

# IRISH GAME AND COUNTRY FAIR & Fine Food Festival PROGRAMME



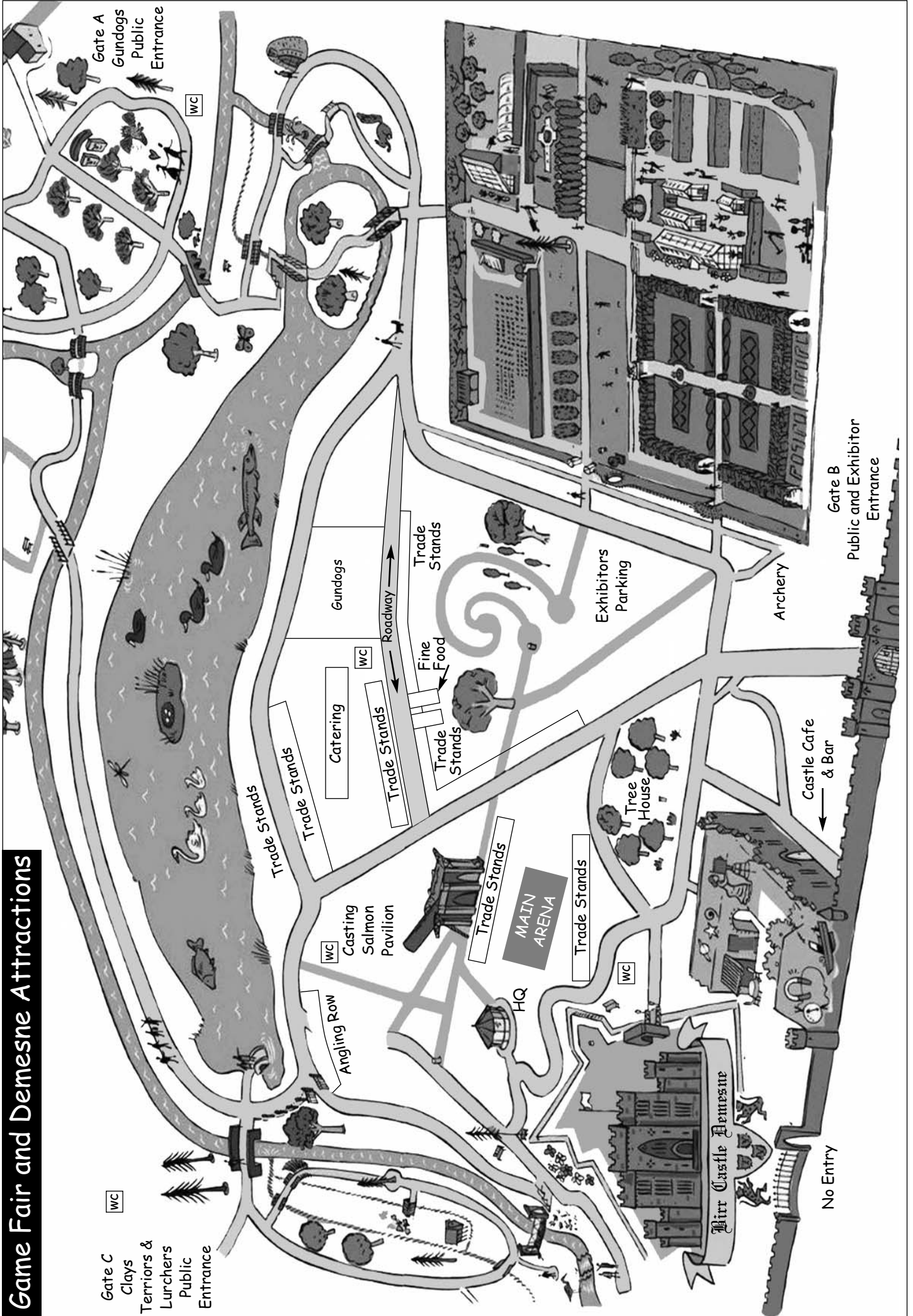
Birr Castle, Co Offaly Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August 2016 10.00am to 6.00pm

[www.irishgameandcountryfair.com](http://www.irishgameandcountryfair.com)

