



Wee Binnian Walkers

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HILLWALKING *Festival*



THE FESTIVAL

The Wee Binnian Walkers, the Social Club that walks, warmly invites you to join us for our 2026 hillwalking festival. Throughout the weekend you will have the opportunity to hike in the Mourne and Cooley mountains, both areas of outstanding natural beauty steeped in myth and legend. Our trained and experienced leaders will guide you on a variety of graded walks suitable for all abilities.

So why not join us and experience the beauty of this region - a hiker's paradise.



FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Kilbroney - Slieve Martin Walk (Grade 2 & Grade 1)

Our Festival begins with a walk through the landscape that inspired Narnia. From the Fairy Glen through Kilbroney Park, continue on the lower forest trail parallel to Carlingford Lough to Ballyedmond Wood. Ascend to Slieve Martin and return via Cloughmore and Fiddlers Green to the Fairy Glen.

Registration: Online Only

- Eventbrite Ticket Sales

Meet at Fairy Glen Rostrevor BT34 3BG

Walk start: 11.00

Distance: 12.5km

Height Gain: 520m

ROSTREVOR STARGAZING WALK (GRADE 2)

An enchanted walk with opportunities for stargazing, overlooking Carlingford Lough, the Cooley Mountains and Eastern Seaboard.

Fairy Glen – Fiddlers Green – Cloughmore Stone – Glen Stream and return to Fairy Glen

NB: This walk includes walking on uneven and steep ground conditions in the darkness. Walkers are required to have footwear with ankle support and a functioning headtorch. The Leaders may refuse to accept a walker without appropriate footwear or headtorch.

Registration: Online Only

- Eventbrite Ticket Sales. Places limited. Meet at Fairy Glen

Rostrevor BT34 3BG

Walk Start: 20.00

Distance: 7km Ascent: 337m

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

MOURNES (GRADE 1)

A very strenuous walk through the spine of the Mourne with spectacular views throughout and finally ascending to our signature Binnian Mountain.

Happy Valley – Slieve Meelbeg – Slieve Loughshannagh – Doan – Ben Crom – Dam Wall – saddle at Lamagan – Binnian – (North Tor – Summit Tor – South Tor) – Carricklittle

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 14.5km | Ascent: 1230m

MOURNES (GRADE 2)

Starting in the heart of the Mourne admire the panoramic views from Doan before finally ascending to our signature Binnian Mountain

Ott Car Park – Ott Mountain – Carn – saddle of Slieve Loughshannagh – Doan – Ben Crom Dam Wall – saddle at Lamagan – Binnian – (North Tor – Summit Tor – South Tor) – Carricklittle

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12km | Ascent: 930m

MOURNES (GRADE 3)

A walk through the heart of the Mourne bypassing Silent Valley and Ben Crom dams and tucking in under Binnian that will leave you wanting to come back.

Ott Car Park – Ott Mountain – Carn – saddle of Slieve Loughshannagh – Doan – Ben Crom Dam Wall – saddle at Lamagan – Blue Lough Buttress – Binnian Lough – Douglas Crag – Annalong Wood – Carricklittle

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12km | Ascent: 580m

COOLEYS (GRADE 2)

A beautiful transverse route across the heathery tops of the mountains in this area rich in the folklore of Cúchulainn who walked these hills 2,000 years ago.

Ferry Hill Road – Anglesey Mtn – Clermont – Black Mtn – Carnawaddy – The Castles, (Round Mtn) to the Lumpers

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12km | Ascent: 610m

APRÈS HIKE - BLISTER BOOGIE

Join us for the legendary Blister Boogie, the social highlight of the weekend. Dinner, craic and dancing 'til late.

Admission by ticket only, available via [Eventbrite](#) and [Walk HQ](#)

Venue: Warrenpoint Golf Club, BT34 3LN
Time: 8:00pm | **Cost:** £30

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 1)

With our back to the Irish Sea we take this longitudinal route to Ulster's highest mountain Slieve Donard and continue to the next highest peak in the Mourne Slieve Comedagh and descend to the Irish Sea at Donard Park.

Rourke's Park – Round Seefin – Long Seefin, towards Rocky and to Bog of Donard – Donard – Comedagh – Shan Slieve – Slievenamaddy – Donard Park

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 16km | Ascent: 1240m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 2)

Following our Grade 1 friends to the summit of Slieve Donard we will descend looking out to the Irish Sea to Donard Park.

Rourke's Park – Round Seefin – Long Seefin, towards Rocky and to Bog of Donard – Donard – Thomas' Mountain – Donard Park

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12.5km | Height Gain: 940m

HIGH MOURNES (GRADE 3)

Taking a more leisurely route we will track exactly where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the Sea to rejoin our fellow walkers in Donard Park.

Rourke's Park – Round Seefin – Long Seefin, towards Rocky and to Bog of Donard – Crannoge – Ravens Rocks – Crossone – Millstone – Donard Forest – Donard Park

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12km | Height Gain: 680m

COOLEYS (GRADE 2)

An enjoyable hike through the land of the Táin Bó Cúailigne. From the Long Woman's Grave we take the 6km ridge walk to Louth's highest peak Slieve Foy and descend to Carlingford via Barnavave – Maeves Gap

Long Woman's Grave – Foxes Rock – Ravens Rock – Split Rock – Eagle Rock – Barnavave – Deserted Village – Carlingford.

Registration: 8:45am | Bus Departs: 9:30am
Distance: 12.0km | Ascent: 690m

APRÈS HIKE - FESTIVAL CLOSE

Complimentary refreshments.

Venue: St. Peter's GAA Clubrooms,
15-19 Mary St Warrenpoint BT34 3NT

Time: Sunday afternoon when walks return.

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

MORE INFO

LOCATION

Our Festival HQ is the Town Hall, Church Street, Warrenpoint BT34 3HN. All buses depart from and return to the Town Hall. Free car parking is available on The Square public car park and three other car parks within close walking distance.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Walkers must register to join a walk, either in advance via [Eventbrite](#) or on the day at the Festival HQ. See the Wee Binnians website for further details.

Ticket Type	Cost	Eventbrite inc charges
Blister Boogie	£30	£33.22
1 Day Ticket	£15	£16.96
2 Day Ticket	£25	£27.80
3 Day Ticket (All Walks)	£35	£38.62
Kilbroney – Slieve Martin Walk (Friday)	£15 – online only	£15 – no charges
Friday Night Walk	£15 – online only	£15 – no charges

GRADED WALKS

Choose the walk most suited to your level of fitness. If necessary, seek advice at registration.

- Grade 1** – Strenuous walk for strong walkers with experience of high level walking.
Grade 2 – For walkers with a good level of fitness and experience of mountain walking.
Grade 3 – Suitable for walkers with a moderate level of fitness and experience of hillwalking.

NOTES

- Walking boots are essential for all walks.
- Jeans not suitable.
- Weather conditions can deteriorate rapidly. A rucksack with rainwear, spare clothing, a packed lunch, hot drink and at least 1 litre of water is recommended.
- No children under 18.
- No pets.
- Walks are subject to change, at the discretion of the leaders

CONTACT DETAILS

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