

14th Annual Walking Festival Weekend

2nd - 5th May 2008

Walking Programme

Friday - 2nd May 2008

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 - 3rd May 2008

Glenfelly (eco walk) Grade: B

Leaders: Joe Deering

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4 hours 7 miles

Clashroe Beagh Grade: B

Leaders: Frank Bergin

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4 hours 6 miles

Glendine West, Fearbreague Grade: B

Leaders: John Scully

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 4 hours 6 miles

Silver River (eco walk) Grade: C

Leaders: Tom Joyce

Assemble: Kinnitty Community Centre 11.00am

Duration: 3 hours 3 miles

Sunday - 4th May 2008

Glenlahan Grade: A

Leaders: Gerry Hanlon, Pat Dunne

Assemble: Community Centre, Clonaslee 12.00 noon

Duration: 4 hours 8 miles

Clodiagh and Gorragh River Valleys Grade: B

Leaders: John Scully

Assemble: Community Centre, Clonaslee 12.00 noon

Duration: 5 hours 8 miles

Ricketts Rock and Brittas Wood Grade: C

Leaders: Christina Byrne

Assemble: Community Centre, Clonaslee 12.00 noon

Duration: 3 hours 4 miles

Glenbarrow (family walk) Grade: D

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Glenbarrow Car Park 11.00am & 2.00pm

Duration: 2 hours 2 miles

Monday - 5th May 2008

Glenbarrow (eco walk and talk) Grade: B

Leaders: Tom Joyce

Assemble: Glenbarrow Car Park 11.00am

Duration: 4/5 hours 7 miles

Glenkeen Grade: C

Leaders: Richard Jack

Assemble: Heritage Centre, Clonaslee 12.00 noon

Duration: 3 hours 3/4 miles

Evening Entertainment

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Traditional Music Session

Venue: Dungeon Bar

Kinnitty Castle

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Festive Evening Meal

Venue: Slieve Bloom Bar, Kinnitty

Bus to: Half Door Set Dancing Festival, Castletown

Sunday - 4th May 2008

Blisters Ball

Venue: Dungeon Bar, Kinnitty Castle

Cost: € 30

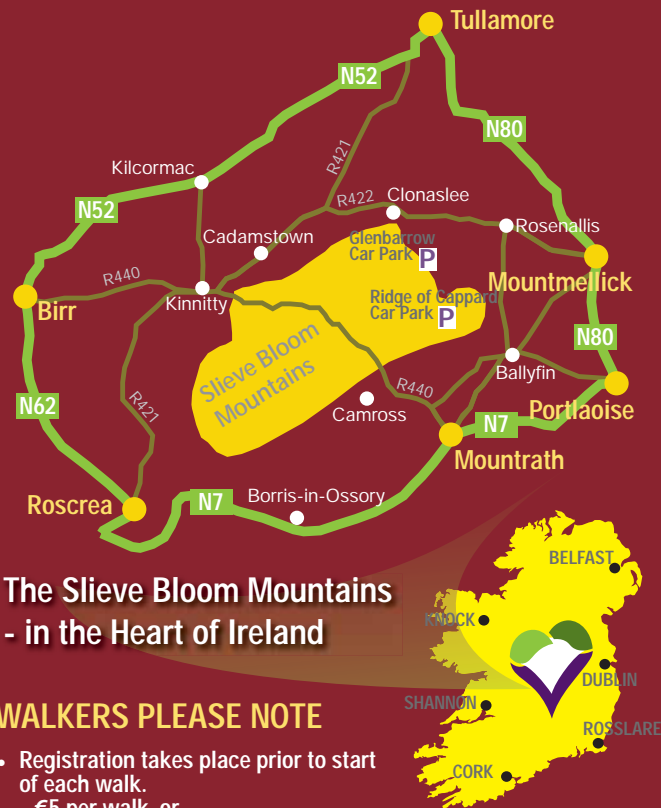
Accommodation Package

3 Bed and Breakfast & 3 packed lunch €126 pps

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



design: www.swancrations.com



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

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SLIEVE BLOOM

The Hidden Heart of Ireland

Walks 2008

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



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Slieve Bloom Walking Programme

