

Celebrating Our Living Earth for 9 Years with Bealtaine Festival of Outdoor Science

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Celebrate our Living Earth

18th–26th May 2013

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Incorporating International Day for Biological Diversity and Fascination of Plants Day

As part of the Celebrations for Bealtaine, we incorporate two major international days celebrating and promoting awareness of Biodiversity. International Day for Biological Diversity takes place on May 22nd with events relating to *Water and Biodiversity*: river walks, river ecology

The Bealtaine Festival of Outdoor Science celebrates our Living Earth in the Southeast of Ireland. There are more than 40 events presented by partner organisations exploring all aspects of our wonderful natural heritage. [see here for public programme](#)

Bealtaine is a unique partnership between visitor centres, environmental organisations and public bodies in the Southeast interested in promoting an appreciation of biodiversity, environment and natural heritage. There are many events for schools but also events in evenings and weekends for adult and family audiences. Our partners include Waterford City Council, Waterford County Council, Copper Coast Geopark, Waterford Institute of Technology Research Groups, The National Biodiversity Data Collection Centre, Lismore Heritage Centre and a host of expert writers, nature experts and researchers.

Events are wide-ranging and cover topics as diverse as earthquakes, Irish mammals, how to cook with sea-weed, river ecology as well as a look at reptiles, scorpions, insects and more with Dave's Jungle. Highlights will include building an art installation at Tramore and a plant photography master class.

workshops and wetland tours. Fascination of Plants Day takes place on May 18th and is designed to promote the importance of plant sciences in our lives: events taking place on this day include plant eco-tours, botanical drawing classes and flower macro-photography workshops.

This leading biodiversity festival was founded in 2005, In 2010, Bealtaine Festival of Outdoor Science was chosen by [The Guardian](#) as one of the top ten events world-wide celebrating International Day for Biological Diversity in International Biodiversity Year. This is the 9th year of the festival and we are hosting over 40 events with accommodation for 2,000 people.

Bealtaine was the ancient celtic festival welcoming spring and celebrating growth. The month of May in in the Irish language is Bealtaine.

For a full programme of events and booking information click [here](#).

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