



The Burren... Ireland's Creative Portal



*"The footprints of an elder race are here,
And memories of an old heroic time;
And shadows of an old mysterious faith
So that the place seems haunted
And strange sounds float in the wind"*

(Anon From the book of the Burren Ed JW O Connell and A Korff)



#IrelandsCreativePortal

The lunar-like landscape of the Burren is not only one of ancient tombs and stone walls, it is in fact one of the most vibrant and diverse cultural landscapes in Europe, home to many artists over the past centuries and indeed still in our current times. Writers, craftspeople, entertainers, artists and musicians have sought inspiration from the Fertile Rock, from JRR Tolkien, W.B Yeats and Seamus Heaney to Christy Moore and Luka Bloom.



#ConnectWithTheSource

"Connect with the Source" of the Burren inspirational landscape with the businesses listed on this leaflet, they are not only the best way to explore, understand and connect with the landscape of the Burren but they are also all part of the Burren Ecotourism Network and look after the conservation of the Burren as well as promoting Responsible Tourism.

Geology & Heritage



The Burren is one of the richest archaeological landscapes in Western Europe with over 500 ring forts sitting alongside Neolithic tombs and sacred sites taking you on a journey through the ages. Take a walk through time and be introduced to the ancient mysteries of the Fertile Rock, slow down, disconnect and recharge with the powerful energy of the limestone under your feet or stroll through the hedgerows of native Irish trees. Whether by foot, bike or car you can discover more with a guide.



Connect with the source at:

- **The Burren Centre, Kilfenora:**
+353 (0) 65 708 8030 www.theburrencentre.ie
- **Walk With Pius, Corofin:**
+353 (0) 87 982 8173 www.walkwithpius.com
- **Heritage Cycle Tour with E-Whizz, Kilfenora:**
+353 (0) 65 708 8846 www.e-whizz.com
- **Burren Experience Guided Walks:**
+353 (0) 86 821 9441 www.mullaghmore-burren.com
- **Moher Tours, Liscannor:**
+353 (0) 87 266 8002 www.mohertours.ie
- **Lisdoonvarna Failte:**
+353 (0) 65 707 5644
- **Newtown Castle:**
+353 (0) 65 707 7200 www.newtowncastle.com



Design & Craft



Historically the specialist artisan craft people tended to concentrate in urban centres where they formed guilds. In modern days crafters and artists tend to base themselves in rural landscapes, which are often the source of their creative inspiration. In the inspirational landscape of the Burren you will find handmade knitwear, the famous Aran wool, pottery made of local clay from our very own caves, as well as beauty and skincare products made from nature itself and much more!

Art



Providing time, space and inspiration for artists in the Burren landscape was the founding principle of the Burren College of Art. The college programmes provide an international audience of art students and established artists the opportunity to focus intensively on their practice, to develop their minds and creative skills, to engage with the Burren community in discourse on art and society and to find their own creative voice. The college Gallery hosts an ongoing exhibition programme.

Connect with the source at:

- **Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan:**
+353 (0) 65 707 7200 www.burrencollege.ie
- **Irish Crafts Online, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 65 707 5836 www.irishcraftsonline.com
- **Ekotree, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 83 302 1452 www.ekotree.ie
- **Bee Loved, Kinvarra:**
+353 (0) 86 391 3484 www.beelovedskincare.com
- **Airmid Natural Irish Skincare, Kilfenora:**
+353 (0) 89 206 6292 www.airmidsoap.com
- **Craftworks, Ennis:**
+353 (0) 87 283 6296 @CraftWorksShop (facebook)
- **Moher Cottage:**
+353 (0) 87 295 9096 www.mohercottage.com

Geosites and Discovery Points



There's nowhere in the world quite like the Burren. And there are so many unique places nestled within the area.

There are 11 Geosites – sites of particular geological significance- you can visit in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, each site features its own on-site visitor interpretation information.

Look out for the Geosite icon on the map overleaf.



Explore ...

A selection of the sites include:

1. **Flaggy Shore.**
2. **Fanore Beach.**
3. **Doolin Pier.**
4. **Doolin Cave.**
5. **Aillwee Cave.**
6. **Cliffs of Moher.**



7. **Lisdoonvarna Spa Wells.**
8. **Burren National Park.**
9. **Carron Turlough.**
10. **Poul nabrone.**
11. **Caherconnell.**

The Wild Atlantic Way – Discover the Coast

The rugged Atlantic Coast of The Geopark offers caves and inlets, sea stacks and dramatic cliffs along with stunning views of the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. Take a cruise under The Cliffs and get a real bird eye view on this magnificent geological master piece of nature. Head over to the Aran Islands and visit the spectacular Dún Aengus fort on Inis Mor, get away from it all! For the active seekers discover the Burren coast from the sea with a kayak, paddle board or ride the waves to their crest. Whatever your choice of activity is, there is something in the Burren coast that will stop you on your tracks, slow down, take your time and enjoy it!



