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We asked you to nominate the places that touch your soul, the scenic settings that lift you out of life and take you away to a better place. You came back with fields of bluebells, farmland with cattle a-chewing, beacons flashing from a lighthouse, a carpet of wild garlic, and secret sandy coves. The sunny south east living up to its name. Enjoying freshly brewed coffee and taking in the stunning view of this spectacular inlet. With the aid of binoculars, we could clearly see the lighthouse at Hook Head and the rambling Loftus Hall. As dusk fell, adding to the enchanting setting, the beacons flashed intermittently at Hook Lighthouse. The haunting sound of the seagulls as they swooped to pick up the morsels of bread rolls that we had scattered along the rocks added to the magic of the moment. Even though it was remote, we were enthralled by the sheer beauty of the place. The mountains and streams were breathtaking and the children enjoyed paddling and fishing. Nowadays we usually drive home through the Gap of Dunloe above. And we always remember that first visit 30 years ago when we got to the top of a three-mile drive to find a little shop next to a church. We were amazed to get creamy ices from a gas-run fridge. The Irish Bucket List: Located a minute boat ride away from the picturesque harbour of Cleggan, this idyllic island boasts beautiful white sandy beaches, dramatic sea cliffs, hidden coves, mysterious ruins and rolling hills. This car-free island only locals have vehicles is my mecca for peace and relaxation away from the stresses of modern life. Once I place my foot on Bofin pier every June Bank Holiday weekend I am transported to another world physically, psychologically and emotionally. Cavan A great little place in Co Cavan is Killeshandra - a lovely, friendly town and neighbours. Lakes for all standards of fisher folk, beautiful places to walk or cycle, and great places to eat! Less than two hours from Dublin, too. I work at the local kindergarten and we took the children for the annual "blue bell wood walk" last week. They ran, skipped and jumped with glee through the curved paths. They dragged large sticks to make dens. They laughed giddily as we played hide and seek in the sunken grassy bunkers and then picnicked afterwards in the sea of bluebells taking heed "to leave no trace". On a hot day, hordes of children head there, the older kids charged with minding the toddlers. The younger ones paddle while the older ones take turns holding on to a block of wood, learning how to swim. The path is well-trodden and worn. It has slightly sunk, a green womb on the cliffside, sheltered from the sea. The white star-like flowers of wild garlic carpet the soggy ground. Two ancient crucifixes watch over the well-worn figures surviving from the 5th century. A place I came with my grandparents who have now passed. I carry on our tradition of throwing some copper coins into the Well with my niece and nephews. It is made up of three different walks depending on how energetic you are feeling. It begins in the village or you can park at the badminton hall. There are picnic benches dotted along the walk, or just viewing areas with benches for a rest and a look at the amazing views. At one point you can see four counties. Dogs are allowed, in fact one person walks a ferret on a leash but no cars, bikes, etc. Children can have complete freedom. Up at Wellington Monument, a viewing platform has been constructed complete with telescope. This, to me, is an area of heaven on Earth. Though the unobtrusive signage tells you matter-of-factly that the boulders were deposited here thousands of years ago by giant sheets of ice, as tall as two double-decker buses, somehow the truth seems more fantastic than legend. Running my fingers along ancient carvings, I feel an intimate connection with the past that is both unsettling and reassuring. I cycle over the five-arched bridge across the river Glyde. The estuary is a feeding ground for brent geese, mallard, herons and little egret. Pedaling by the coast is easy. Slieve Gullion is across the bay. It is 20 or 30 miles from the Coolies. I scaled it two years ago. This is the land of Fionn Mac Cumhaill and Setanta. Then we saw it soaring overhead - a white-tailed sea eagle. Wicklow My paradise is a remote white sanded, tree-lined beach located on the northwest shore of Lough Dan in Co Wicklow. The idyllic setting where the Inchavore River flows into the lough and is overlooked by the Cloghoge, Kanturk and Scarr mountains. The beach is a peaceful and tranquil place to relax for hours with a good book and a picnic. Dappled patches of sunlight beamed through the Scots pines, birdsong in the air and the sound of a trickling stream. Huge, aged

