

One-Day Study Tours

Cloosh Valley Forest, Co. Galway. Friday, 9th July, 1976.
Leader : M. Cassidy.

The group (of about 100) visited first a 13-year-old spacing trial with coastal lodgepole pine, growing at a rate indicating yield class 18, under optimal nutritional conditions. Then to a 15-year-old crop of Monterey pine where the survivors by their height and girth indicated a high potential for this species on western blanket bogs if the problems associated with its establishment and early mortality could be overcome. The silvicultural treatment of a crop of Lulu Island lodgepole pine was discussed, and the tour ended with a visit to an area of fertiliser experiments and a demonstration of the beneficial and lasting effects of pre-planting reclamation, including the addition of granite gravel, on 24-year-old Sitka spruce.

Ballyvourney Forest, Co. Cork. Friday, 17th September, 1976.
Leader : John F. Ryan.

The subject of study was the harvesting of sawlog and pulpwood. Demonstrations included extraction and piling of sawlogs by Highland Skidder; line and chevron extraction of pulpwood by Holder skidder; extraction of line and chevron and line thinning of pallet and pulpwood by Sky-line; and extraction of line thinnings by Drabant.

Sunday Meetings

Hilton Park, Clones, Co. Monaghan. 16th May, 1976. Leader : Major J. W. R. Madden.

Avondale, Co. Wicklow. 10th October 1976. Leader : O. V. Mooney.

Forest Walks

The annual guided forest walks for members of the general public, organised with the co-operation of the Forest and Wildlife Service, Dublin, and the Forest Service, Belfast, were held on Sunday, 12th September, 1976. The details of the individual walks are given below.

Ard na Geeha, Cong, Co. Mayo:

Scenic walk by Lough Corrib through mixed woodland. (P. Campbell, M. Cassidy, C. Hanley.)

Ballinalee, Co. Longford:

Tree production from seed to sawdust. (L. Diffley, K. McLoughlin.)

Ballyfarnon Forest, Co. Roscommon:

Scenic walk through broadleaf and conifer woodland. (M. Donnelly.)

Ballykilcavan, Stradbally, Co. Laois

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Broadleaf and conifer plantations various stages of development. (S. R. Fyfer.)

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal:

Scenic walk through conifer woodlands with views of lake and mountains. (K. F. Quinlan).

Baronscourt, Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone:

Deer centre and enclosure. Silvicultural research and management. (W. J. Bryan.)

Baronstown, Ballinacarrigy, Co. Westmeath:

Afforestation with a variety of broadleaf and conifer trees. (J. Naughton, M. J. Sheridan, J. Quinlivan.)

Bishopswood, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary:

Mature exotic conifer and broadleaf species, wildlife and amenity interests. (J. Hanly.)

Carns, Co. Sligo:

Diverse broadleaf and conifer forest. (C. C. Crowley, T. Gallen, T. Tunt.)

Carrickbyrne, Co. Wexford:

Scenic woodland at various development stages. (J. Vaughan.)

Castleshane, Co. Monaghan:

Mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland. Waterfall and castle ruins. (M. Dooley, J. Finlay.)

Clonegal, Co. Wexford:

Forest nursery with ten million trees. Poplar cultivation and wildlife interest. (P. J. Cotter, G. Murphy, J. J. O'Reilly.)

Cratloe, Co. Clare:

Mature conifer forest with natural oak woodlands. (E. Larkin, M. O'Donovan.)

Cullaun, Tulla Forest, Co. Calre:

Conifer and broadleaf trees on limestone soils. Amenity, historic and wildlife interests. (J. Stapleton, P. J. O'Sullivan.)

Demesne, Mountbellew, Co. Galway:

Mixed conifer and oak plantations, museum, wildlife and amenity interests. (J. Cronin.)

Devil's Glen, Ashford, Co. Wicklow:

Scenic walk through Devil's Glen. Amenity and commercial forest. (H. M. FitzPatrick.)

Donadea, Co. Kildare:

Diverse broadleaf and conifer forest. Restoration of lake. (J. P. Connelly, P. Crowe, E. Fitzpatrick.)

Galtee, Co. Limerick:

Scenic riverside walk through mixed broadleaf and conifer forest. (J. M. Moloney.)

Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry:

Wide variety of tree species and their management. Panoramic views of coastline and mountains. (J. Costelloe, D. Walsh.)

Glencree, Co. Wicklow:

Scenic walk through mature conifer woodlands. (S. Hayes, A. P. Higgins.)

Headford, Virginia, Co. Cavan:

Interesting variety of conifer and broadleaf species. (A. McGinley, M. Ryan.)

Island Wood, Newmarket, Co. Cork:

Amenity walk through conifer forest. (P. J. Hayes, J. O'Mahony.)

Killakee, Co. Dublin:

Wide variety of broadleaf and conifer trees overlooking Dublin city. (J. Fennessey, F. Mulloy, M. O'Brien.)

Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway:

Mixed coniferous woodlands, wildlife interests. (P. Giblin, E. McGuinness.)

Ravensdale, Dundalk, Co. Louth:

Commercial and scenic aspects of established conifer and broadleaved forest. (T. J. McCarthy.)

Thomastown, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick:

Mixed forest of broadleaf and conifer trees. (L. O'Connor.)

Tollymore Forest Park, Co. Down:

Forest plots and arboretum of native and exotic broadleaf and conifer trees. (S. Harris, D. Fitzpatrick, R. T. Sherwood.)

Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo:

Forest at variety of development stages, wildlife and amenity interests. (T. DeGruineil, R. O Cinneide.)

Warrenscourt Wood, Kilmurray, Co. Cork:

Conifer woodlands interspersed with broadleaf trees. (T. Galvin, P. Verling.)

Woodquarter, Milford, Co. Donegal:

Scenic walk through mixed woodlands. (N. Foley.)

Annual Study Tour

A report on the 1976 study tour, centred on Tramore, will appear in the next issue.