

Outstanding Girley Bog

What makes Girley Bog stand out from all the bogs in Ireland is its wildlife, its peaceful loop walk and the meitheal that is bringing people together to help protect and promote this unique space. Here's the top 10 great things about Girley Bog.



#1 Living Sponge: Bog Moss holds 20 times its own weight in water. Bog mosses are plentiful on Girley.



#2 Insect Trap: Sundews on Girley Bog catch midges on their sticky leaves to boost their diet.



#3 Walking Wild: explore the wonders, beautiful colours and wildlife of Girley on a 6km loop walk.



#4 Clean Air: Lichens only grow in fresh clean air which is plentiful on Girley Bog.



#5 Water babies: the Frog breeds in bog pools and ditches on the bog in spring.



#6 Dark Angel: in folklore, the Raven often represented the darker aspects of life, but could be somewhat of a guardian angel as well. Over 20 Ravens have been recorded on Girley.



#7 Named for its Call: The Cuckoo calling from Girley's woods says coo-coo coo-coo.



#8 Rarely Seen: Pine Martens are one of the rarest mammals in Girley's woods.



#9 Call of the wild: the Skylark sings loudly to mark its territory on Girley Bog.



#10 Social Nester: Sand Martins migrate to Girley from Africa and nest in groups in old turf banks.