



Birdwatch Ireland Kildare Branch

Walk event – **Visit to Lough Boora Discovery Park**



What: A walk round Lough Boora Discovery park, Boora, Co Offaly

When: Saturday the 16th of April at 09.00h

Meeting point: The car park Newhall Retail Park (opposite B&Q shop) , Naas

Lough Boora Discovery Park

Lough Boora: a unique landscape - perfect for photographers, walkers, outdoor enthusiasts - at the heart of Ireland <http://Facebook.com/LoughBooraParklands>

Step into the wilderness

Transformed from its previous incarnation as a commercial bog where peat was harvested to heat homes around the country, today Lough Boora Discovery Park is home to countless species of birds and wildlife, fish-filled lakes and a permanent exhibition of huge outdoor sculptures. These sculptures give the park an other-worldly feel, created using the old industrial materials of the bog such as locomotives, rail-line and timber, all crafted into magnificent works of art. (<https://www.visitoffaly.ie/Places-to-Go/Lough-Boora-Discovery-Park/>)

Lough Boora Visitors Notice for Covid-19 guidelines Lough Boora walkways remain open. Lough Boora Discovery Park is open on a limited basis. Please adhere to signage and the one-way system when on site. Thanks for your co-operation.. <https://www.loughboora.com/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/>

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Grey Partridge

The premier place in the country to see the Grey Partridge
Adjacent to the Lough Boora Discovery Park is the Grey Partridge sanctuary; an ecological oasis developed by wildlife enthusiasts to save one of Ireland's rarest birds. This is the premier place in the country to see grey partridge. The sanctuary contains elements of traditional farming practices that allow all kinds of other wildlife to flourish too. Fields of wild flowers and crops attract a vast array of butterflies, mammals and birds. Bird watching is accessible via trails of the Discovery Park that run the perimeter of the grey partridge conservation areas. The sanctuary is managed by the NPWS and the Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust. (<https://www.visitoffaly.ie/Things-to-do/Outdoor-Adventures/Bird-Watching/Grey-Partridge-in-Boora/>)



Photo: Colm Mallone NPWS



<https://www.loughboora.com/gallery/lakes-and-wetlands/#bwg4/297>