

Field Trip to Clonbur Wood, County Galway

Project Site no. 1 (demonstration site): Priority woodland habitat associated with limestone pavement, alluvial woodland and yew woodland (292.9 hectares)

8.30 am Depart hotel (bus provided)

9.15 am Introduction to field visit at Clonbur wood entrance

9.30 am **Mini-bus transfer for tour of LIFE site to view:**

- Natural regeneration of native tree species – establishing priority woodland
- Ring-barking of exotic tree species – creating a standing deadwood resource
- Pollarding of road-side ash – developing structural diversity
- Felling to recycle – sensitive removal of exotics
- Monitoring woodland vegetation and hydrology – recording ecological change
- Propagation of yew trees – growing trees from hand cuttings
- Manual planting of yew trees – extending Irish yew woodland

12.00pm Lunch provided at Burkes, Clonbur

1.00pm **Return to Clonbur Woods via mini-bus to view:**

- Remarkable limestone pavement habitat – unique features, rare flora, largest example outside of the Burren
- Shoreline woodland of Lough Mask – riparian forest habitat
- Lungwort lichen, lesser horse-shoe bat roost – rare species of priority woodlands
- Veteran/specimen trees and deadwood – enhancing forest biodiversity
- Cultural features including historic Ballykine Castle
 - social history of Clonbur Wood
- Recreational opportunities, woodland walks
 - recreation and restoration hand in hand
- Project signage – telling the story

3.30pm Depart Clonbur (bus provided to hotel)

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

6th & 7th October 2009

Mc William Park Hotel, Claremorris, Co Mayo

Ash Hazel Woodland Associated with Limestone Pavement, Clonbur on the Galway / Mayo Border.

Project Conference

Results of a four year woodland restoration project
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09.30 – 10.00	Registration and tea/coffee	
10.00 – 10.15	David Gunning, Chief Executive, Coillte	Welcome and Opening address
10.15 – 10.30	Tim Crowley, Managing Director, Coillte Forest	Responsible Forest Management
10.30 – 11.00	Éanna Ní Lamhna, Botanist, Ecologist and RTE Broadcaster	Seeing the Wood For the Trees
	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Session 1 - Chair: Gerry Riordan, Regional Director, Coillte Forest

11.15 – 12.00	Sean Quealy, LIFE05 Project Manager, Coillte	Restoring Priority Woodland: Project Overview, Aims & Results
	Breda Lyons, LIFE05 Project PR/Admin Manager, Coillte	Telling the LIFE Story
	Declan Whelan, Castletaylor Project Site Manager, Coillte	A Forester's Experience of Woodland Restoration
12.00 – 12.30	Ian Herbert, Project Ecologist	Monitoring Woodland LIFE
12.30 – 12.45	Pat Neville, Ecologist, Coillte	Managing High Conservation Value Areas in Coillte
	Questions and Conclusions	
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	

Session 2 – Chairman - Mick Keane, Head of Research and Environment, Coillte Forest

14.00 – 14.20	David Thompson Research & Environment Scientist Coillte	Cultivation of Irish Yew
14.20 – 14.40	Kevin Collins, Forest Service	The Forest Service and Woodland Conservation
14.40 – 15.00	Richard Schaible, Forest Service Northern Ireland	The Forest Service's Approach to the Restoration of Ancient Woodland in Northern Ireland
15.00 – 15.20	John Cross, National Parks and Wildlife Service	Native Woodland Conservation in Ireland
	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Session 3 – Chair: George McCarthy – Chairman, LIFE05 Project Management Group

15.40 – 16.00	Declan Little, Woodlands of Ireland	Woodlands of Ireland – A Decade of Progress: Forging the Foundations for A Vibrant Native Woodland Resource
16.00 - 16.20	Conor Kelleher, Bat Conservation Ireland	Woodland Management for Bats
16.20 – 16.40	Dick Coombes, Birdwatch Ireland	Breeding Birds In Irish Woodlands
16.40 – 17.00	Patricia Walsh, Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre	A Local Stakeholder's Perspective
17.00 - 17.30	General Discussion: What's After LIFE? Future Management of Priority Woodlands in Ireland	
19.30	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	