

## Sunday 14th September

### Butterflies, Moths and Grasshoppers

**3pm–4.30pm. Cabinteely Park.** Meet in the main car park.

Join us for this family event as we aim to record all the marine life we find. A fun event catching and then identifying marine life species we find.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

## Saturday 20th September

### Who Dares Wins

**10am –12pm; Marlay Park.** Meet in the main car park. Are you up for a challenge? This event is only for the bravest. Come along and take up the challenge of eating weird and yucky things found growing or crawling from the woodland floor.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

## Sunday 28th September

### Trees and Games

**10.30am–12pm. Deer Park.** Meet beside the playground.

Come along to this family event and have fun around trees. Tree age, height, feel a tree, folklore and more. A fun event learning about trees.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).



**Many events require pre-booking so please contact the event leader where stated**

For enquiries please call James O’Sullivan MA MIPAV (Heritage) 01 2047011 or email [josullivan@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:josullivan@dlrcoco.ie).

Individuals and families are welcome. Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities and the weather on the day.

Events have been organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in association with a variety of charities, clubs and individuals whose primary interest is natural history and nature conservation. All events will be led by experienced naturalists from these organisations.



**OWLS** (Outdoor, Wildlife, Learning and Survival)

OWLS is a fun club for children and families to discover more about nature. The club delivers a range of events in local parks to raise awareness and understanding of the natural world. For more information visit: [www.owls.ie](http://www.owls.ie).



**BirdWatch Ireland** (South Dublin Branch)

BirdWatch Ireland is a conservation organisation dedicated to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Ireland. Their work includes extensive research and surveying, conservation projects, preparing and advocating policy and raising awareness. For more information visit: [www.birdwatchireland.ie](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie).



**Bat Conservation Ireland** is a charity

dedicated to the conservation of Ireland’s bats. The organisation promotes conservation of bats by disseminating educational materials, giving talks and leading bat walks, carrying out nationwide surveys and monitoring of bats. For more information visit: [www.batconservationireland.org](http://www.batconservationireland.org).

# EXPLORING NATURE



## dlr Biodiversity Events

### July-September 2014

### ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

## July

**Tern Watching: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

### Seabird Watching at Dalkey

**6.30pm–8pm. Coliemore Harbour, Dalkey.** Meet at the viewing area.

Join us for seabird watching every Tuesday in July with BirdWatch Ireland experts on hand to show the breeding terns and other birds. No walking required.

**Leader:** Members of BirdWatch Ireland (South Dublin Branch). **No booking required.**

### Saturday 5th July

#### Exploring the Ecology of Cabinteely Park

**2.30pm–4.30pm. Cabinteely Park.** Meet in the main car park.

A nature walk in Cabinteely Park. Walk around the woodland areas, visit the species-rich meadow, stream and pond habitats and explore the plant and animal life. Bring a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one.

**Leader:** Katharine Duff. **No booking required.**

### Sunday 13th July

#### Beach Sculptures

**1pm–3pm. Killiney Beach.** Meet on the beach just below Killiney Station.

Two teams – but there can only be one winner. Join a team for this epic challenge. Using material found along the beach, make the biggest and most convincing sea monster. The winning team will win the award and certificate for the best beach sculpture maker of 2014.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

### Saturday 26th July

#### An Evening Bat Walk

**9.30pm. Cabinteely Park.** Meet in the main car park. Ireland is home to nine species of bat, an important mammal that consumes large quantities of insects each night. They are nocturnal hunters that rely on high-pitch ultrasonic noises to fly around in the dark. Join Bat Conservation Ireland on a bat walk and enter into the mysterious world of bats.

**Leader:** Paul Scott, Dublin Bat Group and BCIreland.

**Booking required:** Contact Paul on 086 3849967.

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## August



### Sunday 3rd August

#### Rock Pooling for Families

**11am–1pm. Sandycove.** Meet at the rock area of the Sandycove beach.

Join us for this family event as we aim to record all the marine life we find. A fun event catching and then identify marine life species we find.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

### Saturday 9th August

#### Life in the Undergrowth

**1pm–2.30pm. Marlay Park.** Meet in the main car park.

If you fancy searching under logs and wet leaves for interesting life, then join us for this event as we to leave no stone unturned in search of insects under the trees and logs.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

### Saturday 16th August

#### An Evening Bat Walk

**8.45pm. Cabinteely Park.** Meet in the main car park.

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**Leader:** Paul Scott, Dublin Bat Group and Bat Conservation Ireland.

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## August/September

### Sunday 17th August

#### Pond dipping – frog spawn and newts

**2pm–3.30pm. Cabinteely Park.** Meet in the main car park.

Come along to this event and learn about the life cycle of frogs and newts as we search the pond for these amazing amphibians. Hopefully we'll find tadpoles with their legs at this time of year.

**Leader:** Andrew Fleming. **Booking required:** Contact Andrew on 087 3299936 or email [info@owls.ie](mailto:info@owls.ie).

### Saturday 30th August

#### Dublin Mountains Nature Walk, Ticknock

**2.30pm–5pm.** Meet in the upper car park off Ticknock Road.

Join us for a nature walk in the Dublin Mountains. We will head for the Two Rock and Three Rock Mountains which have great views over Dublin Bay and Wicklow. We will look at upland habitats and learn about the plants and animals that live here. Bring a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one.

**Leader:** Katharine Duff. **No booking required.**

## September

### Friday 12th September

#### An Evening Bat Walk

**8.00pm. Marlay Park.** Meet in the main car park.

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**Leader:** Tina Aughney, Dublin Bat Group and Bat Conservation Ireland.

**Booking required:** Contact Tina Aughney on 086 4049468.

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