



## Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in March

Spring is in full swing here at Delphi Lodge so let’s take a look at the line-up in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Connacht Rugby v Benetton Treviso (Guinness Pro12)**

For Rugby Fans, Connacht play host to Benetton Treviso at The Sportsground in the Guinness Pro12. Kick-off at 5.15pm.

See: [www.connachtrugby.ie](http://www.connachtrugby.ie)

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Éigse an Spidéil**

Éigse an Spidéil is an annual festival of traditional music, dance, sean-nós singing, art, and poetry which takes place in Spiddal, Co. Galway.

See: [www.eigseanspideil.ie](http://www.eigseanspideil.ie)

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Gaelforce Sky Run Mountain Challenge**

A 22km Mountain run across three peaks of the Northern Maamturks in Connemara. This is a unique event and the only one of its kind on the west coast of Ireland. A 22km challenging race route involving steep ascents and descents, for experienced mountain runners only. Special access has been granted to this stunning route by local landowners making it an amazing opportunity for mountain runners.

See: <http://www.gaelforceevents.com/skyrun/en/skyrun.html>

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Wild-screen Film Festival**

A weekend of national and international contemporary art film at Innagh Valley Hatchery in the Connemara countryside. Curated by Galway-based artists Louise Manifold and ÚNA Quigley, the programme will include films by Michael Craig-Martin, Dorothy Cross, Vivienne Dick, Werner Herzog, Derek Jarman, Maximillian Le Cain, Laida Lertxundi and Walker & Walker.

See: [www.wildscreenireland.com](http://www.wildscreenireland.com)

## **Saturday 14th**

### **Head of the River Rowing Regatta (Galway)**

This year the Head of the River will be organised by NUIG Boat Club and Tribesmen, and it takes place from the mouth of the lake to a little downstream from the Quincentennial Bridge. The boats race for fours and double sculls starts at 10.30am, the race for single sculls and pairs starts at 1.30pm, and the race for eights and quad sculls starts at 4pm. Hundreds of competitors will be involved, and the best viewing points are Dangan slip or on or near the Quincentennial Bridge.

See [www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie](http://www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie)

## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **St. Patrick's Day**

Why have a Day when you can have a Festival?

If you're visiting us around this date you won't have far to travel in any direction to experience the most Irish of all feasts and festivals. There'll be a parade in almost every town in the locality – with Clifden, Louisburgh and Westport all putting their best floats forward.

Closest to the Lodge will be St' Patricks Spring festival in Louisburgh only a 20 minute drive from the Lodge.

The Galway St. Patrick's Festival from the 14th to the 17th celebrating Galway's diverse culture and talent. See [www.stpatricksfestivalgalway.com](http://www.stpatricksfestivalgalway.com)

Westport are also hosting a St. Patrick's Festival from the 14th to the 17th with a packed programme of events. See <http://destinationwestport.com/event/gathering-patrick/>

Take in one parade or take up the challenge to visit as many as possible on the day – not for the faint-hearted.

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Croagh Patrick Heritage Trail Walking Festival**

Walk in Mayo with the ancient mountain of Croagh Patrick as your destination. Come and walk the Croagh Patrick Heritage Walking Trail and experience unspoilt landscape and rich heritage in County Mayo on the west coast of Ireland. Croagh Patrick Heritage Trail is a 61 kilometre national way-marked walk which begins in the village of Balla in east Mayo and ends at the village of Murrisk at the foot of Croagh Patrick on the shores of Clew Bay.

See [www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com](http://www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com)