INFORMATION

Experienced leaders will be available for all walks. Remember weather conditions on the hills can change very rapidly. All walkers should carry a rucksack with rainwear, spare clothing, a packed lunch and a hot drink. Denim is best avoided and walking boots are essential.

GRADE A Walks are for the stronger walker who has good experience of high level walking. These walks include seven to eight peaks at a minimum.

GRADE B Walks are for those with a reasonable level of fitness and experience of mountain walking. These walks include a minimum of three to five peaks.

GRADE C Walks will be enjoyed by most walkers with a moderate level of fitness.

Choose the walk most suited to your fitness. If in doubt seek advice regarding the route at Registration.

No children under 18 years. No dogs.

REGISTRATION FEES 2015

All walks will commence from the Registration Point. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are registered to walk on the day and that your contact details are correct. Walk routes may be changed at the discretion of the Leaders.

3 Day Pass £25    2 Day Pass £18   1 Day Pass £10

BLISTER BALL
at WHISTLEDOWN HOTEL
DINNER & DANCING TO LIVE BAND
TICKETS £20 - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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Wee Binnian Walking Festival
Walks programme for 2015

We are delighted to present our Annual Walking Festival and we look forward to meeting members new and old out on the hills. This year we have included a wide variety of walks so that there is sure to be a walk to suit your individual level of fitness and hopefully leave you a little energy to enjoy the evening entertainment too!

FRIDAY
Festival opening and Registration 12.00noon.
Bus Departs 12.30PM
GRADE 2 - COOLEY MOUNTAINS
Distance:11km   Height Gain:480M
A wonderful historic and beautiful scenic walk overlooking Dundalk Bay and down the East Coast as far as the Wicklow Mountains.

SATURDAY
Registration 8.45AM. Bus Departs 9.30AM for ALL THREE main walks.
GRADE 1 - MOURNES
Distance 14km.   Height Gain 1030M.
A strenuous walk in the high Mournes with beautiful views of the County Down coast and on a clear day the Isle of Man and Scotland.
Includes Northern Ireland’s highest mountain Slieve Donard.

GRADE 2 - MOURNES
Distance 14km. Height Gain 670M.
Caricklittle - Annalong Valley - Slieve Beg Commedagh - Shan Sliefe - Donard Park, (Newcastle).
A most enjoyable walk that goes up the Annalong Valley below the towering masses of Binnian, Lamagan and Cove. We follow a beautiful river up on to Slieve Beg with its infamous Devils Coach Road. Then we climb Northern Ireland’s second highest mountain Slieve Commedagh with fantastic views of The Mournes and Newcastle town below.

GRADE 2 - COOLEYS
Distance 15km. Height Gain 560M.
Clontigora - Clermont - Clermont Cairn - Carnawaddy - The Castle - Ballymakellet Forest.
A beautiful introduction to the heathery mountains of this area rich in folklore of Cuchulainn who walked these hills 2000 years ago. This is the mythological home of Hurling. We will visit the burial place of Finn MacCool’s hound Bran.

GRADE 3 - GAP OF THE NORTH
Commencing in Ravensdale, this historical walk will take you into storytelling border areas. Be prepared for truth and folklore matched with excellent views of historical points of interest. In the Táin Bó Cúailnge, the Gap of the North is where Cú Chulainn single-handedly fended-off the army of Queen Méabh.

GRADE 3 - SLIEVE GULLION
Distance 9km. Height Gain 580M
Killeavy Old Church - Ballard - North Cairn - South Cairn - Slieve Gullion Forest Park.
County Armagh’s highest mountain is a huge heather clad bulk overlooking the South Armagh/North Louth countryside. It is geologically unique, being part of a volcanic complex called a ring dyke. We will visit Ireland’s highest (and one of the largest) surviving passage graves.

SUNDAY
Registration 8.45AM. Bus Departs 9.30AM for THREEmain walks.
GRADE 1 MOURNES
Distance 13km. Height Gain 690M
Attical - Eagle Mountain - Shanlieve - Pierce’s Castle - Tornamrock - Leitrim Lodge.
Starting on the southern flanks of The Mournes this walk takes in the king of The Western Mournes, Eagle Mountain with its 400ft cliffs dropping into the valley below.

GRADE 2 - COOLEYS
Distance 12km. Height Gain 690M
Starting at the Long Woman’s Grave this walk takes in the spectacular 6km ridge walk to Slieve Foye (Co Louth’s county top). We follow the footsteps of Queen Méabh and her army through Méabh’s Gap where the famous Táin Bó Cúailnge took place. A visit to the deserted village is a must and is included on the route. We finish in the beautiful and historic seaside village of Carlingford.

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EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
The enjoyment continues after your walk! Groups meet in the following venues.

FRIDAY NIGHT - BENNETS BAR 8.00PM
An informal gathering everyone welcome. www.bennettsseafood.com

SATURDAY - WHISTLEDOWN HOTEL
The BLISTER BALL! Ensure you have booked! Meals served at 8.00PM sharp.
Dancing ‘til Late with live music from COAST! www.thewhistledownhotel.com

SUNDAY - WHISTLEDOWN HOTEL
Festival Closure (Buffet Available) and a word from our sponsor Jackson Sports, Belfast.

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