



CARNFUNNOCK COUNTRY PARK
EVENTS PROGRAMME 2018
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MARCH 2018

● SATURDAY 24TH MARCH

LARNE HALF MARATHON

The 2018 Larne Half Marathon organisers are gearing up for another great race this year with 2000 participants expected. The event will begin at 11am (note the Walk will commence at 10am) starting at Larne Leisure Centre and passing by Carnfunnock. The race is promoted by Larne Athletic Club and sponsored by AES. For more information on prices and what to expect visit <http://larnehalfmarathon.webs.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/AESLarnehalfmarathon>

2.00pm - 5.00pm ● FRIDAY 30TH MARCH (GOOD FRIDAY)

ART IN THE PARK: EASTER CREATIONS

Drop into Carnfunnock this Good Friday to make some Easter themed keyrings! Or why not try designing some spring or bug magnets? You could also try decorating an Easter egg or create an Easter card just in time for the Easter Bunny coming!

Price: £1.00 per child. Booking advisable. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00PM - 4.00PM ● SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

EASTER PLAY DAY

Come join our play development Officer and staff for a fun filled day using play equipment, games sessions, scavenger hunts, music & dance sessions, arts & crafts and a Nerf Works session (weather dependant). The fun will start at 2.00pm at our covered BBQ area and Games Field. A great start to the Easter Holidays!
Free Event.

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

APRIL 2017

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

Please note: A fixed parking charge applies on entry to the park on bank holiday periods.

2.00pm-5.00pm ● PARTY ANIMAL TIME!

Come and say hello to the wonderful Party Animals N.I. and their Mobile Micro Zoo while they visit Carnfunnock. Come along and get a cuddle from "Big Daddy" or pluck up the courage to hold "Monster". From creepy crawlies to fluffy critters there may even be a scaly friend or two. Lollipop the Teenage (Mutant Samurai) Meerkat will be making appearances and if the weather is good you may even get to meet "Efue", the 13.5Kg Tortoise. **Free event.**



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KIDS EASTER EGG ROLL COMPETITION

2.30pm Under 5's

3.00pm 5-8's

3.30pm Over 8's

Bring along your own decorated hard-boiled egg (so you can identify it!) and take part in a traditional egg rolling race at the Visitor Centre. Various age categories apply **JUST** don't forget to bring your own egg! **Free event.** **Contact:** Carnfunnock Country Park on **028 2826 2471.**

EASTER MONDAY 2ND APRIL & EASTER TUESDAY 3RD APRIL

Please note: A fixed parking charge applies on entry to the park on bank holiday periods.

10.15am-1.15pm & 2.00pm-5.00pm • MYSTICAL EASTER PARK HUNT (Under 10's)

The Dark Fairy has invaded Carnfunnock and is trying to ruin Easter by casting a dark magic spell over the park! Our Easter Bunny has enlisted the help of the magical Fairy Queen Zana and her mysterious friend Waldo the Wizard but they can't complete the spell without your help.

They need you to help them on their magical quest around the lower park using your special map, you will need to visit the enchanted maze and Walled Garden in order to locate items for the magical spell to save Easter.

Don't forget to find Fairy Queen Zana and Waldo the Wizard to show them your mystical spell and post in the magical portal to help defeat the Dark Fairy. Then make your way to the Visitor Centre to hand in your sheet and collect your well-earned prize.

Price: £3.00 per activity sheet or buy 3 or more for 20% discount. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

11.00am onwards • MAGICAL SCRAMBLED EGGS CONTEST (For families with children aged 8+)

Come to the Visitor Centre to pick up your challenge and those who find the correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a giant fluffy friend and some eggs to share! All participants will win special Easter treats!

Price: £2.50 per quiz sheet. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

11.00am - 5.00pm • MAGICAL EASTER CREATIONS

Facetastic will be joining the fun with some unique themed face painting and tattoos! *(Charges apply)*

11.00am - 5.00pm • SPOT THE BUNNY TRAIN RIDE

Hop aboard the Family Fun Zone's miniature train, then keep your eyes peeled and count the bunnies as you ride around the track. All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a family pass.

