Explore how Nature, Organic Food and Local Heritage Thrive on an Award-Winning Organic Farm in Tipperary

Cloncannon Biofarm on the western slopes of the Devil's Bit Mountains in County Tipperary is a hotspot for nature within a landscape of intensive agriculture. Home to Sean O'Farrell, organic farmer, expert in Biodiversity and Conservation and committed to enhancing nature on the farm. Sean welcomes visitors to his home to reconnect with nature through hands-on activities and guided tours.

The farm is recognised for its high standard of environmental education and organic food production. Cloncannon Biofarm sits on an ancient site, (500 AD) and is abundant in local history and heritage. Discover the beautiful wildflower meadows, organic gardens, rivers and ponds and all the amazing life that lies within. Through Sean, learn about the amazing biodiversity and ecology of the land through fun and immersive activities. Tours are ideal for those who love to enjoy the outdoors and those who would like to learn about nature.

Highlights include:

- **Sean O' Farrell** | Farming for Nature Ambassador | expert in Biodiversity and Conservation.
- **History** | Gold Collar 800BC | Ringfort on the Farm | Anglo-Norman history | Local stories.
- **Biodiversity** | The Web of Life in Nature. | Fun Hands-on activities
- **Organic Farming** | Learn Gardening skills | Meet the beautiful farm animals.
- **Wellbeing** | reconnect with Nature | activate your 5 Senses | Taste real food.
- **Microscopy** | experience the wow of 'close-up' views | nature's designs.
- **Education** | tailor made workshops | knowledge exchange | sustainability.

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Experience Options

Experience Name	Short Description	Experience Type	Min-Max	Duration	Public Price Per Person
Local History	**Learn the story of the place - geology, landscape, local history on a guided walk with farmer Sean O'Farrell.**	Private group	10/32	1.5 hours	€18
	Inclusions: • Introduction to the Log House • Guided walk to the ringfort with farmer Sean O'Farrell • Tea/Coffee and locally baked goods at the Log House				
Organic gardening	**Guide tour.** **Hand's-on activities.**	Engaging activities Private group	 10-32	1 Hour	12 euros
	Inclusions: • Introduction to the Log House • Guided walk to the organic garden with farmer Sean O'Farrell • Tea/Coffee and locally baked goods at the Log House				
Habitat explorations	**Investigating which creatures live in the various farmland habitats – hedgerows, woodlands, river and ponds.**	Private Group Engaging activities	10/32	1.5hrs	18 euros
	Inclusions: • Introduction to the Log House • Hands-on activities in wildflower meadows, hedgerows, river and ponds. • Tea/Coffee and locally baked goods at the Log House.				
Sustainability in action	**Showcasing actions to enhance biodiversity and sustainable living.**	**Private Group.**	**10/32**	**30 min**	**8 euros**

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		Knowledge exchange			
	Inclusions: • Introduction to the Log House • Learn about sustainable actions to enhance nature and conserve natural resources. • Tea/Coffee and locally baked goods at the Log House				
Important Information: • Private experiences are subject to minimum numbers or the equivalent in charges. • Tours can be tailored to meet the needs and interests of your group - POA					
Dress Code: • Good sturdy outdoor footwear is required for the walk. • Warm clothing including a raincoat are recommended - wear layers in preparation for the Irish weather!					

Farm animals enjoying wild ivy for breakfast.

Important Information

Booking Information	• Contact: Sean O' Farrell • **M:** +353 (0) 87 9227957 Eircode: E53 AE27. • **E:** ofarrejf@tcd.ie | **www.**cloncannonbiofarm.com
Opening and Closing Dates	• Open from March to October • Private experiences are subject to availability
Location	• **Cloncannon Biofarm, Moneygall, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. E53 AE27**
Parking	-
Customer Information	• **Accessibility** - **Our destination is NOT yet wheelchair accessible.** - Appropriate outdoor footwear is recommended. The Cost to the visitor depends on the tours selected and the time they wish to spend. Refreshments such as: Tea/Coffee/herbal and organic treats are provided if booked in advance. Gluten free preferences also catered for (if notified). Toilets on site. • Children must be accompanied at all times. • Not yet wheelchair accessible. General information • Children must be accompanied at all times. • No dogs allowed • **Dietary requirements:** - We would appreciate 48 hours advance notice for any dietary requirements • **Languages:** English
Our Sustainable Ethos	• We are driven to farm in a nature positive way and to share our knowledge and sustainability experiences with others. • We are passionate about the protection and enhancement of the key natural resources of biodiversity, soil and water. • We are ambitious to support our local community with access to nature and to nutrient dense organic food and to create new job opportunities in the rural landscape.

Experience Descriptions

A Tapestry of History & Landscape:

When you step into the fine Iron Age Ringfort at Cloncannon Biofarm, try to imagine where all the needs of these early farmers came from. We will find the answers written in the landscape of the farm tour. Another story unearthed locally lies in this story, - when the farmers were cutting turf on the blanket bog on the hills overlooking Cloncannon in the early nineteenth century they discovered a magnificent Gold Collar (National Museum of Ireland) dating to 800/700 BC. Taking a big leap forward in your time machine to the 13th C in Cloncannon, there is still evidence on the landscape of the Anglo-Norman settlement site of defence against the Irish clans.

