

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre & Ashtown Castle Programme 2018

Heritage Services Phoenix Park

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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

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.

Using Organic Principles

The produce is appropriate to the Victorian period and the fruit and vegetable crops grown are used for educational and demonstrational purposes. The cultivation in the garden is based on the organic principals, the principal of care, ecology, fairness and health.

The Phoenix Park management plan encourages the awareness of biodiversity and ecosystems which is different organisms or living things living together and depending on and helping each other. They also use the Hierarchy of Control which covers prevention, identification, biological and cultural control.



June
2018

Bloom in the Park

Bloom in the Phoenix Park will take place from Thursday 31st May until Monday 4th June 2018.

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

bloom
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Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden

The Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden is a two and a half-acre garden set in the grounds of Ashtown Castle (next to the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre). The Walled Garden is restored to its original mid-Victorian layout. The garden will inspire and educate the public on the horticultural skills involved in the design and layout of a Victorian Kitchen Garden, as well as the growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers, with colourful summer displays such as Sweet Pea, Chrysanthemums, Lupins and Campanula (Bellflower) along with a wide range of fruit and vegetables.

Walled Gardens open from 10.00am – 4.00pm daily





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.



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 €6 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



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Tree Walk at Ashtown Castle Arboretum

Tuesday 6th March

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

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, Cormac Downey 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.



Outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended.

Meet at Phoenix Park Visitor Centre at 11.00am 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/



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:

29th of April	2.00pm
20th of May	2.00pm
24th of June	2.00pm
29th of July	2.00pm



Arbour Hill Cemetery

The military cemetery is the burial place of 14 of the executed leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising. Among those buried there 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 prison yard. The gravesite is surrounded by a limestone wall on which the names are inscribed in Irish and English. On the left of the wall opposite the gravesite is a plaque with the names of others who were killed in 1916. This cemetery is in the care of the Office of Public Works.

Weather permitting and subject to change.

Arbour Hill Cemetery



Opening Hours

Arbour Hill is open all year round.

Monday – Friday: 8am – 4pm

Saturday: 11am – 4pm

Sunday: 9.30am – 4pm



Location

Arbour Hill Cemetery can be accessed from Arbour Hill, a street which runs parallel to Wolfe Tone Quay.



Transport

Buses serving the area are numbers 37, 38, and 39. Check the Dublin Bus website for up to date schedules. The Luas tram red line also passes the area; get out at the stop for 'Museum'.



Guided Tours

Arbour Hill tours will commence this Friday 6th of April at 2pm and will continue every Friday until the end of October.

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Arbour Hill Cemetery

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 and contains over eleven hundred burials.

Buried in the cemetery are a Victoria Cross winner, the first British Officer casualty of 1916 rising and some of the casualties of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster on the 10th of October 1918. There are several members of the ANZAC forces also buried in the cemetery.



The graveyard is maintained by the Office of Public Works and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Weather permitting and subject to change.

Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster on 10th October 1918 a month before the end of WWI. We are working to ensure that this event, which affected the lives of so many people, is commemorated appropriately and we wish to help relatives and friends understand how this tragedy happened and why it was so easily forgotten for so many years. For the month of October we will have an exhibition telling the story of the largest marine disaster in the Irish Sea, the core element of the centenary is the people who were involved. More Irish people lost their lives on the R.M.S. Leinster than on the Titanic or the Lusitania. There are over 140 burials from the sinking in Grangegorman Military Cemetery. A special tour of the cemetery will take place on Wednesday the 10th October 2018 at 10.00am to commemorate those lost. Meet inside the gates.

Grangegorman Military Cemetery



Opening Hours

Grangegorman Military Cemetery is open all year round, seven days a week, from 10am to 4pm.



Location

The cemetery is located near the east side of Phoenix Park, near Dublin 7, on Blackhorse Avenue.



Transport

The bus which serves the area is number 37. Check the Dublin Bus website for up to date schedules.



Guided Tours

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

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Grangegorman Military Cemetery

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 commence on Sunday the 8th of April 2018 and will continue every Sunday at 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm. 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 Cornielle, 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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Irish National War Memorial Gardens

The Irish 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



Queen Elizabeth II and President Mary McAleese laying wreaths in 2011. OPW.



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.

Weather permitting and subject to change.



Irish National War Memorial Gardens



Opening Hours

The Irish National War Memorial Gardens are open all year round, except Christmas Day.
Monday – Friday: 8am – dusk.
Saturday – Sunday: 9.30am – dusk.
Please contact us for exact closing hours on any given day.



