

Action for Bogs

No.25



Marsh Fritillary Butterflies Mating on Lullymore West Bog by Katie Geraghty



Visit the network of bogs that you have helped save!



Girley Bog in Ireland's Ancient East is 10,000 years old. Take the Loop Walk to see raised bog and bog woodland habitats. Photo: C. O'Connell.



Visit the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lodge Bog and Lullymore West by walking on the Lullymore Biodiversity trail. Photo: D. Camier/J. FitzGerald



Coad Bog on the Ring of Kerry. See blanket bog in the wild west of Ireland and fantastic mossy lawns. Photo: C. O'Connell.



Fenor Bog along the "Copper Coast Geopark" of Waterford. See quaking wet fen and a wild flower sanctuary. Photo: A. O'Connell.

Neddy and Lexy are Back



Thanks to your support the donkeys Neddy and Lexy are back grazing Lullymore West Bog. This site is incredibly valuable for wildlife, supporting many plants and the butterflies that feed on them. By grazing the bog, the donkeys remove the long grasses and invasive scrub that threaten it and provide a haven for butterflies - 21 species in all use this site.

Garden Bee Bar



A bee bar has recently been installed in the Bog of Allen Nature Centre gardens. Using sugary water we attract pollinator species like bees and butterflies. The bar is a great educational tool, providing our visitors with a glimpse of the diversity of garden insects. Flowers produce a natural sugary food source for invertebrates in the form of nectar. Visitors trying to replicate the bee bar should be wary that sugary water is in no way a substitute for nectar.



Girley Bog Leaflet



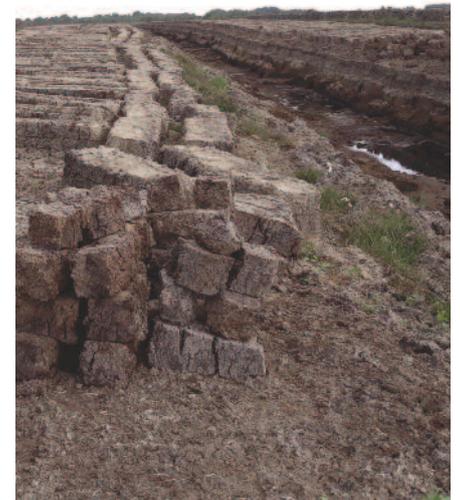
A new leaflet on Girley Bog and the wildlife it supports has recently been published for your enjoyment. It includes a satellite map of the bog, highlighting the National Loop Walk (No. 51) that encompasses the bog. This walk is a great experience and we recommend it to you as a day out. Download at www.ipcc.ie.

Species Focus: Marsh Fritillary



The Marsh Fritillary butterfly (*Euphydryas aurinia*) is Ireland's only Red-listed butterfly. It's larvae eat Devil's Bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*) which grows in wet grassland, fen and bog habitats. Their caterpillars over-winter in larval webs and emerge to feed on warm spring days.

Sign the petition and "Say Sod-Off to peat moss"



Species such as Curlew are under threat as our raised bogs are being driven to extinction due to lack of policy governing the horticultural industry. This campaign, being run by IPCC, with your help aims to STOP the practice of harvesting peat moss and sod moss from healthy raised bog altogether and create a sustainable product by growing *Sphagnum* moss on cutover bog. These products are used as "lost leader" incentives to attract customers of horticultural peat. Sod moss is exported to Europe and used to improve the quality of horticultural peat harvested there and to provide a medium for growing orchids in pots. Voice your concern by signing the petition at www.ipcc.ie. Thanks to Irish Environmental Network for supporting this Campaign as a Biodiversity Work Package 2018.



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Irish Peatland Conservation Council

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Photo: C. O'Connell

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Bog of Allen Nature Centre

In the heart of the bog and with bogs in our hearts



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 - Folk Kitchen
 - Bog Museum
- Explore**
 - Bog of Allen Nature Trail

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Help Save Our Boglands JOIN IPCC NOW!



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