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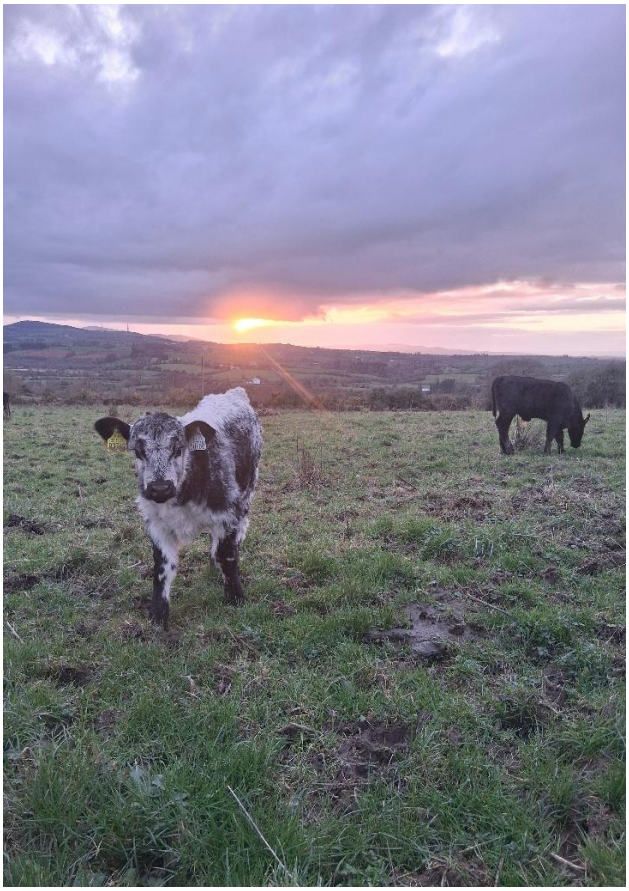
The Living Soil, Organic Gardens and Community Health/Wellbeing.

You will probably agree that 'Your Health is Your Wealth'. As we guide you through our gardens you can get your fingers into fertile soil and find the link to you performing at your optimum level in academia, sport and work life through consuming nutrient dense food provided by soil micro-biology. Feel the texture of the soil, smell its beneficial microbes and learn some simple actions to grow your own medicine. Adopt our community engagement system to establish an organic/regenerative community garden in your own community. It will enhance biodiversity, community health/wellbeing and provide food security and climate resilience.



Nature's Interconnected Haven

Wander through the wildflower meadows along by the diverse hedgerows, a haven for biodiversity. Be part of the 'scientific' team carrying out some hands-on activities investigating who lives there. Learn about some of the long-distance migrants making Cloncannon Biofarm their destination for survival. Listen for the melody of the mountain streams, the veins of life for this picturesque landscape. Lift a few stones to reveal a 'world of wonder' in a stream's web of life. Be amazed by the designs of nature that so efficiently evolved to sustain the insects in the stream and to later emerge as flying insects. Be ready for the 'wow' when you view them under a microscope.

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Stream and pond insect larvae that will later emerge as flying insects.

Investigating farm habitats at Cloncannon Biofarm

Sustainable Living in Action:

Be inspired when you step into the future at our eco-conscious Log House, powered by solar panels and rainwater harvesting. We don't just talk about sustainability—we live it, championing best practices that harmonise modern comfort with profound respect for our environment.

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Come. Connect. Be inspired.

Cloncannon Biofarm—where past and future meet in a living, breathing landscape.

Cloncannon Biofarm at Point B above, just off the M7 motorway from Dublin to Limerick City. Eircode: E53 AE27

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What we LOVE to do in Tipperary

1	**Lough Derg on the River Shannon. We love the scenic landscape and attractive towns and villages around the lake. There are many fine restaurants for enjoying high quality food. We would recommend a boat trip along the River Shannon or across to Holy Island.Visit: www.discoverloughderg.ie**
2	**Roscrea Heritage Town. Roscrea was historically an important intersection point on the medieval Slighe Dala routeway through Ireland. We love the magnificent stone motte castle dating from the 1280s, the Black castle mills and Monaincha Abbey ruins.** **Visit: visitroscrea.ie/town-history/**
3	**The Slieve Blooms mountains. The Slieve Bloom network of walking trails is a short distance from Roscrea. We love the great choice of graded hiking trails which each has a uniqueness to stimulate your senses. Visit: www.slievebloom.ie/walking**
4	**Farney Castle. Farney Castle was built in 1185 and is the only round tower in Ireland occupied as a family home. It is located in Holycross, County Tipperary and also has a knitwear and porcelain design shop. I love to bring some of my visitors to this intriguing destination and give them the opportunity to also hear a fascinating family story. www.discoverireland.ie/tipperary/farney-castle**
5	**Tipperary Mountain Trekking Centre facilitates horse riding and pony trekking. It's a family run business providing lessons for children and adults, offering a unique way to explore the scenic countryside. We love to share this exciting experience with our visitors who love activities in the outdoors.www. tipperary.com/see-and-do-listing/tipperary-mountain-trekking-centre/**

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