

15th Annual Walking Festival Weekend

1st - 4th May 2009

Walking Programme

Friday - 1st May 2009

Walks for Schools - buses with 40 children: €30 (€1 per child)

Glenbarrow Michael Clear, Norman Graham

Monicknew Michael Dowling

Short walk at each venue.

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL - 057 913 7009

Saturday - 2nd May 2009

Source of River Barrow Grade: A

Leaders: Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4-5 hours 13 Km

Knockastumpa Grade: A

Leaders: John Scully, Gloria Carter

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 5 hours 12 Km

Glenbarrow, Cones Grade: B

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 5 hours 10 Km

Old Mill, Cones Grade: C

Leaders: Mick Clear

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 3 hours 7 Km

Sunday - 3rd May 2009

Crumlin River Valley Grade: A

Leaders: Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4 hours 10 Km

Clashroe Beagh Grade: B

Leaders: Frank Bergin

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4 hours 10 Km

Kinnitty Forest Grade: C

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 3 hours 5 Km

Knockbarron Grade: D

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 3.00pm

Duration: 3 hours 5 Km

Monday - 4th May 2009

Glenlahan, Gorrageh River Valley Grade: B

Leaders: Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 9 hours 14 Km

Glenkeen, Rickett's Rock Grade: B

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Clonaslee Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 3-4 hours 10 Km

Registration Festival Walks €20 (€30 per Family) and includes festival & weekly summer guided walks in Slieve Blooms

For accommodation packages, a full programme of events and evening entertainment, please visit our website:

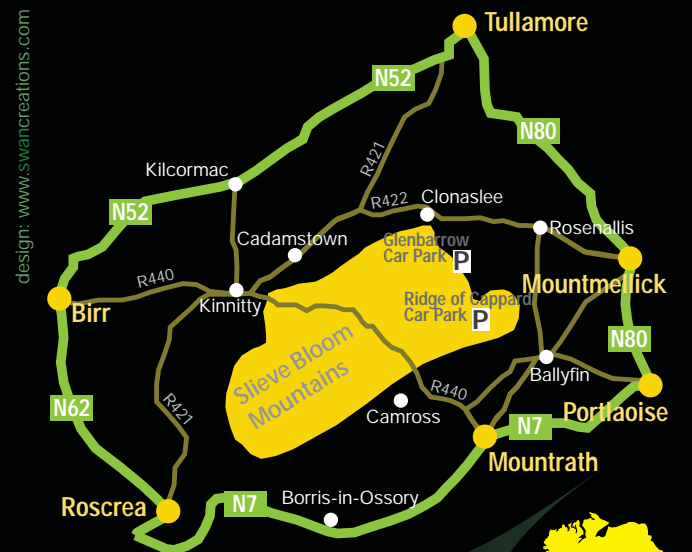
www.slievebloom.ie



Slieve Bloom Walks Programme is supported by:-



An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe
agus Gaeltachta
Department of Community, Rural
and Gaeltacht Affairs



The Slieve Bloom Mountains - in the Heart of Ireland

WALKERS PLEASE NOTE

- Registration takes place prior to start of each walk.
 - €5 per walk, or
 - yearly membership €20 single (€30 for family)
- Dogs are not allowed.
- Walkers participate at their own risk.
- Strong waterproof footwear & protective outdoor clothing is advisable.
- Grade A & B walks are only for walkers who walk on a regular basis and have a reasonable level of fitness, are properly equipped and have sufficient food and drink to sustain themselves.
- A & B walks are in remote wilderness areas of the Slieve Blooms, only accessible on foot and rarely frequented by hill walkers.

WINTER WALKS

Walks will take place every Sunday, November to April, depending on weather forecasts. For further details contact:-

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for brochures and accommodation

Further information on particular walks

Gerry Hanlon - ☎ 086-821 0056

SlieveBloom.ie Walks 2009

in association with Coillte, Shannon Development, Offaly Tourism, Laois Tourism and Fáilte Ireland



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Slieve Bloom Walking Programme

Sunday - 10th May 2009

Owenass River Valley	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon
Assemble:	Catholes Car Park, near Rosenallis
Duration:	2.00pm 4 - 5 hours 13 Km

Sunday - 17th May 2009

Monichnew	Grade: D
Leader:	Richard Jack
Assemble:	Monichnew Car park
Duration:	2.00pm 2 hours 5 Km

Sunday - 24th May 2009

Delour River Valley	Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath
Duration:	1.00pm 4 hours 10 Km

Saturday & Sunday - 30th & 31st May 2009

Slieve Bloom Challenge	Grade: A
In Aid of:	Share a Dream Foundation
Duration:	Sat: 12 hours - 50 Km Sun 5-6 hours - 20 Km
See Panel on right for full details	

Sunday - 7th June 2009

Clear Lake	Grade: C
Leader:	John Scully, Christina Byrne
Assemble:	Cadamstown Car Park
Duration:	1.00pm 3 hours 7 Km

