

Saturday

A Walk. 12 Bens

A great day's walking in prospect, our walk will take in 3 of the 12 Ben's and will include the highest peak in the range Binn Bhán at 729m

The walk begins in Gleninagh and winds its way up the valley to the col at Maumina before ascending the scree slopes to Binn Bhán.

From there the walk proceeds through Binn Fhaoigh and onwards to Binn Bhreac before our final descent to the farm at Kylemore.

Walk Details:

Distance 14k, Total Ascent 1050m, Time 6 – 7 hours

Grade: Strenuous.

B walk: Central Maamturks

Starting from the Inagh Valley we start out by following the river that flows from the tiny lough's on the Southern Flanks of Barrlugevagh. From spot height 558 we turn South East through points 541 and 499 before the ascent of Knocknahillion.

At 606m the views in every direction are fantastic.

We begin our descent to the hanging lake Lough Mám Ochoige before exiting out the valley floor.

A 3k roadwalk takes us to Lough Inagh Lodge for refreshments.

Walk Details:

Distance 12K, Total ascent 700m, Time 5 hours.

Grade: Moderate / Hard

Low Level.

Killary Harbour Famine track.

Beginning in Rosroe this 7k walk along the famine road that was built by the starving Irish peasants during the Great Famine of 1845 – 1849.

The walk passes through the now deserted village of Foher where the ruins of several houses can be seen.

Walk Details:

Distance 8k, Ascent 50m, Time 3 hours.

Grade: Easy – suitable for all. The track can be wet and boggy in places.

Sunday

A Walk Mweelrea

Mweelrea is the highest mountain in Connaught with dramatic sea, island & upland views on every side. This festival walk will set out from the southern end of Doolough (north of Bald's Bridge in the Delphi Valley), follows the airy cliff-edge to Ben Bury & then on to the 814m high summit before dropping steeply down to the Killary shore for transport back to Leenane by Rib & bus

Walk Details:

Time 7hrs

Grade: Strenuous

B Walk Ben Gorm

The walk starts on the Southern slopes of the mountain where we begin our trek to the summit. At 700m the views over Killary Fiord and the offshore Islands are fabulous. We descend to a bog track in the Doolough Valley and make our way back to our starting point.

Walk Details:

Distance 11k, Ascent 700m, Time 4:5 hours.

Grade: Moderate / Hard

Low level: Connemara National Park.

Guided walk in Connemara National Park. Details to follow

Michael Gibbons.

Exploring the 6000 year - Archaeology and History of Kylemore Valley in the heart of the Connemara Highlands.

Hike to a 5800 year old megalithic tomb ago & the site of a lost early church site & Holy well. Later on, to a long abandoned and rarely visited Marconi Telegraph station built at a time Connemara was at the cutting edge of modern research.

A great day out with renowned Archaeologist Michael Gibbons. 2 site visited during the day.

Grade: Low/Moderate