

# OUR TOP "TO DO" FOR KIDS IN GALWAY

HERE ARE SOME LOCAL IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO IN GALWAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN - BOTH IN THE SUN AND RAIN. CHECK OUT THE TWELVE BAKERY FOR A PICNIC HAMPER IF YOU ARE PLANNING A DAY ON THE BEACH!

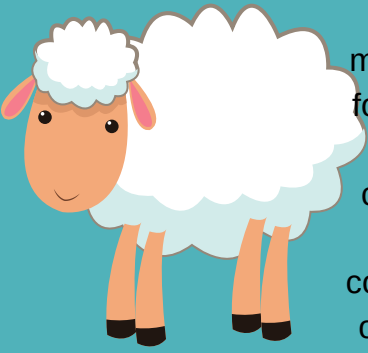
## BRIGIT'S GARDENS

Brigit's Garden offers a magical experience for all ages. The beautiful Celtic festival themed gardens are set within 4.5 hectares of woodland and wildflower meadows in Roscahill, not far from The Twelve. Its features include a nature trail, ogham trees, children's discovery trail, living willow play area, an ancient ring fort (fairy fort), roundhouse and the largest calendar sundial in Ireland. Special events celebrate the cycles of the year with treasure hunts, crafts and storytelling. Halloween and Easter are especially exciting.



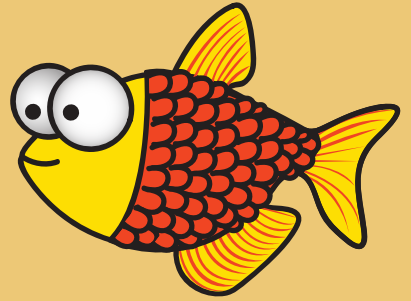
## LOUGHWELL FARM PARK

Loughwell Farm Park has stone roundabouts, beech lined walkways, and hand crafted timber play villages. There are many friendly animals including pot bellied pigs, miniature ponies, sheep, goats, chickens and many more. The Park is full of activities for children and adults with over 12,000 square feet of indoor entertainment including our super indoor play structure. They also have indoor skittle lanes, an indoor construction area and an indoor didi car track. Outdoors you can practice a putt on the mini golf course, drive the go karts, race against each other on the obstacle course, play in the huge timber covered sand pit, take a ride on the pony and trap and of course go for a spin around the farm on the famous barrel train!! After visiting the park you can pop to the beach in Spiddal or grab some 99's and a walk on the prom.



## GALWAY ATLANTAQUARIA

Overlooking the Atlantic in Salthill, Ireland's largest aquarium is home to over 170 species of fish. Over two floors you can expect to encounter all kinds of aquatic life ranging from the largest and only captive white skate in Ireland to baby starfish. Join in at a feeding time and hold spider crabs and starfish at the touch pool. Check out the 60 foot Fin Whale Skeleton, the largest skeleton on display in Ireland and explore the model submarine.



## LEISURELAND SALTHILL

With three swimming pools to choose from including a 25 metre pool, a warm-up pool and a kids' leisure pool with interactive water features, Leisureland in Salthill caters for swimmers of all ages and abilities. Kids love the 65 metre water slide and the giant Commando Run Inflatable Obstacle Course. Check out the website for pool opening times and scheduling. Curry's fun fair also operates on the premises during summer months.



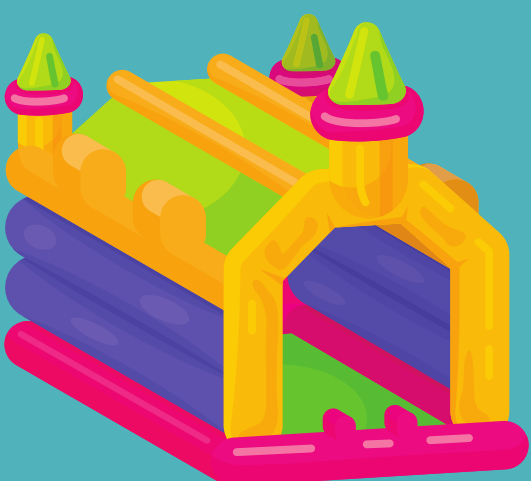
## PURE SKILL

For the sports enthusiasts, Pure Skill is an indoor sports' arena offering an interactive sports room and a sports' circuit with a wide selection of games including Gaelic football, soccer, hurling, rugby, tennis, cricket, baseball, basketball and golf. Using fully automated technology in it's weatherproof facility, the activities on offer are suitable for adults and kids over 8. It's located next door to Monkey Business soft play in Knocknacarra. Booking essential – prices would be on the higher end here.