Sunday - 14th June 2009

Clonaslee Woods	Grade: D
Leader:	Richard Jack
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	3.00pm 2 hours 5 Km

Sunday - 21st June 2009

Glendine East, Arderin, Glenamoon	Grade: B
Leader:	Michael Dowling, Joe Dooley
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath
Duration:	1.00pm 3-4 hours 8 Km

Sunday - 28th June 2009

Source of the River Barrow	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 4-5 hours 13 Km

Sunday - 5th July 2009

Lough Boora Bog & Lakes	Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully, Gloria Carter
Assemble:	The Square, Kilcormac
Duration:	12 noon 3-4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 12th July 2009

Clodiagh and Gorragh River Valleys	Grade: A
Leader:	John Scully
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 4-5 hours 13 Km

Sunday - 19th July 2009

Glendine West, Fearbreague	Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	2.00pm 4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 26th July 2009

Knockastumpa	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park
Duration:	1.00pm 5 hours 13 Km

Sunday - 2nd August 2009

Wolftap, Knockacorra	Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 9th August 2009

Glendine East, Glendine Gap, Clear Lake	Grade: A
Leader:	John Scully, Pat Dunne
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath
Duration:	1.00pm 4-5 hours 13 Km

Sunday - 16th August 2009

Mill Walk	Grade: D
Leader:	Michael Clear
Assemble:	Ridge of Capard Car Park
Duration:	1.00pm 2 hours 5 Km

Sunday - 23th August 2009

Knockbarron (Eco Walk)	Grade: C
Leader:	John Scully, Gloria Carter
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	12 noon 3 hours 7 Km

Sunday - 30st August 2009

Glenkeen Upper	Grade: B
Leader:	Pat Dunne
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 3-4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 6th September 2009

Glendine East Forest and Waterfalls	Grade: D
Leader:	Richard Jack
Assemble:	Camross Village Church
Duration:	3.00pm 2 hours 5 Km

Sunday - 13th September 2009

Glenafelly	Grade: A
Leader:	Gloria Carter, John Scully
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 3-4 hours 10 Km

Saturday - 19th September 2009

Glenafelly ECO Walk & Talk - €10	Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	11.00am 3-4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 20th September 2009

Glenbarrow ECO Walk & Talk - €10	Grade: B
Leader:	Tom Joyce
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park
Duration:	11.00am 4-5 hours 12 Km

Sunday - 27th September 2009

Glenlahan	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 4 hours 12 Km

Sunday - 4th October 2009

Baunreagh, Castleconnor, Blackhill	Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 3-4 hours 8 Km

Sunday - 11th October 2009

Capard Wood, Ridge of Capard, Stoneyman	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park
Duration:	1.00pm 5 hours 12 Km

Sunday - 18th October 2009

Strahanboy, Glenkitt, Arderin	Grade: A
Leader:	Michael Dowling, Joe Dooley
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath
Duration:	12.00noon 4 hours 10 Km

Sunday - 25th October 2009

Kinnitty Woodland	Grade: C
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, Ger Moss
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	1.00pm 2-3 hours 8 Km

Sunday - 1st November 2009

Clashroe, Beagh	Grade: B
Leader:	Frank Bergin
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre
Duration:	11.00am 3-4 hours 10 Km

May - November 2009

Sunday - 9th November 2008

Monicknew to Glenbarrow (€3 bus fare applies)	Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park
Duration:	10.00am 6 hours 11 miles

Share a Dream Slieve Bloom Challenge

June Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday, 30th and Sunday 31st May

“Walk a mile make us smile”

Sat. 30 th May	Glenbarrow Car Park at 8.00am
Duration: 12 hours	Distance: 50 Km (30 miles) Grade: A
Sun. 31 st May	Kinnitty Community Centre at 12 noon
Duration: 5-6 hours	Distance: 20 Km (12 miles) Grade: A

Share a Dream Foundation is a charity that makes dreams come true for many thousands of special children all over Ireland – North and South. In the seventeen years it has been in existence it has made dreams come true for over 17,000 children. At present 127 Children's charities from around Ireland benefit from the wonderful work and fun activities organised by the Foundation. To continue with this work Share A Dream Foundation have secured a 12 acre site in Limerick City and need funds to develop a holiday village and theme park. Join our fundraising 50k and 20k walks and BBQ in the Slieve Blooms. www.slievebloom.ie

For further information on the Foundation access website: www.shareadream.ie

Registration for Share a Dream Slieve Bloom Challenge

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile: (08__) _____

Entry Fee: €50 for 50k walk €20 for 20k walk

Payable to: Slieve Bloom Rural Development Society, Community Centre, Kinnitty, Co. Offaly

Entry Fees cover transport and refreshments.

Further Details and Accommodation see www.slievebloom.ie or e-mail: info@slievebloom.ie