

Waterville Seatrout Festival

Tech Amergin Waterville Co Kerry

Date 18th -19th July 2009

A celebration of the resurgence of Waterville as a destination, not only for its magnificent seatrout fishing but also for the beauty of its rich and ancient coastal landscape, its sparkling lakes and streams, its culture, history and folklore.

Events

There will be a wide range of events for the enjoyment of all, including non-fishermen! The Festival will be held in and around the Tech Amergin, our Centre for Arts and Culture, in the centre of Waterville.

Exhibition

Throughout the weekend an exhibition of Art and Photography, illustrating the richness of the fishing, the fishery and our unique landscape, will be mounted in the foyer of the Tech Amergin .

Illustrated talks

The unique trout which inhabit this system of lakes and streams by one of Ireland's best known fishery scientists, Ed Fahy.

Ed Fahy will talk about his research into the sea bass, perhaps Waterville's most underrated sportfish!

Paddy Gargan of the Central Fisheries Board on the science behind the redevelopment of our seatrout and salmon fishery

John Murphy, manager of the Waterville Fisheries Development Group will give an illustrated insight into the past and ongoing work on the fishery.

Paddy de Buis well known poet and local historian will talk about the origins of Waterville through its folklore, myths and legends.

Glenda Powell, Ireland's best known professional game angling instructor, will share her knowledge of fly lines from her experience in working with many of the well known manufacturers.

Workshops & Demonstrations

Workshops will continue throughout the weekend in various venues and will include:

Casting Demonstrations and workshops by, Glenda Powell. Glenda will be covering single and double handed speycasting, casting from a boat and saltwater fly casting in various locations around Waterville. We are hoping that our younger fishermen and women will take advantage of her expertise!

Flytying demonstrations and tuition throughout the weekend by expert Irish flydressers

Ivor O'Connor, top Dublin Chef, will be demonstrating the secrets of fish cookery and conducting workshops into cooking your seatrout and salmon.

Popular local Gillie Neil O'Shea will head up a team of local Gillies on the shores of Lough Currane, demonstrating the essentials of safety afloat and secrets of successful boatfishing on the Waterville lakes.

Entertainment

There will an evening of song, poetry and readings in the auditorium of the Tech Amergin on the Saturday evening, 18th July, with Poet Paddy de Bius, well known traditional local musicians Ardú and nationally acclaimed musician Paddy Walshe.

Guided visits and Walks

Throughout the weekend there will be guided visits around the fishery, including the refurbished the hatchery complex, to see the scope of the ongoing development project.

There will also be guided walking tours of the lakes and Ballinskelligs bay to see first hand where historic and mythical events occurred (and where the seatrout are caught!)

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