Connemara Mountain Walking Festival
Programme of events 3rd - 5th May 2019

Online registration at 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

Talks about the local Peatlands & environment from the Connemara National Park Ranger & Irish Peatlands Conservation Council.

Saturday 4th 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.

10:00   B Medium - Leenane Hill:
Approximately Time: 6hrs    Height Gain: 720m    Distance: 11.5km
Leenane Hill stands imposingly over the village of Leenane, it is part of the famous Maumturks mountains and blends a tough but rewarding hike in all aspects. The

11.30am C - Low Level Walk: Maumeant
Approximately: 6hrs    Height Gain: 700m    Distance: 700m
Maumeant, 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.
Sunday 5th 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.

10:00  B  Medium – Devils Mother
Approximate: 6hrs  Height Gain: 700m  Distance: 6hrs
The glacial sculpted valley of the Devils Mother is situated at the head of the Killary Fjord, it is one of the highest peaks of the Partry Mountains and has endless opportunities for photography and panoramic views.

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. Price does not include accommodation or packed lunches.
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