



Wee Binnian Walkers

HILLWALKING Festival

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Warrenpoint Harbour Authority



6th-8th September 2024
Mourne & Cooley Mountains

THE FESTIVAL

This September the Wee Binnian Walkers – the Social Club that Walks – warmly invites you to join us in the stunning landscapes of the Mourne and Cooley mountains for our 2024 Hillwalking Festival.

Throughout the weekend we offer a variety of graded walks, led by trained and experienced leaders, for all categories of walker. So why not join us as we follow in the footsteps of Cúchulainn and see first-hand why this landscape was the inspiration for Narnia.



FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

SLIEVE GULLION WALK (GRADE 2)

Opening our Festival is an ascent of the iconic Slieve Gullion.

County Armagh's highest mountain overlooking South Armagh and North Louth is geologically unique. Part of a volcanic complex called a ring dyke and containing Ireland's highest surviving chambered graves

Registration: Online

Meet at Gullion Forest Car Park
(Local car parking charges apply)

12.00 – BT35 8SW

Distance: 9km

Height Gain: 580m

ROSTREVOR STARGAZING WALK (GRADE 2)

An enchanted walk with opportunities for stargazing, overlooking Carlingford Lough, the Cooley Mountains and Eastern Seaboard.

Rostrevor, Fiddler's Green, Cloughmore Stone, Glen Stream, Fairy Glen.

Registration: Online

Meet at Kilbroney Car Park 20.00

Distance: 7km

Ascent: 337m

NB: Walkers must demonstrate a functioning head torch before joining the walk.

APRÈS HIKE - INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER

Relax after the first day's walking and get a chance to mingle with your fellow walkers.

Venue to be confirmed.

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

MOURNE WALL WALK

Join us on this premium walk to complete the Mourne Wall Walk over two days.

Saturday Day 1: Starting at Silent Valley ascend to Binnian and continue via Long Seefin – Rocky – Donard – Comedagh and Corragh to Hares Gap and down to Meelmore Lodge.

Eventbrite Ticket Sales Only

Bus Departs: Warrenpoint Townhall 09.30

Distance: 18.6kms | **Height Gain:** 1533m

Sunday Day 2: Starting at Meelmore Lodge – Hares Gap – Bearnagh – Meelmore – Meelbeag – Carn – Muck and Slievenaglogh to finish at Silent Valley.

Registration: Online | **Bus Departs:**

Warrenpoint Townhall 09.30

Distance: 17.8km | **Height Gain:** 1234m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 1)

A strenuous walk in the heart of the Mournes with breathtaking views of the Annalong Valley and the Irish Sea.

Rourkes Park – Round Seefin, Long Seefin – Rocky – Annalong Valley – Brandy Pad –

Slieve Beg – Cove – Slieve Lamagan – Slieve Binnian – Carricklittle.

Registration: 8:45am | **Bus Departs:** 9:30am

Distance: 18.0km | **Height Gain:** 1,170m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 2)

A fantastic scenic walk in the heart of the Mournes with breathtaking views of the Annalong Valley and the Irish Sea.

Rourkes Park – Round Seefin – Long Seefin – Rocky – Annalong Valley – Brandy Pad – Slieve Beg – Cove – Slieve Lamagan – Blue Lough – Annalong Wood – Carricklittle.

Registration: 8:45am | **Bus Departs:** 9:30am

Distance: 16km | **Height Gain:** 890m

MOURNES (GRADE 3)

Explore the inner heart of the Mournes on this less strenuous hike through the Annalong Valley taking time to appreciate the views of the Irish Sea.

Rourkes Park – Round Seefin – Long Seefin – Rocky – Annalong Valley – Brandy Pad, Slieve Beg – Cove – Blue Lough – Annalong Wood – Carricklittle.

Registration: 8:45am | **Bus Departs:** 9:30am

Distance: 15km | **Height Gain:** 680m

COOLEYS (GRADE 2)

A beautiful transverse route across the heathery tops of the mountains in this area rich in the folklore of Cúchulainn who walked these hills 2,000 years ago.

Dropped off to begin at Clontigora and on to Anglesea, Clermont, Clermont Cairn, Carnawaddy, The Castles with the option of Round Mountain to return to the Lumpers.

Registration: 8:45am | **Bus Departs:** 9:30am

Distance: 15km | **Ascent:** 610m

APRÈS HIKE - BLISTER BOOGIE

Join us for the legendary Blister Boogie, the social highlight of the weekend. Dinner and dance with music by 'Those Guys'.

Admission by ticket only, available via

Eventbrite and Walk HQ

Venue: Warrenpoint Golf Club, BT34 3LN

Time: 8:00pm | **Cost:** £30

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 1)

From Sea to Summit ascend to Ulster's Highest Mountain Donard and return to Newcastle via Slieve Comedagh and the Forest track.

Bloody Bridge – Quarry Track – Slieve Carragh – Chimney Rock – Bog of Donard – Donard – Slieve Comedagh – Shan Slieve – Slievenemaddy – Forest Track to Donard Car Park.

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12.4km | Ascent: 1127m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 2)

Explore where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea from the highest Mountain of Mourne Slieve Donard.

Bloody Bridge – Quarry Track – Slieve Carragh – Chimney Rock – Bog of Donard – Donard – Thomas' Mountain – Quarry – Forest Track to Donard Car Park.

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 10.7km | Height Gain: 955m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 3)

Leave the sea behind you at Bloody Bridge and wander through the Mournes to return to the sea at Newcastle taking in some of the most spectacular views

Bloody Bridge – Quarry Track to the Bog of Donard – Brandy Pad to col between Comedagh and Donard – descend to the Glen River track back to Donard Car Park.

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 9.6km | Height Gain: 596m

COOLEYS (GRADE 2)

An enjoyable hike through the land of the Táin Bó Cúailigne. From the Long Woman's Grave we take the 6km ridge walk to Louth's highest peak Slieve Foy and descend to Carlingford via Barnavave – Maeves Gap

Long Woman's Grave – Foxes Rock – Ravens Rock – Split Rock – Eagle Rock – Barnavave – Deserted Village – Carlingford.

Registration: 8:45am |
Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12.0km | Ascent: 690m

APRÈS HIKE - FESTIVAL CLOSE

Complimentary refreshments.

Venue: Warrenpoint Town Hall, BT34 3HN

Time: After Walks

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

MORE INFO

LOCATION

Our Festival HQ is the Town Hall, Church Street, Warrenpoint BT34 3HN. All buses depart from and return to the Town Hall.

Free car parking is available on The Square public car park and three other car parks within close walking distance.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Walkers must register to join a walk, either in advance via [Eventbrite](#) or on the day at the Festival HQ. See the Wee Binnians' website for further details.

3 Day	£33
2 Day	£25
1 Day	£15
Mourne Wall Walk	£30
Night Walk	£10
Gullion Walk	£10
Blister Boogie	£30

GRADED WALKS

Choose the walk most suited to your level of fitness. If necessary, seek advice at registration.

Grade 1 – Strenuous walk for strong walkers with experience of high level walking.

Grade 2 – For walkers with a good level of fitness and experience of mountain walking.

Grade 3 – Suitable for most walkers with a moderate level of fitness.

NOTES

- Walking boots are essential for all walks.
- Jeans not suitable.
- Weather conditions can deteriorate rapidly. A rucksack with rainwear, spare clothing, a packed lunch, hot drink and at least 1 litre of water is recommended.
- No children under 18.
- No pets.
- Walks are subject to change, at the discretion of the leaders

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