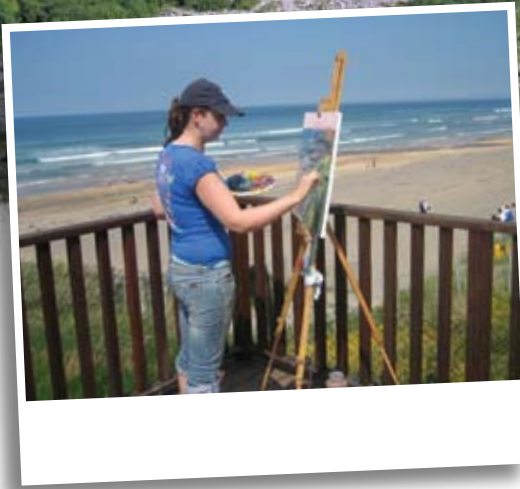




Burren Ecotourism Network
another way, another world



www.burrenecotourism.com

***Burren Ecotourism Network is a Network of Burren-based businesses who promote
"Responsible travel to natural areas that conserve the environment and
improve the well-being of local people"
and
we provide really great holiday experiences for all our visitors.***



We show our commitment to ecotourism principles by

- **Using environmentally sustainable practices**
- **Bringing people into nature**
- **Promoting our natural and cultural heritage**
- **Contributing to conservation**
- **Maximising benefits for local communities**
- **Ensuring visitor satisfaction**
- **Marketing responsibly**
- **Increasing cultural respect and awareness**

***Our ecotourism experiences have been accredited by
Ecotourism Ireland***



Here are our eco packages for 2011

**For further details and bookings please go to
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or email us at info@burrenecotourism.com**

The Boghill Centre Eco Experience

A five day interactive "Eco Experience" of nature based and creative activities; Sustainable Building techniques, Wild Life Surveying, Organic Gardening, Ceramics, Flax Weaving, Natural Sculpture making, a Guided Burren Walk or Guided Bird Watching Tour, Vegetarian Cooking and optional Holistic Therapies and evening Traditional Irish Music and Dancing Sessions in local pubs.

Interacting with Nature Tour

At the Boghill Centre you can have a full or half day "Nature Interaction" experience including an educative tour of the organic vegetable garden, orchards and mini farm from which the ingredients for the vegetarian kitchen are sourced; a demonstration of the "reduce, reuse and recycle" mantra; a taster of sustainable building practices; an interactive clay processing and pot building experience; a meditative walk within the reed labyrinth; an informative tour of nature interaction within the sweat lodge site and contemporary stone circle and an interpretive nature trail.



Ecotreat - A School Retreat with a Difference

The Boghill Centre offers students the opportunity to develop practical ecological, creative and personal development skills, this programme can be tailored to the requirements of

the group. Activities can include, Sustainable Countryside Management, Creative Nature Activities, Sustainable Building Techniques, Nature data collection, Sustainable living, Guided Nature tours, ceramics, yoga & relaxation and tribal drumming.

Burren Centre plus Guided Walk at the Burren Centre Kilfenora will take you back through the ages to a time when this area lay beneath a warm tropical sea. Following your walk through the centre, take a walk with renowned local guide, Tony Kirby, to experience the highlights of the extraordinary archeological, geological and botanical wealth of the region as well as its fauna, folklore and agriculture.

Rock 'n' Road - Evening Tours of the Burren

An evening tour by coach of the archaeology, heritage, flora & fauna, myths/legends of the locality with a short walk if passenger mobility and the elements allow. The tour includes story telling feature using the old Seanachai style. Pick up from accommodations would be at 7pm allowing people to avail of early bird menus in local eateries. There would be a comfort stop on the tour before 9pm to allow people use restrooms and have a tea/coffee. Tour would end back at respective accommodations at approximately 10pm. Organised by Burren Coaches

Early Bird Cycling Tour

An early morning guided cycling tour through the heart of the Burren followed by a delicious mouth-watering breakfast at Burren Fine Food and Wine.

Burren Steps and Bites

A guided walking tour of the majestic, rocky Burren in North Clare with expert local guide Tony Kirby followed by a two course lunch in Kathleen Connole's Burren Food and Wine highlighting the best of local produce.



Burren Eco Adventures

The Burren Outdoor Education Centre has developed a range of Eco Adventures around four themes; caving, rock climbing, hill walking and sea kayaking. These positive, engaging experiences aim to

foster strong connections with the natural world. Spend time with us to truly discover the Burren. Our expert tutors and guides will bring you to special places, off the beaten track.

A Burren Cultural Experience

The Burren Painting Centre will organise a package that combines accommodation, good food, painting collection, bird-watching, a visit to the Kilfenora Centre as part of a cycling tour and/or walk on the hills of Carran.

Two day residential Landscape Painting Break

An outdoor painting experience 'en plein air' highlighting the special Burren environment including the flora, fauna

and geological features organized by the Burren Painting Centre.