Price: £2.00 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Family Fun Zone on 07745 570037.



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2.00pm - 5.00pm • WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL

SPRING FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING

Come down and join us in the park to make some unique spring themed friendship bracelets. With four different bracelet packs to choose from why not bring a friend and you can make one each!

Price: £1.00 per child. Booking advisable. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

WOODEN HANGING DECORATIONS

As Spring Wildlife weekend is upon us why not come down to the Visitor Centre and get creative making some hanging decorations, with a mix of spring flowers and animals to choose from.

Price: £1.00 per child. Booking advisable. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm & 3.30pm sessions • SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

WILD IN THE PARK: SPRING INTO WILDLIFE

Join Debbie Doolittle and discover the amazing diversity of wildlife in Northern Ireland. Spend some time learning how to help injured or orphaned wildlife that may visit your back garden. Learn all about hedgehogs, owls and their friend Mrs. Fox plus get up close and personal with cuddly Easter bunnies!!

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is advisable. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

ART IN THE PARK: DIY BUTTERFLY HOMES

It's Spring Wildlife weekend in Carnfunnock so why not come along and join park staff to make some butterfly homes.

Price: £3.00 per home. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Limited to 15 places. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm & 3.30pm sessions • SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

WILD IN THE PARK: REMARKABLE REPTILES

Join 'Rep-Tails' for an exclusive display of reptiles and lizards - some of the world's most misunderstood creatures. Ever fancied getting up close and personal with an anaconda, python or even a Tarantula or Imperial Scorpion?! If so, come along and see an amazing collection of snakes, lizards, insects and amphibians and why they are needed in the wild.



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SUNDAY 15TH APRIL

10.30am onwards • BIRDY BINGO

Take one of our free activity sheets for children and enjoy a family game of birdy bingo!

1.30pm & 3.30pm • DIY BIRD HOMES

Spring is in the air and we're getting ready for this autumn's bird nesting season already! Many birds will enter nest boxes during the autumn and winter, looking for a suitable place to roost or perhaps to feed. Help build a bird box and decorate the box with the expertise of Park staff.

£3.00 per box to cover materials. Places limited to 15 (in total). Booking essential. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

ART IN THE PARK: ASTRONOMY DAY

As it is International Astronomy Day why not join staff to collect a variety of items from around the park to create different crafts such as a solar system mobile from leaves and twigs or why not try to create your own painting of what you think the Earth would look like from space using as many outdoor elements as possible.

Free event. Booking advisable. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm • SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

BUG DETECTIVE

It's 'Woodlands Weekend' so join Carnfunnock staff and become a bug detective as you hunt through the park to discover who lives under our rocks and trees! Get a magnified look at a variety of creatures and insects that make most Mum's scream. Discover why they have so many legs and eyes, what they like to eat and even identify them using different sections of their bodies!

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is advisable. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

1.00pm AND 3.00pm SESSIONS • SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

SECRET AGENT TRAINING CAMP!

Do you have a naturally curious child or frustrated spy at home?? Then why not bring them to our secret agent training camp at Carnfunnock! They will receive some essential pre-training to fulfil a special mission. Expect to get a special secret agent name, secret coding, target practice and lots more fun!



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Price: £5.00 per child. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Suitable for children age 6+. Maximum 15 children per session. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SUNDAY 29TH APRIL

WILDLIFE CSI

Do you have a budding detective in your house? If so then this will be right up your street. Take part in Carnfunnock's specially designed crime investigation trail. Will you discover who the culprit is?

Price: £2.00 per detective sheet. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

10.00am - 11.00am • MONDAY 30TH APRIL

Launch of MEA in Bloom

Our Growing Communities Officer will be launching MEA in Bloom, along with the Mayor, some local community groups and local school children.

