



# Action for Bogs

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## IPCC Celebrating 30 Years Saving Bogs!

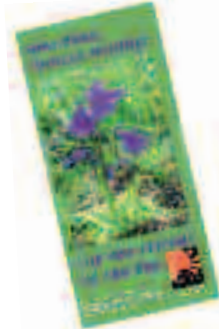




# 12 Ways You Can Help IPCC Conserve Irish Peatlands



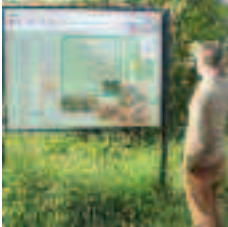
IPCC's campaigning includes petitioning the government to ensure the conservation of Irish peatlands - You can support IPCC's work by signing our current petition for peatlands



As a charity IPCC ask you to become a Friend of the Bog - Your membership fee is used to support IPCC's peatland conservation, education and research programmes



IPCC are based at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre - by visiting the centre and making a donation you are supporting peatland conservation in Ireland while you learn



Turf is used as a domestic fuel in Ireland - Always ensure the turf that you burn in your fire is supplied by a licensed contractor from a peatland of no conservation value



Volunteer Your Time - Help us with a variety of projects to conserve peatlands, such as vegetation surveys, drain blocking, guiding visitors, sorting stamps and monitoring butterflies - Get Involved Today



Choose peat free in your garden - Composting organic waste at home is a great way to help protect peatlands and save money



Send IPCC your used stamps - Through the collecting and sale of used stamps IPCC raise important funds for our Save the Bogs Campaign



By purchasing an environmentally friendly or good natured gift from IPCC's Nature Shop and mail order catalogue you can help IPCC conserve peatlands in Ireland



Stay on Track - When visiting a peatland always stay on designated walkways this will help to protect the flora of Irish peatlands



Frogs are biological indicators of pollution - Join IPCC's annual Hop To It Frog Survey and help us monitor the health of peatlands in Ireland



Conserve energy and help protect peatlands - Peat is used to generate electricity in Ireland in peat burning power stations - Switch off and Save Bogs



A Love of Bogs Last Longer than a Lifetime - By leaving the IPCC a legacy or giving in memory of a loved one you will be helping us save bogs and their wildlife



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For thirty years the Irish Peatland Conservation Council have campaigned for the conservation of a representative sample of Irish peatlands for future generations to enjoy. We have had great success including the designation of 250,000ha of our beautiful peatlands for conservation. This chart shows you some of the ways you can help save bogs and their amazing wildlife.



# Peatland Experience

IPCC is being mentored by Peter Phillipson of Telltale on behalf of Bórd Fáilte on how to create a visitor-focused peatland experience at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. Our programme for guests aims to inspire awe and love in the bog. This will help visitors deepen their emotional link with peatlands and find ways they can protect them in their daily lives. So if you'd like to get in tune with all things peatland, visit the Bog of Allen Nature Centre today and experience the bog like you never have before. - **K. Macnamara**



Visitors pond dipping to find some mini beasts from the bog. Photo: J. Fitzgerald

IPCC are delighted to welcome Kate Macnamara to our staff in the roll of Information Guide. Kate will be with us for the summer to welcome visitors and to provide them with a peatland experience at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. She is also meeting with school and special interest groups visiting the centre.

## News Update: Cessation of Turf Cutting

The cessation of turf cutting issue is in its 4th year since it was to be brought in. The Peatlands Council have made progress over the last year. In addition to a National Peatland Strategy, work is underway on a Management Plan for the 53



raised bog SACs. All members of the council are inputting to this, but has been hampered by the absence of the Turf Cutters and Contractors Association. IPCC are hoping for their swift return so that a cross cutting implementable plan can be put in place. IPCC have already made one submission on our proposals of what needs to be included in this plan and will continue to be heavily involved through all stages of the process over the coming year. Thanks to all the friends of the bog who have helped us along this road particularly in relation to the production of our submission. As full time members of the Peatlands Council we can ensure that conservation issues remain to the fore in the creation of the final strategy. - **T. Ó Corcora**

## Heritage Week Open Day



Join IPCC on Sunday 26th August from 2-5pm for Heritage week. There will be a demonstration of the Sphagnum moss growing trials underway on Lodge Bog since 2008. In 2008 IPCC began the first trails of this project in Ireland. In addition to this event IPCC are offering training courses on the Sphagnum restoration methods. The next course is on the 8th August at the Clara Bog Interpretative Centre. (see [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie) for details and to book a place. All events are free thanks to the support of the Heritage Council under the Heritage, Community and Outreach Grants Scheme 2012.



