

Carlow Snowdrop Time

January - February 2027

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23rd January - 16th Annual Gala Saturday

Snowdrop Gala 2027 - Celebrating the Snowdrop and other Spring Treasures

Ballykealey House, Ballon, Co Carlow R93 A9K1

A highlight of the horticultural calendar and Ireland's most established snowdrop event. With talks by John Lonsdale (USA) 'Snowdrops and Companion Plants' & Dr John Grimshaw (UK) 'E.A. Bowles: Inspiring Plantsman'.

EARLY BIRD Tickets (until Jan 1st) **€135**
(**€**155 thereafter from Jan 2nd)

Book Online: altamontplants.com

Every Wednesday – Sunday from January 27th

Snowdrops and Sculpture

Burtown House, Burtown Little, Athy, Co Kildare R14 AE67
www.burtownhouse.ie

At Burtown spring arrives in a breathtaking display of snowdrops, aconites and early flowering bulbs set in the heart of a stunning sculpture collection located within the gardens.

30th January – 28th February

The Sensory Snowdrop Experience at Delta Sensory Gardens

Delta Sensory Gardens and Garden Centre, Strawhall Estate, Carlow R93 Y959. www.deltasensorygardens.ie

Delta invites guests to explore rare and beautiful varieties in a setting designed to engage all five senses.

Every Weekend from 30th January

Garden, Woodland and Castle Tours at Huntington Castle

Huntington Castle & Gardens, Clonegal, Co Carlow, Y21 K237.
www.huntingtoncastle.com

These historic 17th century grounds feature a collection of snowdrops and early spring bulbs. House tours. Huntington Castle Gardens and Tearooms open from 11am to 5pm.

Every weekend from 30th January

Snowdrops and Spring Bulbs

Shankill Castle, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny R95 T8X7
www.shankillcastle.com

Visitors can enjoy extensive displays of snowdrops alongside other early spring bulbs, woodland walks and the castle grounds.

1st February to 28th February

Guided Tours of the Snowdrop Collection at Altamont Gardens

Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co Carlow, R93 N882. www.heritageireland.ie

A great opportunity to view this unique collection, first started by Corona North, former owner of the gardens. Having been further developed by the OPW over the last twenty years, the display is now the largest public collection in Ireland, with over 150 named varieties. This 100-acre estate, on the banks of the River Slaney near Tullow features an enchanting blend of formal, informal and wild gardens. Guided tours daily.

Advance booking of group tours requested.

1st February to 28th February

Snowdrop Month in Arboretum's Inspirational Gardens

Arboretum Home & Garden Heaven, Leighlinbridge, Co Carlow, R93 P9F4.
www.arboretum.ie

The snowdrops wake up the Inspirational Gardens, as they are the first to flower each year. There are a few thousand snowdrop bulbs in the gardens made up of *Galanthus 'Flore Pleno'*, which produces dainty fragrant double-white flowers, and the pure white *Galanthus 'Mount Everest'*.

Snowdrop Events at Altamont Plants

Saturday 30th January

Growing Snowdrops in Small Spaces with Photography Tips

A wonderful talk by snowdrop enthusiast and renowned botanical photographer, Richard Murphy **€30 per ticket**

Saturday 6th February

Practical Advice for Budding Snowdrop Enthusiasts

Discover the secrets to snowdrop success with Assumpta Broomfield. **€30 per ticket**

Saturday 13th February

The Wonderful World of Snowdrops

Join Paddy Tobin, for a fascinating journey into this wonderful world of snowdrops. **€30 per ticket**

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th February

Craft and Art Weekend at Altamont Plants

A weekend celebrating local creativity with a varied selection of snowdrop themed crafters. **Free admission**

Saturday 20th February

Snowdrops for Beginners

An enjoyable presentation by Rosie Maye, otherwise known as the renowned 'Insomniac Gardener'. **€30 per ticket**

Saturday 27th February

Snowdrops and their Companions Workshop

A fun and interactive workshop that includes a guided tour of the snowdrops at Altamont Plants by Robert Miller. **€50 per ticket**

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