Location

There are entrances to the gardens from both Con Colbert Road, and from the Phoenix Park end of the South Circular Road.



Transport

Buses serving the area are numbers 51, 68 and 69 from Aston Quay. Check the Dublin Bus website for up to date schedules. Car parking is available from the South Circular Road entrance.



Guided Tours

The National War Memorial Gardens tour will commence on Wednesday 4th of April 2018 at 2pm and will continue every Wednesday until the end of October. Meet at the gate of the car park.

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Irish National War Memorial Gardens

Phoenix Park Honey Show



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 9th September 2018. 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 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 10th, 24th and 7th, 14th and 21st of April 2018. 10am – 2pm, Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

For further enquiries please contact: Liam McGarry 087-2643492 or Mcgarryliam@gmail.com



Art & Cultural Exhibitions 2018

JANUARY

Robert Keogh, Photography

Photography at it's best. Images of wildlife within the Phoenix Park and it's environs.

FEBRUARY

OPW Ashtown Castle Exhibition

This exhibition encapsulates the history of the oldest building within the Phoenix Park, Ashtown Castle. The Castle dating from the 1500th c was incorporated within a larger later extension in the 18th c and was rediscovered the 1980.

Free guided tours of the Castle are available each day.

MARCH

Felt Maker, Niki Collier

The old tradition of felt making comes to life with this very colourful imaginative exhibition.

Felt-makers Ireland are based at the old interpretative centre at Knockmaroon gate, Phoenix Park.

APRIL

Citizen Science Exhibition with National Biodiversity Centre and OPW

Citizen Science is a call to action whereby every member of society can contribute and play a very important role in scientific data collection. This exhibition will showcase some of the wonderful Biodiversity that can be found in the Phoenix Park through the media of photography. To demonstrate and inspire how the public can become a Citizen Scientist.

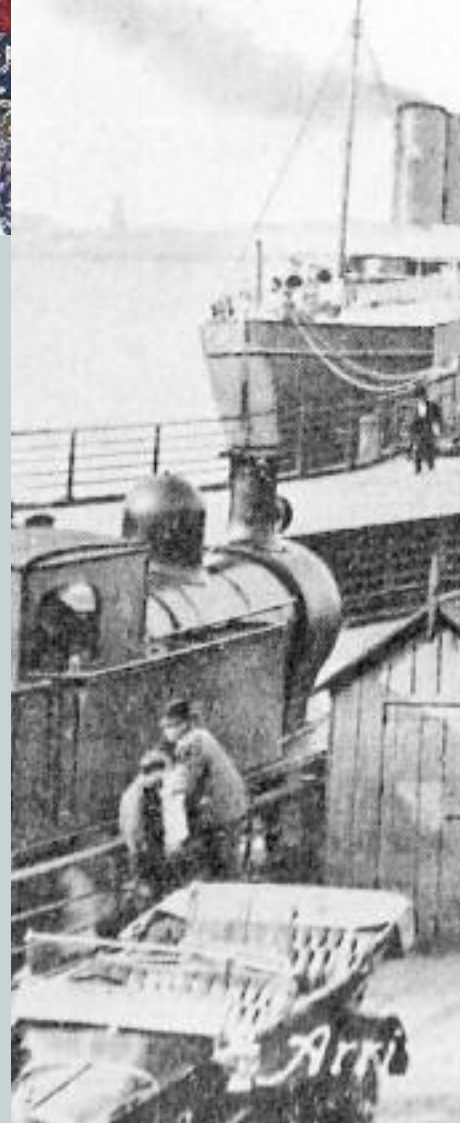
MAY

Debbie Chapman, Artist

'On Second Glance'

Phoenix Park Arts & Creative Exploration 2017/18

Creative explorations of the Phoenix Park by Debbie Chapman, resulting from a 2017/18 Heritage Council Funded Community Project; 'Phoenix Park Arts & Creative Exploration'





OCTOBER
Centenary of the
sinking of the
RMS Leinster in
Dublin Bay

JUNE

Botanical Water Colours

Yanni Peters & Holly Summerville will have a Botanical Art Exhibition in conjunction with Bloom event.

JULY

Horse Traditions in Ireland

Horses have played an important role in the development of society over the centuries and this exhibition looks to link the past with the present. This exhibition will showcase how horses are used in a modern context and how they are linked to the Phoenix Park.

