

Safe Visit Guidelines

While the Irish Peatland Conservation Council warmly welcome visitors to Lullymore West Bog we would remind you of the needs and privacy of local residents and to acknowledge the interests of local land owners. These tips will ensure you have a safe visit and help you protect Lullymore West Bog so that future generations can enjoy it too.

- * Please do not park on public roads.
- * Dumping of rubbish and personal items is prohibited as they damage the bog and spoil the environment.
- * Walking pets without leads, camping, fires and the use of motorised vehicles on the bog are prohibited as they disturb wildlife.
- * Flying drones or other remote controlled devices is prohibited as they disturb wildlife and interfere with the safety and enjoyment of visitors.
- * It is an offence to feed or molest wildlife or to remove or disturb any natural feature or plant on the bog.
- * It is dangerous to walk on the bog surface owing to hidden ditches, soft uneven ground, tree stumps, pools, drains and brambles.
- * When walking on the bog try to avoid trampling the ground nests of the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly particularly in Spring and Autumn
- * Fences and walls keep some animals in and some out, use stiles or gates (and shut them after you please). Beware of electric fence.
- * Weather conditions can change rapidly. Are you prepared?
- * Lullymore is home or a place of work for many people. Please respect their privacy.
- * Leave No Trace.

"Pursuant to the provisions of the Occupiers' Liability Act 1995, the occupiers of these premises puts all visitors to his premises on notice that his sole duties to them are: (a) not to injure the visitor or damage the property of the visitor intentionally, and (b) not to act with reckless disregard for the visitor or the property of the visitor."

Thank you for your co-operation.



The variety of habitats and the rich diversity of plants makes Lullymore West Bog a haven for butterflies.



Visitors are welcome to Lullymore West but try to avoid trampling the ground nests of the Marsh Fritillary

Getting to Lullymore West Bog



Lullymore West Bog is located on the R414 between the towns of Rathangan and Allenwood in Co. Kildare. These towns can be approached from the M7/N7 or from the N4/M4 roads. The bog can be reached from the minor road that passes the front of the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. It is located 1.5km from the centre. Lullymore West Bog is sign posted as a nature reserve.

Area: 4.5ha

GPS Co-ordinates: N 53° 16' 49 E -6° 57' 42

Nearest Village: Allenwood

County: Kildare

Owned By: IPCC

Discovery Map: (1:50,000) No. 49

Viewing Points: from the stile

Parking: Limited parking available

where three lanes meet at the boundary of the site, otherwise parking is available in the Bog of Allen Nature Centre on weekdays.

Refreshments: Tea and Coffee available in the Bog of Allen Nature Centre on weekdays and in Allenwood village

Picnic: picnic tables at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre

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IPCC's mission is to conserve a representative sample of the peatlands of Ireland for people to enjoy now and in the future. Lullymore West Bog is an example of the practical work that we do to enhance nature in local areas and to engage with communities. We are a registered charity (CHY6829). You can donate to our work or volunteer by visiting www.ipcc.ie.

Lullymore West Bog, Kildare Map & Guide



A fluttery butterfly haven

Biodiversity Hot Spot

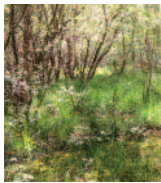
Lullymore West Bog is a cutaway bog from which peat was commercially extracted in the 20th century. Vegetation has naturally recolonised the site which has become an important refuge for wildlife. Over 350 species of bird, plant, insect and animal are found here. The variety of habitats found here including wet grassland, scrub, deciduous woodland, pools and ditches support the biodiversity of life on the site. Because the wet grassland habitat has never been improved for agriculture, a very high diversity of wild flowers including Yarrow, Knapweed, Common Twayblade, Lesser Butterfly Orchid and Fragrant Orchid grow here. The grassland habitat is a breeding area for the rare Marsh Fritillary Butterfly because of the abundance of its food plant Devil's Bit Scabious. The Marsh Fritillary is endangered because of loss of its habitat and it is the only Irish butterfly species protected in Europe under the Habitats Directive. The diversity of plants on Lullymore West Bog in turn attracts many invertebrates including bees, wasps, bugs, snails, beetles, spiders, craneflies, slugs, butterflies and moths.

Habitat Diversity on Lullymore West Bog

Wet Grassland



Woodland



Pond/Wetland



Monitoring and Management

Lullymore West Bog is being conserved by the Irish Peatland Conservation Council for its diversity of butterflies and moths. With 23 out of the 35 butterflies occurring in Ireland recorded on the bog and over 160 species of moth, the site is exceptional in Ireland. Monitoring and management of the reserve is needed. From April to October butterflies are recorded across a transect on the reserve as part of the Irish Butterfly Monitoring Scheme. In autumn larval nests of the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly are counted. In summer donkeys graze the site, feeding on the *Molinia* grass which creates space for other flowering plants to grow which in turn provide nectar for adult butterflies or food for their caterpillars. The spread of scrub and tree saplings into the wet grassland habitat is controlled by removing the invasive trees and cutting back scrub twice a year by hand and is supplemented by mechanical removal by professional arborists. All of the habitat management and monitoring work is conducted with volunteer help.

Management and Monitoring Lullymore West Bog

Scrub removal



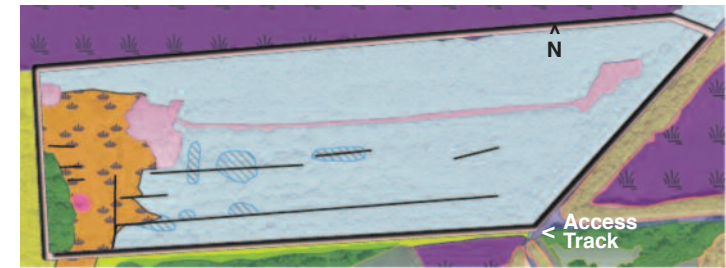
Butterfly surveys



Donkey grazing



Habitats and Wildlife



	Drain		Scrub
	Reserve Boundary		Mixed Broad-leaved Woodland
	Bramble/Broad Buckler Fern Birch Woodland		Improved Agricultural Grassland
	Grey Willow Marsh Woodland		Artificial Lake/Pond
	Wet Grassland		Conifer Plantation
	Dry Meadow and Grass Verge		

Map of the habitats identified on Lullymore West Bog, Co. Kildare in 2019. Map drawn by Paula Farrell

Butterflies and Wild Flowers on Lullymore West Bog, Co. Kildare.

1. Red Admiral
2. Speckled Wood
3. Large White
4. Orange Tip on Ragged Robin flower
5. Dark Green Fritillary
6. Green-veined White
7. Common Blue
8. and 9. Marsh Fritillary
10. Brimstone
11. Small Tortoiseshell
12. Peacock
13. Meadowsweet
14. Common Twayblade
15. Lesser Butterfly Orchid
16. Devils-bit Scabious
17. Heath Spotted Orchid
18. Buttercup