Connect with the source at:

- **Doolin2Aran Ferries, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 65 707 5949 www.doolin2aranferries.com
- **Doolin Ferry, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 65 707 5555 www.doolinferry.com
- **North Clare Sea Kayaking:**
+353 (0) 85 119 5489 www.northclareseakayaking.com
- **Burren Yoga Retreats, Kinvarra:**
+353 (0) 91 637 680 www.burrenyoga.com
- **Burren Coastline Bike Tour with E-Whizz:**
+353 (0) 65 708 8846 www.e-whizz.com



Tunes From The Burren

"If it's music you want – go to Clare"

Christy Moore



Music, singing, dancing and storytelling have always formed the fabric of the community in the Burren. Clare is internationally renowned for its music with many famous names and faces playing over the years. This is thanks to the earlier generations of musicians from the Burren area. Most famous of these perhaps are the Russell brothers Micho, Gussie and Pakie. Musicians and visitors alike have made Clare and the Burren what it is today - a great place to have a few tunes!



Experience the best voices from the Burren at:

- **Fitzpatricks Bar, Fitz's Cross, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 65 707 4111 www.hoteldoolin.ie
- **McHughs Pub, Liscannor:**
+353 (0) 65 708 1106 www.josephmchughspub.ie
- **The Roadside Tavern, Lisdoonvarna:**
+353 (0) 65 707 4084 www.roadsidepub.ie
- **The Boghill Centre, 5Km from Lisdoonvarna:**
+353 (0) 65 707 4644 www.boghill.com
- **Doolin Music House, Doolin:**
+353 (0) 86 824 1085 www.doolinmusichouse.com
- **Vaughan's Barn, Kilfenora:**
+353 (0) 65 708 8004 www.vaughanspub.ie

Above the Rock – Unique Flora

Connect with the source of the Burren Flora with one of our experienced guides who can help you identify the unique Alpine, Arctic and Mediterranean Flora. Forage for wild herbs, roots, flowers and seaweed and discover their medicinal value. Breathe in the scent of the meadows of wild flowers near ancient sites and on the edges of the Burren villages.

Connect with the source at:

- **Burren Nature Sanctuary, Kinvarra:** +353 (0) 91 637 444 www.bns.ie
- **Walk with Pius, Corofin:** +353 (0) 87 982 8173 www.walkwithpius.com
- **Burren Experience Guided Walks, Corofin:** +353 (0) 86 821 9441 www.mullaghmore-burren.com
- **Irish Herbal Roots, Lahinch:** +353 (0) 87 753 1023 www.irishherbalroots.ie
- **The Farmyard, Dabrien, Corofin:** +353 (0) 87 741 3618 www.thefarmyard.ie
- **Wild Kitchen, Lahinch:** +353 (0) 87 687 7890 www.wildkitchen.ie