AUGUST

Papal Visit 1979 Exhibition

The OPW will present an exhibition of the Papal Visit to the Phoenix Park in September 1979. This exhibition will illustrate the remarkable shared sense of purpose that enabled this event to be organised within 2 months. It will attempt to demonstrate how the combined skills and dedication of a wide range of people came together to design, make and supply the staging of the papal mass and collaborate to deal with the practicalities related to the production of this extraordinary event.

This exhibition will run from 1st August to 30th September 2018.

OCTOBER

Centenary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster in Dublin Bay

This the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster on 10th October 1918 a month before the end of WWI. For the month of October we will have an exhibition telling the story of the largest marine disaster in the Irish Sea, the core element of the centenary is the people who were involved. More Irish people lost their lives on the R.M.S Leinster then on the Titanic or the Lusitania. There are over 140 burials from the disaster buried at Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Black Horse Avenue.

NOVEMBER

Irish Astronomical Society

The Irish Astronomical Society exhibition will explore aspects of the night sky for the month of November.

DECEMBER

'Drawing the Line'

It will be an illustration exhibition featuring 3 illustrators. 'Drawing the Line' will host a colourful selection of Irish illustrations and designs. Traditional drawing, digital illustration and printing techniques will be explored in the exhibition, covering images of the Phoenix Park.

Children's Art Cart 2018 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)



MARCH Theme

18th	Nutritious Niamh
25th	Farmer Ann

APRIL Theme

1st	Deer in the Phoenix Park
8th	Birds of the Phoenix Park
22nd	Butterflies of the Phoenix Park

MAY Theme

6th	Felt Making with Gabi
13th	Music with Tanya

JUNE Theme

10th	Trees of the Phoenix Park
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JULY Theme

15th	Exploring Science
22nd	Felt Making with Gabi
29th	Farmer Ann

AUGUST Theme

19th	Nutritious Niamh
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SEPTEMBER Theme

2nd	Music with Tanya
16th	Biodiversity in the Phoenix Park
23th	Exploring Science

OCTOBER Theme

7st	Visit Pumpkins in the Walled Garden
14th	Seed Collecting in Ashtown Demesne
21th	Felt Making with Gabi

NOVEMBER Theme

18th	Felt Making with Gabi
25th	Music with Tanya

DECEMBER Theme

2nd	Make a Christmas Card
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Discover Nature in the Phoenix Park

OPW Children's Eco Summer Camps 2018
In association with Eco-Unesco

Tuesdays & Thursdays	Themes
July 3rd & 5th	Trees & Flowers of the Park
July 10th & 12th	Kids Recycling ideas
July 17th & 19th	Deer & Animals of the Park
July 24th & 26th	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.



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 2018.

Wednesday Walks

March to October 11.00am – 12.30pm 2018

Weather permitting and subject to change

April

11th 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 and Jacob Owen.

18th Wild Flowers of the Phoenix Park

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

25th Celtic Tree Trail

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

May

2nd Phoenix Park Murders

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

16th 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.

23rd People's Garden

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

June

27th Mammals of the Phoenix Park

A walking tour of the Phoenix Park looking at habitats of the mammals here in the Phoenix Park.

July

4th Butterflies of the Phoenix Park

A walk looking at different species here in the Phoenix Park.

25th Monuments of the Phoenix Park

A walk featuring a number of monuments in the Phoenix Park, Phoenix Monument, Papal Cross and the Wellington Monument.

August

29th People's Garden

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

September

12th Celtic Tree Trail

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

26th 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 and Jacob Owen.

October

10th **The Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster**

To commemorate the anniversary the Office of Public Works will have a wreath laying ceremony and a special tour of Grangegorman Military Cemetery, focusing on the burials from the R.M.S. Leinster disaster. Meet inside the gates of the cemetery, on Blackhorse Avenue at 10.00am.

10th **Victorian Walled Garden**

A walking tour of the Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden featuring the history and information on the Victorian planting scheme.



Weekend Lectures & Walks 2018

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre

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

March

Sunday 25th at 2.00pm

Pollination Plan

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

April

Sunday 1st Two Shows at 1.30pm & 3.00pm

Moon & Sixpence Puppet Theatre

Jacqueline's adventures with the beanstalk.