## MONKEY BUSINESS

Located near to the hotel in Knocknacarra, this large activity centre caters for toddlers and older kids with climbing frames, ball pools, basketball/soccer area, slides, a bouncy castle, a reading corner, giant Lego and a toddler zone.



## BARNA WOODS

Kids love Barna Woods. Accessible from the main Barna road, this small wooded area provides nature's own playground with trees to climb and pathways to explore. It gets muddy. Bring wellies! At the end of the woods, follow the cycle path through Cappagh Park. Bring a football or a hurl to play in the pitches or enjoy Cappagh playground, complete with zip-wire, climbing frames and one of the largest playground slides around. The playground and pitches are accessible from Cappagh Road with ample parking at the community centre. Parking is limited on the Barna Road side.



## EILE MENTAL ACTIVITY PARK



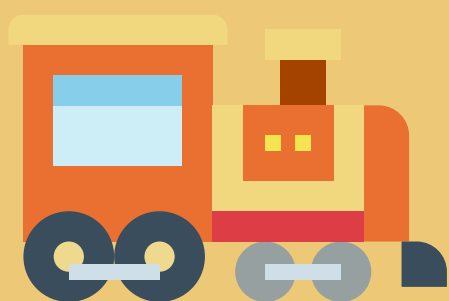
Eile Mental Activity Park in Furbo just five minutes from The Twelve is Ireland's newest activity park, with offers of Archery, Disc Golf, Zorbing and Paintballing. It's the perfect spot to get the kids using up all that excess energy and having huge amounts of craic all at the same time. Pre booking here is essential.

## KILLARY ADVENTURE CENTRE

If you're into planning ahead, book the family in for a morning or afternoon activity in Connemara! Killary Adventure Co. offer mud-running, mini waterparks, archery, laser combat and lots of outdoor fun. Not all activities are suitable for all ages, so be sure to request something that fits your family when booking. Activities in Killary only run with minimum numbers so it is best to give them a call when booking to see how likely your chosen activity is to run. While in Killary you could take a cruise on Ireland's only fjord. Cruises run during the summer months.



## GALWAY TOURIST TRAIN



Running from Salthill into and around the city during the Summer Months, and then again at Christmas the tourist train is great excitement for the younger family members. When you are in the City make sure to check out Charlie Byrne's book store – it has a wonderful children's section with storytime on a Saturday morning.

## PIZZA DOZZINA - PIZZA MAKING CLASS

Enjoy a pizza making class without having to leave the hotel! Our Chef's in Pizza Dozzina will help your little one to create their own pizza which they can then sit down and enjoy.

Pre booking is advisable as these classes aren't available on Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons/evenings if the Pizza Shop is busy.



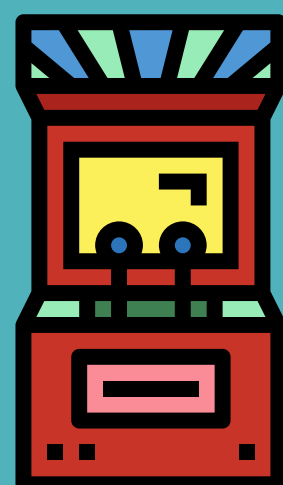
## AILLWEE CAVES & BIRDS OF PREY CENTRE



A trip to the Burren or the Cliffs of Moher wouldn't be complete without visiting the Aillwee Caves and Birds of Prey Centre. The Birds of Prey Centre is open since 2008 and is home to eagles, falcons, hawks and owls from all over the world. There are dynamic flying displays where you can get up close and personal to the birds.

## SEAPOINT LEISURE CENTRE

Seapoint Leisure Centre in on the promenade in Salthill is Galway's largest indoor family entertainment centre. Seapoint provides entertainment for all the family with an arcade packed with all the latest video and prize games, kiddie rides, slot machines and pool.



*Please ask our front office team for any more recommendations or directions to any of the above attractions!*