



A SERIES OF EVENTS CELEBRATING
DONEGAL FOOD
AND ITS CHAMPIONS



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JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2018

WELCOME

The Food Coast Experiences is an exciting initiative to create a series of food tourism experiences in Donegal that celebrate Donegal food and its champions. The Food Coast Experiences are immersive and give you a taste and flavour of the food and drink culture in Donegal. 2017 was the first year of the Food Coast Experiences and featured a range of events from festivals, guides tours, cooking and dining with chefs and the famous chowder cook-off. This booklet outlines an exciting range of Food Experiences that have been scheduled for 2018.



FOOD COAST WEBSITE

In April 2018 the Food Coast website was launched as a source of information for both food sector businesses and consumers interested in learning more about Donegal Food. The website lists all the Food Coast Experiences and profiles each of the certified Food Coast Members. To keep in touch or to follow the evolving Donegal Food Story visit; www.donegalfoodcoast.ie



Launch of Food Coast website

The Food Coast





JUNE 2018

SEAWEED FORAGING AT MUCKROSS BAY

Rosaria Piseri of Algaran will lead a guided seaweed foraging session on Muckross Beach on Saturday June 16th. We meet at 2.30 at the Old School Car Park, Carrick. A free return bus will travel to and from there to Muckross. (Parking is limited at Muckross so it is advisable to avail of the bus.) The walk is organised by the Donegal Association of An Taisce. There will be an opportunity to visit the Algaran factory at Malinmore Glencolmille to see the organic cosmetics, spa and hair care products, and foods produced from seaweed.

Wear wellingtons or other waterproof footwear on the walk – the seaweed will be wet even though the tide is out. Suitable for all age groups. Everyone Welcome.

Host: Rosaria Piseri of Algaran & Donegal Association, An Taisce

Location: Muckross Bay, Kilcar, Co. Donegal

Date: Saturday 16th June 2018 **Cost:** Free **Time:** 2.30pm

Tel: 087 917 0536 **Email:** rosaria@algaran.com

 [An-Taisce-Donegal](https://www.facebook.com/An-Taisce-Donegal)

Website: www.antaisce.org/events/seaweed-foraging-in-muckross-bay

JUNE/JULY 2018

CIARAN SWEENEY AT BREAC HOUSE

Breac.House are delighted to announce that they are hosting a series of very special events this summer and autumn. Donegal native, Ciaran Sweeney, Head chef at Forest and Marcy, Dublin will create for their guests a modern seasonal tasting menu driven by all the glorious ingredients which are all sourced locally from suppliers in Dunfanaghy and North Donegal. Ciaran will cook in the open kitchen and discuss the produce he is using while cooking. Selected producers will also attend. Evenings will commence with pre-dinner drinks on the outdoor terrace overlooking Sheephaven Bay and Muckish Mountain. Full wine and drinks pairing also included.

Host: Breac.House



Location: Breac House, Horn Head, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

Upcoming Date: Saturday June 23rd - Monday June 25th (Tasting Menu on Sunday 24th)

Saturday July 21st – Monday July 23rd | Monday July 23rd – Wednesday July 25th

Cost: €700 for 2 sharing (€650 in October)

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BIG DAY OUT AT THE BREWERY

JUNE 2018

Come out and join the Kinnegar team at K2, in Ballyraine, Letterkenny for their second annual Big Day Out at the Brewery as part of Indie Beer Week. You can enjoy brewery tours, demonstrations and hands-on practical experiences like bottling your own beer or soft drink. There will also be a range of local artisan food producers to pair food with your beer. The Kinnegar team will also be joined by White Hag and Boghopper on the day.

Host: Kinnegar Brewing

Location: K2, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Date: Saturday 23rd June 2018 | **Cost:** Free, Booking essential | **Time:** 2.00pm - 8.00pm

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JUNE/JULY 2018

SUMMER SEAFOOD & JAZZ NIGHT

Last Summer the team at Arnolds Hotel launched a series of monthly Seafood and Jazz Nights in their newly renovated restaurant to celebrate the variety and quality available locally in Dunfanaghy and Donegal. This summer they are back due to popular demand! Visit the buzzing seaside village of Dunfanaghy and enjoy new Executive Head Chef Brian McMonagle's five course seafood menu to the soundtrack of live Jazz performed by Donegal songstress Sarah Cullen & Co. Seafood will include Mulroy Mussels, Donegal Oysters, Crab and Lobster from Portnablagh Pier and turf smoked salmon from the Haven Smokehouse. Booking required.

