

TIMETABLE



LOUGHREA
BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL
& BIOBLITZ 2026

THURSDAY 21ST MAY

19:00-20:15

Ecologists from MKO and University of Galway will provide a talk on moths and mammal surveys. Demonstration of setting up of moth and camera traps along with small mammal traps and hedgehog tubes. **Bioblitz Countdown Timer starts at 19:30.**

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

20:15-21:00

John Carrig from the Barn Owl Project will give a talk.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

21:15-23:00

MKO ecologists will lead a guided bat walk.

Location: St. Brendan's National School

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

6:30 – 8:00

Bring binoculars as MKO ecologists will lead a Dawn Chorus bird watching walk along the lakeshore.

Location: Corrys Field

9:30 – 10:45

MKO and ATU ecologists will open the moth, hedgehog and small mammal traps and provide an informative talk on the findings.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

11:15-12:30

Ecologists will provide a demonstration of biological water sampling and how they use it to assess water quality. This is an opportunity to get up close and personal with aquatic mini beasts and to learn of their importance in measuring water quality.

Location: The Walks

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

13:00 – 14:00

Renowned local botanist and Coillte forest ecologist Janice Fuller will lead a woodland biodiversity walk

Location: Kylebrack Woods

13:00 – 14:00

MKO ecologists will lead a lakeshore bird watch.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

14:30-15:15

Galway City and County Biodiversity Officers will provide a guided walk and talk on urban biodiversity and invasive species.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

15:30-16:30

Loughrea Anglers Association will provide a talk on their work to protect the lake.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

16:30-16:45

Dr. Heather Lally from ATU will give a talk on some the research that she and her colleagues from ATU have been doing on water quality in Loughrea.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

17:00-18:00

Detection Dogs for Conservation Ireland will provide a talk about how they use detection dogs in the name of conservation. This will include a live demonstration of their working dogs doing what they do best – using their noses to find stuff.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

18:30-19:30

The day will wrap up with a viewing any sightings caught on our camera traps and with a count up of the species recorded.

Location: Loughrea Fair Green

