

MARCH 2019

● SATURDAY 23rd MARCH

LARNE HALF MARATHON

The 2019 Larne Half Marathon organisers are gearing up for another great race this year with 2500 participants expected. The race is promoted by Larne Athletic Club and sponsored by AES. For more information on times, prices and what to expect visit, <http://larnehalfmarathon.webs.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/AESLarnehalfmarathon>

1.00PM - 4.00PM ● SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

INTRODUCE A MUGGLE TO GEOCACHING

This event is designed to introduce you to the world of Geocaching. The high-tech treasure hunt combines GPS tracking with outdoor adventure, and it's fun for all ages.

There will be a workshop introducing the basics of Geocaching. You will look at the geocaching app and how to use it and also can ask questions about establishing your own caches and how to look after those. Following this there will be a Geocaching Hunt around the park, this will give you the opportunity to see what caches are, the places they can be found and also what caches can contain.

APRIL 2019

2.30pm - 4.30pm ● SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

ART IN THE PARK: SPRING CRAFTS

Why not call into Carnfunnock and make some Spring badges to wear or why not design an Easter bonnet?

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

2.30pm - 4.30pm ● SUNDAY 7TH 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 essential due to limited supplies. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm & 3.30pm sessions ● SATURDAY 13TH 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.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

SPRING FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING

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

Price: £1.00 per child. Booking advisable due to limited supplies. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age, due to small parts. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.00pm - 4.00pm • FRIDAY 19TH APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

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 in our helter skelter disco dome, arts & crafts and Kick & Stick inflatable (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.

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

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

12.30pm - 2.00pm BUNNY BINGO

It's Easter Sunday and the Easter Bunny has popped in, to play Bunny Bingo with us! Why not join Carnfunnock staff alongside the Easter Bunny to play along and see what you could win! Each session will be divided up into a 30 minute game, each session is bookable so don't miss out!

£1.00 per sheet. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Limited to 10 places per session, 3x 30 minute sessions (12.30pm-1.00pm, 1.00pm-1.30pm & 1.30pm-2.00pm). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

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. From creepy crawlies to fluffy critters there may even be a scaly friend or two and if the weather is good you may even get to meet "Efue", the 13.5Kg Tortoise or "Luna" the Silver Fox. **Free event.**

2.30pm onwards KIDS EASTER EGG ROLL COMPETITION

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, under 5's, 5-8's and over 8's, **JUST don't forget to bring your own egg!**

Free event. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

EASTER MONDAY 22ND APRIL & EASTER TUESDAY 23RD 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 map 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 special Easter surprise! 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.

2.00pm - 4.00pm • FRIDAY 26TH 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 decorate some butterfly homes.

Price: £3.00 per home. Wear appropriate clothing. Booking is essential. Limited to 12 places. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm - 4.30PM • SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

ART IN THE PARK: HEDGEHOG MOSAICS

Why not drop in and join staff to make a hedgehog mosaic, you can then use it as a decoration or as a coaster.



CARNFUNNOCK COUNTRY PARK
EVENTS PROGRAMME 2019
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Tel: 028 2826 2471



Website: www.carnfunnock.co.uk

Email: carnfunnock@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Free event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in event but supplies are limited. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

MAY 2019

2.00pm • SATURDAY 4TH 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.

The Dogs Trust will also be there to offer help and advice with FREE microchipping available.

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 5TH MAY

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

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.**

2.00pm-4.00pm • SCALLYWAGS PUPPET THEATRE PRESENTS DISNEY DREAMS

Come along and see Scallywags Puppet Theatre and see what Disney characters you can spot! There will be performances in the Walled Garden Amphitheatre at 2.00pm & 3.00pm. **Free event.**

MONDAY 6TH MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)

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

To mark the end of hedgehog awareness week we have some special events to celebrate these remarkable creatures!

11.00am-5.00pm • HEDGE HOGGING MAZE HUNT

Are you clever enough to find our Hedgehog, Tiggy and her friends lost in the Maze? They need to get back to their cottage in the woods with all the freshly washed and ironed clothes for their bird and animal friends before it's too dark. 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.**

1.00pm • SATURDAY 11TH MAY

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 and lots more fun!

Price: £3.00 per child. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Suitable for children age 6+. Maximum 10 children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 12TH MAY

12 NOON onwards • BIRDY BINGO

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

1.30pm & 3.30pm • Decorative BIRD HOMES

Spring is in the air and we're getting ready for this year's bird nesting season already! Help build a decorative bird box with the expertise of Park staff.

£3.00 per box to cover materials. Places limited to 12 per session. Booking essential. Wear appropriate clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 19TH MAY

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

Attention all adults! Do you wish you were confident enough to paint your own child's face for parties? 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.

2.30pm • SATURDAY 25TH MAY

DIY BAT BOXES

Why not join our staff to build and decorate your own bat box that you can take home.

Price: £3.00 per box to cover materials. Wear appropriate clothing. Booking is essential. Places limited to 8 boxes. All children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for children 3years+. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

11.00am - 1.00pm WILD ABOUT FOOD: SUPER SALADS

Take a stroll through Carnfunnock Country Park to forage for edible leaves and flowers. Make your own wild salad to get a taste for nature! Meet at the Visitor Centre/Reception. Walk led by Forage Ireland expert Dermot Hughes.