Sunday 29th at 2.00pm

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May

Sunday 6th at 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Music in the courtyard - Ye Vagabonds

Brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn, who form Ye Vagabonds. Expect harmony rich folk music, influenced by Irish traditional music, Appalachian singing, and the 1960's folk revival. Thoughtful lyrics, thickly layered with strings and droning harmonium.

Sunday 13th at 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Music in the courtyard - Ain't Saint John

Ain't Saint John are a five-piece folk / chamber-pop act playing together since 2013. Their music features lyrics and imagery inspired by the natural world and surrounded by piano, double bass, oboe and female voices.

Sunday 20th at 2.00pm

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June

Sunday 10th at 3.00

The Celts and Trees

The connection between humans and trees including folklore, medicinal and Brehon law presented by OPW Staff.

Sunday 17th at 3.00

Mammals of the Phoenix Park

From the fallow deer stocked in the park in the 1600's to the badgers, squirrels, foxes and rabbits. The diversity of mammals so close to a city will be covered.

Sunday 24th at 2.00

Pollination Plan

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

July

Sunday 1st at 3.00pm

Horse Traditions

Horses have played an important role in the development of society over the centuries and this exhibition looks to link the past with the present. This exhibition will showcase how horses are used in a modern context and how they are linked to the Phoenix Park. Including the Garda Mounted Unit based in Áras an Uachtaráin and the Equitation School of the Defence Forces based in McKee Barracks.

Sunday 8th at 3.00pm

Zoological Talk

Learn all about the history of Dublin Zoo in the Phoenix Park. This interactive talk will take visitors on the story of Dublin Zoo from when it first opened its doors on September 1, 1831 to its evolution into a modern conservation organisation. Visitors will get an opportunity to learn more about our animals by engaging with some of our rare biofacts and behind the scenes video footage.

Sunday 15th at 3.00pm

Victorian Gardening

Discover the history of the victorian kitchen walled garden followed by a tour of the walled garden.

Sunday 29th at 2.00pm

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September

Sunday 30th at 3.00pm

Vikings in Ireland

The largest Viking burial site outside of Scandinavia was discovered in the 1840's and 1850's and again in the 1930's during the building of the railway between the south side of the Phoenix Park, stretching over to Islandbridge, revealing over 40 Viking graves.

October

Sunday 7th at 3.00pm

The Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster

To commemorate the anniversary of the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster we will have a talk focusing on the war at sea around Ireland 1914-1918, by Guy Warner.

Sunday 14th at 3.00pm

The Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster

A commemorative talk on the sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster by Philip Lecane, author of the book "Torpedoed, The R.M.S. Leinster Disaster".

Sunday 21st at 3.00pm

The Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster

What happened to all the letters and parcels that were destined for the front line, when they travelled from Kingstown to Hollyhead. What impact did the sinking have on the soldier's and their families' morale.

Sunday 28th Two Shows at 1.30pm & 3.00pm

Moon & Sixpence Puppet Theatre

Jacqueleen's adventures with the beanstalk.

Monday 29th at 3.00pm

Pumpkin Carving with Dale Treadwell

Join in this free family event suitable for all ages. Dale Treadwell will give a fun talk on Ghosts, Ghouls and Witches. After which we will carve pumpkins that were (grown in the Walled Garden) in the Courtyard. Dress to impress and there will be prizes for the best costume.

November

Sunday 4th at 3.00pm

Ashtown Lodge Occupants from 1775 -1989

A talk on the discovery of Ashtown Castle in the 1980's including the interesting and important occupants of Ashtown Lodge.

Thursday 8th at 11.00am

Ceremony of the Remembrance of the end of the First World War

In attendance will be representation from the Irish Army, Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána. Meet inside the gates of Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Blackhorse Avenue. Time: 10.45am

December

Sunday 16th Two Shows at 1.30pm & 3.00pm

Moon & Sixpence Puppet Theatre

Jacqueleen's adventures with the beanstalk.

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

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 seen over long distances and when dogs are not behaving negatively. 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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Christmas IN THE PARK

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Welcome to the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre
2018 Christmas programme.

There is plenty here for all the family to enjoy.
All of the events listed are free.

For further information visit
www.phoenixpark.ie or contact 01-6770095

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

12.00PM – 4.00PM

WOOD TURNERS IN ASHTOWN CASTLE

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

12.00PM – 4.00PM

WOOD TURNERS IN ASHTOWN CASTLE

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

9.30AM – 5.00PM

LIVE CRIB – COURTYARD

11.00AM – 1.00PM

CHOIR

1.30PM & 3.00PM

MOON AND SIXPENCE PUPPET THEATRE

12.00PM – 4.00PM

WOOD TURNERS IN ASHTOWN CASTLE

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.