MAY 2017

2.00pm • SATURDAY 5TH MAY

CARNFUNNOCK SUPERDOG (As part of National Pet Month)

Beginner dogs pay attention! Let's show everyone what you're made of. At only £1.00 per class, you can improve your athleticism on our fun obedience course or look your best and take part in our novelty dog show. Categories include: best pedigree, best non-pedigree, saddest eyes, most like it's owner, most like to take home, waggiest tail, best fancy dressed, best rescue or even biggest ears.

Facetastic will be joining in the fun with some unique doggy face painting and tattoos! (*Charges apply*)

All proceeds go to Dogs Trust & other animal charities, thanks to the Latharna Canine and Dog Training Club. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

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2.00pm-5.00pm • FARMYARD FUN

Say hello to the animals from Ark Open Farm while they visit Carnfunnock Country Park. Cuddle and play with friendly rabbits, chicks and ducklings or bottle feed the little lambs and goats. **Free event.**

2.15pm & 3.30pm shows • MR HULLABALOO PUPPET THEATRE

Be utterly amazed at the antics of Mr Hullabaloo and his interactive theatre. Mr Hullabaloo will entertain all the family with two spring-themed shows in the amphitheatre of our magnificent Walled Garden. **Free event.**

MONDAY 7TH MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)



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To mark the end of hedgehog awareness week (30th April - 6th May) we have some special events to celebrate these remarkable creatures!

11.00am-5.00pm • HEDGE HOGGING MAZE HUNT

Help Prickles find his friends in the maze. He thinks they are scared of him and his spikes but can you help reunite all the friends to find out what really scared them away from Prickles? All successful finders will get a special prize!

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Price: £2.50 per activity sheet or buy 3 or more for 20% discount.

12noon to 5.00pm • HAPPY HEDGEHOGS

Did you know that hedgehogs are the only British mammals with spines? Debbie Doolittle will be bringing some of these special little creatures along to Carnfunnock and you can discover all about them! Learn what makes them happy, where they live, what they have for dinner and how to give them TLC when they need our help! Free event.

11.00am-5.00pm • WILDLIFE CREATIONS

Facetastic will be joining in the fun with some unique animal themed face painting and tattoos! (Charges apply)

11.00am-5.00pm • SPOT THE HEDGEHOG TRAIN RIDE

Hop aboard the Family Fun Zone's miniature train, then keep your eyes peeled and count the hedgehogs as you ride around the track. All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a family pass.

Price: £2.00 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Family Fun Zone on 07745 570037.

FRIENDS GOODWILL FESTIVAL 12TH AND 13TH MAY

11.00am - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 19TH MAY

PIRATE TREASURE HUNT

Ahoy thar ya lily-livered landlubbers!! Come along and be given a scrap of paper which will lead you around the grounds of Carnfunnock in search for hidden clues - the most correct answers will be entered into a draw to win the hidden treasure! Will you be a scallywag or a gentleman o' fortune?

£2.00 per activity sheet. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

• SUNDAY 20TH MAY

12.00 NOON - FACE PAINTING WORKSHOP: TIGER TECHNIQUES AND BUTTERFLY BASICS



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Attention all adults! Do you wish you were confident enough to paint your own child's face for parties? It's International Day for Biological Diversity so join us for a special face painting workshop and learn to paint your own little tiger or beautiful butterfly with the expert tuition of our resident face painters, Facetastic.

Price: £10.00 per adult. Places are limited so booking essential. All adults must be accompanied by a child model aged 5+, who is not allergic / sensitive to face paints. To book contact Brenda at Facetastic on 07801 893449.

9.00pm • FRIDAY 25TH MAY

BAT NIGHT

It's European Bat Weekend so let Ricki Ayre of the NI Bat Group introduce you to some of Northern Ireland's cutest and fluffiest mammals - BATS! Learn about their fascinating lives before venturing outside into the grounds of Carnfunnock armed with torches and bat detectors, to seek out these flying wonders zipping overhead (weather permitting).

