Máirín de Valéra
Carron Research Facility,
Carron, Co. Clare.

Application Form
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Location of Carron Research Facility
About The Carron Research Facility
The Carron Field Research Station was established by University College Galway in 1975 as a base for groups involved in research on the Burren. The Research Station was extensively renovated in 2004, and is now open throughout the year. While its main objective is to provide facilities for research personnel at NUI, Galway, visiting parties are also welcome to use the Station.

Amenities at Carron Research Facility include:
- Dormitory accommodation for groups of up to 20
- Separate accommodation for up to 4 supervisory staff
- Cooking and dining areas
- Meeting rooms
- Fully serviced teaching laboratory

Admission to the Carron Research Facility
Use of the Facility is open to the following groups:
- Students from Universities and colleges of education
- Researchers
- Local groups requiring meeting rooms
- Tour groups and visitors can also be accommodated

Application for Accommodation at Carron Research Station
Residence is strictly confined to persons working on research projects or working under supervision. Persons under eighteen years of age will not be permitted for overnight stays.

Nature of Application

Group [ ] Individual [ ]

Name & Title of Group Leader or Individual:

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Position:

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Address:

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Period for which application is being made:
(Alternative Dates should also be provided)

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Number of Students: Male [ ] Female [ ]

Number of Staff: Male [ ] Female [ ]

Booking Fee: €10 per person per night

Purpose of Visit:

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This application form and other enquiries should be directed to:

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Botanically, the Burren is one of the most interesting sites in Europe because of the unique features which distinguish its otherwise typical limestone flora. The occurrence, from hilltop to sea level, of Artic-Alpine and Mediterranean species in close association is perhaps the area’s most remarkable feature; the unusual composition of the wetland, the scrub and the limestone heaths, together with the local abundance of plants elsewhere rare in Ireland, further underline the scientific importance of the Burren.

The area is rich in archaeological remains. Over 60 megalithic tombs have been recorded and several, including the portal tomb in Poulnabrone and the wedge tomb in Gleninsheen townland, are within a few miles of Carron. There are several hundred ringforts, mostly unsurveyed; of note amongst these are the 9th century fort of Cahercumaun and Ballykinvarga fort with its stone chevaux-de-frise.

The Burren Region

The Burren region of North West Clare extends over some 450 sq. km. and possesses a number of features which have made it internationally renowned.

The spectacular topography of the area provides the geographer with a unique opportunity to identify and record cultural and physical phenomena. It is possible to study elements of the ancient and modern landscapes such as boundaries, settlement types and patterns. The physiographic is ideal for the investigation of erosional and depositional processes.

Domestic Arrangements

Overnight accommodation for 24 persons is available. Bunk beds are provided in two dormitories. All parties are expected to be self-catering and the Facility has a fully fitted kitchen, together with an adjacent dining area. Cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils are provided.

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