

# Proposed Carnsore Point Biodiversity Park

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“Nature +” is an umbrella project involving a multidisciplinary team of researchers based in Trinity College Dublin (TCD). Team members seek to promote biodiversity in different aspects Irish life (<https://www.natureplus.ie/>).

The Nature + Energy project (2021-2025) aimed to promote biodiversity at onshore wind farms (<https://www.marei.ie/research/projects/natureenergy/>). The project focused on nine wind farm sites throughout Ireland; these sites included two farms on the South Wexford Coast: Richfield Wind Farm and Carnsore Wind Farm. The Carnsore Wind Farm was flagged a demonstration site for the overall project. (<https://esb.ie/what-we-do/generation-and-trading/carnsore---wind>, [https://www.thewindpower.net/windfarm\\_en\\_411\\_carnsore.php](https://www.thewindpower.net/windfarm_en_411_carnsore.php), and <https://screenwexford.com/location/coastal/carnsore-wind-farm/>).

The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) partnered with the Nature + team “to explore how land management at onshore wind farms can strengthen habitat quality, biodiversity and connectivity between people and nature”. With regard to Carnsore Point the ESB went on to explain “A key output will be the Nature+ Biodiversity Park, a place for people to enjoy nature at the wind farm and learn about the value of local biodiversity. This will be developed in a co-design process involving Wexford County Council, local walking groups, and schools, and will include walking trails and educational resources around people’s connection to nature.” (<https://esb.ie/news---insights/blog/article/esb/2024/08/01/why-we-need-to-enhance-our-land-for-biodiversity>).

Since Carnsore Point featured an existing walking trail, and since that existing trail impacted on part of the ESB property, it was proposed to incorporate the existing trail into the proposed Biodiversity Park (<https://wexfordwalkingtrail.ie/Trails/carne-trails-carnsore-point-trail/>, <https://www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/walking/trails/carne-carnsore-point-trail>, and <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/ireland/county-wexford/carnsore-point-loop>).

On 27 February 2026, Siobhán McLoughlin, Research Assistant, Nature + Energy, TCD, circulated an email to all parties involved in the Biodiversity Park project advising that the Nature + Energy involvement in the project had ended. With regard to the walking trail, she provided the following updates:-

- The ESB was in the final stages of finalising the signage suite with Wexford County Council and an appointed design team.
- The Soundscapes Audio Archive Project secured Creative Ireland funding to support its formal handover phase to Wexford County Council. This next stage will focus on consolidating and archiving the recorded material and progressing QR integration along the trail.
- There is a need to advance the formation of an independent community group, so that there would be a clear point of contact with local stakeholders for both the ESB and Wexford County Council.

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Jim Hurley, 1 March 2026