Price: £4.25 adult, £3.75 Child/Concession Inc. Light refreshments. Booking essential. Wear appropriate clothing / footwear and bring torches. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for age 7+years only. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.15pm, 3.15pm & 4.15pm • SUNDAY 27TH MAY

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MAGIC SHOWS

Now you see it, now you don't, magic tricks to boggle your mind! With his bright blue suit and a suitcase full of silly, Louie the Entertainer, presents a hilarious sideways take on children's magic that the whole family will enjoy. **Free event.**

MONDAY 28TH MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)

Please note: A fixed parking charge applies on entry to the park on bank holiday periods.

1.00pm - 5.00pm • WILD IN THE PARK: FALCONS AND FRIENDS

Join the Northern Ireland School of Falconry and see majestic birds of prey, including falcons and owls, in both static and dynamic flying displays. Put names and faces to those mysterious flying creatures that go screech and t'whit t'whoo in the night! Flying displays, with educational commentary, will take place at 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm. **Free event.**

JUNE 2017

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

WOOLY CREATIONS

Join this creative workshop and make a wonderful Woolly creation! You can donate your artwork to the Woollen Woods Project and it will be displayed in Diamond Jubilee Wood, Whitehead for the whole world to see as part of Woolen Woods 2018!



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Activities include learning how to finger crochet and make pom poms. All materials supplied. Diamond Jubilee Wood is the only wooden wood in Ireland, creations will be on display for the Woolen Woods grand opening event. Further details available online.

Larne Arts Festival 2nd and 3rd June

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS BEGINS

Our summer programme of band concerts within the Walled Garden amphitheatre starts today with 1st Larne Old Boys Silver (2.00-3.00pm), East Antrim Seniors Accordion (3.00-4.00pm) and Magheramorne Silver (4.00-5.00pm). Free event.

11.00am onwards • SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

LARNE HORSE AND PONY SHOW

Join Larne Horse and Pony Club for their annual show in Carnfunnock and enjoy an entire day devoted to the competing and showing of horses.

For entry fees or further information, please contact Lynda or Mark McCullough 07545 197235 or 07745 662874, or e-mail lmccullough091@gmail.com. Further information is available at www.larnehorseandponyshow.co.uk.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from Ballyduff Silver (2.30-3.30pm) and Ormeau Concert (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE (FATHERS DAY / NATIONAL PICNIC WEEK)

It's both Father's Day and National Picnic Week so bring your picnic to Carnfunnock Country Park or treat your dad as Parklands Café offers discounts for Daddies and speciality 'Big Daddy' Burgers. Enjoy a full day of family fun including:

1.00pm - 5.00pm • WILD IN THE PARK: FALCONS AND FRIENDS

Join the Northern Ireland School of Falconry and see majestic birds of prey, including falcons and owls, in both static and dynamic flying displays. Put names and faces to those mysterious flying creatures that go screech and t'whit t'whoo in the night! Flying displays, with educational commentary, will take place at 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm. Free event.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from Ballyclare Victoria Flute (2.30-3.30pm) and Killyglen Accordion (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

2.00pm & 3.30pm sessions • SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

WILD IN THE PARK: BIG BUGS!

See some seriously big bugs like giant snails, stick insects and tarantulas as 'Rep-tails' bring their exotic creatures to the park.

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking advisable. Please note: not suitable for children under



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5 years of age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

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BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Magheramorne Silver** (2.30-3.30pm) and **Kellswater Flute** (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

JUMP IN MUDDY PUDDLES DAY!

Did you know today was international mud day? Get your favourite wellies on and join us for some puddle splashing and mud cake making! Bring your mum, dad, grandparents, brothers and sisters along for some messy fun - **JUST REMEMBER TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!**

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

JULY 2017

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 1ST JULY

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **East Antrim Seniors Accordion** (2.30-3.30pm) and **3rd Carrick Silver** (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

10.00am - 3.00pm • TUESDAY 3RD JULY

ART IN THE PARK: FLOWER POT DECORATING

Why not come down to Carnfunnock and decorate your very own flowerpot with some of the park staff. You could then take it home with you and fill it with whatever kind of plant you like, then look after it and watch it grow over the summer!