Supported by  **Fáilte Ireland**  
National Tourism Development Authority

The Great Game Fairs of Ireland team also organise the Ballynahinch Game & Harvest Festival, Montalto Estate, Ballynahinch 24th & 25th September see [www.ballynahinchharvestfestival.com](http://www.ballynahinchharvestfestival.com)

# Game Fair and Demesne Attractions



WC

Gate C  
Clays  
Terrions &  
Lurchers  
Public  
Entrance

Gate A  
Gundogs  
Public  
Entrance

WC

Trade Stands

Trade Stands

Gundogs

Trade Stands

WC

Catering

Trade Stands

Fine Food

Trade Stands

Roadway

Trade Stands

MAIN ARENA

Trade Stands

Tree House

Exhibitors Parking

Archery

Castle Cafe & Bar

No Entry

Muir Castle Demesne

Gate B  
Public and Exhibitor  
Entrance

# MAIN ARENA PROGRAMME SPONSORED BY THE NARGC

Director: Johnnie McCoy

Chief Steward: Tom Fulton



## Saturday 27th August 2016

- 10.00 hrs Muzzle Loading Display
- 10.30 hrs Fly Casting Display by Glenda Powell & APGAI Ireland
- 11.00 hrs Ferrets, Rabbits, Whippets & Longnetting Display with Steven McGonigal
- 11.30 hrs Cochise Horses
- 12.00 hrs Introduction to the Living History entertainment
- 12.30 hrs Fly Casting Display by Glenda Powell & APGAI Ireland
- 13.00 hrs Muzzle Loading Display
- 13.20 hrs Free Flying Falconry Display
- 14.00 hrs Medieval Jousting by Knights of the North
- 14.50 hrs Keith Mathews the Dog Guru
- 15.30 hrs Horse & Hound Display by the Ormond Foxhounds
- 15.50 hrs Cochise Horses
- 16.20 hrs The Victorian Poacher
- 16.50 hrs Falconry Display
- 17.20 hrs Muzzle Loading Display

## Sunday 28th August 2016

- 10.00 hrs Muzzle Loading Display
- 10.20 hrs Cochise Horses
- 10.40 hrs Ferrets, Rabbits, Whippets & Long Netting Display with Steven McGonigal
- 11.10 hrs Casting Display by Glenda Powell & APGAI Ireland
- 11.40 hrs Free Flying Falconry Display
- 12.10 hrs Muzzle Loading Display
- 12.30 hrs Gundog Demonstration by Ken Lindsay
- 13.00 hrs Re-Enactment of Sarsfield's Attack on the Castle
- 13.40 hrs Hound Display by the Balgarrett Beagles
- 14.00 hrs Medieval Jousting by Knights of the North
- 14.50 hrs Keith Mathews – the Dog Guru
- 15.30 hrs Carriage Driving Display
- 16.00 hrs Cochise Horses
- 16.30 hrs Free Flying Falconry Display
- 17.00 hrs Victorian Poacher
- 17.20 hrs Red Mills Five Nations Terrier Championship
- 17.40 hrs Red Mills Five Nations Lurcher Championship

## Continuous Events and Fair Attractions

The organisers of the Great Game Fairs of Ireland constantly strive to provide an unsurpassed range of activities to appeal to the whole family. At Birr Castle the Game Fair programme is greatly enhanced by the natural beauty of the estate and its many existing attractions. These include the world famous gardens, the Science Centre, the Great Telescope, the lake, the tallest Tree House in Ireland (small additional fee applies) and the Courtyard Cafe etc. Please note the Castle and its immediate grounds are not open to the public. The rest of the demesne is open to the public over the time of the fair and is also open to visitors throughout the year see [www.birrcastle.com](http://www.birrcastle.com)

**COUNTRY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS:** All the main organisations including the NARGC, CAI, IFA Countryside, CI, FISSTA and the IWT

**CLAY SHOOTING:** organised by Seamus Glennon with THREE GUNS to be won ; a pool trap and an extreme range competition.

**GUNDOG COMPETITIONS (SATURDAY):** RED MILLS Novice and Open Spaniel Tests and Gundog Scurry organised by the ESS Club of Ireland.

