



Schedule for the Woodlands of Ireland Conference 2024

- 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](#).
- Food is being provided by the [Cottage Market Cavan](#) - they are a social enterprise based in Cavan Town that provides a supportive route to market for small-scale growers, food producers, crafters and artists in County Cavan. Pre-order link is closed or bring your own food.
- 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

12.30pm-2.15pm: Option to register at Castle Saunderson also.

Lunch available at Castle Saunderson from the Cottage Market Cavan (**Pre-order link closed**) or bring your own lunch.

2.15pm: All Island ancient woodland project team reporting presentations - John Devaney, Helen Shaw, Annaleigh Margey and Jesko Zimmermann.

3.15pm: Woodland Trust Northern Ireland presentation - Paul Armstrong

3.35pm: "Scientific research and restoration planning for woodland habitats" - Jenni Roche (National Parks and Wildlife Service)

3.55pm: Break

4.15pm: Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Native Woodland Conservation Scheme - Katharine Duff / Kevin Collins.

4.40pm: Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) - Bobbie Hamill

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

Break

6.30pm: Dinner at Castle Saunderson from The Cottage Market Cavan (**Pre-order link closed**)

8.30pm: "Community involvement in Forest Management"

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

9.15pm: Bring own traditional musical instruments





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

9.10am: Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO) - Jimmy McVeigh

9.30am: Inland Fisheries Ireland - Declan Cooke

9.50am: Irish Agroforestry Forum - Maureen Kilgore

10.10am: 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.

10.30am: Uisce Éireann - David Fallon

10.50am: Break

11.10am: Northern Ireland Water - Roy Taylor

11.30am: Tree cover buffering of salmon rivers in Northern Ireland - Roy Spence.

11.50pm: Water mapping remote sensing technology, tree cover and nutrient flow absorption and disruption - TBC.

12.10pm: Panel discussion - Chair: Ella McSweeney

12.30pm-2.15pm: Lunch from The Cottage Market Cavan (**Pre-order link** closed) or bring your own lunch.

“Community involvement in Forest Management”

2.15pm: Timber utilisation, traditional crafts display and organisation stands viewing.

2.45pm: The Native Woodland Trust - Jeremy Casey.

3.05pm: Rathcoole Woodland Dublin - Annie Flynn and colleagues.

3.25pm: Hometree - Ray Ó Foghlú

3.45pm: Break.

4.05pm: Magilligan Tree Nursery - Aisling Gribbin

4.25pm: ‘Community Involvement in Forest Management in Nepal’ - Bhupendra Yadav*

4.55pm: Panel discussion - Chair: Diarmuid McAree

5.15pm-5.30pm: Brief introduction to Annagh lough Wood visit and close of main talks

7pm: Conference Dinner at Derragarra Inn, Butlersbridge.

* <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.

9.00am-9.30am Meet at the Waterways Ireland car park, H14 T027

9.30am-12.30pm: Field trip to Annagh Lough Wood, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.
Ranked joint 5th in Republic of Ireland with the conservation scoring in the National Survey of Native Woodland (2008)

9.30am-3pm: Timber utilisation, traditional crafts display at Castle Saunderson open for local schools and community as part of SPAR National Tree Day.

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