Price: £2.00 per pot. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking essential. Limited to 10 spaces. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • THURSDAY 5TH JULY

ART IN THE PARK: CUTLASS AND MASK MAKING FOR BUDDING BUCCANEERS!

Ahoy matey, sail down to Carnfunnock today and join staff to create either a Pirate mask or decorate a cutlass (Pirate sword) and then why not challenge your friends to a duel to see who the Captain of Carnfunnock is!

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 7TH JULY

WILD IN THE PARK: FARMYARD FUN



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Say hello to the animals from Ark Open Farm while they visit Carnfunnock Country Park. Spring may be over but you'll still have the chance to see rabbits, chicks, guinea pigs, goats and maybe even a donkey. **Free event.** Wear appropriate footwear and clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 8TH JULY

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Killyglen Accordion** (2.30-4.30pm).

Free event.

Love Parks Week (Friday 13th July - Sunday 22nd July)

Dalriada Festival 14th and 15th July

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 15TH JULY

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Dummigans Accordion** (2.30-4.30pm).

Free event.

2.00pm • MONDAY 16TH JULY

ART IN THE PARK: FAIRY LEAF RUBBING AND TOADSTOOL CREATION

Why not make your own leaf rubbing Fairy today, along with their very own toadstool. Have you seen the fairy doors around the park? Why not take your fairy around to visit them and see if you can spot any others!

Price: FREE. Booking is advisable. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

12.00noon - 5.00pm • WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY

DRAGON TRAIL

Collect your dragon map from the Visitor Centre and go on your quest to find hidden clues around the grounds of Carnfunnock. The most correct answers will be entered into a draw to win the treasure within the dragons nest. Will you have the luck of Falkor, strength of Saphira, wisdom of Draco or wit of Mushu to find all the clues? On your walkabout you may even collide with Carnfunnock's very own mystical magical dragon Malfoy!

Price: £2.50 per activity sheet. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • THURSDAY 19TH JULY

ART IN THE PARK: MAKE YOUR OWN INSECT GLIDER

Do you think you could make your own insect glider? Why not come along to this drop in session any time between 2pm and 5pm to showcase your own unique skills.

Price: FREE. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.



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ART IN THE PARK: KID'S ROCKING ROCKETS

Is it a plane? Is it a bird? No it's your rocket! Come along and build your own rocket before attempting launch! Will it fly? How far will it go? How high will it go? That's all up to you!

Price: £2.25 per child. Maximum 12 children per session. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as you may get a bit wet! Booking is essential. All children must be aged 5 and over and accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

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2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 22ND JULY

BAND CONCERT

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SUNDAY 29TH JULY

7.00am • THE SUNRISE RUN

Organised by East Coast Athletic Club, in memory of their highly respected club member - Patrick 'Paddy' Campbell, the Sunrise Run is a 5k race/run (including walk) starting and finishing in Dixon Hall, Drains Bay with the main route around Carnfunnock Country Park. Registration will be taken on the day from 5:30am and will close at 6:45am SHARP so please arrive early. The 5k is open to everyone, so come along and run, walk or jog 5k and enjoy some breakfast afterwards! All proceeds will go to the Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke charity.

Further details are available at www.eastcoastathleticclub.co.uk or ring Justin Maxwell on 07739 960393.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Ormeau Concert** (2.30-3.30pm) and **CWA Brass** (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

AUGUST 2017

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST (NATIONAL PLAY DAY)

2.00pm - 5.00pm • CARNFUNNOCK FUNKY SPORTS DAY

Come along to Carnfunnock Country Park to take part in our funky sports day for kids of all ages. There will be different age categories (4 - 7 years, 8 - 11 years and 12 years +) we will have all sorts of fun games and races to take part in, including



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spud & spoon race, sack race, 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race, welly boot throw competition, dribbling competition, limbo competition and much more!

