

6th-7th-8th JUNE 2025



DERRYNANE HOUSE & NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

PRODUCED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Friday 6th June 2025

- 2.00pm A Tour of the Plant Collection in Derrynane
- 2.00pm Marine Creature Feature Workshops
- 7.00pm Concert: Homebeat presents Anna Mieke & Brian McGloin
- 9.30pm Talk on Folklore of Astronomy Around the World
- 10.30pm Moongazing Workshop

Saturday 7th June 2025

- 9.15am Wild Plant Medicine Walk
- 10.00am Coastal Food Tour
- 10.00am Nature Based Games with Mara Oak
- 10.00am Honey Bee Colony-Observation Hive
- 10.00am Photography Exhibition/Patrick Kavanagh
- 10.00am 'Wise Wool' Workshop
- 11.00am Walk on Habitats: Dune System
- 11.00am A Place to Cogitate: Ship Graffiti, Inscravings & Daniel O'Connell's Summer House
- 11.00am Photography Workshop
- 11.00am Mammal Display
- 11.00am Coastal Geology at Derrynane
- 11.00am Face Painting
- 11.00am Ger's Mobile Farm
- From 12.30pm Daniel O'Connell, MP 'The Liberator' 1829-1847 - A Life in Political Print

- 12.30pm Nature Activities/Games for Families
- 1.00pm Music, Song & Story themed to the Life of Daniel O'Connell
- 2.00pm Lusitanian Plants at Derrynane
- 2.00pm Plant Identification Workshop for Beginners
- 2.30pm Marine Creature Feature Workshops
- 2.30pm 'In the Footsteps of the Liberator': Walk & Talk
- 2.30pm Nature Crafts with Mara Oak
- 3.00pm Photography Workshop
- 3.30pm 'The Worlds of Derrynane' Talk

Sunday 8th June 2025

- All Day Daniel O'Connell, MP 'The Liberator' 1829-1847 - A Life in Political Print
- 9.15am Wild Plant Medicine Walk
- 10.00am Forest School Session with Mara Oak
- 10.00am Seashore Safari
- 10.00am Honey Bee Colony-Observation Hive
- 10.00am Photography Exhibition/Patrick Kavanagh
- 10.00am 'Wise Wool' Workshop
- 10.30am Ger's Mobile Farm
- 11.00am A Tour of the Plant Collection in Derrynane
- 11.00am Photography Workshop
- 3.00pm Photography Workshop

In association with



Living Iveragh, A Place of Learning

All events are correct at time of print - Please see our facebook page @ Derrynane House for any updates.

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A WEEKEND OF FREE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

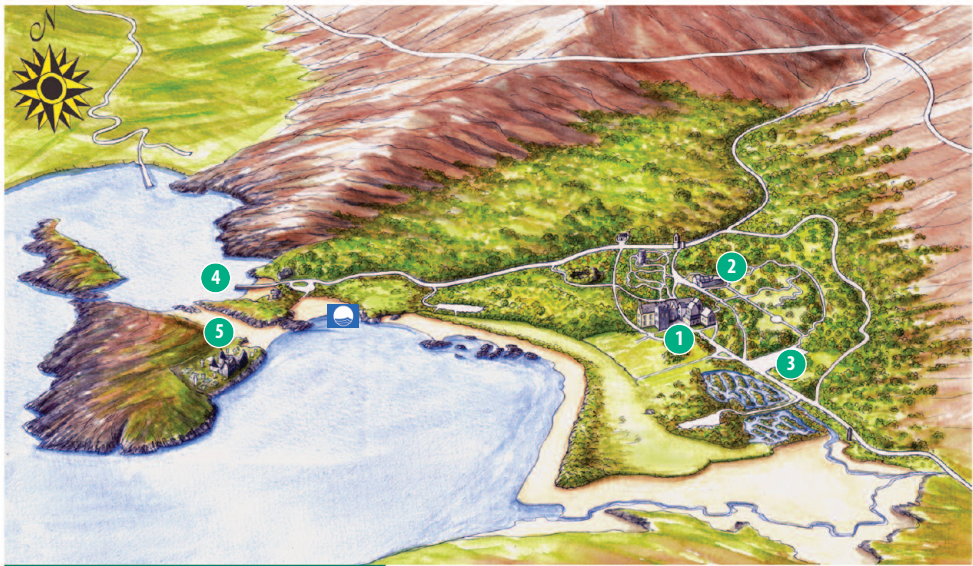
Caherdaniel, South Kerry (off N70 Ring of Kerry)

DISCOVER DERRYNANE | DERRYNANE HOUSE & NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

In 2025 we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell



LOCATION MAP



- 1 Derrynane House Audio Visual Room Courtyard/Marquee Ahamore Tearooms
- 2 Depot
- 3 Main Carpark
- 4 Derrynane Pier
- 5 Abbey Island

Derrynane, the Oakwood of St. Fionán, stands at the very tip of the Iveragh Peninsula in Co. Kerry. Sheltered within the woodland stands Derrynane House, the family home of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, politician and statesman, and one of the great figures in modern Irish history.

Today some 120 hectares (300 acres) of the lands of Derrynane, together with Derrynane House, make up Derrynane National Historic Park, under the management of National Historic Properties, Office of Public Works.



