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Snowdrop Gala 2023

Celebrating the Snowdrop and other spring treasures

11th Annual Gala

Saturday, 4th February 2023

Ballykealey House | Ballon | Co Carlow

Speakers: Troy Scott Smith (UK), Sissinghurst Castle Garden.
Iris Ney (Germany), Garden Design, Garden Tours & Lecturer

Tickets €100 - includes morning teas and afternoon tea, lunch, lectures and plant sales at Altamont Plant Sales - plus a tour of the snowdrop collection at Altamont Gardens.

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This is a limited numbers event and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. Nurseries attending include Avon Bulbs via Altamont Plants, Coosheen Plants, Gortkelly Nursery, Fields of Bloom, Assumpta Broomfield, Rosabell Plant Supports and Esker Farm Daffodils (Dave and Joules Hardy). This is an opportunity to buy rare and unusual bulbs and other spring-flowering perennials from these specialist nurseries.



Ballykealey House

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Choose Carlow this February where special offers are available for Snowdrop Month. Bed and breakfasts offer a personalised holiday experience and a quiet, relaxing atmosphere, while historic houses promise a luxurious, unique stay steeped in memories and nostalgia. Choose from a variety of hotels to suit every budget. Enjoy the energy and bustle in the heart of a lively town or experience the tranquillity of a four-star spa break complete with 18-hole golf course.

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Carlow Snowdrop Month

Wednesday, 1st - Tuesday, 28th February 2023 www.carlowgardentrail.com

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Guided tours of the snowdrop collection at Altamont Gardens

Altamont Gardens | Tullow | Co Carlow | R93 N882

The very popular Snowdrop Month at Altamont Gardens runs from **February 1st to 28th** and is a great opportunity to view this unique collection, first started by Corona North, former owner of the gardens. Having been further developed by the OPW over the last twenty years, the collection is now amongst the largest in Ireland, with over 150 named varieties. This 40-acre estate, on the banks of the River Slaney near Tullow features an enchanting blend of formal, informal and wild gardens. Guided tours take place each Monday - Friday throughout February at 2pm and group tours by appointment. The gardens are open daily for general viewing from 9am - 4.30pm. Now in its 22nd year, this is one event on your gardening calendar that you cannot afford to miss. Advance booking of group tours requested. Sugar and Spice Café located in the Walled Garden is open serving hot drinks and delicious cakes.

Guided tour & general admission: FREE Car parking fee: €2 per vehicle



Snowdrops at Altamont Gardens

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Snowdrop Month in Arboretum's Inspirational Gardens

Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven | Leighlinbridge | Co Carlow | R93 P9XF4

Come and see the snowdrops in Arboretum's Inspirational Gardens. Arboretum's founder, Rachel Doyle, created the gardens in 2010 to inspire her customers. Rachel likes to say that the snowdrops wake up the Inspirational Gardens, as they are the first to flower every year; and there is something different every month after that. There are a few thousand snowdrop bulbs in the gardens made up of *Galanthus 'Flore Pleno'*, which produces dainty fragrant double-white flowers, and the pure white *Galanthus 'Mount Everest'*, a large, strong variety perfect for naturalising. In the shop, find an array of potted snowdrops including 'Mount Everest' and the common snowdrop 'Nivalis'.



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Garden, Woodland and Castle Tours at Huntington Castle

Huntington Castle and Gardens | Clonegal | Co Carlow | Y21 K237

Snowdrop fun for all the family is on offer **each weekend during Snowdrop Month at Huntington Castle**, listed as one of the top six gardens to visit in Ireland's Ancient East. These historic 17th century grounds feature a collection of snowdrops and crocuses to be enjoyed in a unique setting. Along with the snowdrop collection you can view the French limes on the avenue, the lawns to the side of the house, the fish ponds on either side of the centre walk through the wilderness and the Yew Tree Walk. After the gardens head back to the castle where a guided tour of the house provides a window into both its fascinating past, and the lives of the family who call the castle home today - or simply take a well-earned break in the tea rooms. To get the full Huntington experience, consider a stay in one of their beautiful castle rooms or self-catering cottages. Children's adventure playground also open.



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