

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**All trails lead to the Harvest Picnic at Highbank Organic Orchards,  
the Grand Finale event of Kilkenny Trails Festival 2013!**

The Harvest Picnic and artisan food & craft market is the final event of Kilkenny Trails Festival 2013, taking place in Highbank Organic Orchards at Highbank Farm from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The Kilkenny Trails Festival runs this year from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, with a jam-packed and exciting programme of events designed to inspire you to get out and about, get active and get exploring the wonderful Kilkenny countryside.

With more than sixty events planned for the month of September, this year's Kilkenny Trails Festival has something perfect for everyone – for families, groups of friends, solo adventurers, keen cyclists, experienced hikers, absolute beginners and complete newbies, and even the dog!

The Harvest Picnic and artisan food & craft market is the final big day out during the Kilkenny Trails Festival for the whole family, bringing the Festival to a close with a massive gathering, a celebration of all the trails and a day of great fun, food and activities on Highbank Organic Farm.

Bring your own picnic, pre-order a Glasraí & Goodies picnic basket, or pick up picnic treats from the food market and join in the events of the day. These include a guided cycle from Kilkenny to Burnchurch, guided Heritage Train Tours of Highbank Farm – hear tales of a princess and dueling gentlemen, bread, butter and jam making demonstrations from Anne Neary (Ryeland Cookery School), Breda MacDonald (ICA) & Edward Hayden (TV3 celebrity chef), mud workshops, pottery workshops, MADE in Kilkenny Craft demos, a 1.5m cycle track, cookie baking competition, the Highbank Heritage Walk, performances and art exhibitions.

The Kilkenny Trails Festival is a month-long celebration of everything special that Kilkenny has to offer, providing the opportunity to dip in and out of countless activities over the course of September. There are trails and fun for everyone, featuring everything from heritage to history, paddling to picnicking, biking to bird-watching, scavenging to scones, and those all the more welcome after a mighty afternoon in the fresh air!

With bikes available to hire on the Farm, entry costs €5 per car, and the Heritage Train Tour costs €4 per person or €15 for a family ticket. Book the train directly on +353 56 7729918, and order a picnic from Glasraí & Goodies on +353 56 7733799 or by mailing [siobhan@glasraiangoodies.com](mailto:siobhan@glasraiangoodies.com)

The Harvest Picnic and artisan food & craft market from 10am till 6pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September in Highbank Organic Orchards at Highbank Organic Farm, Cuffesgrange, Kilkenny brings together and celebrates many of the strands of the Kilkenny Trails Festival – food, craft, cycling, walking, history, nature and fun!

For details of all the activities happening during the Kilkenny Trails Festival, and for further information on a whole range of walking, cycling, food and craft trails visit [www.trailkilkenny.ie](http://www.trailkilkenny.ie) or [www.kilkennytrailsfestival.ie](http://www.kilkennytrailsfestival.ie)

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS

There is a fantastic range of easily accessible, high quality walking, cycling, food and craft trails for visitors to County Kilkenny, with Trail Kilkenny trails full of taste and flavour, full of sights, sounds and textures, full of history, culture and beauty, to be experienced on two wheels, in a car, or on your own two feet. Most importantly, Trail Kilkenny trails are designed to be experienced through the passion and commitment of local producers, residents and craftspeople, who help to make an adventure of every day spent in Kilkenny. To find and navigate the walking and cycling trails as well as TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail and MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail, view the full range of trails on [www.trailkilkenny.ie](http://www.trailkilkenny.ie) where you can also download trail maps, download the free App by searching for Trail Kilkenny in the App Store, follow Trail Kilkenny on Twitter on [@trailkilkenny](https://twitter.com/trailkilkenny) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TrailKilkenny](https://www.facebook.com/TrailKilkenny) or pick up one of the free maps and brochures available in many tourism and hospitality outlets around the county.