bark and tentacle roots above the earth, even stretching across the stream to the opposite bank. As he starts to tell me the story again, the fairies come alive. Cork Dursey Island cable car The excitement starts when you board the cable car, and a sense of adventure befalls you as you look down nervously at the sea with its dangerous currents. You let out a sigh of relief when you land on the island, a world where time has stood still - no hotels or pubs, only breathtaking scenery on either side of the island as far away as Kerry. It faces the waters and the wild, with its clean white walls and red-framed windows. George Bernard Shaw stayed here. The walk finishes at Finavarra Point at the 19th-century Martello Tower. From here you can see across to Black Head in Fanore. Imagine letting the kids go free to search for fossils, rock art and subtly sculpted stones. Or to explore the beds of long lost pre-glacial rivers. Imagine ancient giants challenging each other to jump over an impossible gorge as you listen to the echoes of your own voice coming back from the depths of subterranean streams. Imagine listening to the song of the cuckoo as you marvel at landscapes stretching from Cuilcagh Mountain to Ben Bulbin, and Errigal to Slieve Gullion. There is no need for you to imagine. Instead, just go to Cavan Burren Park.

2: Meet Pius Murray, Your Burren Walks Guide - Walk With Pius

Having visited the Burren on many occasions, this book for me is a wonderful read. The author, whom I know personally, brings to the text his own intimate knowledge of the area and his scholarship in the areas of botany and geology.

The film has received positive reviews from critics and has been a big box-office success in Ireland. The famine of 1845-1849, claimed the lives of 1 million people out of a population of 2 million. By the 1850s, 3 million rural poor in Ireland were dependent on a monoculture diet of potatoes. Meat and cereal were produced in abundance but were mostly exported to Great Britain. In 1845 the potato was attacked by a fungus and the crop failed for six pestilential years. The authorities could have slowed down the export of food to alleviate the crisis. Instead they opted to continue the exportation. In a three month period at the end of 1845, cattle, sheep and pigs were exported along with significant amounts of wheat, barley and oats. The result was catastrophic – 1 million died as a result of the famine and a further 2 million emigrated in the two decades after the disaster. The Great Famine was the biggest humanitarian crisis of 19th century European history. Historical geographer Kevin Whelan has highlighted the geo-political context of the tragedy. The cause of the famine is much disputed in Ireland today with some arguing that it was a natural disaster exacerbated by a monoculture diet. Others vigorously challenge the orthodoxy of this view and apportion blame to the administration with its shameless policy of profit before people. Moreover, the latter group points out that the government of the U.K. However, no evidence of Palaeolithic mankind has been found in the Burren. The oldest evidence of mankind in the Burren was actually found in recent times at a midden, rubbish pile, site near Fanore beach in the north-west of the Burren. The Mesolithic people practiced the hunting and gathering tradition just like their predecessors in the Palaeolithic. However, the Mesolithic stone tools were more sophisticated than those of the Palaeolithic people. The Mesolithic in Ireland dates from circa 9,000 to 6,000 years ago. The Mesolithic communities would have concentrated settlement on the Burren coast and river valleys. These pre-farming peoples with their low-impact living model would have had little impact upon the forest cover. The site is a few hundred metres south of Temple Cronan, an Early Medieval monastic site. A ledger slab is an inscribed stone slab usually laid into the floor of a church or out on the graveyard to mark the burial place of a deceased person. The term "ledger" derives from the German word legen, meaning to lie. In England and Wales, they are dated mostly from the late seventeenth to the late eighteenth centuries, after which period they are rarer. The burial tradition is associated with the middle classes and even higher up "echelons". It is worth pointing out also that we had more land mammals in the past including European brown bear, wolf, boar, reindeer, lemmings and Arctic fox. Only 3 of the 22 native land mammals we have today preceded the arrival of mankind in to Ireland. The oldest evidence of mankind here is 12,000 years ago in the Palaeolithic era. They are the stoat, the otter and the hare. All the others have been introduced by humans. The carnivora order of land mammals is dog-and cat-like. There are six members of the order evident in the Burren – badger *Meles meles*, pine marten *Martes martes*, stoat *Mustela ermine*, fox *Vulpes vulpes*, otter *Lutra lutra* and the invasive mink *Mustela vison*. It is a beautiful animal with a dark brown fur coat and a creamy-yellow throat patch. The marten has semi-retractable claws which allows it to lead arboreal lifestyles. The pine marten is known as cat crainn in Gaelic tree cat. The only native land mammals in Ireland today which precede the arrival of mankind are the stoat, the hare and the otter. Pine martens were introduced by prehistoric mankind for fur and food as were badgers, foxes, red squirrels, red deer and wild pigs. The marten can be found in Scotland and Ireland but is absent from England and Wales. The Scottish population is about 3,000, The Irish population is most probably less. However, its numbers are on the increase. The Burren is an Irish stronghold of the pine marten. Its numbers have increased here as the scrub and woodland have expanded in the hills with the farming decline. A ground-breaking study in the Irish midlands has concluded that invasive grey squirrel populations decline drastically, even to the point of eradication, in areas where there are pine martens, grey and red squirrels. The marten is a predator of squirrels and can much more readily prey on the grey as the latter is a ground-feeding animal. This is great news for conservationists as the native red has been declining all over Europe with the

