



THE DUBLIN NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

PROGRAMME of EVENTS

October 2022 to December 2022

Dear Members,

There are three online presentations on this programme and members can connect to them using desktop or laptop computers, tablets or smartphones. An email connection to the presentation will be sent to members during the week before the presentation. There are two ways to join the DNFC presentations on Zoom:

1. **By using your browser.** You can click on the link that will be sent to you by email. You may be asked to input a passcode which is included on the email;
2. **By using the Zoom App,** which can be downloaded from the App store (iPhone) or from the play store (Android). In the App, click on 'Join Meeting' and enter the Meeting ID and the Passcode, both of which will be included on the email.

Please note that for security reasons you will initially enter a 'Zoom Waiting Room'. The Host will then let you into the DNFC Presentation. The Link will be live for 10 minutes before the presentation is due to start.

If you are not registered to receive emails from DNFC, and would like to join the presentations, then please send your email address to the Membership Secretary, Fridolin Kerr, at:

Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net before 6th October, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All membership fees for 2023 are due on 1st January 2023

€25.00 for individuals, and €30.00 for a family. €5 for Students

To arrange payment contact: Fridolin Kerr, 31 Cherrywood Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 (Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net).

You may pay, via www.dnfc.net, by PayPal (including credit card).

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OUTING DETAILS OCTOBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2022

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER 2022

Massey's Wood, Dublin

Fungi

Andrew, who is a relatively new member had agreed to share his knowledge of Fungi in this outing to Massey's wood. Attendees are advised to wear waterproof footwear as the woods can get very boggy underfoot, especially in the bits where the mushrooms grow. We can expect to see a good variety of larger fungi, although it's hard to predict exactly which ones.

Leader: Andrew Smith

Bring: Field lens, identification books and lunch. Wear warm layers, waterproofs and walking shoes/boots. Paths can be muddy in places, especially after rain.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022

Fernhill, Dublin

Autumn Colour at Fernhill - Conifers & Other Trees

Fernhill Park and Gardens is a former private estate located on the edge of the city and close to the Dublin Mountains. It is now managed by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and it contains a unique collection of trees and acid-loving shrub species, such as rhododendrons, camelias and magnolias. We will take a looped walk through the grounds and have a look at the collection of mature conifers and other broadleaved trees

Leader: Charles Shier

Meet: 11.00 a.m. in the car park at Fernhill. (Risk level 2)

Bring: Outdoor clothing, footwear suitable for venturing off the paths, floras and lunch.

Thursday 20th October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Online Presentation

Flora and fauna of new habitats of cutaway peatlands

Mark McCorry has been working as an ecologist with Bord na Móna over the past thirteen years. He will talk about some of the interesting flora and fauna that has been developing on the cutaway peatlands, the new habitats developing, and how this landscape is likely to change in the future, as Bord na Móna has now ceased peat extraction.

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 2022

Ballyknockan, Valleymount, Wicklow

The History of Granite Quarrying at Ballyknockan

Dr Séamas Ó Maitiú is a historian and he has written the history of the quarries at Ballyknockan. He will talk about the granite at Valleymount and the local history of the area. We can then visit the lakeshore at Valleymount to see what is still in flower. This will bring us up to lunch which we can enjoy at Ballyknockan about five minutes away by car where there

are picnic tables. Then we will go to the nearby quarries where Séamas will give a talk on the history of mining in the area

Leader: Séamas Ó Maitiú

Bring: Outdoor clothing, footwear suitable for venturing off the paths, floras and lunch.

SATURDAY 12th November 2022

Kilcoole, Wicklow

Birds

The outing will consist of a walk along the seashore leaving from Kilcoole railway station and taking in the “Murrough”. Migration is a feature this time of year which can throw up its own surprises. Regularly seen are waders, ducks, geese, swans and seabirds.

Leader: Pat Lenihan

Bring: Bring warm waterproof clothes, sturdy footwear, identification books, binoculars and lunch.

Saturday 19th November 2022

Seapoint, Dublin

Rockpools

Nessa, Sunniva, and Liam are pooling their knowledge of coastal creatures and seaweeds to bring you this exploration of the rockpools of Scotsman’s Bay. Look out for hermit crabs, blennies, bryozoans, sea hares, sea squirts, various sea snails and bivalve shells. If we’re lucky, a winter storm in the preceding days might wash up some extra surprises.

Leaders: Nessa Darcy, Sunniva Hanley and Liam O'Brien

Bring: Identification books, lens, buckets/tubs/trays, and lunch if you like. Sturdy footwear with good grip is advised as rocks can be slippery.

THURSDAY 24th November, 2022

Online Presentation

Pollinators, farms, science and policy

Stephanie Maher who gave us a wonderful presentation in August 2021 on “*the nesting ecology of ground-nesting solitary bees*” has agreed to follow that up with a presentation on, “*Pollinators, farms, science and policy*”.

This talk will discuss former and current agri-policy for pollinators in Ireland, its groundings in science and effectiveness as conservation measures. It will also cover the barriers to and potential for effective agri-environment measures into the future.

SATURDAY 10th December 2022

Lough Dan, Wicklow

Walk to Inchavore River and Valley

We will follow a low level track above Lough Dan and make our way to the Inchavore River and Valley. We will examine the natural history of the area.

Leader: Sunniva Hanley

Bring: Identification books, field lens, lunch, warm drink. Sturdy hiking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. The track is uneven and the valley floor can be wet. Total distance about 7km.

THURSDAY 15th December

Online Presentation

Nice Plants!

Pat Lenihan who is a wonderful photographer and botanist has agreed to give us a presentation entitled "Nice Plants" Pat says:-

"Botanists often use the term "nice plants" which is a very vague and subjective expression. This presentation will consist of images of plants and their habitats which for me fall into this category. Most are either locally frequent, occasional, rare, or very rare."

Monday 26th DECEMBER 2022

St Annes' Park, Raheny

St. Stephen's Day Walk

A walk in St. Anne's Park, Raheny where we will look at Trees among other things to help us recover from any overindulgences during the holiday period.

Leader: Tom Miniter

Bring: suitable footwear and clothing.

Day	Date	Month	Title	Leader/ Presenter	Location
Saturday	1st	October	Fungi	Andrew Smith	Massey's Wood, Dublin
Saturday	15th	October	Autumn Colour: Conifers and other trees	Charles Shier	Fernhill, Dublin
Thursday	20th	October	Flora and fauna of new habitats of cutaway peatlands	Mark McCorry	Online
Saturday	29th	October	Walk and talk on the history of mining of the quarries at Ballyknockan	Séamas Ó Maitiú	Valleymount and Ballyknockan, Wicklow

Saturday	12th	November	Birds	Pat Lenihan	Kilcoole, Wicklow
Saturday	19th	November	Rockpools	Nessa Darcy, Sunniva Hanley, Liam O'Brien	Seapoint, Dublin
Thursday	24th	November	<i>"Pollinators, farms, science and policy"</i>	Stephanie Maher	Online
Saturday	10th	December	Walk to Inchavore river and valley	Sunniva Hanley	Wicklow
Thursday	15th	December	<i>"Nice plants"</i>	Pat Lenihan	Online
Monday	26th	December	St. Stephen's day walk	Tom Minitier	St. Anne's Park, Raheny, Dublin