

# Festivals & Events in Cavan 2014



## April 2014

### Easter Event at Bear Essentials

**Date:** 17th April 2014  
**Location:** Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan  
**Time:** 10am– 3pm **Adm:** €50

A one-day workshop with build a bear sewing, baking, decorating.. For children aged 5-16 years.  
Booking essential. [www.beaessential.ie](http://www.beaessential.ie) t: 087 7610537 or t: 049 9523461

### Easter Bonnets and Crafts Afternoon

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
**Location:** Ballyhugh Arts and Cultural Centre, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan  
**Time:** 2pm -5pm / **Adm:** €10 per family

Easter arts and crafts activity day for school children. Booking essential. t: 049 437 8600

### Three Day Easter Pony Championships

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
**Location:** Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Cavan  
Ireland's premier venue for horse and pony show-jumping, dressage and national championships.  
[www.cavanequestrian.com](http://www.cavanequestrian.com) t: 049 433 2017

### Easter Sunday Treasure Trails

**Location:** Florence Court House, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh  
**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
**Time:** 11:00am – 5pm  
**Price:** Free event (normal admission charges apply)

Enjoy a great day out as you follow the trail around the grounds to find the chocolate treasure. Egg trail £1 per child. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

## Easter Monday Fun Day

**Location:** Florence Court House, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh

**Dates:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014

**Time:** 11:00am – 5pm

**Price:** Free event (normal admission charges apply)

Enjoy a great day out as you follow the trail around the grounds to find the chocolate treasure. Egg trail £1 per child. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

## Teddy Bear Workshops

**Location:** Bear Essentials

**Date:** 23rd April

**Location:** Bear Essentials, Bawnboy, Co. Cavan

**Time:** 11am – 1pm / **Adm:** €25

Choose from different designs of bunnies, bears and animals. Learn to sew and customise your new creation. Refreshments included. Families welcome. [www.beaessential.ie](http://www.beaessential.ie) or t: 049 952 3461

## Living History Day: The Vikings & the Battle of Clontarf

**Location:** Cavan County Museum, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 1pm – 4pm

Meet real, battle - scarred Vikings on their way from The Battle of Clontarf to Armagh . Ferocious re-enactments. First ever opportunity to visit the Fantastic Viking Long Ship! Viking Food Tent, Monier, Archery, Armoury and Crafts in the Museum Gardens. 049-8544070 [www.cavanmuseum.ie](http://www.cavanmuseum.ie)

## May 2014

### Cavan Walking Festival

**Date:** 2nd May – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Location:** Throughout County Cavan

**Adm:** from €2 per walk to €15 for longer climbs

The Cavan Walking Festival promises a week of trails, rambles and hikes led by local trained guides. Walkers will enjoy the sharing of knowledge and join in the camaraderie of a group walk delivered by an enthusiastic local community. Choose from night walks, nature walks, archaeology, geology and history walks, teddy bear trails, atmospheric dusk walks and hikes for the more experienced such as the Cuilcagh Mountain Climb. [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) t: 049 4378 582

### Castle Saunderson Woodland Family Walk

**Date:** Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Castle Saunderson International Scouts Centre, Clones Road, Belturbet, Co. Cavan  
(meet at Castle Saunderson Church)

**Time:** 2pm – 5pm

Discover this beautiful woodland with a guided walk around Castle Saunderson Estate. Discover what lies above and beneath out beautiful woodlands in the company of Cavan Golden Mile judges Heather Bothwell and Neil Foulkes. Contact Cavan Heritage Office on t: 049 437 8600

## Killeshandra Angling Festival

**Date:** 5th - 9<sup>th</sup> May  
**Location:** Killeshandra, Co. Cavan t: 049 433 4005

## Geopark Gourmet Tour

**Date:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
**Time:** 9am – 6pm  
**Location:** Leaving from Cavan Courthouse, Farnham Street, Cavan  
**Adm:** €45 per person

Experience a 'taste' of the Geopark with a guided tour of impressive sites including Cavan Burren Park, Magho Viewpoint in Lough Navar Forest and Tullydermot Falls. This popular tour will highlight the rich natural and built heritage of the Geopark in Cavan and Fermanagh. Finish with lunch in the award winning MacNeane House Restaurant in Blacklion. Booking essential t: 049 952 6121

## Teddy Bear Adventure Walk at Bawnboy Forest

**Date:** Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Meet at the walking signpost outside of Bawnboy along Swanlinbar Road, Co. Cavan.  
**Time:** 3pm – 5:30pm **Adm:** €10 per family

Discover the history of teddy bears while walking through the beautiful surroundings of Bawnboy forest. Bring your favourite teddy bear (adults too). Refreshments provided. For more information or to book contact Anke at t: 087 7610537. Organised in conjunction with Cavan Heritage Office.

