3 Lakes Walk - 1.9km, duration 20 - 25 minutes

This walk begins and ends on the plaza in front of the UCD James Joyce library and brings together the three lakes of UCD. The walk also links the hustle and bustle of student life to the tranquility of the woodlands boundary. Walking along this route will bring you in close contact with a wide variety of wildlife species and also a range of habitats. The recently completed Upper Lake is designed as a wildlife habitat, which will add to the rich biodiversity already found on the Belfield Campus.

Developed in conjunction with the building of the Arts, Administration and Library buildings in the 1970s, the main UCD Lake was the original focal point for the campus. It is now joined by the Upper Lakes which form a second focal point between the UCD Engineering and Materials Science Centre, UCD Sutherland School of Law, UCD Quinn School of Business, Gerald Mahony Hopkins International Centre and Desmond buildings.

The New Upper Lake acts as a natural rain water treatment facility and was built in conjunction with the UCD Sutherland School of Law Building. This constructed wetland, covering an area of 6,400m², with a water body in excess of 9 million litres, will develop over time providing a wildlife corridor between the perimeter and central core of the campus. The length of the water body is especially designed to allow for colonisation by swans. The large selection of marginal planting includes reed plants and vegetated islands for wildlife. In total approximately 22,000 new plants are being planted including 105 new trees, 2,500 woodland and hedging plants, 8,000 wetland plants and 17,500 sedge bulrush.

The Upper Lakes also complete the first section of the belt walk landscape which forms part of the wider master plan for campus circulation.

The Lower or "Secret" Lakes are situated behind the UCD Veterinary Sciences Centre and UCD Conway Institute. They are part of an original water course that has been developed into a series of ponds to provide biodiversity and forms part of the Millennium Oak-Walk.

Sculture Trail

Along your walk look out for some of the sculptures that make up the UCD sculpture trail which has been developed to enhance the natural beauty of the campus through donation and acquisition (see map).

1. Farm in Motucane, Giorgio Zammarchi, 1987/1990 (twee stone)
2. Dedicated to Nino D'Agosta, 1988 (bronze)
4. Shepherds, Thomas Gleeden, 1984 (granite)
5. Wind and Water, Paddy Campbell, 2011 (bronze)
7. Judgement, Ravan Gillespie, 2013 (bronze)
8. Rendoneive, Bob Quinn, 2009 (bronze and stone)
11. Black Tulip, Saimon Caient, 2013 (bronze)

For more information visit www.ucd.ie/campusdevelopment/woodlandwalks/

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Other walks you might consider

- **Millennium Walk - 3.2km, duration 35-40 minutes**
  Following a meandering double line of oak trees this path stretches from the UCD Bowl to the back of the UCD Veterinary Sciences Centre, and incorporates the UCD Newmanstown Precinct and the lake and wild meadow at Woodview. The walk includes many features of ecological importance such as a pond and filter bed, bluebells and wildflower meadows. The area has become a valuable habitat for wildlife and has a broad range of biodiversity. A Garden Oak-Walk, Pine-Walk and Cherry Grove are visited along this path.

- **Belfield Walk - 2.4km, duration 30-35 minutes**
  Encompassing the academic core of the campus, this walk begins and ends at the entrance to the UCD James Joyce library and forms a green link between the heart of the campus and the woodland parapets of the former estates. This walk passes O'Reilly Hall and the lake which is home to a number of wildlife species including ducks, fish and a range of other aquatic bird wildlife. The Elm-Walk and Woodland Green also feature along this path.

- **Gleneagles Walk - 1.9km, duration 20-25 minutes**
  This walk joins 3.4 hectares of established woodland on campus including Belfield Wood and filtering naps alongside Bellfield House. Monee Wood which is located alongside Monee House (Novotels) and Foster's Avenue Wood. The path includes the tree lined avenue to Monee House and the Lime Walk.

- **Boundary Woodland Walk - 6.2km, duration 60-70 minutes**
  Bringing the walks together, the 6.2km Boundary Woodland Walk extends around the perimeter of the campus to form a path linking the original and recently developed woodland areas with the wider campus landscape. Starting at the N11 entrance, this walk reveals some of the hidden treasures of the campus, such as the wildflower meadows and lakes at Woodview, the Arboretum, UCD's growing collection of sculpture, a diverse array of wildlife, and many of the original parapet houses.

Download the UCD Woodland Walk App to guide you on these 5 walks.