

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.

[www.derrynanehouse.ie](http://www.derrynanehouse.ie)

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**A WEEKEND OF FREE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

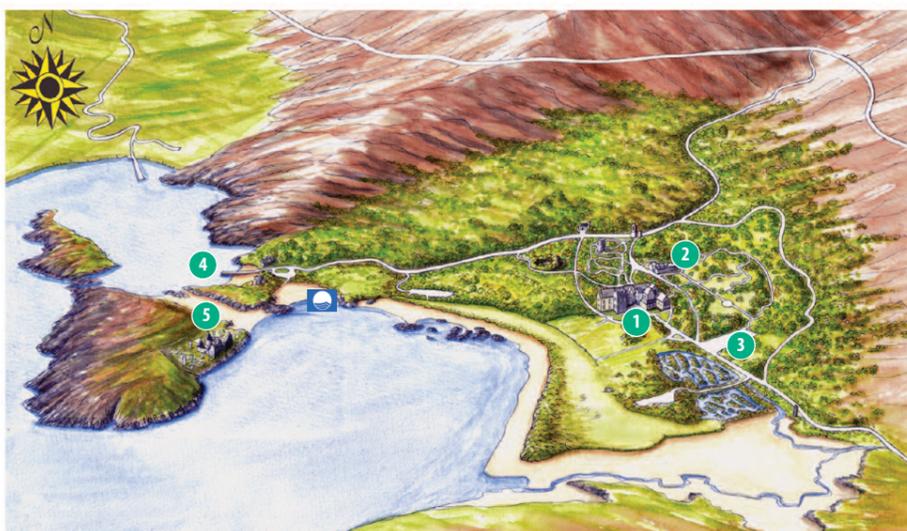
Caherdaniel, South Kerry (off N70 Ring of Kerry)

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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*Waiting to be discovered!*



6th JUNE 2025

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, Inscravings & 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.

- From 12.30pm** **Daniel O'Connell, MP 'The Liberator' 1829-1847 A Life in Political Print**  
*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.



- 2.30pm -4.30pm** **Marine Creature Feature Workshops**  
*Natasha Howard, Sea Synergy*  
Meet at Courtyard near the Café

- 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'.

- 2.30pm -4.30pm** **Nature Crafts** with Mara Oak  
Meet in the gardens/stone seating.

- 3.00pm -4.00pm** **Photography Workshop**  
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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.

- 9.15am -10.45am** **Wild Plant Medicine Walk**  
*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)

- 10.00am -5.00pm** **Photography Exhibition**  
*Patrick Kavanagh, Photographer*  
In the Marquee.

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Wet Felting Workshop - A Creative Community Project. Near Marquee

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- 10.00am -11.00am** **Coastal Food Tour**  
*with John Fitzgerald*  
Meet at Derrynane Pier.
- 10.00am -12.00pm** **Nature Based Games**  
*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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*with Lisa Sandow*  
Wet Felting Workshop - A Creative Community Project. Near Marquee
- 11.00am -1.00pm** **Walk on Habitats: Dune System and Natterjack Toad Pools**  
*Gerald McEnery, NPWS Conservation Ranger*  
Meet at Nature Trail Car Park

