

Weekend Trip 1

Saturday 5th August 2023

Lough Boora Discovery Park

Trip 1 (48 people)

Leaving DCU at 8.45am

Travel to Lough Boora Discovery Park:

Enjoy a guided tour learning the history of the bog and how it has been reclaimed.

Walk through the Sculpture park where 24 international artists have created unique sculptures only using material reclaimed from the bog.

Where art meets nature – Lough Boora is home to some of the most innovative land and environmental sculptures in Ireland. The artists, inspired by the rich natural and industrial legacy of the bog lands, have created a series of large-scale sculptures that are now part of the park's permanent collection.

As a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts interested in its unique flora and wildlife, the Sculpture Park's route is enhanced by 24 innovative works of art that dramatically change the landscape with varying contrast depending on the weather, throughout the seasons and over time. Industrial materials of the bog, such as locomotives, rail line, timber and stone have been developed into magnificent sculptures. Over time, the effects of nature have altered the sculptures in colour and developed wonderful colonies of plant growth, enabling them to become part of the landscape once again.

There is a separate mini park for the children to enjoy.





Lunch will be available and is included in the cost.

Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre:

Here you will have a guided tour of the grounds of Birr Castle and the museums. The Award-Winning Gardens of Birr Castle Demesne in Ireland are both rich in amazing feats of science and engineering, as well as rare trees and flowers, wonderful wildlife, walks along peaceful rivers and the lake. Birr Castle Demesne, that is now home to the 7th Earl of Rosse. Created over generations it is an environmental and a scientific time capsule. A home to a truly extraordinary family of engineers, botanists and astronomers – all down the generations. See The Leviathan, the largest telescope in the world at that time, discover the hidden laboratory, and there is a large play area for children.





Dinner at Dooleys Hotel, Birr Co. Offaly **this is** included in the cost.

Return to Dublin

Cost Adults €85

Children €56

This includes your lunch, dinner, and entry to all attractions.

Bring raincoats, wear comfortable shoes etc as this is mainly outdoors.