## Curlews on Lodge Bog

David Dwyer from UCD has been undertaking a study to estimate the population of resident curlew on Lodge Bog. Three curlew are confirmed on the site and David is looking for evidence of their breeding on Lodge Bog. He has been monitoring these birds over several months, sitting for hours watching their flight patterns and behaviour, carrying out a trial for predation and conducting a habitat survey. *"This project is of utmost importance as our population of native curlew has declined by approximately 80% in the last 30 years. The results of this project will help IPCC put procedures can be put in place to ensure the continued survival and future expansion of the population in the Bog of Allen,"* says David. Read his site diary on [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie). - **K. Macnamara**



## [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie)

IPCC's new website has been launched! At [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie), the improved website will hopefully make your experience online with us easier, clearer and more interactive. Let us know what you think. IPCC wish to thank Danny Walsh of the IEN for his guidance and support in this project.

- **K. Macnamara**

## Discovering the Wild Boglands Tour

The Irish Peatland Conservation Council invite you to join us on a special guided touring holiday of the wild boglands. The four night stay at the Tullamore Court Hotel and five day peatland tour of the midlands of Ireland includes:

Fully guided visits to Clara Bog, Lodge Bog and Pollardstown Fen, Waterways Ireland Centre, Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Clonmacnoise Monastic Settlement, Corlea Trackway and Kilbeggan Whiskey Distillery.

Cost €523pp based on two persons sharing

\* Supplement of €80 for single rooms

\* Pick up and return to Dublin City

\* Minimum numbers required

Tour Dates: Sunday 2nd - Thursday 6th September 2012.

Moderate level of fitness required

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT 045-860133 OR E-MAIL [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie)



Explore early Christian graveyards at Gohennacree



Explore the Bog of Allen Nature Centre



Discover peat harvesting at Clara Monastic Centre



Taste the midlands in the Kilbeggan Whiskey Distillery



Feel the ground move on Clara Bog

Join us on



Sun 29th July 2012

## International Bog Day

Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore

to celebrate

30 years of the IPCC Saving Irish Bogs!

### Family Fun Day Programme of Events

- \* Birds of prey show
- \* Pond dipping
- \* Museum tours
- \* Guided bog walk
- \* See insect eating plants

Free Entry and Parking  
2-5 pm, Picnics welcome!

Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, Phone 045 860 133, email [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie), check out [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie) or look us up on facebook: Irish Peatland Conservation Council

## We all need to do more - now is the time to take action

The peatland conservation work of the IPCC continues today thanks to the national support the organisation receives from Friends of the Bog. Friends of the Bog contribute to peatland conservation in numerous ways including donating money to nature conservation projects of the IPCC, collecting stamps for the organisation, volunteering on IPCC's Nature Reserves and in the Wildlife Gardens of the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, purchasing gifts from IPCC's gift catalogue and by talking to friends and family about Irish peatlands. If you would like to get involved and help IPCC conserve a representative portion of peatlands for future generations to enjoy why not do it today.

I would like to help IPCC's ongoing work for Irish bog conservation, to raise awareness and take action:

- by purchasing a gift from IPCC's gift catalogue - please send me a gift catalogue
- by volunteering at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre please send me a volunteering leaflet
- by sending IPCC my used stamps
- by signing up as a Friend of the Bog for €45
- by donating €..... to IPCC's conservation & education projects

Name .....

Address .....

I enclose cheque/postal order    or     please debit my Laser/Mastercard/Visa

Card No ..... Expiry Date ..... / .....

Security Code ..... Signature .....

Please return to: IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare  
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