended that sturdy boots are worn on rough ground.



# Phoenix Park Fallow Deer

Please never feed the Wild Deer or come within 50 metres of the animals.







### Walking Meeting Spots:

- Phoenix Park Visitor Centre
- Farmleigh House
- Grangegorman Military Cemetery
- Peoples Gardens
- Victorian Walled Garden

Cycle Tracks



- A Phoenix Park Visitor Centre
- B Áras an Uachtaráin
- C Papal Cross
- D The Peoples Gardens
- E Wellington Testimonial
- F Dublin Zoo
- G Magazine Fort
- H St. Marys Hospital
- I Cara Cheshire Home
- J Furry Glen
- K US Ambassador's Residence
- L Ordnance Survey Ireland
- M Farmleigh House Entrance
- N Ratra House
- O War Memorial Garden
- P Parking
- Q Bike Hire
- R Victorian Walled Garden
- S Grangegorman Military Cemetery