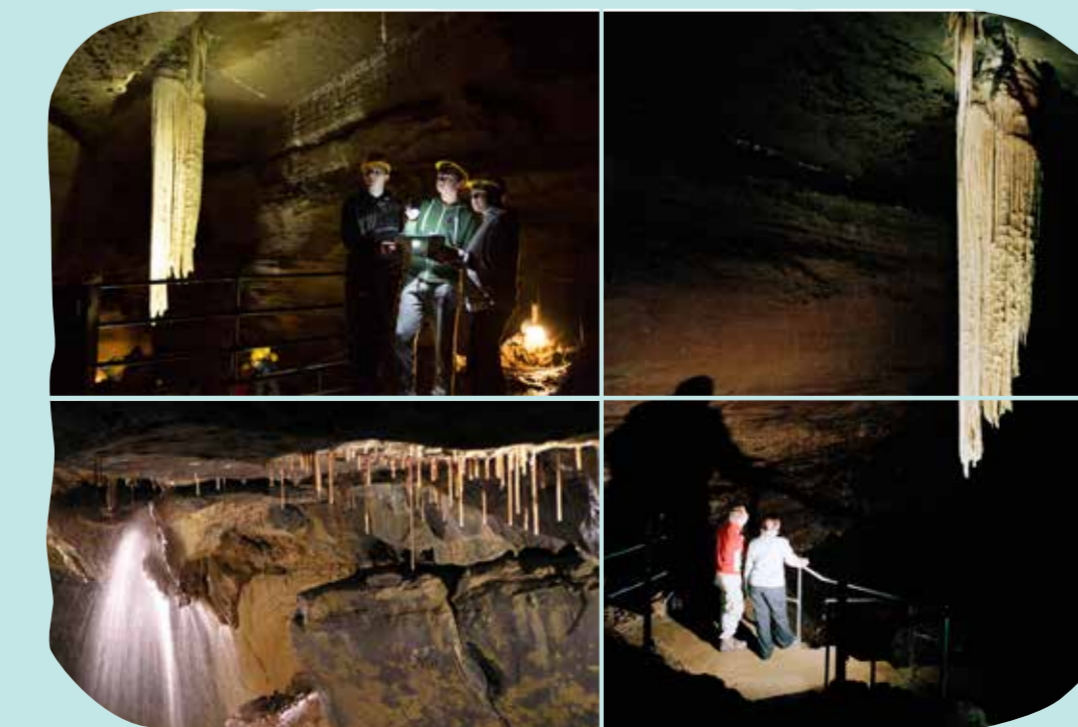


Below the Rock - The Burren Caves

The Burren is a remarkable landscape of hills, valleys, plateaus, cliffs, beaches, caves and limestone pavement. The limestone was formed 300 million years ago on a bed of tropical sea, it has been carved into fantastic shapes through exposure to earth movements, rainwater and ice sheets. Hidden beneath this highly visual land and seascape is a complex underworld of caves, including the longest cave system in Ireland. When visiting the caves ensure to allow yourself extra time to explore the surrounding wild flower meadows and nature trails.

Connect with the source at:

- **Doolin Cave, Doolin:** +353 (0) 65 707 5761 www.doolincave.ie
- **Aillwee Cave, Ballyvaughan:** +353 (0) 65 707 7036 www.aillweecave.ie





- GEPARK GEOLOGY**
- Limestone
 - Shale
 - Sandstone and Shale
- ROAD NETWORK**
- National Road
 - Regional Road
 - Link Road

USE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

- Bus Service
- Train Station
- Ferry
- Electric Car Charging Point

GET ON YOUR BIKE

- Cycling Route Trail Head
- Bike Hire/Repair

TAKE A WALK

- Geopark Heritage Trail
- Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk
- Looped Walk Trail Head
- Burren Way
- Mid Clare Way

CHECK THESE OUT

- Geosite
- Visitor/Education Centre
- Monument
- Viewing Point



Discover the Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark

UNESCO Global Geopark

Welcome to the Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.

"Global Geopark" is a UNESCO designation, awarded to regions with outstanding geology and unique cultural heritage, managed in a sustainable way. In the Geopark you will find an internationally acclaimed landscape, forged by nature and humans, where cultural traditions co-exist with contemporary life.



The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark is proud to be part of a transnational group of enthralling Geotourism experiences. Linking 12 stunning landscapes along the western edge of Europe, the Atlantic Geotourism Route embraces the European Atlantic frontier from Ireland and the UK, to France, Portugal and Spain.

Visit www.geotourismroute.eu for more information on each of our Geotourism partners.

www.burren.ie

- Above the Rock**
- Burren Nature Sanctuary
 - Wild Kitchen
 - Irish Herbal Roots
 - The Farmyard
 - Walk with Pius
 - Burren Experience Guided Walks
- Below the Rock**
- Aillwee Cave & Birds of Prey
 - Doolin Cave

- Discover the Coast**
- Burren Yoga Retreats
 - Doolin2Aran Ferries
 - Doolin Ferry Co.
 - Cliffs of Moher
 - North Clare Sea Kayaking
- Design & Craft**
- Irish Crafts Online
 - Ekotree
 - Bee Loved
 - Airmid Natural Irish Skincare
 - Moher Cottage

- Art**
- Burren College of Art & Newtown Castle
- Geology & Heritage**
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 - E-whizz Electric Bikes
 - Moher Tours
 - Lisdoonvarna Failte

- Tunes from the Burren**
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 - McHughs Pub
 - Fitzpatrick's Bar @Hotel Doolin
 - The Boghill Centre
 - Doolin Music House
 - Vaughan's Barn

- Hotels**
- Hylands Burren Hotel
 - The Falls Hotel & Spa
 - Hotel Doolin
 - Gregans Castle
 - Merriman Hotel
 - Sheedy's Hotel

- Guesthouses - B&B**
- Hazelwood Lodge
 - Sea View House Doolin
 - Ballinsheen House & Garden
 - Casa Ceoil
 - Burren Glamping
 - Wild Atlantic Lodge
 - Vaughan Lodge
- Hostels**
- The Boghill Centre
 - Kilfenora Hostel

A FREE CUP OF TEA... if you cycle to me

A great way to see the Burren is on a bike, not only do you get to take part in the stunning scenery, you will be rewarded with Ireland's favourite drink. See www.burren.ie for details

We work with **LEAVE NO TRACE IRELAND** to promote and inspire responsible behaviour in the outdoors.

