

MARCH 2020

During March why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Super Spring Scavenger Hunt and Super Springtime Spots on offer!

11am • 21 MARCH 2020

LARNE HALF MARATHON

The 2020 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>

APRIL 2020

During April why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Chirpie Birdies and Woodland Wonders on offer!

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

6.30am • BRIGHT AND EARLY!

Join local bird expert, Dot, to experience just how many different birds call Carnfunnock Country Park their home. A treat for your ears and your heart as you learn the birdsong of our beautiful, native birds.
Free event. Meet at Carnfunnock Visitor Centre. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Light Refreshments provided!

FRIDAY 10 APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

2pm - 4pm • EASTER PLAY DAY

Join us for an afternoon of Play activities, including arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, music and dance. 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. Please note: some crafts are limited and on a first come first served basis. Selected crafts are not suitable for children under 5 due to small parts.

SUNDAY 12 APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

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

12.30pm - 2pm • 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-1pm, 1pm-1.30pm & 1.30pm-2pm). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T: 028 2826 2471**.



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2pm-5pm • 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

EASTER MONDAY 13 APRIL & EASTER TUESDAY 14 APRIL

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

10.15am-1.15pm & 2pm-5pm • MAGICAL EASTER PARK HUNT
(Under 10's)

After a turbulent storm Dot has been whisked away from her hometown with her pet dog Terry and has landed here in Carnfunnock! She needs your help to get back home to her family through the magical portal before Easter is over!

Luckily Dot has been able to get some help from the Good Fairy Godmother Glenda, who has given Dot some lucky ruby red slippers. Glenda has also enlisted the help of Leo the Cowardly Lamb and Chester the Cheerful Chick. Together they hope to help Dot find her way out of Carnfunnock through the portal before the Evil Witch finds Dot and tries to steal her slippers.

Dot needs your help to find all of the clues which have been blown all around the lower sections of the park by the storm. Make sure you look everywhere, even the yellow brick road hidden in the maze!

Don't forget you will also need to help design a magical hot air balloon to help Dot through the portal, make sure and do this before leaving the maze to find the portal! Then make your way to the Visitor Centre to hand in your map and collect your well-earned prize.

And remember, there's no place like Carnfunnock!

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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

11am 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 can 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.



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11am - 5pm • MAGICAL EASTER CREATIONS
Facetastic will be joining the fun with some unique themed face painting and tattoos! (*Charges apply*)

11am - 5pm • 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 **T: 07745 570037**.

MAY 2020

During May why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Woodland Whistlers and Ladybird ID on offer!

1pm - 3pm • SUNDAY 3 MAY

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

'Do or do not. There is no try.' Get ready all you **Warsies out there to take Yoda's** advice! Will you do or not do our Star Wars themed maze hunt? Join us and our **fantastic Galactic characters from Superhero's NI**. Buy a maze passport to collect all the letters from characters within the maze, use the codebreaker to find the answer and collect a starry themed prize on completion.
After you have completed your maze hunt why not call into Parklands café for their special **'light sabre' slush offer** - will you have red or blue?
£2.00 per passport. Only those with a passport will be granted Galactic access to the maze. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as outdoor event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T: 028 2826 2471**.

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 MAY GLENARM TULIP FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY 8 MAY 2pm & 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.

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

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 MAY 11am-5pm • 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.



FRIDAY 8 MAY 12noon to 5pm • 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.

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 MAY 11am-5pm • WILDLIFE CREATIONS Facetastic will be joining in the fun with some unique animal themed face painting and tattoos!
(Charges apply)

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 MAY 11am-5pm • 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 **T: 07745 570037**.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

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2pm-5pm • **FARMYARD FUN**

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

SATURDAY 9 & SUNDAY 10 MAY • **FRIEND'S GOODWILL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

12noon • **SUNDAY 10 MAY**

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 **T: 07801 893449**.

1pm • **SUNDAY 17 MAY**

"NATIVE SPECIES" DAY

Join Ballygally Biodiversity Group **for their 'Native Speices' day. There will be a** bird and mammal display at the Visitor Centre on the veranda area. A walk, lasting approx. 30-40 minutes, will also take place at 1pm at the front of the café area.

Free event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Appropriate clothing and footwear is advised. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2pm • SATURDAY 23 MAY

POP UP CINEMA

Come along to our outdoor 'pop up' cinema experience. Taking place in the Games Field, we will be showing a classic kids favourite - **'Minions' movie.** The new Minions 2 movie is due to be released in cinemas this summer, so why not come along with the kids to enjoy the original beforehand. Bring your own blanket, camp chair, rugs etc. The area is grass so be prepared for the outdoor experience. Free event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

2.15pm, 3.15pm & 4.15pm • SUNDAY 24 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 25 MAY (BANK HOLIDAY)

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2pm - 4pm • WEE CRITTERS

Join Allan the explorer as he takes you on a wild adventure and introduces you to his Wee Critters through an interactive animal experience.

Whether they hop, scurry or crawl, the wee critters will help you have a ball this bank holiday! **A wild time awaits...**

This event will be spread out over 4 x20 minute sessions, so there is no need to rush to the starting of the event, as maximum numbers within the Education Centre are limited. Sessions start at 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 3 years of age. Free event.

