

Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle



A lively & entertaining exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Phoenix Park is on display in the visitor centre. Here the visitor can enjoy an historical interpretation of the park from 3,500 B.C. to the present day and can also view an audio-visual on the history of the park through the ages or on the history of Áras an Uachtaráin.

FREE ADMISSION

Open daily 9.30am – 5.30pm

Last admission 30 minutes before closing

Groups must be booked at the centre Ph: 01-6770095
also free guided tours of Ashtown Castle, enquiries at reception

ON SATURDAYS ONLY

Free guided tours of **Áras an Uachtaráin** every hour from 10.30am to 3.30pm leaving from the Visitor Centre

Tickets issued on a first come first served basis on the day, no group bookings
Ph: 01-6770095 for confirmation before arrival.

THE PHOENIX CAFE

Within the courtyard of the Visitor Centre, serving delicious freshly made meals. Coffee & snacks also available. Open daily 10.00am - 4.00pm. Ph: 01-6770090

Exhibitions in Visitor Centre Exhibition Room



November	Felt Makers	Exhibition
December	Cliona Fox	Art Exhibition
January	Aileen Rodgers	Art Exhibition
February	Rita Nolan - Photography	1st - 14th Feb
February	OPW Photographic Exhibition	15th - 28th Feb
March	Laurel Lodge Art Group	
April	Happy Medium Art Group	
April	Silk Paintings	17th - 30th April
May	Bob O'Cathail	
May	FAI Exhibition	15th May - 12th June
June	FAI Exhibition	15th May - 12th June
June	Fiona Barron - Jewellery	13th - 30th June
July	Trish Thompson	Artist

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Talks/Walks/Events at 3pm in the Visitor Centre



Sunday 6th Dec

Edible Christmas Delights Demonstration given by Helen Cunningham of the Phoenix Park Cafe on how to make your own edible gifts for Christmas. **Booking essential**

Sunday 13th Dec

John McCullen, Chief Park Superintendent will give a talk on his recently published book on the history of the Phoenix Park to 1880.

Sunday 10th Jan

Eco-Unesco give a talk about Education for Sustainable Development, approaches to using interactive activities to educate young people

Sunday 14th Feb

David Grennan of Astronomy Ireland will give a talk on 3 newly discovered Asteroids that he recently discovered from his own backyard observatory in Dublin

Sunday 28th Feb

Paul McQuaid of Phoenix Park Bike Hire will give a talk on caring for your bike and will encourage us to use the many cycle lanes within the Phoenix Park

Sunday 7th March

John McLoughlin Chief Executive, Tree Council of Ireland will give a walking tour of Ashtown arboretum. Meet Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

Sunday 28th March

A History of Sport in the Phoenix Park. A talk on sporting activities within the Phoenix Park given by **Roy Barron**

Sunday 25th April

A talk on Bats of the Phoenix Park by **Tina Aughney, Bats Conservation Ireland**

Sunday 9th May

Kevin Halpenny, Fingal Parks Superintendent will give a talk on the many parks of North Dublin

Sunday 23rd May

Ordnance Survey Ireland will give a talk on the mapping of Ireland. **Booking essential**

Admission Free and all Welcome

Contact the Visitor Centre for further details on talks & events

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Children's Art Cart Workshops at

The Phoenix Park Visitor Centre 10.30am – 12.30pm every Sunday



Children must be supervised by an adult.
Maximum number of 20 per session.
Children 5 years & over

Themes subject to change

Come early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited

Nov	22nd	Pond Life
Nov	29th	Medieval Life – Includes visit to Ashtown Castle
Dec	6th	Christmas cards
Dec	13th	Christmas decorations
Dec	20th	Making wrapping paper

Jan	3rd	Recycle Christmas bits & bobs
Jan	10th	Make a large Castle inc. draw bridge, turrets & a moat
Jan	17th	Climate change – Make wind chimes
Jan	24th	Medieval Life – Includes visit to Ashtown Castle
Jan	31st	Pond Life

Feb	7th	Make a Valentines card
Feb	14th	Valentine gifts to make
Feb	22nd	Save the Planet! Discover Eco-Art
Feb	28th	Tracing Fun

Mar	7th	Trees – what would we do without them? (Tree Week)
Mar	14th	St Patrick's Day Cards and decorations
Mar	21st	Easter Cards and Decorations
Mar	28th	Tracing & Drawing "Sport themes"

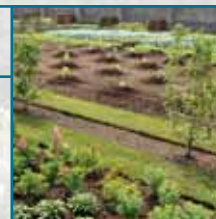
April	4th	Painting Easter Bunnies, Eggs, Chicks etc.
April	11th	Make Spring paper crafts, flowers, insects.
April	18th	Medieval Life – Includes visit to Ashtown Castle
April	25th	Make and draw Bats

May	2nd	Go on a Spring treasure hunt and identify & draw your finds!
May	9th	Create your own park, grass, swings, lake, bridge etc.
May	16th	Medieval Life – Includes visit to Ashtown Castle
May	23rd	Make your own detailed Maps
May	30th	Insects & Birds of the Park

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Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden



Come and discover the restored Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden and meet the **Phoenix Park gardeners Meeda and Brian on the first Saturday of every month from 10.30am**. Find out about the preparation work of green manuring, planting and seed sowing throughout the winter to produce beautiful summer displays featuring soft fruit, vegetables, perennials, annuals and herbaceous borders **Gardens open from 9.00am- 4.00pm**

Primary School Modules

Th modules can be arranged at a time to suit school requirements on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, normally between 10am - 12noon.

Module 1

Trees - what would we do without them

Introduction: Identify exotic and native tree species in the arboretum beside the Visitor Centre. Break for 15 mins.
Then a 20 min video on the history of the park, after which the group can look around the visitor centre, which is self guiding over two floors.

Module 2

Discover the animals that live in the park

Introduction & power point presentation on deer, squirrels, badgers, and much more.
Break for 15mins.
Then a 20 min video on the history of the park, after which the group can look around the visitor centre, which is self guiding over two floors.

Module 3

Step back in time with our Heritage module.

Introduction: Video and self guiding tour of the visitor centre.
Break for 15mins.
Become a king or queen for the day with a visit to Ashtown Castle and find out about what life was like in medieval times.

The Visitor Centre is located just off the Phoenix Monument beside Áras an Uachtaráin on the main road in the park. The new Phoenix Park shuttle bus starts and finishes at Parkgate Street providing commentary on the park and stops at the Visitor Centre.

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WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMME 2009/2010

PHOENIX PARK VISITOR CENTRE & ASHTOWN CASTLE



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