Help us maintain our world class landscape and leave no trace. See www.leavenotraceireland.org for details on actions and principles.

The wild landscape of the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren has an ethereal, magical quality that captures the imagination and has inspired a wealth of intriguing folklore and fantastical tales

BURREN HOTELS

Hylands Burren Hotel
The Square, Ballyvaughan
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e: info@hylandsburren.com
w: www.hylandsburren.com
GPS: Lat: 52.39825 Long: -1.51623

The Falls Hotel & Spa
Ennistimon
t: +353 (0) 65 707 1004
e: reservations@fallshotel.ie
w: www.fallshotel.ie
GPS: Lat: 52.94128 Long: -9.29872

Hotel Doolin
Fitz's Cross, Doolin
t: +353 (0) 65 707 4111
e: info@hoteldoolin.ie
w: www.hoteldoolin.ie
GPS: Lat: 53.01597 Long: -9.37703

Gregans Castle
Corkscrew Hill, Ballyvaughan
t: +353 (0) 65 707 7005
e: stay@gregans.ie
w: www.gregans.ie
GPS: Lat: 53.077108 Long: -9.184190

Merriman Hotel
Main Street, Kinvarra
t: +353 (0) 91 638 222
e: info@merrimanhotel.com
w: www.merrimanhotel.com
GPS: Lat: 53.139457 Long: -8.939438

Sheedy's Hotel
Main Street, Lisdoonvarna
t: +353 (0) 65 707 4026
e: info@sheedys.com
w: www.sheedys.com
GPS: Lat: 53.02774 Long: -9.289637

Burren Ecotourism Network

The accommodation providers listed on this leaflet are members of the Burren Ecotourism Network, by staying with them you are not only getting the best of accommodation in the Burren you are also contributing to the conservation of our landscapes, our heritage and the Burren Local Communities.



GUESTHOUSES & B&B

Hazelwood Lodge
Ballyvaughan
t: +353 (0) 65 707 7092
e: info@hazelwoodlodge.ie
w: www.hazelwoodlodge.ie
GPS: Lat: 53.106085 Long: -9.15571

Ballinsheen House
Galway Road, Lisdoonvarna
t: +353 (0) 65 707 4806
e: ballinsheenhouse@hotmail.com
w: www.ballinsheen.com
GPS: Lat: 53.034271 Long: -9.287985

Seaview House
Fisherstreet, Doolin
t: +353 (0) 87 267 9617
e: reservations@seaview-doolin.ie
w: www.seaview-doolin.ie
GPS: Lat: 53.012218 Long: -9.384854

Casa Ceoil
Ballygriffey South, Ruan
t: +353 (0) 83 461 7490
e: info@casaceoil.com
w: www.casaceoil.com
GPS: Lat: 52.890527 Long: -9.017899

Burren Glamping
Cahirminnaun Kilfenora
t: +353 (0) 65 708 8931
e: cahirminnaun@gmail.com
w: www.burren-glamping.com
GPS: Lat: 52.98621011 Long: -9.1923272

Wild Atlantic Lodge
Main Street, Ballyvaughan
t: +353 (0) 65 707 7003
e: info@thewildatlanticlodge.com
w: www.thewildatlanticlodge.com
GPS: Lat: 53.115992 Long: -9.148134

Vaughan Lodge
Ennistimon Road, Lahinch
t: +353 (0) 65 708 1111
e: info@vaughanlodge.ie
w: www.vaughanlodge.ie
GPS: Lat: 52.934107 Long: -9.341243

HOSTELS

Kilfenora Hostel
Main Street, Kilfenora
t: +353 (0) 65 708 8908
e: enquiries@kilfenorahostel.com
w: www.kilfenorahostel.com
GPS: Lat: 52.9904 Long: -9.2167

Boghill Centre Hostel - B&B
4 km from Lisdoonvarna
t: +353 (0) 65 707 4644
e: boghill@eircom.net
w: www.boghill.com
GPS: Lat: 53.0168 Long: -9.2536