Former Industrial Bog
What to do with the cutaway bogs?

Forestry?  Agriculture?
the areas in the parklands

Lough Boora Parklands now consists of four distinct areas:

1. Loch Clochán
2. Lough Boora
3. Turraun Wetlands
4. Finnamores Lakes
Amenities
2002

Sculpture in the Parklands
... where art and nature meet

Bord na Móna
Birds
Wildlife
Insects
Flora
BORD na MÓNA

lough boora parklands
the national centre of cutaway boglands rehabilitation
Groups and clubs

- Kilcormac Development Association
- Kilcormac Ramblers Group
- Cloghan Development Association
- Cloghan game and angling clubs
- Boora Leabeg community group
- Ferbane Community Group
- Ferbane Scouts and Girl Guides
- Sculpture in the parklands
- Offaly Naturalist Club
- Midlands Model aeroplane Club
- Friends of Loch an Dochas
- Carp Anglers Club of Ireland
- Midlands Rifle Range
- Pat Barret Bike Hire
- Offaly Heritage Forum
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Proposed Future development of Lough Boora

- Feasibility study completed – Bord na Mona engaged Locum Consulting and Brady Shipman Martin
- Potential for an Eco Tourism attraction of national and international significance
- Provision of necessary infrastructure to achieve this vision
- Sustainability is vital - All developments in keeping with the landscape.
- Linkages with other attractions to develop critical mass
- Flagship project that supports Lakelands and Inland Waterways strategy for Tourism
Lough Boora – Visitor point

- A Visitor Hub to provide a Focal point, Learning and Education plus key facilities.
- Organised central and safe parking
- Develop Learning and Education theme.
- Provide easy access to vast areas of Nature and Biodiversity.
- Extend the Walking and Cycle trails.
- Industrial heritage
- Support for Art and the Sculpture Park.
What makes Boora unique?

Scale

Biodiversity

Scale of community involvement

Scope for expansion

Range of amenities
Regeneration

BORD NA MÓNA
A New Contract With Nature
Thank you for your attention
### Agenda

- **9.30am**  
  Catherine Farrell  
  Overall update

- **10.00am**  
  Mark McCorry  
  Ecology survey; Rehabilitation planning

- **10.30am**  
  David Fallon  
  Rehabilitation and communications

- **11.00am**  
  Coffee

- **11.30am**  
  Liam Lysaght  
  National Biodiversity Data Centre

- **12.00**  
  Alan Lauder  
  BirdWatch Ireland

- **12.30pm**  
  Questions and Answers

- **1.00pm**  
  Lunch

- **1.45pm**  
  Tom Egan  
  Lough Boora Parklands – an introduction

- **2.00pm**  
  A tour of the Lough Boora Parklands