Host: Arnold's Hotel

Location: Main Street, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

Upcoming Dates: Friday 29th June, 27th July and 24th August 2018

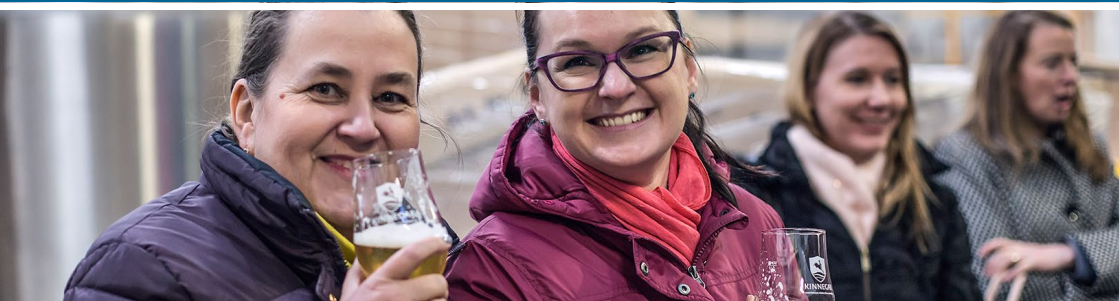
Cost: €45.00 | **Time:** 8.30pm

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Website: www.arnoldshotel.com





JULY 2018

CASTLE GROVE'S 2ND ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

On the 7th July, Castle Grove Country House are hosting their second annual strawberry festival to celebrate the strawberry harvest from their walled Garden. The team have decided to make the Strawberry Festival an annual event which is an ideal family day out and an opportunity to see the rich history and walled gardens at Castle Grove. Admission to the event is free and the event will have: Free Walled Garden Tours, Free Cooking Demos, Music by Nasty and the Fantastics and BBQ & Marquee on the Lawn. Booking not required.

Host: Castle Grove Country House

Location: Castle Grove Country House, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Date: July 7th 2018 | **Cost:** Free | **Time:** 1pm – 5pm

Tel: 074 915 1118

Email: reservations@castlegrove.com

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Website: www.castlegrove.com

CASTLE GROVE'S GARDEN DINNER PARTY

Join the team at Castle Grove at long table style Summer Garden Dinner Party to celebrate and enjoy summer weather and food harvested from the walled garden. With only 30 seats available, this exclusive event will open your eyes to the world of Castle Grove, from the ancient trees to the blooming flowers. The event will be an evening of fine dining, relaxation and the great outdoors. Tickets €65 for 7 course tasting menu with each dish composed of ingredients from the Walled Garden. Arrival cocktails in the Walled Garden and dinner in the secret garden overlooking the Swilly (weather permitting). Booking required.

Host: Castle Grove Country House

Location: Castle Grove Country House, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Date: Thursday 12th July 2018 | **Cost:** €65.00 | **Time:** 6.30pm

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SALAD DAYS AT THE GLASS HOUSES

In association with Festifál ~ The Falcarragh Festival, The Glasshouses in Killult will host a salad morning. Those who come along will get expert advice on growing and harvesting the very best seasonal produce. The morning will celebrate healthy naturally grown vegetables. Participants will gain hands on experience picking ingredients to make a selection of simple and delicious salads. The event aims to encourage a greater appreciation of the quality and benefits of fresh seasonal vegetables, inspiring participants to grow their own greens and support local producers. Booking not required.


Host: The Glasshouses / na Tithe Gloine

Location: Killult, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal

Date: Saturday 14th July 2018 | **Cost:** Free | **Time:** 11am – 1pm

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 [natithegloine](https://www.facebook.com/natithegloine)

Website: www.natithegloine.com

AUGUST 2018

WILD ATLANTIC CRAFT BEER & WHISKEY FESTIVAL

Join Brendan at the family bar and home to the Donegal Brewing Company as they host a celebration of Irish Craft Beer and Irish Whiskey along the Wild Atlantic Way. In Ballyshannon, the oldest town in Ireland, a warm welcome awaits as you learn about the wealth of Irish Craft beers, including their very own Donegal Brewing Co which is based at the family bar. To find out more contact Brendan directly. Booking not required.

