



Action for Bogs

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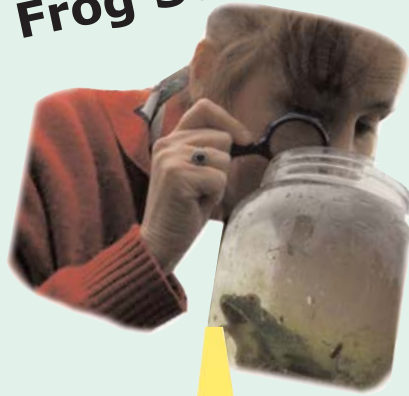
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Pond Dipping!

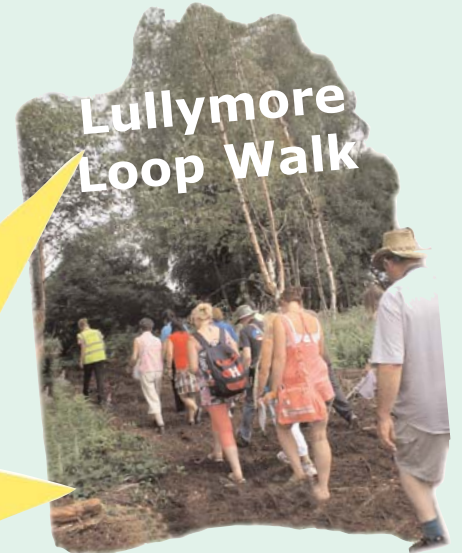
Frog Searching!



Insect-eating Plants!



Squeezing Sphagnum Moss!



Lullymore Loop Walk

Why visit the Bog of Allen Nature Centre?



Boardwalking!



Moving Bog!

Museum Tour!



Turf Fire & Traditional Cottage Kitchen!



Tea & Coffee in the Gardens!

Peatland Passport



IPCC have developed a Peatland Passport for those wishing to experience the many peatlands of Ireland. 18 sites have been included, each with its own character. Bog visitors can use the passport to discover



these places, and will get their passport stamped for each location they visit. The peatlands are shown on the map.



Visitor Experience

The Bog of Allen Nature Centre is open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm throughout the year. We offer a unique visitor experience for young and old, including a peatland exhibition tour, pond-dipping and carnivorous plants. School trips and tourist groups can book in for guided tours of the centre. Please see our website and virtual tour at www.ipcc.ie or phone 045-860133 for more information.

Dutch 30 Years

On the 28th July 2013 the Dutch Foundation for the Conservation of Irish Bogs established by Matthijs Schouten celebrated its 30th birthday at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. Over 200 guests attended the big day, which included a talk from Matthijs about his memories of the 30 years. IPCC were also presented with a cheque for €30,000 to help with the purchase of Girley Bog, Co. Meath. The day concluded with tea and bread on Lullymore West Bog, while guests shared their favourite bogland memories.



Bad news for raised bogs :(

IPCC and other NGOs held a series of meetings with Minister Jimmy Deenihan, National Parks and Wildlife, The Peatlands Council and RPS Consultants in relation to the future of our raised bogs.



Research shows that a serious decline of 730ha (1940ha down to 1210ha) in the area of active raised bog habitat has occurred since sites were declared as SACs in 1995. In addition 352ha of peat has been removed from the same sites. These losses must be found in compensation from among the 75

Natural Heritage Areas. A review of the NHAs indicates that this may not be possible. The challenge for conservationists is to create the right conditions for active raised bogs to grow again and to continue to search for new sites containing active raised bog. This will involve checking what resources Bord na Móna and Coillte Teo - the biggest peatland owners in the country - may have. IPCC Supporters are asked to be ambassadors for raised bogs, to donate to IPCC who are buying bogs for conservation and to follow university studies on hydrology and ecology of peatlands.



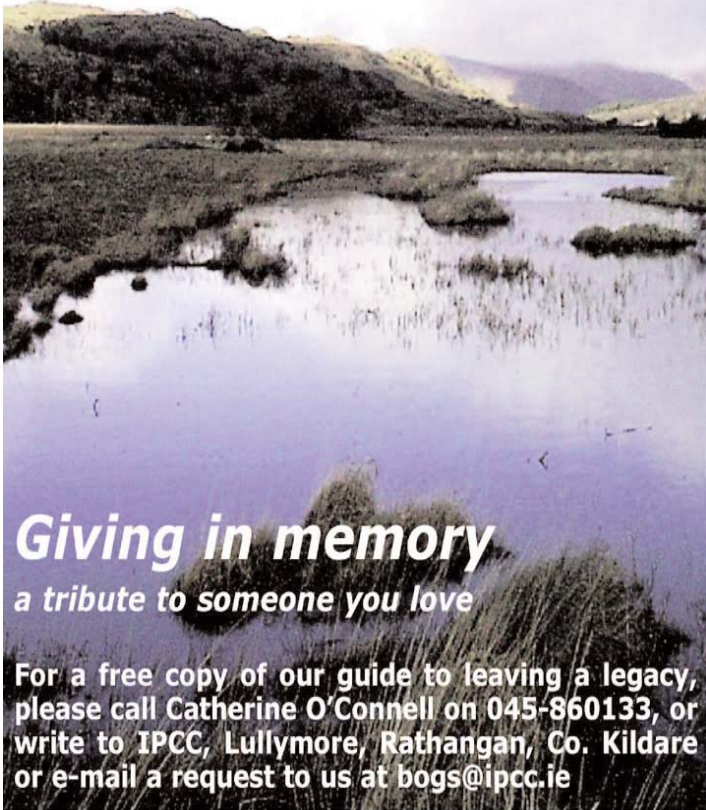
Lullymore Loop Walk



Dutch student Leonie Tijmsma from the University of Van Hall-Larenstein has designed a new loop-walk for Lullymore Island. The walk was launched on 21st July from the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, where the trail begins. Many

visitors - including the Dutch Ambassador to Ireland - and members of the local community took a guided tour of the walk, which brought them through some beautiful and hidden-away areas of the island. Over the coming year the IPCC will further develop the walk by putting information signs in place.

A Love of Bogs Lasts Longer than a Lifetime



Giving in memory a tribute to someone you love

For a free copy of our guide to leaving a legacy, please call Catherine O'Connell on 045-860133, or write to IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare or e-mail a request to us at bogs@ipcc.ie



Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Volunteering for a brighter future



C. Breathnach

Join in with us

Find out how by contacting the IPCC today
Contact us today by calling 045-860133 or visit our website
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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

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