advance of the more robust grey. It is planned to re-introduce the pine marten to England in The region chosen is the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. Numbers proposed are 40 to 60 animals in an area of square kilometres. Martens like to live at low density and have only 2 to 3 kits each year. The re-introduction of the martens in the Forest of Dean may be followed by the re-introduction of the red squirrel. The animal is not popular with most owners of gamebird and poultry pens. If the marten breaches the pens, it can cause havoc. If the pen owner uses the correct fencing and remains vigilant, the birds or poultry should be safe from the pine marten. The artist is Barcelona man Carles Casasin. Carles has been living in Ballyvaughan for almost twenty years. He is a proud Catalan who also makes animation films. The limestone consists in part of skeletons of dead sea creatures and plants which were compacted on the ocean floor by the weight of the ocean. Three of the most common fossils in the Burren are brachiopods, crinoids and corals. The apex of the blooming period will be mid-May to mid-June. The grey limestone pavement landscape in winter is transformed in early summer into a mosaic of wild plants with origins in different climatic zones in the world. Here are five plants I photographed in the coastal Burren townland of Ballyryan on the 2nd of May this year. Text accompanies each image A plant with a short stem and five brilliant blue petals. They say no photograph can do full justice to the plant. Best seen with the naked eye. It is a rare wild flower in the north of Europe. Teesdale in England is the only other region where it is found in Northern Europe. The gentian is one of the earliest flowers of the year. An Illryian king, Gentiana, is credited with first identifying the medicinal use of the flower. In the past the folk belief was that death would follow if the flower were picked. It was also believed that if an individual brought the gentian indoors he or she would be struck by lightning. They are both herbivores and are members of an order of even-hoofed animals called Artiodactyla. The countryside was more dramatic in the past when charismatic animals such as reindeer Rangifer , giant Irish deer Megaloceros , wolf Canis lupus , European brown bear Ursus arctos , boar Sus scrofa and others also roamed. Red Deer probably became extinct in the Burren in the middle of the s in a wider context of population collapse in Ireland and Europe due to a big rise in human pressure on the natural world. We are very fortunate in the Burren to host this spectacular mammal with its long beard and hair, oversized sideburns and extravagant horns. The Old Irish Goat was the only goat breed in Ireland up to It roams in the Burren wild with about 1, other ex-domestic goats. The rare Old Irish Goat is thus being hybridised. A conservation plan is badly needed in order to safeguard the bloodline. A campaign is afoot to try to get Rare Breed Status for the animal. The Status would mean official protection of the animal. The number of Old Irish Goats in the Burren is extremely provisional and may number as little as Historical evidence of Brigid is lacking. The matter is not helped by the fact that the first Life Of Brigid was written in A. She is credited with living from to A. Because of her doubtful provenance, some consider Brigid to be a pre-Christian divinity which was expediently adopted by the emboldened Christian church. She is said to be buried in Downpatrick, County Down with the other two marquee names of Irish sainthood, Patrick and Colmcille. Whilst Brigid may never have existed, her cult remains very robust a millenium and half later. Right across Ireland today, the feast day will be celebrated mainly through official religion though a minority will mark the occasion in a "hybrid" way or even in an exclusively secular style. They tell me that her feast will be honoured tomorrow with a Mass. Prior to the Great Hunger of , Brigid was the protectress for millions of impoverished. Her cross would have been a constant above the front doors of their abject dwellings. The walk took place in Ballyryan on the coast in the south west of the Burren. Ballryan is a botanical paradise located in an extensive area of limestone pavement and thin soils. Our last stop on the walk was a wedge tomb. The wedge tomb is in fact the last in the sequence of megalithic tombs from the Stone Age period in Ireland 6, to 4, years ago. Wedge tombs are so called because they are funnel-shaped - one end wider than the other.