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (Sports Day subject to weather and ground conditions.) Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

ALL DAY • FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

Take part in this year's Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count. Pick up your identification sheet at the Visitor Centre and take a walk around some of Carnfunnock's hot spots for seeing butterflies. All the results will then be sent back to Butterfly Conservation for them to record.

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from 1st Larne Old Boys Silver (2.30-3.30pm) and Dummigans Accordion (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

2.30pm - 4.30pm BLOOMING MARVELOUS FLOWER ARRANGING

Join this floral workshop and learn how to make a fabulous flower display using fresh flowers and foliage! All materials provided.

Why not enter your creation into the Mid and East Antrim flower show held on 18 August, Larne Market Yard? Great prizes to be won!
www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/flowershow

1.00pm or 3.00pm sessions • SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST

SECRET AGENT TRAINING CAMP!

Do you have a naturally curious child or frustrated spy at home?? Then why not bring them to our secret agent training camp at Carnfunnock! They will receive some essential pre-training to fulfil a special mission. Expect to get a special secret agent name, secret coding, target practice and lots more fun!

Price: £5.00 per child. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Suitable for children age 6+. Maximum 15 children per session. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from East Antrim Seniors Accordion (2.30-3.30pm) and Ballyclare Victoria Flute (3.30-4.30pm). Free event.

2.00pm or 3.30pm sessions

WILD IN THE PARK: SLITHERING SNAKES



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Now's your chance to get up close and personal with some of Carnfunnock's slithery friends. Learn all about snakes, snake identification, different types of snakes, big snakes like anacondas and pythons, venomous and poisonous snakes like King Cobra, copperheads, coral snakes, rattlesnakes, corn snakes and more.

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking advisable. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

**10.00am to 12.00noon • FROM MONDAY 13TH AUGUST TO FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST
CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

Unleash your inner author at Carnfunnock this summer with storyteller Vicky McFarland, from idea to print in just five days. Children will learn the skills of plotting, character and setting development, drafting, editing and redrafting before having their stories published and presenting them at an end of course book launch.

Price: £25.00 per child. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Suitable for children age 8-12 years. Maximum 12 children per session. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

Mid and East Antrim Flower Show - Saturday 18th August

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Ballyduff Silver** (2.30-3.30pm) and **Magheramore Silver** (3.30-4.30pm). **Free event.**

8.00pm • FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST

BAT NIGHT

Let Ricki Ayre of the NI Bat Group introduce you to some of Northern Ireland's cutest and fluffiest mammals - BATS! Learn about their fascinating lives before venturing outside into the grounds of Carnfunnock armed with torches and bat detectors, to seek out these flying wonders zipping overhead (weather permitting).

Price: £4.25 adult, £3.75 Child/Concession Inc. Light refreshments. Booking essential. Wear appropriate clothing / footwear and bring torches. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for age 7+years only. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

12.00pm - 2.30pm • SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST

TEDDY BEARS' PARTY TIME

- 12.00pm - 2.00pm disco and games
- 2.00pm - 2.30pm Teddy Bear Competition

Bring your favourite teddy for a fun filled afternoon of dancing, competitions and much, much more! You'll be able to dance away in our Teddy Bear Disco and you'll even get a chance to meet Bubbles, the BIG bear who puts the 'fun' in



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Carnfunnock! Competition categories include: biggest; smallest; most unusual; best dressed; fluffiest, cuddliest and most loved. Children are encouraged to bring along their teddies for our in house "teddy" doctor to give them the once over and make sure they're feeling great.