Free event. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Contact: 028 9335 8233 for further information.

2.15pm, 3.15pm & 4.15pm • SUNDAY 26TH 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 27TH MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)

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

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.**

JUNE 2019

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SUNDAY 2ND 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 Magheramore Silver (4.00-5.00pm). **Free event.**

11.00am onwards • SATURDAY 8TH 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 9TH 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.**

2.00pm - 4.00pm • CHINESE DRAGON ART

Come and join staff to create some special Chinese Dragon art to celebrate the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival which began on Friday. Why not come down and try making some Chinese dragon puppets? Or some Chinese dragon masks or scratch art?

Free event. Booking advisable, due to limited supplies. All children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for children 3years+. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNAY 16TH 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. 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 22ND JUNE

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.

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 - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

BAND CONCERT

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

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

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.**

JULY 2019

1.00pm - 3.00pm • WEDNESDAY 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: £1.00 per pot. Wear appropriate clothing. 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 • SATURDAY 6TH JULY

WILD IN THE PARK: FARMYARD FUN

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 7TH 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.**

2.00pm - 5.00pm • WEDNESDAY 10TH 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. Or if you don't have time to come and make it with us, why not call in to collect one and make it in your own time!

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

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 14TH JULY

BAND CONCERT

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

12.00noon - 5.00pm • TUESDAY 16TH 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?

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

2.00pm & 3.30pm SESSIONS • THURSDAY 18TH JULY

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: £1.00 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.

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SATURDAY 20TH JULY

GO FLY A KITE

This unique children's kite design workshop targets children from 5 years of age upwards. It enables children to choose their own themed graphic and trace their design onto a blank diamond kite. The outline is then coloured in with an array of multi coloured indelible ink. The masterpiece kites are then flown at the end of each workshop. There will be 3x 1 hour sessions (2.00pm-3.00pm, 3.00pm-4.00pm & 4.00pm-5.00pm) so make sure and book in to secure your place!

£3.00 per kite. Maximum 50 children per session. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is advisable to avoid disappointment. All children must be aged 5 and over and accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

2.30pm - 4.30pm • BAND CONCERT

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

SUNDAY 28TH 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 **CWA Brass** (2.30-3.30pm) and **East Antrim Seniors Accordion** (3.30-4.30pm). **Free event.**

AUGUST 2019

ALL DAY • SATURDAY 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 4TH 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.**

WEDNESDAY 7TH 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. We will have all sorts of fun games and races to take part in, including 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 as outdoor event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (Sports Day subject to weather and ground conditions.) Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

1.00pm • SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

SECRET AGENT TRAINING CAMP!

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Price: £3.00 per child. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Booking is essential. Suitable for children age 6+. Maximum 10 children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

Our summer programme of band concerts continues within the Walled Garden amphitheatre with performances from **Ormeau Concert** (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

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 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 12TH AUGUST TO FRIDAY 16TH 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: £30.00 per child full payment when booking is required. 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.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 18TH 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 **Magheramorne Silver** (3.30-4.30pm). **Free event.**

12.00pm - 2.00pm • SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

CARNFUNNOCK CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Come and join in the fun at Carnfunnock's Children's Carnival. There will be lots of different activities such as balloon modelling, a carnival stand where you can try your luck at Hoopla or join in at the Clown skills area and see if you have what it takes to join in the carnival fun!

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 as this is an outdoor event. 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 carnival themed tattoos. *(Charges apply)*

SUNDAY 25TH 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**

Website: www.carnfunnock.co.uk
Email: carnfunnock@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
(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 come and see a variety of creatures from creepy crawlies and giant millipedes to fluffy critters there may even be a scaly friend or two! **Free event.**

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST (BANK HOLIDAY)

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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 2019

2.00pm - 5.00pm • SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

JUMP IN MUDDY PUDDLES 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.

2.00pm • SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

INCREDIBLE EXPERIMENTS FOR CURIOUS KIDS

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

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

2.30pm • SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

DIY BAT BOXES

Why not join our staff to build and decorate your own bat box that you can take home.

Price: £3.00 per box to cover materials. Wear appropriate clothing. Booking is essential. Places limited to 8 boxes. All children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for children 3years+. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on 028 2826 2471.

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

11.00am-5.00pm • GO NUTS MAZE HUNT

Are you clever enough to find our native wildlife within the Maze? In honour of our cuddly friends the Red Squirrels 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.

10.00am - 2.00pm • SATURDAY 28TH 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 29TH SEPTEMBER

WILD IN THE PARK: MAGICAL MAMMALS!

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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6.30pm • SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

STARGAZING

Did you know most of the stars in the night sky are bigger and brighter than the sun? Come and join staff for our stargazing event and see how many different stars you can see.

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

2.30pm • SUNDAY 6TH 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.

12.00 noon - 2.00PM • SATURDAY 12TH 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: £2.00 per home to cover materials. Wear appropriate clothing. 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 19TH 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 your bag and bring them back to the Visitor Centre to get your prize.

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 20TH 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.

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Halloween event to be confirmed

2.00pm - 5.00pm • THURSDAY 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.**

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019

NOVEMBER TIL 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 -



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