**GUNDOG COMPETITIONS (SUNDAY):** RED MILLS International Retriever Test and RED MILLS AV Retriever Novice & Open Tests organised by the Broadmeadows Gundog Club

**TERRIERS & LURCHERS – SATURDAY:** FEEDWELL RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SUNDAY – SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Irish Countrysports and Country Life/ Countryside Alliance Ireland (CAI) and NUTTS ROI Terrier and Lurcher Championships; Also the

**ICS&CL/RED MILLS Five Nations International Lurcher & Terrier Championships** qualifier and final on Sunday – MAIN ARENA 5.20.

**FERRET DISPLAY: SHOW & RACING** organised by the Roscrea working Dog Club 12.00 noon SUNDAY 28th August at Terrier & lurcher area.

**STATIC & FREE FLYING FALCONRY DISPLAY** by the NI School of Falconry and static display by the Irish Hawking Club

**ALL IRELAND STICKMAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS** organised by the Celtic Stickmakers Club.

**VIKING Archery** and meet the costumed re-enactors of Cavan Instinctive Archers Cavan who will provide a collage of medieval monster mashup madness. Viking to 16th century knights. Trebuchet for kids, ring toss, horse shoe toss, pillory and human cage. Games and fun and a photo opportunity at the end if required.

**HAVE A GO Traditional ARCHERY and LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING** in Mount Palmer; AIR RIFLE SHOOTING & Pony Rides Both days.

**ANGLING:** Game Fair Casting Competitions & Tution organised by Glenda Powell & APGAI and ULTIMATE TACKLE.

**FINE FOOD PAVILIONS** - great artisan food & drinks

**SALMON & WOODCOCK PAVILION** – see sporting organisations, artists and taxidermy at its best

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT AREA:** Quads, Bouncy Castles, Climbing Walls etc

**PLUS** Birr Castle Gardens, Science Galleries and Courtyard Café & Wine Bar are all part of the attractions that will make for a fantastic family experience in the magical setting of Birr Castle at the ROI's NATIONAL Game & Country Fair. The Birr Castle TREEHOUSE (is also open for a small additional fee).

**ADMISSION PRICES:** ADULT €5; Family (2 Adults and up to 4 Children) €35; Children 6-15 €5 Car Parking and Programme FREE.

Please Note: Visitors attend the Fair at their own risk. Parking is provided free of charge and again at car owners own risk. The Fair organisers and Birr Castle Demesne and their employees shall not be held responsible for any accident, damage or loss, however caused, that may occur to any person, motor vehicle, article or property

# Irish Game and Country Fair Spectator/Participant Survey

At Game Fairs Ireland Ltd we like to know what our customers think and to use that information to constantly improve the entertainment experience we provide for you and your family. We should like you to take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return it to us. All completed questionnaires will qualify for a €5 voucher off next year's ticket and there is an overall prize of a family day out at the 2017 Fair with lunch and free children's activities.

## Question 1 How did you hear about this event?

Newspaper		Television	
Radio		Magazine	
Poster in Shop		Fair Flyer	
Roadside Poster		Other Please Specify	

## Question 2. What activities did you find of particular interest?

Archery		Carriage Driving	
Angling		Falconry	
Jousting		Cochise Horses	
Attack on the Castle		Clay Pigeon Shooting	
Children's Area		Gundog Competitions	
Ferrets		The Castle Gardens	
Keith Mathews		Terriers and Lurchers	
Fine Food Pavilion		Victorian Poacher	
Tented Village		Air rifles	

Any Other activity (Please specify)

## Question 3. How satisfied were you with the following facets of this event

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Signage					
Toilets					
Parking					
Catering					
Range of Activities					
Range of Stands					
Overall					
Satisfaction					

## Question 4 Your trip to Birr Castle?

(a) How many people were in your Group: (a) Adults (b) Children

(b) Was it (a) a day trip (b) You stayed Over If (b) how many nights did you stay?

## Question 5 Personal Details

Age	Under 18	18 – 25	26 – 39	40 – 54	55 - 64	65 +
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## Question 6

Excluding Admission roughly how much did you spend at the fair?

## Question 7

What did you purchase at the fair?

Name: ..... email: .....

Address: .....

Please return the completed questionnaire to: Customer Survey, Game Fairs Ireland Ltd, 5b Woodgrange Road, Downpatrick BT30 8JE

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