Price: £3.50 per child. Booking is essential as numbers limited (Max. 100 children). Ticket only - payment required in advance. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

Facetastic will also be joining the fun with some unique teddy bear tattoos. *(Charges apply)*

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

Please note: A fixed parking charge applies on entry to the park on bank holiday periods.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • BAND CONCERT SEASON FINALE

Our summer programme of band concerts reaches its finale today. We have a special 3 hour event for your delight. **East Antrim Seniors Accordion** (2.00-3.00pm), **3rd Carrick Silver** (3.00-4.00pm) and **Killyglen Accordion** (4.00-5.00pm) end the season in style for us. **Free event.**

2.00pm - 5.00pm • PARTY ANIMAL TIME!

Come and say hello to the wonderful Party Animals N.I. and their Mobile Micro Zoo while they visit Carnfunnock. For the perfect end of summer day out, why not get a cuddle from "Big Daddy" or pluck up the courage to hold "Monster". From creepy crawlies to fluffy critters there may even be a scaly friend or two. Lollipop the Teenage (Mutant Samurai) Meerkat will be making appearances and if the weather is good you may even get to meet "Efue", the 13.5Kg Tortoise. **Free event.**

MONDAY 27TH AUGUST (BANK HOLIDAY)

Please note: A fixed parking charge applies on entry to the park on bank holiday periods.

1.00pm - 5.00pm • WILD IN THE PARK: FALCONS AND FRIENDS

Join the Northern Ireland School of Falconry and see majestic birds of prey, including falcons and owls, in both static and dynamic flying displays. Put names and faces to those mysterious flying creatures that go screech and t'whit t'whoo in the night! Flying displays, with educational commentary, will take place at 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm. **Free event.**

SEPTEMBER 2017

12.30pm or 2.00pm • SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

INCREDIBLE EXPERIMENTS FOR CURIOUS KIDS

Join in the fun with some slime making and exploding fountains, you might even get the chance to make volcanos with lava!

Price: £2.25 per child. Maximum 10 children per session. Suitable for children age 5+. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as you may get a bit wet! Booking is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.



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DIY BAT BOXES

Why not join our staff and build your own bat box that you can take home and put up on your house or a tree in the garden.

Price: £3.00 per box to cover materials. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Places limited to 15 boxes. All children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for children 3years+. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm • SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

FEED OUR BIRDS

Why not join staff and learn to make your own bird feeder using pine cones and yogurt pots or other natural materials. Hang them up in the Park and watch to see what birds will come along!

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm • SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

CARNFUNNOCK HISTORY HIKE

Join Doctor David Hume on a guided tour of Carnfunnock Country Park. Learn all about the buildings still here for all to see and the historical links to the Chainé family and Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon.

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2827 0541.

2.30pm • SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER (LOW TIDE 2.30pm)

BEACH CLEAN UP (Low Tide 2.30pm)

Join Park staff as they undertake a clean-up and litter survey of the shoreline in Carnfunnock Bay and Tweed's Port as part of Great British Clean Up week. We'll provide the litter picks, bin bags and gloves - all you need to bring is you! Meet at Carnfunnock Visitor Centre.

Free event but booking advisable. Light refreshments afterwards. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm • SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

PHOTOGRAPHIC TREASURE HUNT

It's World Photo Day so time to get out and look at Carnfunnock from some wacky angles to find the answers to these clues in this special treasure hunt! All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

Price: £2.00 per treasure hunt. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.



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Don't forget - since it is World Photo Day we'd love to see any park photographs published with the hashtag #carnfunnock on our Facebook page or online!

2.30pm • SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

ART IN THE PARK: KIDS AUTUMN CRAFTS

Use leaves, pine cones, paint and your imagination to make autumn crafts that you can take home.

Price: FREE. Suitable for children of any age. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

11.00am-5.00pm • GO NUTS MAZE HUNT

Are you clever enough to find our native wildlife within the Maze? It's Red Squirrel Week so in honour of our cuddly friends take part in a fun maze hunt to discover all you can about them! All successful finders will get a special prize!

Price: £2.50 per activity sheet or buy 3 or more for 20% discount.