JUNE 2020

During June why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Mini Beast Crawlies and Mini Beast Flying ID on offer!

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

2pm - 4pm • **LET'S GO FLY A KITE, UP TO THE HIGHEST HEIGHT!**

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 2x 1 hour sessions (2pm-3pm, 3pm-4pm) so make sure and book in to secure your place!

There will also be a chance to meet some of our Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious **characters from Superhero's NI, who will be onsite during the kite flying to add that little bit of extra sugar and soot to the event.**

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£3.50 per kite. Maximum 30 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2pm - 4pm • 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 4pm 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. Limited supplies. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2pm - 5pm • SUNDAY 7 JUNE

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS BEGINS

Our summer programme of band concerts within the Walled Garden amphitheatre starts today with 1st Larne Old Boys Silver (2pm-3pm), East Antrim Seniors Accordion (3pm-4pm) and Magheramorne Silver (4pm-5pm). Free event.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 14 JUNE

BAND CONCERT

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

2pm & 3.30pm SESSIONS SATURDAY 20 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

SUNAY 21 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 at Parklands Café. Enjoy a full day of family fun including:

1pm - 5pm • 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'who in the night! Flying displays, with educational commentary, will take place at 2pm, 3pm and 4.30pm. Free event.



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2.30pm - 4.30pm ● BAND CONCERT

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

2.30pm - 4.30pm ● SUNDAY 28 JUNE

BAND CONCERT

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

JULY 2020

During July why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Caterpillar Hunt and Mini Beast Hunt on offer!

2.30pm - 4.30pm ● SUNDAY 5 JULY

BAND CONCERT

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

12noon - 2pm ● TUESDAY 7 JULY

JUMP IN MUDDY PUDDLES DAY!

To kick start Love Parks Week, 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 **T:** 028 2826 2471.

12noon - 5pm ● THURSDAY 9 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?

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

2pm & 3.30pm SESSIONS ● FRIDAY 10 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



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children must be aged 5 and over and accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 12 JULY

BAND CONCERT

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

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2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 19 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.

SUNDAY 26 JULY

7am • 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 **T: 07739 960393**.

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 (2.30pm-3.30pm) and Ballyclare Victoria Flute (3.30pm-4.30pm). Free event

AUGUST 2020

During August why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Butterfly Caterpillars ID and Beautiful Butterflies ID on offer!

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

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

2pm - 4pm • MONDAY 3 AUGUST

WILD ABOUT FOOD: JUICY JAMS

Enjoy a walk through the park foraging for ripe raspberries and learn how to make delicious jams. Led by Forage Ireland expert Dermot Hughes. Meet at the visitor centre. Free event. Contact: parks@midandeantrim.gov.uk

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST (NATIONAL PLAY DAY)

2.00pm • 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, why not come down and join in all the fun!

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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

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

10am - 12noon • MONDAY 10 - FRIDAY 14 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

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

2.30pm - 4.30pm • SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

BAND CONCERT

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

12noon - 2pm • SATURDY 29 AUGUST

CARNFUNNOCK TEDDY BEARS PARTY TIME

- 12noon - 1.30pm disco and games
- 1.30pm - 2pm 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 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.



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Price: £2.00 per child (**under 2's & adults free**). 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**.

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

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

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

2pm - 5pm • 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 (2pm - 3pm), Ormeau Concert (3pm - 4pm) and Killyglen Accordion (4pm - 5pm) end the season in style for us. Free event.

2pm - 5pm • 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 31 AUGUST (BANK HOLIDAY)

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2pm 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 **T: 028 2826 2471**

1pm - 5pm • FLYING FALCONS

Join Ian Patterson and his flying falcons here at Carnfunnock. There will be static displays, as well as 3 flying displays. Flying displays will take place at 1.30pm, 2pm and finally 3pm. Free event.



SEPTEMBER 2020

During September why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Scavenger Hunt, Seeds ID and Nocturnal Animal ID on offer!

11am - 4pm SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

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. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear as outdoor event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on

T: 028 2826 2471

1pm • SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

RED SQUIRREL WALK WITH BALLYGALLY BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Come and join Ballygally Biodiversity Group on a walk around the park learning about the red squirrels here at Carnfunnock. The walk will commence at 1pm and will leave from the veranda at the front of Parklands café. There will also be an information stand where everyone can find out more about our native species. Free event. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER 2020

During October why not call into our Visitor Centre and try one of our Nature Detective activity sheets - this month we have Moths ID, Sound Safari, Spooky Scavenger Hunt and Spooky Bingo on offer!

2.30pm • SATURDAY 3 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. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note: not suitable for children under 5 years of age.

12noon • SUNDAY 4 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 **T:** 07801 893449.

6.30PM • FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

STARGAZING

Did you know most of the stars in the night sky are bigger and brighter than the sun? Come and join NIAAS 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. Contact: Carnfunnock Country Park on **T**: 028 2826 2471

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

2pm - 5pm 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. This is a drop in event so please feel free to come at any time during the event, as numbers are limited at any one time in the Education Centre and so queuing may be likely.

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Halloween event to be confirmed - please keep checking out MEA webpage

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2020

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 **T**: 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/