

Mourne International Walking Festival 2010 Pre-Booking Form

Please use this form to book your place by post and save on the cost of walking tickets. Please also indicate if you intend to take part in a walk which requires a bus, this will help us to order the correct number of buses. You may change the route you wish to take part in on the day.

Please complete the section below and list all names and addresses of those attending (under 16s are half price).

Festival Tickets

	No Required	Cost
1 Day Ticket	£6/€10	
2 Day Ticket	£12/€15	
3 Day Ticket	£15/€20	
Blister Ball Ticket	£15/€20	
Total Cost		

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Age (if under 16) Will you require a bus? (please tick)

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(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please make cheques payable to Down District Council, and note that all pre-booking forms must be received before 18 June 2010.

Please forward completed booking form with payment to:
Mourne International Walking Festival, Down District Council
24 Strangford Road, Downpatrick, Co Down BT30 6SR

The Walks

Friday 25 June

Walk 1 - 20km Road/ Track Walk

Bus from Festival Centre to Glenaveagh Bridge, Bryansford Road, Fofanny Road, Slievenaman Road, Trassey Road, Tollymore Forest Park, Festival Centre.

Walk 2 - 40km Road/ Track Walk

Bus from Festival Centre to Rostrevor Forest, Altataggart Mountain, side of Leitrim Hill, Rostrevor Road, Hilltown, Kilkeel Road, Old Dublin Road, Bryansford Road, Kilkeel Road, Bryansford Road, Fofanny Road, Slievenaman Road, Trassey Road, Tollymore Forest Park, Festival Centre.

Saturday 26 June

Walk 1 - 10km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, Promenade, Castle Park, Island Park, Tipperary Wood, Tullybrannigan, Tollymore Forest Park, Wild Forest Lane, Tollymore Road, Bryansford Road, Festival Centre.

Walk 2 - 20km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, Promenade, Castle Park, Island Park, Tipperary Wood, Tullybrannigan, Tollymore Forest Park, Burrenreagh, Castlewellsan, Drumees Lanes, Tollymore Road, Bryansford Road, Festival Centre.

Walk 3 - 30km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, Promenade, Castle Park, Island Park, Tipperary Wood, Tullybrannigan, Tollymore Forest Park, Burrenreagh, Ballymagreehan, Castlewellsan Forest Park, Castlewellsan, Drumees Lanes, Tollymore Road, Bryansford Road, Festival Centre.

Walk 4 - 13km Mountain Ramble (Strenuous)

Festival Centre, bus to Happy Valley, path to Hare's Gap contouring Slieve Bearnagh to the Brandy Pad, Glen River Path, Drinnahilly, Donard Wood, Newcastle, Festival Centre.

Walk 5 - 12km Mountain Hike (Very Strenuous)

Festival Centre, bus to Off Car Park, track to summit of Doan, summit of Ben Crom, summit of Slieve Bearnagh, summit of Slieve Meelmore, path to Happy Valley, Happy Valley Car Park, bus to Festival Centre.

Sunday 27 June

Walk 1 - 10km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, bus to Ardilea, Dundrum Coastal Path, Dundrum, Dundrum Castle, Dam Lane, Keel Point, Murlough Nature Reserve, Newcastle Beach, Festival Centre.

Walk 2 - 20km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, Castlewellsan Road, Maghera, Wateresk Hill, Moneylane, Dundrum, Keel Point, Murlough, Newcastle Beach, Festival Centre.

Walk 3 - 30km Road/ Track Walk

Festival Centre, Castlewellsan Road, Maghera Bridge, Dundrinne Road, Annsborough, Ballylough, Wateresk Hill, Moneylane, Dundrum, Keel Point, Murlough, Newcastle Beach, Festival Centre.

Walk 4 - 15km Mountain Ramble (Strenuous)

Festival Centre, bus to Carricklitle car park, follow path adjacent to Douglas Crag, Lower Cove and Devil's Coach Road, Brandy Pad, Hare's Gap, Trassey Track, Meelmore Lodge, bus to festival centre.

Walk 5 - 10.5km Mountain Hike (Very Strenuous)

Festival Centre, bus to Bloody Bridge, Quarry Track to Bog of Donard, Slieve Donard, Glen River Path to Donard Park, bus to Festival Centre.

Fitness Note

Both the Mountain Ramble and Hike (walks 4 and 5) are challenging and strenuous routes. Please only attempt these walks if you have the required level of fitness.

How to Get There



To book accommodation please contact:

Newcastle Tourist Information Centre
10-14 Central Promenade
Newcastle BT33 0AA
T: +44 (0)28 4372 2222
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For further information on any other aspect of the festival, please contact:

The Recreation Department
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MOURNE INTERNATIONAL WALKING FESTIVAL

25 - 27 June 2010
Newcastle, Co Down
Northern Ireland

www.downdc.gov.uk
www.mournewalking.co.uk



Welcome

Welcome to the Mourne International Walking Festival. The Mourne Mountains and surrounding areas offer some of the best walking in Ireland set within stunning scenery.

Designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) there is not only a huge diversity of flora and fauna but also a wealth of heritage, myths and legends.

The Venue

Newcastle, situated on the shores of the Irish Sea, is a lively seaside resort ideally suited to host the event, located only 1 hour from Belfast and approximately 2.5 hours from Dublin. **The Festival Centre is located at the Mourne Golf Club, Golf Links Road, Newcastle.** Ample car parking is available in Downs Road public car park, but where possible please share cars.

Entertainment

Ireland is famed for its hospitality. Catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends throughout the weekend. As walkers return to the Festival Centre there will be traditional music (excluding Friday) and the chance to enjoy a pint or two.

The Blister Ball

The highlight of the weekend is the **'Blister Ball'** on Saturday 26 June 2010. The Blister Ball is a casual event with a hot buffet supper and music by a local band.

Entry to the 'Blister Ball' is £15/€20. Please note a limited number of tickets are available, pre-booking advisable.

WALK/ DAY	REGISTRATION	BUS DEPARTS	WALK STARTS	DISTANCE	TOTAL ASCENT
Friday 25 June					
Lowland Routes					
Walk 1: 20km (SG)	8.00am - 8.30am	8.45am	9.15am	20km	-
Walk 2: 40km (SG)	8.00am - 8.30am	8.45am	9.30am	40km	-
Saturday 26 June					
Lowland Routes					
Walk 1: 10km (SG)	8.00am - 11.00am	-	8.00am - 11.00am	10km	-
Walk 2: 20km (SG)	8.00am - 11.00am	-	8.00am - 11.00am	20km	-
Walk 3: 30km (SG)	8.00am - 11.00am	-	8.00am - 11.00am	30km	-
Mountain Routes					
Walk 4: Ramble (G)	8.00am - 9.15am	9.30am	10.00am	13km	400m
Walk 5: Hike (G)	8.00am - 9.15am	9.30am	10.00am	12km	1,016m
Sunday 27 June					
Lowland Routes					
Walk 1: 10km (SG)	9.00am - 9.45am	10.00am	10.30am	10km	-
Walk 2: 20km (SG)	8.00am - 11.00am	-	8.00am - 11.00am	20km	-
Walk 3: 30km (SG)	8.00am - 11.00am	-	8.00am - 11.00am	30km	-
Mountain Routes					
Walk 4: Ramble (G)	8.00am - 9.15am	9.30am	10.00am	15km	400m
Walk 5: Hike (G)	8.00am - 9.15am	9.30am	10.00am	10.5km	853m

Key: SG = Self Guided G = Guided

IVV Approval No: BWF202/E2/10 - BWF202/E3/10 - BWF202/E4/10

Walking and Safety Info

Lowland Routes - Walks 1, 2 and 3

All lowland routes have been pre-marked so that participants can walk at their own pace, there is no walking guide on these routes. Limited refreshments will be available.

Mountain Routes - Walks 4 and 5

Both the Mountain Ramble and Hike are challenging and strenuous routes. Please only attempt these walks if you have the required level of fitness.

Please bring your own refreshments for the Mountain Ramble and Hike. The Ramble and Hike are led by experienced guides.

General Information

All walkers should carry day sacks containing waterproofs, spare clothing, whistle, food and drink. It is strongly recommended that walking boots are worn for all walks. Please do not wear jeans for any of the walks. Dogs are not permitted on any of the routes.

For safety reasons please ensure that you check in at the end of each walk.

For further information on safety please visit www.mournewalking.co.uk

Follow the Country Code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work. Guard against all risk of fire. Fasten all gates. Keep to public paths across farmland. Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls. Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone. Take your litter home. Help to keep all water clean. Protect wildlife, plants and trees. Take special care on country roads. Make no unnecessary noise.

Please Note

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult on all walks. Mountain walks are not suitable for children under 14. Those taking part in any of the walks do so at their own risk. You are responsible for your own safety at all times. The organisers reserve the right to alter or cancel any route. The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

Pre-book and Save!

While you may register and pay on the day, we would request that where possible, you pre-book your place at the festival by completing the tear-off section of the leaflet and posting it back to us with your payment. This not only saves you money but also allows us to order the correct number of buses. When you arrive at the festival office you can then register for your chosen walk under our 'fast track' registration system.

Walking Festival Fees

If you pre-book, Walking Festival Fees are as follows: £6/€10 for 1 day, £12/€15 for 2 days, £15/€20 for 3 days.

If registering on the day the following prices apply: £12/€15 for 1 day, £20/€25 for 2 days, £25/€30 for 3 days.

Please note: no Euro coins can be accepted. No refunds will be given.

Children aged 16 or under are **half price** (must be accompanied by an adult). Group discounts for groups of 10 or more (apply for details).

The fee for each individual walk includes an administration charge, costs of staffing/leaders, equipment and transport where provided.

Other Walking Festivals

Castlebar Four Days Walks

1-4 July 2010. For further information please visit www.castlebar4dayswalks.com

Wee Binnians Walking Festival

10-12 September 2010, based in Newry. For further information visit www.weebinnians.com