3: BURREN - Definition and synonyms of Burren in the English dictionary

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So did U2 play the tiny Irish bar last night? Why not, you ask? Rewind to a few months back, and U2 actually did take to the NYC subway and busked in disguise, which was actually pretty cool video. Were they going to do the same thing in Boston? A few hours later, the Boston music site Vanyaland picked up on the tweet and posted an article about a potential U2 secret Boston gig later that night. To be fair to Vanyaland, U2 did play two recent Boston shows Friday and Saturday, and will play two more tonight and Wednesday, so with a night off and being in town, it did seem possible. However, it was now being speculated as a subway, street, club, or pub show. So will U2 take it to the streets or the subway platforms? Or is a smaller secret club or pub show planned? To make this even more believable, U2 did play a secret show at the Somerville Theatre back in , but it was a planned event confirmed by U2 well in advance, and you had to win tickets. The speculation was in full gear, and people were throwing out all sorts of possible venues, some reasonable and some laughable. I love U2 and was actually watching this closely. The tweet was deleted shortly after, but Boston Events later retweeted it. Vanyaland updated this information to the article, which was getting a lot of attention. Secret Boston and Vanyaland eventually tweeted and shared this information. This is where my hopes are over. However, more and more people are going to The Burren, and the speculation is all over Twitter. Then Secret Boston tweets the following: The word on twitter is that U2 is either at The Burren or on their way to the Burren, sending more fans to the irish bar, forming a line. Shortly after 11pm, Susan Tran of 7 news spoke with the owner and displayed the following tweets. Honestly, there were tons of tweets with misinformation last night, but the information started with Vanyaland and Secret Boston, so people naturally headed there for updates. Do I think Secret Boston was trolling people? Were people trolling Secret Boston and sending misinformation? Do I think Secret Boston was excited about the possible event and wanted to pass along information quickly? Is Secret Boston a journalist? Should Secret Boston have been more selective with the information shared to 3k followers? Is Vanyaland good at clickbait? Should the owner of The Burren have stopped this rumor before it got to big? U2 plays a not so secret show tonight at the TD Garden, and will do so again tomorrow.

4: www.enganchecubano.com: Customer reviews: The Secret Places of the Burren

Author John Feehan alludes early on to stories he has heard told by Irish natives to tourists; and, after the Irish fashion, he seems to find a good story shouldn't be ruined by slavishly sticking to the truth.

History[edit] The site was originally occupied by Ballyvaughan Castle, which stood right at the edge of the harbour. By , the castle was in ruins. Only the foundations remain today. On the promontory on which the castle was situated and on which the Irish Cottage scheme is today located there were also other late medieval dwellings. This was designed by Alexander Nimmo. By the village had grown to inhabitants and 35 houses. The new quay was of great importance, as it allowed Ballyvaughan to export grain, bacon and vegetables and to import supplies from Galway. For a while, Ballyvaughan was the official capital of this region of Clare, sporting its own workhouse, coastguard station and a large police barracks. Over time, as the roads improved and the piers fell into disrepair, the town lost its importance as a fishing harbour. More construction took place in the s: There was also a Church of Ireland , but when this later closed it was dismantled and re-erected at Noughaval. In , it was rededicated and it is now in use as a Catholic place of worship St. This water supply was extended to the centre of town under the Public Health Act of by the Board of Guardians, using cast-iron pipes. In a fountain was erected by two brothers from Connemara, the Coyne brothers, stuck in town after their ship had sunk at Gleninagh pier. The IRA unit captured some weapons and withdrew. Its position on the coast road between Galway and the Cliffs of Moher brings significant pass-through tourism business to the village. These include the new pier and slipway, constructed in , which has opened up the area to boating, fishing, scuba diving and other maritime activities. Ballyvaughan is located on the Burren Way , a long-distance walking trail. One popular landmark was the Ballyvaughan signpost, located at the T-junction in the center of the village, pictures of which had long been used by Tourism Ireland to market the country internationally. Those were removed by the National Roads Authority in June , causing a public outcry by local residents. Construction of a treatment works has been delayed until Each year botanists and naturalists roam this karst landscape in search of Arctic, Alpine and Mediterranean plants that grow in profusion over the limestone pavements. The Burren is renowned for its archaeology. Beside the Aillwee Caves, just metres north of the upper car-park is the popular novice rock-climbing location of Aill na Cronain. For trained cave explorers, there is the Poll na Gollum , Faunarooska, and the Cullaun series. Notable people associated with Ballyvaughan[edit].

