



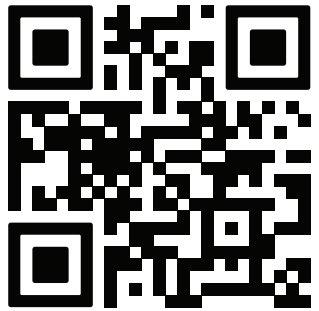
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CHECK THESE OUT

- WILD ATLANTIC WAY
- Burren Discovery Trail & Discovery Points
- Visitor / Education Centre
- Geopark Site
- Monument
- Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk
- Looped Walk
- The Burren Way

GEOPARK GEOLOGY

- Limestone
- Shale
- Sandstone and Shale



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BURREN AND CLIFFS OF MOHER GEOPARK



Welcome to the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, the finest example of a glaciated karst landscape in Europe and home to



- Spectacular cliffs, beaches, nature trails and cave systems.
- A unique diversity of flora and fauna.
- An abundance of monuments and ancient archaeological sites.
- Impressive heritage and cultural visitor centres.
- Festivals, events and activities that celebrate local communities, and cultural traditions that span back for thousands of years.
- And a vibrant local community of sustainable tourism businesses, working together to enhance your enjoyment of this special place.

We were awarded UNESCO Global Geopark status in recognition of this amazing landscape and our management of its unique heritage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.burrengeopark.ie

TAKE IN THE SIGHTS ON THE BURREN DISCOVERY TRAIL

Take the Burren Discovery Trail and look out for the 11 Doorways where you can stop, learn something new, take pictures and make memories of each unique location that lies before you.

See the Discovery Trail on the map overleaf and find out more about the trail on

www.discoverireland.ie/the-burren/burren-discovery-trail



EXPLORE ONE OF OUR MANY TRAILS



The Geopark is a popular spot for cyclists and hikers as it has dozens of fantastic routes and trails. Check out our the trails at www.burrengeopark.ie/discover-explore/trails/ and www.clare-getsidetracked.ie/walks/

Always be sure to have the right equipment, clothing and fluids when taking a trail and always remember to Leave No Trace.

LOVE THIS PLACE AND LEAVE NO TRACE

- Leave the limestone pavement as you find it.
- Preserve natural habitats and leave wildflowers undisturbed.
- Take care not to damage monuments, walls and buildings.
- Respect landowners, their property and their livestock.
- Park and camp in designated areas.
- Leave no trace of your visit, take nothing but memories.
- Use sustainable transport options.



SUSTAINABILITY IS AT OUR CORE



CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Over 70 tourism businesses are committed to the Geopark Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism.

The Code is an externally evaluated system that requires businesses to monitor and reduce their consumption, help regenerate their local communities and protect their environment and heritage.



THE BURREN ECOTOURISM NETWORK

The tourism businesses who commit to the Geopark Code are all members of the Burren Ecotourism Network and include accommodation, transport, retail, restaurants, visitor centres, guides and activities. www.Burren.ie Burren Ecotourism Network was named as best "Community Tourism Project" by Lonely Planet: Best in Travel Awards in 2021.



INTERESTED IN USING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT?



Look out for 'Free Cup of Tea if you Cycle to Me' icon at visitor centres.



Visit www.buseireann.ie and www.transportforireland.ie for information on public bus services.



Pedal and electric bikes can be hired in Ballyvaughan, Kinvara, Kilfenora, and Doolin.



Use the Burren National Park free bus service to take you around the National Park. It leaves from the Burren National Park information Centre in Corofin hourly during the Summer months.



There are electric car charging points available in several locations.



NEED SOMEWHERE TO STAY?

From castles to glamping, the Burren Ecotourism Network members provide the very best of sustainable places to stay in the Burren to suit all budgets and needs. See www.burren.ie for a complete listing

TRY OUT SOME DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD



Test your taste buds with local GEOfood produce. GEOfood is a global brand that promotes food producers who use ingredients that are sourced and produced in their UNESCO Global Geopark. Look out for the GEOfood logo on produce, on menus and in local shops. See the list of our GEOfood producers at www.burrengeopark.ie/geofood

Celebrate our food culture and our local produce with us at the Slow Food festival in May and the Winterage Festival in October. See www.burren.ie and www.burrenbeo.com for festival and event details.



LOOK FOR THE LOGO →



THE ROCK STORY

Limestone dominates our Geopark. Formed 330 million years ago on the bed of a tropical sea, it has been carved into fantastic shapes over time by earth movements, rainwater and ice sheets. Hidden beneath this beautiful land and seascape is a complex underworld of caves including the longest cave system in Ireland.

At the southern edge of the Geopark, layer upon layer of shale and sandstone formed in a large river delta around 310 million years ago are visible at the spectacular and iconic Cliffs of Moher.

Throughout the Geopark you will find geosites (locations on map overleaf) with signage that highlights geological, natural and cultural features.



OUR BIODIVERSITY

In our Geopark you will find

- Over 25% of Ireland's orchid-rich dry calcareous grassland, home to 23 of the 27 native Irish orchid species.
- Arctic and alpine and Mediterranean flowers growing side by side.
- Over 70% of Ireland's native species of flora.
- 28 of Ireland's 30 butterfly species foraging among the diverse vegetation.

Because of this abundant biodiversity, over 80% of the Geopark is designated *Special Areas of Conservation*.

The Burren National Park provides public access to this special natural landscape and offers a free bus service around the park during the summer months.

For more info, visit www.burrennationalpark.ie



OUR ANCESTORS

The Burren has been famously referred to as a "vast memorial to bygone cultures". Recent discoveries from caves tell us that people were living in the Geopark 12,500 years ago. Our earliest ancestors camped in sites along the Atlantic coast and buried their dead in tombs like Poul nabrone dolmen.

They built cairns, communal cooking places, hill forts and ritual sites. Later cultures built thousands of miles of stone walls, hundreds of circular stone farmsteads and castles. Christianity brought with it monasteries, holy wells, churches and places of pilgrimage.

For the best insight into our fascinating past take a guided tour with our local experts at www.burren.ie and www.burrenbeo.com

