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Heathers on Irish Bogs

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The Auction of the Kerry Bog Pony - Ballycleave Heather raised 500 for the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. Congratulations and thanks to the new owners.

Meet Collette



Hello, I am Collette Coumans, a researcher from Holland from the University of Utrecht. At this moment I am working on Lodge bog, a site which the IPCC just has acquired from Bord na Móna. My research includes a hydrological analysis of the bog in which we try to find out what is the height of the water table, the pH and the electrical conductivity of the water and how these are affected by drains, roads and by the industrial cutaway bog on the edge. The work will also include recording vegetation on this bog. I have set up five transects to measure all these factors. Together the hydrological and vegetation analyses will hopefully lead to a better understanding of the ecology on Lodge bog and will help us to make a good working management plan for this lovely piece of Irish bog. Photo: C. Hurley



WET, WILD AND WONDERFUL BOGS AND FENS
Once again our group of adults attending the bogs course in UCD for six weeks in February and March really enjoyed the field trip to the Bog of Allen. The day out included a stop at the Canal Feed near Naas to recreate the very first stages in the development of a bog. Here they engaged in dipping for invertebrates in the canal water. We followed this investigation with a visit to Pollardstown Fen and Mouds Bog. Photo: C. O'Connell

Coillte to Restore Raised Bogs



Coillte have secured a grant from the EU Life Fund to restore 14 raised bog sites that were formerly planted with conifers. The area of land involved in the project is 571.2ha and the project will run until 2008. The project will involve the removal of tree plantations and trees that have naturally colonised the bogs, drain blocking and fencing. An additional feature of this project will be consultation with owners of turbary rights on the sites to bring these areas into conservation. The sites involved in this project are Lough Lurgeen Co. Galway, Camderry Bog Co. Galway, Kilsallagh Bog Co. Galway, Curraghlehanagh Bog Co. Galway, Lough Rec Co. Roscommon, Lisnageeragh Bog Co. Galway, Drumalough Co. Roscommon, Cloonshanville Co. Roscommon, Ardgullion Co. Longford, Carn Park Bog Co. Westmeath, Crosswood Co. Westmeath, Mount Heavey Bog Co. Westmeath, Coolrain Bog Co. Laois and Killyconny Co. Cavan.- Catherine O'Connell

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