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Friday

- 2.00pm -3.00pm A Tour of the Plant Collection in Derrynane**
James O'Shea and Chris Maguire
Meet at Courtyard near the Café
- 2.00pm -4.00pm Marine Creature Feature Workshops**
Natasha Howard, Sea Synergy
Meet at Courtyard near the Café
- 7.00pm Concert: Homebeat presents Anna Mieke & Brian McGloin**
Booking essential.
- 9.30pm -10.30pm Talk on Folklore of Astronomy Around the World**
Aoibheann Lambe, Kerry Dark Sky Tourism
Meet inside Derrynane House. 40 minute presentation followed by 20 minute Q&A.
- 10.30pm Moongazing Workshop (follows Astronomy Event)**
Michael Sheehan & Aoibheann Lambe, Caherdaniel Dark Sky Group
Meet at Ahamore Tearooms. Event will include folklore associated with moon and stars.

11.00pm -11.45pm A Place to Cogitate: Ship Graffiti, Inscriptions & Daniel O'Connell's Summer House
Dr. Connie Kelleher, Senior Archaeologist, Head of National Monuments Services' Underwater Archaeology Unit
The talk will give the background to the discovery and will detail the diversity of etchings and graffiti that is adding a new layer to our knowledge of the world of Daniel O'Connell and his maritime connections when in Derrynane. Meet at AV Room.

11.00am -12.00pm Photography Workshop
Patrick Kavanagh, Photographer
For further information: 087 2237853 (Marquee)

11.00am -12.00pm Mammal Display
with Chris & Tara, NPWS, Nature Camps and Field Studies, Kerry
Taxidermy mammal display and talk re native and invasive species.

11.00am -12.00pm Coastal Geology at Derrynane
Aidan Forde, Valentia Slate
Meet at Derrynane House.

11.00am -1.00pm Face Painting
with Marjanneke & Alma
Seating area outside tea rooms.

11.00am -4.00pm Ger's Mobile Farm
Located at green area beside main car park adjacent to Derrynane House.

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Rickard O'Connell presents a collection of political prints and caricatures from O'Connell's rise to prominence starting around 1829 as a Barrister leading the successful campaign for Catholic Emancipation.

12.30pm -2.00pm Nature Activities/Games for Families
Chris & Tara, NPWS, Nature Camps and Field Studies, Kerry
Meet at courtyard.

1.00pm -3.00pm Music, Song & Story themed to the Life of Daniel O'Connell
Peter Mullarkey, The Binneas Collection
Musical heritage trail starting and finishing at courtyard followed by a performance of traditional music & song connected to the life of Daniel O'Connell and Derrynane (walk-30 minutes, performance - 90 minutes)

2.00pm -3.00pm Lusitanian Plants at Derrynane
Micheline Sheehy Skeffington
Talk about the Lusitanian plant species. Meet at AV Room.

2.00pm -4.00pm Plant Identification Workshop for Beginners
Cathy Eastman & Niamh Ni Dhuill, Biodiversity Partners
Includes nature connection activities for all participants. All ages welcome! Meeting at front entrance gate - near car park.



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Natasha Howard, Sea Synergy
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2.30pm -5.00pm 'In the Footsteps of the Liberator': Walk & Talk
Paddy Bushe
Walk follows recently rediscovered Meadow Walk in grounds of Derrynane up to waterfall on the Kerry Way. Option to return from here (about 45 minutes in total). For fit walkers (hillwalking footwear and clothing essential) follows a more challenging route along 18th century Butter Road to Cúm a' Chiste, where local community greeted Daniel O'Connell after his triumph in 1828 Clare Election. There will be music and song, including a song composed for the 1828 gathering by Tomás Rua Ó Súilleabháin. Shuttle bus will return walkers from Cúm a' Chiste. Meet at Derrynane House. Pre-booking essential, email: derrynanehouse@opw.ie by Wednesday 4th June with subject 'Meadow Walk & Talk, June 7th'.

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Meet in the gardens/stone seating.

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3.30pm -4.00pm 'The Worlds of Derrynane' Talk
Professor Maurice Bric
Drawing on exhibits of the House, this talk will focus on Derrynane as: the home of the O'Connells, a place of comings and goings to and from Europe, and the House over which Daniel O'Connell presided until his death in 1847. Meet at AV Room.

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with Niall Hogan, Medical Herbalist, Derrynane Clinic
Wild plant medicine walk along the woodlands. Meet at main car park.

10.00am -1.00pm Forest School Session
with Mara Oak
Games, hammocks and crafts! Meet at Daniel O'Connell trail near carpark. Pre-book at: www.coillemara.ie/events/

10.00am -12.00pm Seashore Safari
Natasha Howard, Sea Synergy
Explore the rockpools and strandline at Derrynane with marine biologists who will help you find and uncover the secrets of the many creatures living along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Meet at Derrynane Pier car park.

10.00am -12.00pm Honey Bee Colony/Observation Hive
Conor O'Sullivan, Sneem Beekeepers' Association
Meet the honey bees. (Marquee)

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- 10.00am -11.00am Coastal Food Tour**
with John Fitzgerald
Meet at Derrynane Pier.
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with Mara Oak
Children must be accompanied by an adult - Adults are welcome to join in the games too! Meet in the gardens/stone seating
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Gerald McNery, NPWS Conservation Ranger
Meet at Nature Trail Car Park

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