



Draft Schedule for the Woodlands of Ireland Conference 2024

(This is a draft schedule and is subject to amendments - 10/09/2024)

Information:

- All talks held at Castle Saunderson International Scouting Centre, Co. Cavan with field trips to Crom Estate, Co. Fermanagh and Annagh Lough Woodland, Co. Cavan.
- See local accommodation listings for [Cavan](#) and [Fermanagh](#).
- Some dormitory style accommodation is available on site plus camping option at Castle Saunderson - inquiries to info@woodlandsofireland.com
- Volunteer helpers welcome - will receive compensation of conference ticket, accommodation and food - info@woodlandsofireland.com

Day 1: Tuesday 1st October 2024

'Ancient Woodland on the island of Ireland - distribution and condition'

Location:

- National Trust, Crom, Upper Lough Erne Newtownbutler County Fermanagh BT92 8AJ, Northern Ireland.
- Castle Saunderson International Scouting Centre, Belturbet, Co. Cavan, Republic of Ireland, H14 X650

9am-9.30am: Meet & register at [Crom Visitor Centre Café](#), Co. Fermanagh.

9.30am-12.30pm: Field trip in the ancient woodland and parkland at Crom Estate hosted by National Trust, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland

1pm-2pm: Lunch available at Castle Saunderson Co. Cavan (Pre-order link from Thursday September 12th) or bring your own lunch.

2pm: All Island ancient woodland project team reporting presentations - John Devaney, Helen Shaw, Annaleigh Margey and Jesko Zimmermann.

3pm: UK Woodland Trust Northern Ireland presentation - Paul Armstrong

3.20pm: National Parks and Wildlife Service - NPWS work and the Nature Restoration Law - Jenni Roche

3.50pm: Break

4.10pm: Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Native Woodland Conservation Scheme - Katherine Duff / Kevin Collins.

4.40pm: Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) speaker - TBC

5pm-5.30pm: Panel discussion - Chair: TBC

Break

7pm: Dinner at Castle Saunderson (Pre-order link from Thursday September 12th)

8.30pm: "Community involvement in Forest Management"

[Community Woodland Association Scotland](#) - Andy Rockall

9.15pm: Entertainment - TBC

- optional evening bat walk at Castle Saunderson, Co. Cavan woodlands and parkland.





Day 2: Wednesday 2nd October

“Protective tree cover in catchments”

Location: Castle Saunderson International Scouting Centre, Co. Cavan, Republic of Ireland

Optional Early morning walk around Castle Saunderson estate landscape

9.10pm: TBC

9.30am: Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO) - Jimmy McVeigh

9.50am: Inland Fisheries Ireland - Declan Cooke

10.10am: TBC - NGO speaker

10.30am: Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - buffering and water related schemes, climate resilient reforestation, native woodland establishment, agroforestry - Andrew Kirwan.

10.50am: Uisce Éireann - David Fallon

11.10am: Break

11.30am: Northern Ireland Water - Roy Taylor

11.50am: Tree cover buffering of salmon rivers in Northern Ireland - Roy Spence.

12.10pm: Water mapping remote sensing technology, tree cover and nutrient flow absorption and disruption - TBC.

12.40pm: Panel discussion - Chair: Ella McSweeney

1pm-2pm: Lunch

“Community involvement in Forest Management”

2pm: Timber utilisation, traditional crafts display and organisation stands viewing.

2.30pm: The Native Woodland Trust (Republic of Ireland) - Jeremy Casey.

2.50pm: Rathcoole Woodland Dublin - Annie Flynn and colleagues.

3.10pm: TBC

3.30pm: Magilligan Tree Nursery, Derry - Aisling Gribbin.

3.50pm: Break

4.10pm: ‘Community Involvement in Forest Management in Nepal’ - Bhupendra Yadav*

4.40pm: Panel discussion - Chair: Diarmuid McAree

5.15pm: Brief introduction to Annagh lough Wood visit and close of main talks

Indoor Conference presentation close by c.5.30pm

7pm: Dinner at local restaurant.

* <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/150937/how-nepal-regenerated-its-forests>



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Day 3: Thursday 3rd October 2024

Location: Annagh Lough Wood, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.

9.15am-12.30pm: Field trip to Annagh Lough Wood, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.

Meet at the Waterways Ireland car park

Ranked joint 5th in Republic of Ireland with the conservation scoring in the National Survey of Native Woodland (2008)

9.30am-3pm: Displays on Thursday at Castle Saunderson open for local schools and community. (TBC)

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