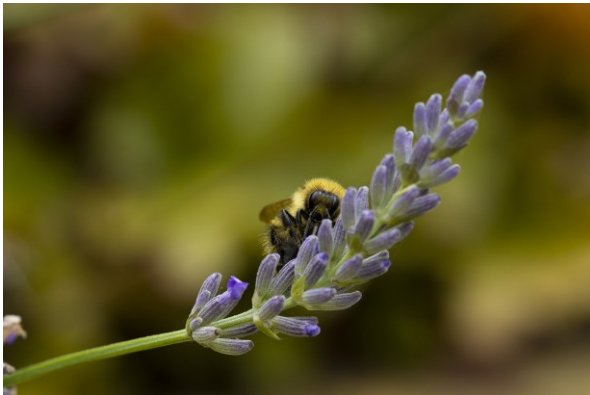




Cork City Biodiversity Week Event Guide (17th – 26th of May, 2024)



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Cork City Council



'National Biodiversity Week is all about connecting people with nature.'

Fri, May 17th

“Celebrating Cork City Wildlife”

(Host: Cork City Library, Cork City Council - Free)

- Launch of Cork City ESKER (Environmental Science Kit for Ecological Recording) Box and presentation by Cork City Biodiversity Officers about the wonderful wildlife that call Cork City home.
- Fri, May 17 • 11:00-12:00. • Location: Cork City Library, Grand Parade, Cork.
- No booking required.

“A Bat Walk Through Mangala Woods”

(Host: Douglas Tidy Towns and Wild Work SECAD - Free)

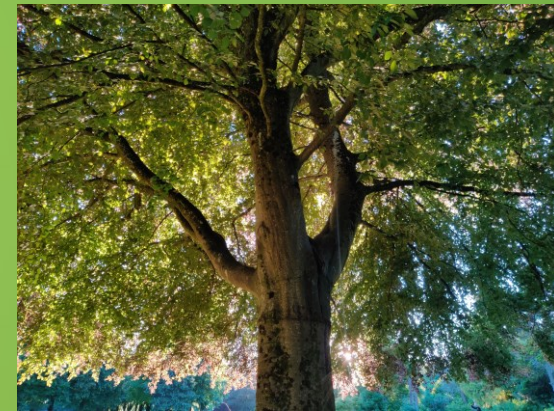
- Learn about bats through a bat walk in Mangala Woods with Karen Loxton from Wild Work SECAD.
- Fri, May 17 • 21:00 – 22:30 • Location: Douglas Community Park, Douglas, Cork.
- Booking through Karen Loxton: kloxton@secad.ie

Sun, May 19

“Pollinator Family Fun Day”

(Host: Irish Bee Conservation Project (IBCP) & Ballincollig Tidy Towns – Free)

- Enjoy pollinator family fun games with IBCP, who will have a tent and table, and wish to share their passion for pollinators.
- Sun, May 19 • 13:00-15:00 • Location: Near Playground, Ballincollig Regional Park, Inniscarra Road, Cork.
- No booking required.



Mon, May 20

“Birdwatching at Cork Lough” (Host: Cork City Council - Free)

- Join Cork City Biodiversity Officers on a birdwatching tour to see what birds call the Lough their home.
- Mon, May 20 • 18:00-19:00 • Location: Cork Lough.
- Book your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birdwatching-at-the-lough-with-cork-city-councils-biodiversity-officers-tickets-896378049877?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Tue, May 21

“Creative Wanderings “ (Host: UCC Green Campus, Glucksman Gallery, Cork City Council - Free)

- A guided tour through the current Gluckman’s exhibition ‘Groundwork’ and a creative walk along UCC’s biodiversity trail.
- Tue, May 21 • 12:30-14:00 • Location: Outside Glucksman Gallery Entrance, UCC, Cork, • Book your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/creative-wanderings-biodiversity-art-at-ucc-tickets-890849082587?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

Wed, May 22

"Biodiversity Tour of Clashdub Community Garden"

(Host: Green Spaces for Health - Free)

- A guided tour of the garden to learn about the biodiversity and biodiversity initiatives onsite and take part in a mini bioblitz of the community garden.
- Wed, May 22 • 11:00-12:00 • Location: Community Garden, Clashdub Park, Togher, Cork.
- No booking required.

