

A Creative Journey On The Wild Atlantic Way

Your creative journey begins in the Minstrels Gallery of Newtown Castle, where your guide will share the stories of the many artists, poets, writers and musicians whose work has been inspired by the Burren. While touring the unique 16th century tower with its defensive features, learn of the Bardic and Brehon Law schools of the Burren – the inspiration for the contemporary Burren College of Art in the castle courtyard. Visit the latest exhibition in the college gallery and witness the Burren as inspiration to the international artists at work in their studios. Ignite your creative senses on a guided mindful walk past the Victorian Folly, ancient Lime kiln and Fulacht Fia on Newtown Trail. Return, relax and reflect over homemade fare in the Food of the Arts Café. Leave with a Burren College of Art sketchbook- an invitation to record and continue your creative journey.

Top Tip: Sturdy walking shoes for a 30 minute walk on the trail and reasonable mobility is required to climb castle stairs

Duration: 1 Hour and 30 Minutes

When: Guided experience available Monday – Friday 9am -4pm by prior appointment March – October. Castle and café open Monday – Friday year round

Min/Max Numbers: Minimum group of 8. Maximum 20

All group bookings must be made in advance

Location: Newtown Castle, Ballyvaughan, Co Clare

Pre-Booking: Prior booking required

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