



armagh apple blossom fair

Loughgall Country Park | **Mon 4 May 2015**

10.30am - 6.00pm [last admission 5.00pm]

County Armagh is known as the Orchard of Ireland because of its many apple orchards, which span over 4,000 acres of countryside.

The Orchard County of Armagh, with the picturesque village of Loughgall at its heart, is widely known for its apple growing tradition. The Apple Blossom Fair is a chance to sample the apple produce with stunning pink and white blossom providing a spectacular backdrop for this special event.

Event highlights include:

Orchard Tours

Guided coach and walking tours bring the orchards to life with interesting stories surrounding Armagh's apple growing history.

**Orchard tours are included in the entrance fee and include a drive or walk through the orchards with a local guide. Tours last approx. 40 mins. An extended tour is available for an additional fee (see overleaf for details)*

Cookery Demonstrations

The Armagh Bramley Apple will take centre stage with cookery demonstrations from award-winning local chefs.

Music & Barbeque

Soak up the atmosphere with music followed by an afternoon Barbeque.

Family Fun

Children's activities include themed country games, children's music and a Mad Hatter's picnic party.

Food & Craft Stalls

Local artisan food growers and producers will showcase their products and crafts which include fruit juices, pies and chutneys, locally produced meats, wood-turned crafts and much more.

Vintage Tea Party

Relax as a local women's group provide afternoon tea in the country style marquee, complete with beautiful vintage china, quirky bunting and vintage accessories.

**ADMISSION
ONLY £4.00**
[Under 4's free]



www.armagh.co.uk/appleblossom



Apple Tasting & Pressing Tours

With a countryside rich in orchards, Armagh has been producing fruit juices, cider and apple related produce for many years. Explore the apple growing region by choosing from two additional tours:

1. Address House Blossom & Orchard Tour

DEPARTS 12.30PM AT LOUGHGALL COUNTRY PARK

Address House is a beautiful National Trust Property set in the heart of an apple orchard:

- Take a guided tour of Address House
- Explore the farmyard which houses a collection of horse-drawn machinery and farmyard animals
- Follow the children's apple trail
- Enjoy tea/coffee and Armagh Bramley apple tart with fresh cream at Dan Winter's House (juice for kids)

2. Apple Juice & Cider Tour

DEPARTS 3.30PM AT LOUGHGALL COUNTRY PARK

Armagh Apple Farm is owned by the Troughton family who have been growing apples in Armagh for four generations:

- Take a walk through the orchard and hear the history of apple growing
- See the production process including the traditional artisan method to produce Armagh cider
- Press apples and make your own apple juice
- Sample the cider and/or apple juice
- Receive a goodie bag containing either apple juice or cider
- Enjoy tea/coffee and Armagh Bramley apple tart with fresh cream at Dan Winter's House (juice for kids)

Cost: £8.50 adult | £4.00 children

Tour duration: approx. 3 hours | Tickets available on the day or buy online at www.armagh.co.uk/appleblossom

Family Dog Show

A day out for all the family – bring your canine friends along to the event for a chance to battle it out in 4 categories:

- Most handsomest male
- Prettiest female
- Best dressed dog
- Perfect puppy

Competitions

WIN A HAMPER...

full of locally produced goodies by entering one of the following:

Jam making contest

Pick your fruit, get your jam pan out and make your favourite homemade jam to bring along on the day.

Apple tart contest

Bring your home-made apple tart and enter it into the best apple tart contest.

Accommodation: Visit www.armagh.co.uk/appleblossom for places to stay nearby. For group bookings contact +44 [0] 28 3752 1800. Group leader gets free entry - must be arranged in advance. [Group 10+]

For further information contact Armagh Visitor Information Centre on +44 [0] 28 3752 1800.

Event information and tickets can be purchased at www.armagh.co.uk/appleblossom or on the day.