BONKERS ABOUT CONKER'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Event subject to conker crop)

Are you bonkers about conkers and think you have what it takes to become this year's Carnfunnock Conker Champion? Then come along and participate in our regular competition with categories for children and adults alike.

Free event. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

10.00am - 2.00pm • SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

BUILD A DEN WORKSHOP

Join the Northern Ireland Survival School and learn to build your own shelter/den using branches, leaves and natural materials from within the Park.

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as this is an outdoor hands on activity. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. (Maximum 20 participants.) All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm & 3.30pm sessions • SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

WILD IN THE PARK: MAGICAL MAMMALS!

It's World Animal Day on 4th October so join Debbie Doolittle as she introduces some of Northern Ireland's most magical mammals. With special guest appearances from Mrs. Fox and her friends, spend the afternoon with Debbie as she teaches all about these mammals and how you can help them.

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is advisable. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.



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WILD IN THE PARK: CRAZY CREATURES

It's Biology Week so to celebrate the diversity of life on our planet come along and enjoy 'Rep-Tails' amazing collection of special creatures from reptiles to snakes to bugs!

Price: £2.75 per adult, £2.25 per child/concession. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking advisable. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm • SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER

FUNGAL FORAY

It's UK Fungus Day so head out and about with members of the NI Fungus Group on a guided walk around the grounds of Carnfunnock. They will point out and talk about the various species of fungi growing in the Park. Please note the amount of fungi found is dependent on weather conditions.

Free event. Booking is advisable as places are limited. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age.

2.30pm • SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

SEED GATHERING DAY

Many plants and trees that you see in Carnfunnock are surprisingly easy to grow. Why not head out on a walk around the Park to collect various nuts, seeds and berries and find out how to plant them so that you can take them home to grow!

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

12.00 noon • SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER

ART IN THE PARK: DECORATE INSECT HOMES

The weather is starting to get colder and we all know everyone needs somewhere to live! So why not join Carnfunnock staff, to decorate insect homes and encourage these creepy crawlies to visit your garden and enjoy somewhere safe to sleep and relax over the winter months.

Price: £3.00 per home to cover materials. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking essential as places limited, max 15 units. All children must be accompanied by an adult suitable for children 3+ years. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

11.00am - 4.00pm • SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

SCAVENGER HUNT

Come to the Visitor Centre and get a scavenger Hunt sheet then head out into the Park and see if you can find all the items on the list and put them into you bag and bring them back to the Visitor Centre to get your prize.



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Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

12.00 noon • SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

LEARN TO FACE PAINT HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

Attention all adults! Halloween is only a week or so away and we all know that the ghosts and ghouls need some help to get ready. If you're in need of inspiration, to make your little monsters more menacing then come along to face painting training with our resident face painters, Facetastic.

Price: £10.00 per adult. Places are limited so booking essential. All adults must be accompanied by a child model aged 5+, who is not allergic / sensitive to face paints. To book contact Brenda at Facetastic on 07801 893449.

1.00pm - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Halloween event to be confirmed

2.00pm - 5.00pm • WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

SPOOKY CREATURES

Join Party Animals NI, as they bring along a display of spooky creatures - see how brave you are with some of our favourite Halloween friends! **Free event. Max 40 per session.**

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2017

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER TIL SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

NATIONAL TREE WEEK

Local schools and interested parties will once again be invited to plant native tree and shrub species in Carnfunnock during National Tree Week. If you are interesting in bringing a group along, please contact Carnfunnock Country Park on **028 2826 2471. Free event.**

REGULAR EVENTS

9.30am • EVERY SATURDAY

PARKRUN

Larne Parkrun is a FREE weekly 5km event for runners of all standards, which takes place in Carnfunnock Country Park starting from Drains Bay. It's not a race against other runners, but a timed run and it can really be whatever you want it to be, whether that's a jog for fun or run as part of a training plan. Taking part is easy - just register before your first ever Parkrun. For further information go to www.parkrun.org.uk/larne/