A photograph of Ashtown Castle, a tall, rectangular stone tower with a gabled roof and a small chimney. The castle is surrounded by greenery and a path leads to its base.

Become a king
or queen for the
day with a visit to
Ashtown Castle

A photograph of a group of deer standing in a green field. In the background, a tall, white cross is visible against a hazy sky.

Enjoy a power
point presentation
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badgers and
much more

Come Fly with Me

Bird & Biodiversity Events in the
Phoenix Park 2018



JUNE Gardening for Birds and Wildlife

Sunday 17th 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.

JULY Badgers, Bats and Nocturnal Birds

Wednesday 11th 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.

AUGUST Bat Walk

Wednesday 22nd August at 8.00pm

Join us for a guided bat walk to seek out one of our most mysterious Irish mammals, the Bat. Experts will be on hand with bat detectors, to help find bats in the parklands and woods of the Phoenix Park. This free event is suitable for families.

All welcome. Bring torches. Meeting at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre. Booking essential as places are limited, through the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre: Ph: 01-6770095.



NOVEMBER Winter Bird Walk

Saturday 17th 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.

DECEMBER Santa's Little Helpers

Sunday 9th 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.



A guided bird walk to look for winter bird species and visit a wide range of waterbirds on the ponds and lakes

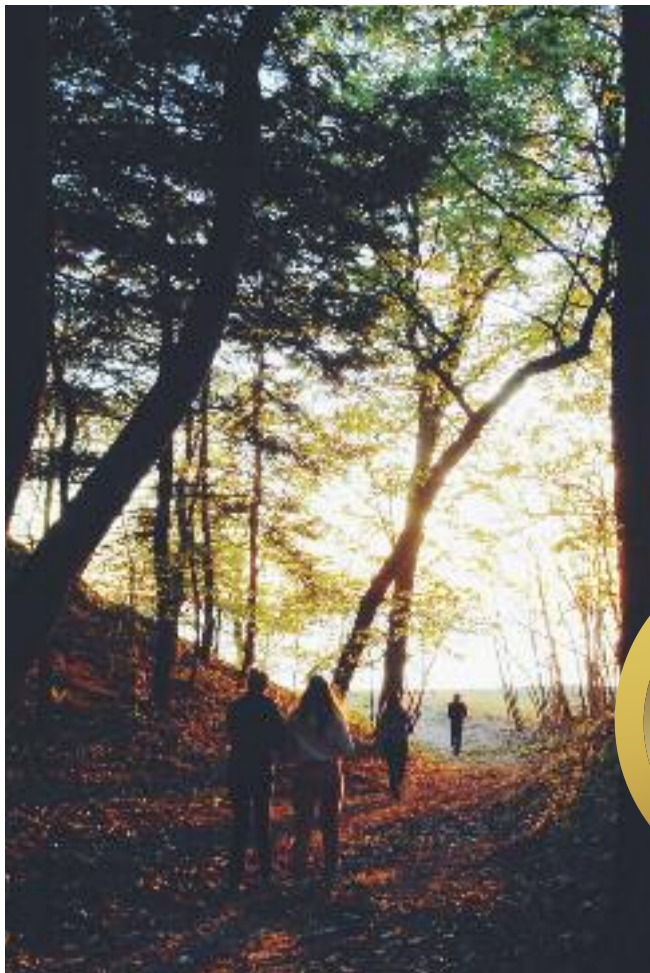


Dark sky event with the Irish Astronomical Society

The Irish Astronomical Society will host an exciting free, family friendly, outdoor event.

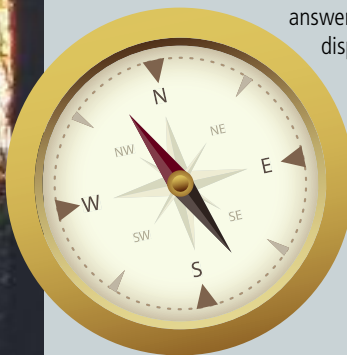
As Mars will be close to the Moon and Saturn will be on view. This will be a wonderful viewing opportunity as there is no light pollution within the Phoenix Park. Meet at the Papal Cross from 7.45pm.





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. 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.

Log onto Website to print map.

Phoenix Park Fallow Deer

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



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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