

Trails

ELLEN HUTCHINS HERITAGE TRAIL (Available all year.)

Explore Bantry Bay's shores, woods & mountains by following a self-guided trail telling the story of Ireland's first female botanist. Trail leaflet with map available from Bantry Tourist Office or Bantry Library. Download the accompanying free audio guide from www.abartaheritage.ie/product/ellen-hutchins-trail/

MINI ART TRAIL (18th-26th August)

Prints of Ellen's beautiful, detailed and accurate watercolour drawings of seaweeds (1808-1812) displayed in Bantry's shop windows. Dramatic enlargements of some of the prints also on display in Manning's Emporium, Ballylickey. Art trail map available from Bantry Tourist Office & Bantry Library.



FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS & BOOKING:

WWW.ELLENHUTCHINS.COM



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Fucus asparagoides - seaweed drawing by Ellen Hutchins



Ellen Hutchins

IRELAND'S FIRST FEMALE BOTANIST

FESTIVAL

18 - 26 AUGUST 2018

BANTRY • WHIDDY • BALLYLICKEY • COOMHOLA • KEALKIL • GLENGARRIFF
WALKS • TALKS • WORKSHOPS • EXHIBITIONS • TRAILS • BOAT TRIPS

Following in the Footsteps of Ellen Hutchins (1785-1815)

This award-winning festival, now in its 4th year, provides a great opportunity to find out more about Bantry Bay's nature, heritage, culture and landscape through the story of Ellen Hutchins.

Programme of events



Sunday 19th August

10:30-12:30 GLENGARRIFF WOODS - MOSSES & LIVERWORTS: WALK *An engaging & informative introduction to our smallest plants with Dr Joanne Denyer (British Bryological Society).*

Meet: main car park, Glengarriff Nature Reserve.
No dogs allowed.

17:00-18:00 BANTRY BAY - BOAT TRIP & SEAWEED TASTING *A boat trip around inner Bantry Bay. See where Ireland's first female botanist searched for seaweed and taste some seaweed products. Sponsored by Zenith Energy and Wild Atlantic Seaweeds (WASI) Free event but booking required (see www.ellenhutchins.com for details).*

20:00-21:30 GLENGARRIFF - FLORA OF WEST CORK *An illustrated talk about the unique wild flowers of West Cork and a glimpse into the life of Ellen Hutchins by Clare Heardman (National Parks & Wildlife Service).*
Venue: Glengarriff Park Hotel

Tuesday 21st August

11:00-12:30 BANTRY BAY - BOAT TRIP

An exclusive tour of inner Bantry Bay in conjunction with Bantry Bay Boat Hire. Join a small flotilla of motor boats exploring the ecology & history of the bay.

Booking: www.bantrybayboathire.ie/hire-a-boat
Cost €10/person (15 places)

Wednesday 22nd August

10:00-12:00 or 14:00-16:00 BANTRY HOUSE CHILDREN'S NATURE-ART ACTIVITIES *Two art-based sessions e.g. creating flower impressions on cloth, making wooden identification discs and a scavenger hunt. Suitable 5-12-year olds.*

Free event but booking required
(see www.ellenhutchins.com for details).

14:00-16:00 BANTRY HOUSE ELLEN HUTCHINS' STORY IN 10 OBJECTS: EXHIBITION *Discover Ellen's story through objects including a drawing, her letters, books, and the type of microscope and writing materials she used.*

Venue: The Loggia, Bantry House

17:00-18:00 BALLYLICKEY - BOTANICAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Award-winning botanical artist Shevaun Doherty will be demonstrating her exquisite art skills live and talking about her botanical art (to attend a workshop with Shevaun see the Art Workshop section of the programme).

Venue: Manning's Emporium

Thursday 23rd August

10:00-12:30 COOMHOLA - COORYCOMMANE LOOP WALK

Walk in the footsteps of Ellen Hutchins with local Conservation Ranger, Clare Heardman (NPWS) on a 5km walk overlooking Ballylickey & Bantry Bay

Meet: Coomhola Bridge, walking boots required.
No dogs allowed.

Lunches available in Manning's Emporium, Ballylickey.