Thurs, May 23

"Life between the walls - a celebration of Cork City Nature"

(Host: Nature Forum, Environmental Forum - Free)

- Talks and tour by Bernie Connolly, Niamh O'Flynn and Rosemarie McDonald on Biodiversity within the quays of Cork City.
- Thurs, May 23 • 17:30-19:00 • Location: Firkin Crane Centre, John Redmond St, Shandon, Cork.
- Book your ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/wildlife-of-the-steps-and-the-quays-of-the-city-tickets-896313376437>

"BeHaviAIR Clean Air Workshop" *(Host: BeHaviAIR UCC, Douglas Tidy Towns - Free)*

- The event will include a discussion about biodiversity, nature and clean air, and air pollution in Douglas; followed by some hands-on activities related to air quality communication in Cork.
- Thurs, May 23 • 18:00 – 20:00 • Location: Douglas Community Centre, Douglas, Cork.
- Book your ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/clean-air-in-douglas-workshop-with-behavi-air-and-douglas-tidy-towns-tickets-895277377737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

"Rain Gardens" *(Host: Gleann a Phúca & The Glen Community Garden - Free)*

- A joint workshop between Gleann a Phúca and The Glen Community Garden on building your own rain garden planter.
- Thurs, May 23 • 11:00 – 12:30 • Location: The Glen Community Garden, Glen Avenue, Cork.
- Book your ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rain-gardens-tickets-890605363617?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



Sat, May 25

"A stroll along the Tramore River"

(Host: Tramore River Community Group & Wild Work- Free)

- Join Karen Loxton from SECAD, Wild Work for a walk along the Tramore river. • Sat, May 25 • 11:00-12:30 • Location: Tramore River on Kinsale Road, beside Harvey Norman, Cork. • Booking through Karen Loxton: kloxtan@secad.ie.

"Exploring Insects in The Glen"

(Host: Cork Nature Network- Free)

- Join entomologist John O'Sullivan for a walk through Glen Park and explore the insects that call the park home. • Sat, May 25 • 13:00-15:00 • Location: The Glen Resource Centre, Glen Avenue, Cork. • Book your ticket here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/corknaturenetwork/1206573>

Sun, May 26

"Dawn Chorus Along the Marina"

(Host-NPWS, Cork City Council - Free)

- Join Sam Bayley, NPWS Ranger and Bird Expert, and one of Cork City Biodiversity Officers, to enjoy and learn about the Dawn Chorus. • Sun, May 26 • 04:30-06:30 • Location: The Marine Walkway, Near Cortado Coffee, • Queries - Contact Sam Bayley at : sam.bayley@npws.gov.ie • Book your ticket here:

<https://biodiversityweek.ie/events/marina-greenway-dawn-bird-walk/>

Sun, May 26

“Bike - O - Diversity meets Biodiversity“ (Host: Cork Cycling Campaign- Free)

• A talk and cycle through TVP, over the Mount Vernon bridge and along the mini greenway. • Sun May 26 • 11:00-13:00 • Location: Half Moon Lane, Tramore Valley Park, Cork. • **Bikes and helmets are required.** • No booking required.

“Plantlife of the Glen River“ (Host- Gleann a Phúca, Free)

• Discover the Wonders of Plantlife, and the wonders of the Glen River Park with Spoon & Bloom and Jo Goodyear. • Sun, May 26 • 10:00-13:00 • Location: The Glen River Park, The Glen, Cork. • Book your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/discover-the-wonders-of-plantlife-of-the-glen-river-park-tickets-885533282887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

“The Púcaí of the Glen“ (Host: Gleann a Phúca- Free)

• Join Dr. Jenny Butler folklorist and scholar of religions for a magical walk through the Glen amenity park. Learn about the fairies that use this enchanted place. • Sun May 26 • 14:00-16:00 • Location: The Glen River Park, The Glen, Cork. • Book your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-pucaí-of-the-glen-tickets-895377567407?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

National Events

National events comprise Irish Environmental Network initiatives, such as a **photo competition**, a **backyard Bioblitz** and **scavenger hunt** (more info on other national events is available at www.biodiversityweek.ie).



Additional Information

- Some events are more child and family oriented.
- Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities.
- Remember to bring your own refreshments. Some refreshments may be provided at selected events.
- Events may be cancelled at short notice.
- Some events may require online registration.
- Some events may be organised by other groups that are not listed. Additional events may be created.
- Additional information for events may be available on Eventbrite, Ticket Tailor and the organisers' websites.
- It is the responsibility of attendees to follow safety precautions at all events, and children must be supervised.
- Some events have been generously supported from charitable groups.
- Other organised events may not be free.
- Some events may have limited places.

This brochure is available from: <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/arts-culture-heritage/natural-heritage-biodiversity/>
Hard copies are available at Cork City Hall.



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Guess Where in Cork City – you may have to explore to find these gems



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