

World Wetland Days 2-5th Feb 2012. 2012

Thur Feb 2nd is the REAL Ramsar world wetland day and the days after that till Sunday 5th are added to facilitate the weekend wetland eventers.

In Ireland we can celebrate that 1. We have such wealth of wetlands and 2. we have better wetland law than before. There is a new opportunity to change the view and perception of wetlands and to see and make better use of the tourism potential, while taking full account of the need to plan wisely for tourism to avoid wetland degradation and loss.

- The World Ramsar theme for the whole year of 2012 is **wetlands tourism and recreation**.
- The Ramsar slogan for the World wetland Days 2012 is **WETLAND TOURISM – A GREAT EXPERIENCE, with by line Responsible Tourism Supports Wetlands and People**.

Participate in the events listed by contacting organisers directly, or organise something yourself. Even one school class out at a shore, or one group of tourists gently kidnapped to see a local wetland which is just awakening (our frogs are up in Wexford ..) is worth doing.

Afterwards we would love to hear from you.

- Help show case Ireland as a country for ecotourism bubbling with wetlands and life.
And
- Help address things which harm wetlands.

You can send photos in later for our new website and the Ramsar world website, where some tourism linked initiatives are planned.

So more information on Irishwetlands.ie (Website going live at Thur 2 pm 2.2 2012)

Any queries contact Karin Dubsky CEPA Focal point and Irish Ramsar Wetland Committee kdubsky@tcd.ie or 086 8111 684.

EVENTS WWDs 2012 – confirmed

LOCATION If Ramsar site	Feb 2012	Ask/project/task	Body/Group organising Contacts
Dublin TCD			
Wicklow Wicklow co buildings and the Murrough	Thu 2nd	11 o clock County Buildings Wicklow Launch of WWD by Éamon de Buitléar Includes Irishwetlands.ie website and wetland walk. Precede by Coastwatch wetland challenge on train Dub pearse 9.45 to Wicklow .	Ramsar Committee Contacts: Deirdre Burns dburns@wicklowcoco.ie Karin Dubsy kdubsky@coastwatch.org and 086 8111 684
Kildare	2 nd	Launch of the IPCC Hop to it Frog survey	Irish Peatland Conservation Council (http://www.ipcc.ie/upcomingevents.html)
Kerry	2 nd	WWD & wetlands RADIO Kerry Radio	Frank King - Kerry Radio
Wexford	3 rd	Wintering geese and other attractions of Wexford Wildfowl reserve Ramsar site . Just come along to the centre, walk viewing tower or ask staff .	Reserve Centre Prior booking for (school) groups to avail of expert . Contact site manager Dominic Berridge dominic.berridge@ahg.gov.ie 053 912 3406
Kerry Tralee Bay Ramsar site	Sat 4 ^t	3.00 pm Minister Jimmy Deenihan TD launches Ramsar wetland poster at Tralee wetland Centre . Preceded by Tralee Bay Ramsar site shore walk with Bernie Goggin, Naturalist.	John Griffin Kerry Tourism Officer. john.griffin@traleetc.ie 087-205 5555.
Laois	Sat 4 th	BirdWatch Ireland Branch outing to Derryounce, Portarlinton. See new pond in bogland.	Contact BirdWatch Laois Branch birdwatchlaois@gmail.com
Wicklow	5 th	World Wetlands Days Visit to the East Coast Nature Reserve. Meet at the main entrance (double wooden gates) on Newcastle Sea Road at 10.00am.	BirdWatch Ireland Wicklow branch Niall Keogh, birdwatchwicklow@gmail.com
Cork Manch, Ballineen, Co.Cork.	Sun 5 th	Open Day on Wetlands With discussions and walks	Irish Natural Forestry Foundation, www.inff.ie Manch,, Ballineen, Co.Cork. Sarah Kate McHugh, Tel: 023 - 8822823

NOTE: there are firm events and events being hatched and empty cells for your input

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