

**European Geoparks Week in Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark
Ireland/UK-2015**

Dates of geoparks week: **22nd May to 7th June**

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Category	Date	Activity/Event
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1. Geo & Geo	23 rd – 25 th May	Geoparks on the Air Members of the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club broadcast from the Marble Arch Caves contacting colleagues in Geoparks throughout Europe.
	31 st May	Marble Arch Caves – 30th Anniversary Celebrations Come along and help us celebrate the 30 th Anniversary of the opening of the Marble Arch Caves. A jam-packed programme of events will take place throughout the day including interactive story-telling sessions, face painting, balloon modelling, family fossil and nature hunts as well as a variety of geologically themed arts and crafts activities.
	4 th June	Rockin’ around the Geopark Join Dr Kirstin Lemon for an illustrated talk on the fascinating geology of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark. Discover a history dating back nearly 900million years as we discover about the hotdeserts, tropical oceans and big freezes that have helped shape the magnificent landscapes of the Geopark.
2. Geo & Culture/Music/Literature/Arts	23 rd May	Geopark Honey Making Workshop Join local Geopark Guide Aidan Brady of Cavan Beekeepers Association will host a workshop on beekeeping and honey making. This is an excellent opportunity to discover more about this important creature and will give an opportunity to all who attend to learn about keeping their own bees.
	24 th May	Exploring the Cliffs of Magho Come along and join Geopark staff

	<p>30th May</p> <p>30th May</p> <p>7th June</p> <p>7th June</p>	<p>for a guided walk along the newly refurbished Magho Cliffs pathway leading from the shore road to the Magho Viewpoint. It will be well worth the effort of a 300m climb as the view from the top is arguably one of the best vistas on the island of Ireland and the cliffs are also home to some of the rarest flora and fauna within the Geopark.</p> <p>Geopark Wildlife Walk Join local Geopark Guide Andy King to explore some of the stunning wildflowers of the Geopark. Learn more about how they are intrinsically linked to the landscape around us.</p> <p>Loughfest The annual extravaganza is a free event which promises thrills and spills for the whole family with a range of activities including climbing walls, bouncy castles, high ropes course, face painting, fossil making and rubbing and much more!</p> <p>Guided Woodland Walk Join local Geopark Guide Heather Bothwell for a guided tour of the beautiful environs of Killeshandra Woods and Lough. Learn more about the geology, flora and fauna of this tranquil landscape.</p> <p>Forest Fun & Mini-beast Hunt Come along and join staff at the Marble Arch Caves, in a hunt for unseen wildlife in the Marble Arch National Nature Reserve. We will hunt in habitats throughout the Nature Reserve, catching and identifying invertebrates as we go! Why not learn a bit more about these mini-beasts fascinating lifestyles and their roles in an ecosystem.</p>
<p>3. Geo & Education</p>	<p>22nd May – 7th June</p>	<p>Schools Geology Competition All primary school children in Counties Fermanagh and Cavan will be invited to participate in a competition to design a new postcard based on a geological theme for the Marble Arch Caves.</p>

		The winning image will be used on a new postcard within the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre.
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