Friday 24th August

10:00-12:00 SNAVE BEACH - MICRO-NATURE TRAIL

An introduction to the lichens and tiny plants on the rocks and trees on the shore of Bantry Bay. With leading Irish botanists Howard Fox (NBG/OPW) and Maria Cullen.

Venue: Snavé, near Ballylickey. No dogs allowed.

Free event but booking required
(see www.ellenhutchins.com for details).

Lunches available in Manning's Emporium, Ballylickey.

14:00-16:00 BALLYLICKEY - LIVING HISTORY: LETTER WRITING 1808

Learn the letter writing practices of 1808, write with a quill pen and hear about Ellen's correspondence; with Carrie O'Flynn, re-enactor and Anne Secord, researcher

Venue: Seaview House, Ballylickey.
Afternoon teas can be ordered for 4pm.

Free event but booking required
(see www.ellenhutchins.com for details).

EVENTS ARE FREE*

**Events are free except for the workshops, ferry to Whiddy Island and one of the boat trips.*

Saturday 25th August

12:30-13:30 KEALKIL - CEOLCHOIRM RÚNDA (SECRET CONCERT)

A traditional music event in conjunction with West Cork Music & the Masters of Tradition Festival. If you want to find out who is performing come along!

Venue: Future Forests

Free event but booking required
(see www.westcorkmusic.ie/mastersoftradition/).

14:00-16:00 KEALKIL - PLANTS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: DROP-IN SESSION

Use microscopes, stereoscopes and hand lenses, with expert guidance from leading Irish botanists Howard Fox (NBG/OPW) and Maria Cullen in the beautiful setting of a garden centre with a difference.

Venue: Future Forests

Sunday 26th August

11:30-13:30 WHIDDY ISLAND - SEAWEED EVENT

An exciting chance to discover the seaweeds along Whiddy Island's shore with Dr Susan Steele (SFPA) and try identifying & preserving seaweed specimens 1800s style.

Ferries leave Bantry's Main Pier at 11am, returning at 2:15pm, 3:15pm and 4:15pm. €6.50 return.

Refreshments available in the Bank House, Whiddy.
No dogs allowed

Note: There is also a Ceolchoirm Rúnda (Secret Concert) being held on Whiddy 12:30-13:30. Free event but booking required: www.westcorkmusic.ie/mastersoftradition/

14:30-16:00 WHIDDY ISLAND - LIVING HISTORY: ELLEN AND SEAWEEDS

Q&A on why and how Ellen collected seaweed in the early 1800s with Anne Secord, researcher on history of science and Carrie O'Flynn, re-enactor (in costume).

Ferries leave Bantry's Main Pier at 11am, 1pm and 2pm, returning at 4:15pm and 5:45pm. €6.50 return.

Refreshments available in the Bank House, Whiddy.

Botanical Workshops

Sunday 19th August 10:00-16:00

GLENGARRIFF WOODS - LICHENS *An introductory workshop led by the author of Lichens of Ireland, Paul Whelan. This event is being run in conjunction with the National Biodiversity Data Centre.*

Booking: www.biodiversityireland.ie €30/person.

Monday 20th August 10:00-16:00

GLENGARRIFF WOODS - BRYOPHYTES *A workshop on woodland bryophytes led by one of Ireland's top bryologists, Dr Joanne Denyer. This event is being run in conjunction with the National Biodiversity Data Centre.*

Booking: www.biodiversityireland.ie €50/person.



Art Workshops

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th August

BANTRY HOUSE TEAROOMS - BOTANICAL ART WORKSHOP

Fabulous fruits in colour: A two-day botanical art watercolour workshop with award-winning artist Shevaun Doherty inspired by the rich colours and voluptuous shapes of fruit.

Booking: shevaun.doherty@gmail.com 087-1656948
€100/person (includes materials).

Saturday 25th August 14:30-17:30

FUTURE FORESTS, KEALKIL - BOTANICAL ART FOR BEGINNERS

New to watercolour and love plants? Take your first steps into Botanical Art with award-winning artist Shevaun Doherty in this fun and friendly introductory class held in a magical building.

Booking: shevaun.doherty@gmail.com 087-1656948
€30/person (includes materials).