Host: Donegal Brewing Company and Dicey Reilly's Bar

Location: Dicey Reillys Bar, Market Street, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal

Date: Friday 4th to Sunday 5th August 2018 | **Cost:** Free

Tel: 086-2836914

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 [diceysbar](https://www.facebook.com/diceysbar)

Website: www.wildatlanticcraftbeerfestival.com





AUGUST 2018

FAMILY FUN DAY AT DUNMORE GARDENS

Dunmore Gardens, Carrigans, Co. Donegal are delighted to host their 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Sunday August 5th 2018 from 12noon until 6pm and everyone is invited. The event will feature local artisan food producers who will provide samples of their food & drink products. They will also be giving talks on the day about their businesses & products.

The team from Sippy Fest will also participate and provide a range of local beers from Donegal and Derry. The Dunmore Story Teller will also be in attendance to entertain all the children with enchanting stories. Children will also be able to explore the garden Fairy Trail to find the Dunmore Fairy and there will be prizes for the girls & boys who find the hidden fairy treasures.

Host: Dunmore Gardens

Location: Dunmore Gardens, Carrigans, Co. Donegal

Date: 5th August 2018 | **Cost:** Free & Cars are €5 | **Time:** 12 Noon - 6pm

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OAKFEST 2018

The team at Oakfield Gardens and Buffers Restaurant are organising the first annual OakFest to promote the talent, scenery and food that Donegal has to offer. The event will feature local music, artisan food producers, heritage, steam trains, literature and art from local artists. Oakfest will have stalls and food vans with a variety of local foods from hot and cold, locally homemade tray bakes and cakes, Oakfield Honey and Donegal handmade chocolates.

Host: Oakfield park

Location: Oakfield Park, Raphoe, Co. Donegal

Date: 25th & 26th August 2018

Cost: €25 or €40 for weekend, discount for Family and children | **Time:** 12noon - 8pm

Tel: 0749173068 | **Email:** oakfieldpark@gmail.com

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Website: www.oakfieldpark.com

DONEGAL CHOWDER COOK OFF

SEPTEMBER 2018


As part of the Hooked Maritime Festival in Killybegs, the Donegal Chowder Cook off will see the best of Donegal chefs come together to compete for the title of 2018 Donegal Chowder Champion. Visitors to this event are guaranteed a feast for the senses as they sample the range of chowders and cast their vote for the best. The winner will go to the All Ireland Cook Off in Kinsale in 2019. Booking not required.


Host: Killybegs Community Council

Location: Killybegs, LYIT Tourism College

Date: 1st September 2017 | **Cost:** Free | **Time:** 2pm – 4pm

Email: killybegscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

 [Killybegs-Community-Council](https://www.facebook.com/Killybegs-Community-Council)

 [hookedkillybegs](https://twitter.com/hookedkillybegs)

Website: www.killybegscommunity.wixsite.com/hooked


THE STUNNING GARDENS OF DONEGAL


The SongHouse and OURganic Gardens are very excited to offer a 4 night package, which includes: Accommodation at the Song House, meals and personal tours of Donegal's stunning gardens. The event will include a trip to Glenveagh National Park, to learn about the gardens and history of the Castle. This will be followed by a personal tour around Cluain na dTor Gardens by the owner and creator Seamus O'Donnell. There will also be opportunity to forage for wild food along the glorious coastline and woods of Donegal. Joanne from OURganic Gardens will conduct a tour of a community garden and explain how you can grow fruit, herbs and vegetables in your own garden using permaculture principles. Breakfast, Lunch and two evening meals included and there will also be tour of two local pubs, brimming with character and craic. Transport and personal guides included.

