

# Transition Kerry

## NATURE - COMMUNITY - COLLABORATION

This Kerry Wild Bee Festival 2024 is being organised by Transition Kerry in collaboration with Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park. We would like to acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council Community Support Fund, Eleanor Turner Biodiversity Officer, Kerry County Council, Kerry Branch Irish Wildlife Trust, Tralee Tidy Towns, Ballyduff Tidy Towns, Fenit Changing Tides, Gortbrack Organic Farm, Transition Kerry From The Ground Up Network, Biodiversity Ireland and the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, the 2024 festival will feature a series of walks and talks led by biodiversity experts and community groups on these important insects and the simple actions we can take to help them.

Transition Kerry is a local organisation that seeks to inspire, educate, inform and foster collaboration from the ground up. Together we explore and act on restorative and regenerative responses to ensure that people and nature are protected, so that communities can flourish and be vibrant healthy places to live in.

## NÁDÚR – COMHLUADAR – COMHOIBRIÚ

Tá Féile na Beacha Fhiáin Chiarraí eagraithe ag Transition Kerry in éineacht le Ionad Éiceolaíochta & Gníomhaíochta Bhogach Bhá Thráí. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil leis an Comhairle Chontae Chiarraí Ciste Tacaíocht an Phobal, Eleanor Turner Oifigeach Bithéagsúlacht le Comhairle Chontae Chiarraí, Kerry Branch Irish Wildlife Trust, Tralee Tidy Towns, Ballyduff Tidy Towns, Fenit Changing Tides, Gortbrack Organic Farm, Transition Kerry From The Ground Up Network, Biodiversity Ireland agus an Plean Uile-Éireann um Pailneoirí.

I dtimpeallacht álainn Ionad Éiceolaíochta & Gníomhaíochta Bhogach Bhá Thráí, beidh siúlóid agus ceardlann in éineacht le saineolaí bithéagsúlachta agus grúpaí phobail ar na feithidí tábhachtach seo agus na gníomhaíochtaí simplí is féidir linn dhéanamh chun cabhrú leo.

# Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**10:30am - 11am - Kerry Wild Bee Festival Opening** - Sliabh Mis Room at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park

**11am - 12pm - The Wonders of Willow Trees & Bees**

Ian McGregor of Gortbrack Organic Farm and Education Centre (Winners of Gold in Bloom on Biodiversity) - Talk & Walk through the Wetlands Ecology Park telling you all about The Wonders of Willow.

**11am - 3pm - Creating Bee Mobiles & Dragonflies with Willow**

Nature Artist Philip McSweeney from River Dog Studios - Will help you create your own mobile all created from willow grown in the Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park. Book online



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**11am - 3pm - TIMBER - Find Your Natural Match** - Mary Burke - Uncover your perfect nature companion.

**12pm - 1pm - Wild Bee Survey**

Alan Balfe, Senior Ecologist & Education Officer at Tralee Bay Wetlands - Learn about Bee Identification and how to carry out Wild Bee Surveys.

**2pm - 4pm - Ecological Corridor Walk**

Niamh Ní Dhúill, Nature, Biodiversity & Ecological Gardening Educator & Alan Balfe, Senior Ecologist & Education Officer - Come with us a Nature Walk to learn how our town is connected by natural ecological corridors. We will meet plants and habitats along the way.

This is an outdoor festival. Please wear appropriate clothing & footwear

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**11am - 12pm - 'How The Carder Bee returned to Fenit in 2023'**  
Grace Clinton from Fenit Changing Tides Group

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**12pm - 1pm - How Tidy Town groups can help the Moss Carder Bee**  
Susan Browne, Ballyduff Tidy Towns

**2pm - 3pm - Learn About Pollinators**  
Ger Scollard from Irish Wildlife Trust - Kerry Branch





Lakeside Café is a family run business. Mags and her Team are looking forward to welcoming you over the Kerry Wild Bee Festival, with lots of delicious options for all the family

*Kerry Wild Bee Festival Specials include*

- Tea/Coffee & Cake of the Day ..... €6.00
- Scones & Pastries from ..... €2.50
- Specialty Coffees from ..... €3.00

## Lunch options

Soup & Sandwich Combo €10.00

Tomato & Mozzarella Stuffed Turkey Burger €10.00  
Served with 3 House Salads

Vegetarian Quiche & Salad €10.00

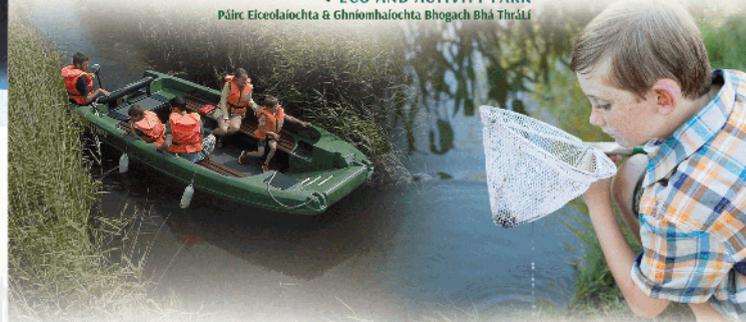
Poached Egg Smashed Avocado €12.50  
Crispy Bacon & a drizzle of Sweet Chilli on Soda Bread

Gourmet Turkey & Baked Ham €13.95  
Filled with Stuffing, Spinach & Cranberry Jelly on Sourdough Bread served with Chips & Salad



**OPEN 7 DAYS | 9AM - 5PM**

For more information or to order contact Margaret on 086 2408237 or email [lakesidewetlands@gmail.com](mailto:lakesidewetlands@gmail.com)



"Tralee Bay Wetlands is a vital vibrant resource to those who live in Tralee but equally to people from all over, who visit Kerry. In the Wetlands we can listen, feel, smell, taste and touch nature. It is an oasis in the business of the County Town with all the traffic and noise that we associate with urban life. As a community we need the Tralee Bay Wetlands. It is a place to walk in silence or in conversation, to be alone or in company - behind the veil of trees that protect us in so many ways.

It is a place of miracles. This site was once part of an unlicensed landfill site for the town, accepting tonnes of unsegregated waste each year - now it is a habitat for birds, insects and plants and a refuge for humans. It is our direct link with the natural world - a world that we are increasingly isolated from. It is a centre of excellence for educating adults and children. It is a hands on workshop on all sorts of activities throughout the year.

Here you can observe the natural world at work - birds building nests and feeding their young. Here one can see the changing colour of the seasons. The wetland is a centre for groups to gather and talk and plan actions to protect our environment. It is a place to sit and eat. Every town, that cares for its citizens should have such a facility."

*Micheál Ó Coileáin*

**WILDFLOWER BINGO** Free  
**POND DIPPING** €5 per person  
**GUIDED SAFARI BOAT TOUR**

€8 Adult | €4 Children (Half Price for All Attendees)

**CHECK ONLINE FOR OTHER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**

CALL THE WETLANDS TEAM 066 7126700  
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**KERRY**  
**Wild Bee**  
**FESTIVAL 2024**

Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park  
**Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July**

A weekend of talks, walks, and workshops about Ireland's wild pollinators and how to help them in our communities.