## 3 Day Grand Prix Horse Show

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**Location:** Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Cavan  
Ireland's premier venue for horse and pony show-jumping, dressage and national championships  
[www.cavanequestrian.com](http://www.cavanequestrian.com) t: +353 (0)49 4332017

## Country Fair

**Location:** Florence Court House, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh  
**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
**Time:** 12:00pm  
**Adm:** Free event (normal admission charges to house apply)  
Enjoy our annual Country Fair with dog shows, rare breeds, live music, craft stalls and much more



## June 2014

### Cavan County Fleadh Cheoil

**Date:** 30th May - 2 June 2014  
**Location:** Killeshandra, Co. Cavan

The County Fleadh takes place for the third year running in Killeshandra, a town steeped in traditional music song and dance. A weekend festival of Irish music sessions, singing and dancing with a family walk, heritage exhibition and a family day also taking place.

e: [siobhansweeney@univet.ie](mailto:siobhansweeney@univet.ie) t: 087 297 8846

### Killeshandra Woodland Looped Walk

**Date:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
**Location:** Killeshandra Woods - Meet at town lakeshore, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan  
**Time:** 2-4pm

As part of the Cavan County Fleadh weekend join r a Sunday walk around the beautiful environs of Killeshandra Woods t: 049 952 6121

### Cavan Masters 4-Day Horse Show

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Location:** Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Cavan  
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### 'Discover Cavan Burren Park' Festival Day

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June  
**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan  
**Time:** 1pm – 6pm

Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Cavan Burren Park a heartland of inspiring and intriguing human history. Monuments, megalithic tombs, hut sites and pre-bog walls survive from pre-historic times. The festival on the 21<sup>st</sup> will see an exciting and packed programme of celebratory activities for all the family at Cavan Burren Park with historic re-enactments, music, guided tours, children's activities, food stalls and more. [www.thisiscavan.ie](http://www.thisiscavan.ie) t: 049 4378 614 e: [fun@thisiscavan.ie](mailto:fun@thisiscavan.ie)

### Cathal Buí Festival

**Dates:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Market House, Blacklion, Co. Cavan

A celebration of the people, traditions and landscapes of West Cavan [www.cathalbui.com](http://www.cathalbui.com)

## Beautiful buildings of the Barrs: Explore the Built Heritage of Moneygashel

**Date :** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Moneygashel, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (*meet at Gowlan Church*)  
**Time:** 11:30am

Guided tour of Moneygashel – discover the beautiful buildings of the Barrs including Moneygashel Cashel. Distance 2.5km approx. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. Cost adults €5, children are free. For more information please t: 087 965 3178

## Written In Stone: A guided tour of the geology & archaeology of Cavan Burren

**Date:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Cavan Burren Park Entrance (*Meet inside Burren Forest entrance - second gate*)  
**Time:** 1:45pm  
**Adm:** €5 for adults and children are free

A guided tour of the magnificent prehistoric landscape of Cavan Burren. Learn more about the archaeology, geology and mythology of this magical place with Séamus Ó' hUltacháin and Gaby Burns. Walk will last approximately 2hours. Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact t: 087 965 3178

## Geopark Safari Tour

**Date:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Meet at Market House, Blacklion  
**Time:** 10:45am

Guided bus tour of the Global Geopark. Travel back in time and experience a tour of some of the Geopark's sites highlighting the archaeological, geological and natural value of this scenic area. Tour will last approximately 4hours. Cost €15 adults. For bookings please contact t: +44(0) 28 663 48855



## July 2014

### Senior Classic Angling Festival

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Gowna Loughs, County Cavan t: 049 433 5580

### Cavan Home Pony International

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Cavan  
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### Cavan Theatre Festival

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Cavan Town Hall, Cavan . t: + 353 86 154 1508 [www.cavantheatrefestival.com](http://www.cavantheatrefestival.com)

### Wet and Wonderful Geopark Canoe Trip

**Date:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Cavan Canoe Centre, Carratraw Bridge, Butlersbridge  
**Time:** 12pm – 4pm **Adm:** €25

The landscapes around Lough Oughter are home to a host of birds and wildlife? Join staff from the Cavan Canoe Centre for a canoe trip along the waters of Lough Oughter. Includes a visit to Clough Oughter Castle. Please book directly with Cavan Canoe Centre on t: +353 (0) 86 266 0686.

