

# WELCOME TO BALLYCROY NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE



PLEASE LEAVE NO TRACE  
OF YOUR VISIT

## LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

- Leave natural objects undisturbed. Take photos and drawings, but please leave nature as you find it.
- Conserve the present ~ Every natural object has a role to play, sometimes beyond our comprehension. E.g. discarded deer antlers contain valuable minerals for other mammals and even deer themselves will gnaw them if they need supplementary minerals in hard winters. If we remove objects from nature we deplete the natural environment and interfere with the natural cycle of things, even fallen trees are a natural habitat for some.
- Preserve the past ~ Archaeological and historical artefacts remind us of the rich human history of the landscape. These should not be disturbed.
- Respect property e.g. farming or forestry machinery, fences walls etc. leave gates as you find them (open or closed).

**BALLYCROY NATIONAL PARK**  
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**OPENING HOURS – 10.00 – 17.30 March – October**  
(opening hours subject to change please check website)

## DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- If you bring it in take it out! Remove all litter, food packaging and food remains. Even biodegradable waste such as orange peel and tea bags take months to break down. They may attract scavengers and rodents that spread disease and are potentially harmful to other wildlife.

For information of disposal of human waste please check the website [www.leavenotraceireland.org](http://www.leavenotraceireland.org)

## Respect Wildlife

- Keep dogs on a lead at all times and clean up after them.
- The National Park is home to Ireland's native wildlife and it is our primary responsibility to protect wildlife and their habitats.
- Keep wildlife wild, it is best to give them a wide berth most especially during sensitive times e.g. mating, nesting and raising young (mostly Spring and early Summer). If an animal moves in response to your presence, you are too close.
- Please do not feed animals or birds. Feeding wildlife damages their health and leaves them vulnerable to predators and other dangers.

**ADMISSION FREE**

For more information please talk to the staff in the Visitor Centre or see the following websites.

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### MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF FIRE

- Fires can cause lasting impacts and can be devastating to forests, natural habitats and farmland.
- No campfires are permitted in Ballycroy National Park, gas stoves are permitted for cooking.

### Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Before you go check, where possible, if access is allowed for your activity (please ring Ballycroy Visitor Centre on 098 49888 or check website [www.ballycroynationalpark.ie](http://www.ballycroynationalpark.ie) ).
- Respect signs, regulations and policies. Permits may be required for activities.
- Check the weather forecast, although the exhibition and café are indoors, there is a 2km walk outside, around the park.



### BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

- Everyone comes to the National Park for different reasons. Respect other visitors to the National Park.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Try to keep large or noisy groups away from others.
- Please remember that National Park staff work 7 days a week - avoid blocking gates and entrances that may be required for emergency access.
- Take care not to damage anything especially fences, walls and crops.
- Please remove dog poo and dispose of waste.

### Travel and Camp on Durable Ground

- Walk on established trails only.
- Durable ground means established tracks and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.

#### For camping

- Be at least 30 mtrs from lakes and streams.
- Keep campsite small and discreet.
- Aim to leave campsite as you found it or better.

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