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and medications, risk The Secret Places of the Burren The Children's Bill of Emotional Rights A Guide to the Needs of Children, Eileen Johnson, , Psychology, pages. The book is a.

Otherworldly landscapes, traditional music, and authentic Irish spirit. Around the same time, Randy Garutti became smitten with Irish culture during his first visit to Dublin. Randy proposed, in the turret of Dromoland Castle. The Trip We all have a place that looms mythically in our imaginations. Its contours seep in and imprint themselves on our DNA like inherited memories. Ireland teemed with all the personality and drama my suburban teenage life seemed to lack. But mostly, I fed my record player Irish music. I drank in the mystic melancholy of Van Morrison and danced in my room to the Chieftains and the Pogues. Twenty years later, my non-hurling husband and I rented a house for the summer in the three-pub village of Doolin in County Clare, on the edge of a wind-pocked stone wilderness known as the Burren. The Opel microvan we rented at Shannon airport was barely wide enough to fit two people hip-to-hip, and slightly too wide for the Lilliputian lanes on the coast road to Doolin. As the van leaned cartoonishly around a sudden bend in the road, I saw, in choppily spliced film cuts: We finally pulled up to our thatch-roof cottage, with only the round medieval tower of Doonegore Castle standing between it and the sea. Realizing our fridge was empty, we went in search of groceries in the nearby town of Ennistymon. But there was something odd. In the Ennistymon-church car park, every other vehicle was sporting a surfboard or three strapped to the roof. Unrelenting winds consistently carve up ten-foot waves off the strand at Lahinch, making it a favorite spot for surfers, even if they have to vie with throngs of intrepid golfers for a seat at the pub. We ordered pints of Guinness what else? Every summer, the west coast draws a few lonely dolphins, he explained, whose lifelong mates have been caught in commercial fishing nets. During what amounts to a grieving process, they seem to crave human contact and will weave through swimmers several times a day all summer long before heading out to sea in search of another mate. We hiked much of the square miles of gray-green limestone steppes that turn an eerie bone white in the sunshine and a burnt gold at sunset. A harsh place at first glance, the Burren is a shocking contrast to stock images of vivid green Irish countryside. There are two explanations for how the Burren came to be. The scientific reasoning is based on eons of erosion. But there is another plausible theory, spelled out in John M. The missus was getting the worst of the fight and ran away. Himself took after her with a big sledgehammer, and she ran in behind a cluster of lunar rocks. The husband split the rock, sending his wife flying through space clinging to a fragment that landed along the Clare coast. Mythmaking and bawdy humor are bred in the Irish bone, of course. Every Irishman has a favorite limerick and a favorite pub where he first test-marketed it. What sustains them is their love of a well-poured stout and the music to which they drink it. To rent a cottage, manor, or even a castle, try shamrockcottages or irishvacationrental. Hit Lahinch Surf Shop for boards, gear, and daily surf reports.

6: Wild Atlantic Way | The Burren Centre

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A part of the Burren forms the Burren National Park, the smallest of the six National Parks in Ireland, while the full Burren and adjacent territory including the Cliffs of Moher are included in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark.

8: Ireland's most beautiful places: 18 hidden gems for your travels - www.enganchecubano.com

The walk took place in Ballyryan on the coast in the south west of the Burren. Ballyryan is a botanical paradise located in

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an extensive area of limestone pavement and thin soils. Huge numbers of visitors stop at Ballryan everyday in high season to take in the dramatic views of the Burren, Galway Bay, the Aran Islands and Connemara.

9: Photos / Review: U2 Didn't Play The Burren | Boston Through My Eyes - A Boston Music Blog

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