### Arvagh Show

**Date:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Arvagh, County Cavan  
Social event showing country living at its best! Livestock, Dog Show, Homecrafts etc or wander through many exhibitions and displays. [www.arvaghshow.com](http://www.arvaghshow.com)

### Lughnasa Walk

**Date:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (*Meet inside entrance - second gate*)  
**Time:** 2pm **Adm:** €5  
Experience the magical surroundings of the prehistoric landscape of the Cavan Burren with local Geopark guide Bee Smith. Wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing. For more information please contact Bee on t: 071 964 3936

### Festival of the Erne

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August  
**Location:** Belturbet  
The Festival of the Erne will host a programme for all the family. Includes Lady of the Erne Competition, treasure hunt and fancy dress and fishing festival, and also the Northwest's largest adults fancy dress with street entertainment and cash prizes.  
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## August 2014

### Taste of Cavan 2014

**Date:** 8 - 9th August 2014  
**Time:** 5pm – 9pm (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August) / 1pm – 5pm (Sat 9<sup>th</sup> August)  
**Location:** Cavan town

A two-day food festival. Hand-made chocolates, award winning cheeses, artisan breads, jams, meats, mushrooms, ice-cream. Children's activities, music and cookery demonstrations by Rachel Allen and Richard Corrigan and Neven Maguire. [www.thisiscavan.ie](http://www.thisiscavan.ie) t: 049 437 8606 or e: [fun@thisiscavan.ie](mailto:fun@thisiscavan.ie)

### Lakeside Ramor Fishing Festival

**Date:** 21st – 24th August 2014  
**Location:** Lough Ramor, Virginia, Co. Cavan t 087 220 3884 e: [jcheys51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jcheys51@yahoo.co.uk)

## September 2014

### Arvagh Fishing Festival

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> September  
**Location:** Arvagh Loughs, Co. Cavan t: 0 49 433 5127 e: [info@breffniarms.ie](mailto:info@breffniarms.ie)

### King of Clubs Fishing Festival

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September  
**Location:** Cavan Loughs, Co. Cavan t: 049 433 5127 e: [info@breffniarms.ie](mailto:info@breffniarms.ie)

### Lakelands & Inland Waterways World Pairs Angling Championship

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September (*pre-match opens 6/7*)  
**Location:** Lakelands Region  
[www.worldpairsangling.com](http://www.worldpairsangling.com) t: 00 44 7736 129627 e: [info@worldpairsangling.com](mailto:info@worldpairsangling.com)

### Harvest Day at the Farnham Estate

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
**Location:** Radisson Blu Farnham Estate Hotel, Cavan  
[www.farnhamestate.ie](http://www.farnhamestate.ie) t: 049 4377700 e: [info@farnhamestate.ie](mailto:info@farnhamestate.ie)

### Culture Night in Cavan

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> September  
**Location:** Throughout Cavan  
Drama, heritage and literature events, workshops and lectures taking place throughout County Cavan. [www.cavanarts.ie](http://www.cavanarts.ie) t: 049 4378 548

## Cavan Indoor Championships

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Location:** Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Cavan

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## Autumn Equinox Walk

**Date** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (Meet inside entrance - second gate)

**Time:** 1:30pm

Join us at the Cavan Burren Park for an autumn equinox guided walk. Learn about the rich archaeological, geological and mythological heritage of this wonderful site. Wear stout footwear and warm waterproof clothing. Tour will last approximately 3hours. t: 049 952 6121 for information.

## Cootehill Angling Championship

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September

**Location:** Cootehill Loughs, Co. Cavan t: 042 966 0266

## October 2014

### Run with Catherina

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Location:** Cavan town

5km fun run / walk honouring Cavan Olympian Catherina McKiernan.

[www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie) t: 049- 437 8582 e: [info@cavansportspartnership.ie](mailto:info@cavansportspartnership.ie)

### Virginia Pumpkin Festival

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Location:** Virginia, Co. Cavan

A fun packed programme of events. Children's fancy dress, heaviest pumpkin competition, artisan food and crafts fair and fireworks display. [www.pumpkinfestival.ie](http://www.pumpkinfestival.ie) t: 049 854 9940





# December 2014

## Winter Solstice Sunset Walk

**Date:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Location:** Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan (*Meet inside entrance - second gate*)

**Time:** 1:45pm – 4pm

Experience the winter solstice at Cavan Burren, with a guided sunset walk, around an enigmatic landscape. Experience this prehistoric landscape taking full vantage of the Burren's wonderful monuments including Tullygobban Tomb, Calf House Portal Tomb and Giant's Leap Wedge Tomb with local Geopark guide Séamus Ó hUltacháin. Contact t: 049 952 6121 for more information.

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