

Connemara Mountain Walking Festival  
Programme of events 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Online registration at [www.connemaramountainwalkingfestival.com](http://www.connemaramountainwalkingfestival.com)

**advance booking essential**

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the local landowners without whom this festival would not be possible & the locals who will be accompanying the groups onto the hills. NO DOGS

**Walk A: Strenuous high level    Walk B: Medium/Hard high level    Walk C: Low level**

**\*Walk times are subject to change**

**Friday 3rd May - Leenane Hotel**

More details to follow closer to the date

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**8:00** Check in opens at Leenane Community Centre

**9:00** **A Strenuous - Derryclare:**

*Approximate time: 8 hrs*

*Height Gain: 1700m*

*Distance: 14km*

Derryclare is one of the Bins of the 12 Bins mountain range. The 12 Bins are synonymous with soul of Connemara.

**10:00** **B Medium - Ben Gorm:**

*Approximately Time: 6hrs*

*Height Gain: 780m*

*Distance: 10km*

Ben Gorm is wild Connemara terrain at its finest.

**11.30am** **C Low Level Walk: Maumean**

*Approximately: 6hrs*

*Height Gain: 700m*

*Distance: 700m*

Maumean, meaning pass of the birds, is a lower part of the Maumturks Mountains where pilgrims visit for prayer and penance. Please note that there is some uphill in this walk.

4-5pm Finish walks and arrive down to tea/coffee/scones in local businesses.

**9pm** **Evening Ent**

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**8:00** Check in opens at Leenane Community Centre

**9:00 A Strenuous - Mweelrea Loop**

*Approximately: 8hrs                      Height gain: 1,120m                      Distance: 15km*

Mweelrea Mountain is the highest mountain in Connaught, rising from the bowels of wild Atlantic seascape in dramatic upland ruggedness. The mountain offers one of the finest panoramic views in Ireland.

**10:00 B Medium - Glenawough**

*Approximate: 6hrs                      Height Gain: 630m                      Distance: 6hrs*

The walk around Lough Glenawough, meaning the Lake of the Glen of virtue, is one of the many scenic loops of the corrie Partry Mountains.

**11.30am C Low level: Famine Trail**

*Approximately: 11.5km                      Height Gain: 260m                      Distance: 4hrs*

The Killary Fjord is the natural boundary between Mayo and Galway amidst dramatic North Connemara landscape. The inlet breaches eastwards alongside the great highland Mountain of Mweelrea and the rugged verges of Foher and Bunowen.

4-5pm Finish walks and arrive down to tea/coffee/scones in local businesses.

**Eve 10pm Ceili in Leenane hotel FREE**

Cost of weekend: €35 for 1 day or €65 for 2 days (Sat &Sun) 10% Discount for groups of 10 or more – must all be booked ONLINE at the same time. This discount ONLY applies to online purchases.

We cannot guarantee that you will get the walk you want unless you book online before 5pm on April 26th. Also note that we sold out last year 2 weeks before the event.

Price includes qualified guides & local guides from the area, transport to/from each walk, maps, tea/coffee etc. participants must come well prepared with suitable footwear & waterproofs. See [www.connemaramountainwalkingfestival.com](http://www.connemaramountainwalkingfestival.com). Price does not include accommodation or packed lunches

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