



## Activities 2017

Date	Day	Time	Details
15 April	Sat	1000-1300	<b>The birds of Cave Hill.</b> Get up close to some of our native birds. Licensed bird ringer Aidan Crean will catch, ring and release them and allow us to see them in beautiful detail. Meet at the Castle.
6 May	Sat	0500-0730	<b>Dawn chorus.</b> John O'Boyle will lead a dander around the Park to hear and identify birds. Specially designed for early risers! Meet at the gates to the Park at the top of Innisfayle Park.
20 May	Sat	1000-1300	<b>Forage on Cave Hill.</b> Phil Simpson has a fund of practical knowledge and plant lore. We'll walk in his company to see what useful plants we can find. Meet at the Castle.
17 Jun	Sat	1000-1300	<b>The flora of Cave Hill.</b> Karl Hamilton will guide us on a plant identification walk in the Nature Reserve in Ballyaghagan at the back of the hill. Meet at the entrance to the Park at the top of the Hightown Road.
15 Jul	Sat	1000-1300	<b>Butterflies &amp; mini-beasts.</b> Northern Ireland's Big Butterfly Count begins today. Find and examine some of our most beautiful wildlife in the company of Catherine Bertrand and learn some of the mysteries of their lives. Meet at the Castle.
19 Aug	Sat	1000-1300	<b>A general walk on Cave Hill.</b> Cormac Hamill will lead a general history walk to the top of the Hill. Meet at the Castle.

1 Sep	Fri	2100-2300	<b>Bats of Cave Hill.</b> Aidan Crean will introduce us to these enchanting nocturnal animals during an evening dander. Meet at the Castle.
16 Sep	Sat	1000-1300	<b>The archaeology of Cave Hill.</b> Local archaeologist Cormac McSparron will lead a trip to the various remains on the hill from the Neolithic period to the early Christian period. Meet at the entrance to the Park at the top of the Hightown Road.
6 Oct	Fri	1930-2200	<b>Cave Hill by moonlight.</b> An enchanting walk over the Cave Hill lit only by the light of the full moon.
21 Oct	Sat	1000-1300	<b>The rocks of Cave Hill.</b> Kirsty Lemon is an enthusiast for her geology profession and she will delight in explaining the geological origins of Cave Hill on this walk over the hill. Meet at the Castle.

Please be prepared for bad weather and bring footwear suitable for rough ground. Some of the walks will be moderately strenuous and some people may find them challenging. Young people under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

If you have any worries about fitness or have medical conditions which might affect your ability to walk, please talk to the leader at the start of the walk.

All these activities are free.

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