Host: The SongHouse and OURganic Gardens

Location: The Song House, Clonbarra, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal

Date: 7th – 11th September 2018 | **Cost:** €390

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 [thesonghouse](https://www.instagram.com/thesonghouse) | **Website:** www.thesonghouseireland.com



HARVEST BALL IN MCGRORY'S

SEPTEMBER 2018

McGrory's Hotel in Culdaff are hosting a Harvest Ball as part of the heritage and culture weekend. The Harvest Ball will include a seven-course tasting menu which will showcase local produce from Inishowen and Donegal. Donegal's Noel Cunningham will be the MC for the evening and dinner will be followed by entertainment by the High Class Hobos. As part of the Heritage weekend and Harvest ball local food drink producers including Kinnegar Brewing, Ballyholey farm and the Haven Smokehouse will be doing talks and tastings on the Saturday and Sunday.

Host: McGrory's Hotel Culdaff

Location: McGrory's Hotel, Inishowen, Co. Donegal

Date: 23rd September 2018

Cost: €45 for dinner at the Harvest Ball

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 [mcgrorysculdaff](https://www.instagram.com/mcgrorysculdaff) | **Website:** www.mcgrorys.ie



OFF THE STREET FOOD FESTIVAL

After the success of the first Off The Street Food Festival in 2017, the team behind the festival have organised another action packed line-up for 2018. The festival will be two days of live music, live cookery demos, producer stories and variety of Donegal street food vendors. The festival will feature cookery demonstrations from award winning chefs: Kwanghi Chan, Mary Mc Laughlin, Garry Mc Peake – McGrory's Culdaff, Shane Mc Connell – McConnell Meats, Zack Gallagher, Martin Anderson and Pauline Sugrue – Wild Garlic Table Cookery School. Booking not required.

Host: Off the Street Food Festival Committee

Location: Behind Orchard Bar Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Date: 28th & 29th July 2018 | **Cost:** €3 per day | **Time:** 12 Noon - 8pm

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 lkfoodfest **Website:** www.offthetstreetfoodfest.com

AUGUST 2018

TASTE OF INISHOWEN FOOD FESTIVAL


To celebrate the food available in Inishowen and Donegal, the Taste of Inishowen Food Festival, takes place as part of the Clonmany Show. This year Neven Maguire and Inishowen native Brian McDermott are set to take to the stage and will be performing cooking demos using local ingredients and produce from Donegal. Last year's show proved to be hugely popular as 100s attended the to see Rachel Allen and Brian McDermott cook a range of dishes using local produce. Booking not required.

Host: Clonmany Agricultural Show

Location: Pollan Green, Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal

Date: Tuesday, 7th August 2018 | **Cost:** €10 entry to the Clonmany Agricultural Show

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Website: www.clonmanyshow.com



FOOD FESTIVALS

A TASTE OF DONEGAL FOOD FESTIVAL

This must attend foodie event is a three day celebration of great Food and Drink located in a beautiful tented village on the pier in Donegal Town. It takes place from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th August 2018. Discover the biggest hidden gem along the way when you visit our 10th Anniversary of A Taste of Donegal 2018. Cookery Demonstrations by Celebrity and local Chefs. There will be Gin, Beer and Cocktail Masterclasses, Music and Street Entertainment for all and much more. Booking not required.



Host: Donegal Town Community Chamber

Location: The Quay, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Date: 24th to 26th August 2018

Cost: Adults €7, Children €1, 3 Day Weekend Pass: €18.00

Tel: 087 177 7140 | **Email:** development@donegaltown.ie

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Website: www.atasteofdonegal.com

SEPTEMBER 2018

DUNFANAGHY FOOD FESTIVAL

The popular seaside village of Dunfanaghy in North West Donegal will host its third annual food festival on Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th September 2018. The festival will begin with an outdoor food market on the Village Green (opposite Arnolds Hotel) on Saturday 29th September from 12pm-4pm. Local businesses will join Donegal artisan producers to showcase the value in shopping local, using local and eating local. Familiar faces taking part include Sliabh Liag Distillery, na Tithe Gloine, Gallagher's Premium Oysters, Donegal Rapeseed, and Dunfanaghy Country Market. Booking not required.

Host: Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns

Location: The Green, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

Date: 29th September 2018 | **Cost:** Free | **Time:** 12-4pm

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 [dunfanaghyfoodfestival](#)

PLEASE NOTE: All details were correct at time of going to print






EXPERIENCES



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