Burren Smokehouse Experience

Learn about a local and ancient food craft in the Burren Smokehouse in Lisdoonvarna, experience our natural surroundings and learn about our local history with Peter Curtin who together with Birgitta Hedin-Curtin built the Burren Smokehouse.



Walking Weekend in the Kingdom of Stone

Come and stay in the heart of the Burren. Experience life in this unique landscape; enjoy spectacular walking, excellent local food and traditional music for 2 days. Includes full board and guided walk. Organised by Cassidy's Pub & Restaurant.



Clare's Rock Hostel Interactive Family Friendly Burren Experience

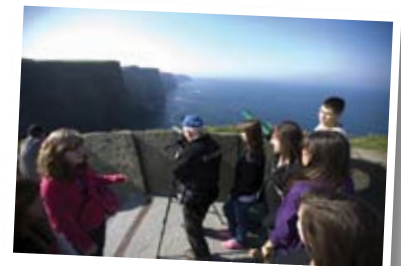
Stay in an environmentally sustainable self catering hostel run by local people who will help you explore the Burren by foot or bicycle, bring you on a farm visit and teach you to play a traditional Irish game as well.

Farm Heritage Tours

We are a group of farmers who have come together to interpret our land and promote our traditions. We have inherited an ancient and unique system that links us directly to pre-historic Burren farmers. We practice a tried and true tradition dictated by the landscape and we are passionate about our role in its conservation. By coming on our walks you will learn how nature, culture and farming have shaped the Burren as you see it today. Organised by the Clare Farm Heritage Tours Co-op.

Guided Nature Walk at the Cliffs of Moher

The walk will proceed along the cliff edge paths to view wildlife, geological features and traces of the human story of life by the cliffs which dates back over two thousand years.



The Burren through Five Thousand Years

Experience the Burren hidden sites under the expert guidance of a local archeologist. Along with the facts and figures you will be introduced to the folklore that has been handed down through the generations with a sprinkling of poetry and song. Organised by Corofin Camping & Hostel.

The Burren through the Photographers Lens

For the amateur photographer with a love of the Burren: techniques with light and shadow explained and demonstrated. Displaying your photos and uploading to create dramatic effect. Everywhere you look you can allow your creativity to blossom. Organised by Corofin Camping & Hostel.

A Light Hearted Look at the Burren

A varied and fun weekend designed specially for people with a low tolerance of anything serious. After a guided two hour walk in the Burren you spend the next two hours eating heartily at Burren Food and Wine. The trip will take in the must see landmarks in the Burren. A visit to Fr Ted's house is a must and learning how to swear is optional. Organised by Corofin Camping & Hostel.

Afternoon Tea and Farm Walk

For 'Father Ted' and 'Mrs. Doyle' fans a visit to Father Ted's parochial house for afternoon tea is a must. Enjoy a fine selection of organic home produce and wide selection of teas by appointment only. The lady of the house is Cheryl and her husband Pat McCormack, is a story teller and rural philosopher of renown.

Gregans Ecoescape Adventure

The Gregans Castle Hotel Ecoescape Adventure is a short two day break designed to give the visitor a close insight into The Burren, its geology, botany, archaeology and social history. The break involves a guided walk, a birdwatching event, a visit to an organic garden, learning about the production of sustainable food as well as a luxurious stay at a four star hotel.

Kilfenora Eco Break

Walk around our village and experience the great culture, history and archeology for yourself- who knows you might even bump into our Bishop!!! You will then take a 'Walk through time' in the Burren Centre and you will be brought out into the Burren by Tony for a two hour walk in Mullaghmore, one of the most stunning areas of the Burren. Organised by Kilfenora Hostel.

Burren National Park Walk

This Burren walk includes commentaries on Early Christian Ireland and Europe, the Brehon Laws, medieval pilgrimage, public worship at holy wells and the sacred geography of the Burren region. The walk will be amongst other things a celebration of the vernacular in the landscape and in spiritual devotion. Poems, penitents and pilgrims feature. Organised by Heart of Burren Walks.

Good Will Exchange

Ecotourism = responsible travel (that's you) to natural areas (the Burren) that conserve the environment (that's me, Peter Curtin) and improves the well being of local people (you and I). The host will, by prior appointment, regale you with stories about the history of Lisdoonvarna and the colourful folklore of Burren and offer you the best of Burren hospitality.

Burren Photography Tours

Covering the Burren at a macro and micro level giving deep insights of the spirituality of the inner Burren while exploring, capturing and creating outstanding images amidst the spectacular Burren landscape. Organised by Burren Ecotours.

Burren Wildlife & Biodiversity Tours

Covering the rich and diverse flora and fauna of the Burren and the habitats that support this unrivalled bio-diversity on both private and state land. Organised by Burren Ecotours.

Burren Heritage tours

Burren Archeological Tours, Burren Cultural Heritage and Spirituality Tours, Interpreting the Burren Landscape, Burren Farm Tours- Farming Traditions & Practices past and present and Marine Ecotourism. Organised by Burren Ecotours.



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