Sunday - 11 th May 2008		
Glenbarrow, Capard Wood, Stoneyman		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	2.00pm
Duration:	5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 18 th May 2008		
Kinnitty Forest		Grade: B
Leader:	Richard Jack	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	11.00am
Duration:	5 hours	5 miles

Sunday - 25 th May 2008		
Delour River Valley		Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, John Scully	
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath	2.00pm
Duration:	4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 1 st June 2008		
Crumlin River Valley		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon, John Scully	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	2.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 8 th June 2008		
Glenbarrow		Grade: B
Leader:	Richard Jack	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	11.00am
Duration:	5 hours	5 miles

Sunday - 15 th June 2008		
Lough Boora Bog & Lakes (Eco Walk)		Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully, Gloria Carter	
Assemble:	The Square, Kilcormac	1.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 22 nd June 2008		
Glendine East, Arderin, Glenamoon		Grade: B
Leader:	Michael Dowling, Joe Dooley	
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath	1.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	5 miles

Sunday - 29 th June 2008		
Source of the River Barrow		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	4-5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 6 th July 2008		
Clear Lake		Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully, Christina Byrne	
Assemble:	Cadamstown Car Park	12.00 noon
Duration:	3 hours	4 miles

Sunday - 13 th July 2008		
Clodiagh and Gorragh River Valleys		Grade: A
Leader:	John Scully	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	4-5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 20 th July 2008		
Glendine West, Fearbreague		Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	2.00pm
Duration:	4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 27 th July 2008		
Knockastumpa		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	1.00pm
Duration:	5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 3 rd August 2008		
Wolftrap, Knockacorra		Grade: B
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	2.00pm
Duration:	4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 10 th August 2008		
Glendine East, Glendine Gap, Clear Lake		Grade: A
Leader:	John Scully, Pat Dunne	
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath	1.00pm
Duration:	4-5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 17 th August 2008		
Mill Walk		Grade: C
Leader:	Michael Clear	
Assemble:	Ridge of Capard Car Park	1.00pm
Duration:	2 hours	4 miles

Sunday - 24 th August 2008		
Glenbarrow (Eco Walk)		Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully, Gloria Carter	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	1.00pm
Duration:	4-5 hours	7 miles

Sunday - 31 st August 2008		
Glenkeen Upper		Grade: B
Leader:	Pat Dunne	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	6 miles

Weekend of 5 th , 6 th & 7 th September 2008		
Geology for All Weekend		with John Feehan
Friday: Introductory Lecture, Kinnitty Community Centre, 8.30pm		
Saturday & Sunday: Geology of Offaly over the last 10,000 years		
See more details on the right-hand side of this page		

May - November 2008

Sunday - 14 th September 2008		
Glenafelly		Grade: A
Leader:	Gloria Carter, John Scully	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 21 st September 2008		
Cumber Hill Fort		Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	2-3 hours	4 miles

Sunday - 28 th September 2008		
Glenlahan		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	4 hours	7 miles

Sunday - 5 th October 2008		
Baunreagh, Castleconnor, Blackhill		Grade: B
Leader:	John Scully	
Assemble:	Clonaslee Community Centre	1.00pm
Duration:	3-4 hours	5 miles

Sunday - 12 th October 2008		
Capard Wood, Ridge of Capard, Stoneyman		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	1.00pm
Duration:	5 hours	8 miles

Sunday - 19 th October 2008		
Strahanboy, Glenkitt, Arderin		Grade: A
Leader:	Michael Dowling, Joe Dooley	
Assemble:	Cattle Mart, Mountrath	1.00pm
Duration:	4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 26 th October 2008		
Kinnitty Woodland		Grade: C
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Castle Car Park	1.00pm
Duration:	2-3 hours	5 miles

Sunday - 2 nd November 2008		
Clashroe, Beagh		Grade: B
Leader:	Frank Bergin	
Assemble:	Kinnitty Community Centre	12.00 noon
Duration:	3-4 hours	6 miles

Sunday - 9 th November 2008		
Monicknew to Glenbarrow (€3 bus fare applies)		Grade: A
Leader:	Gerry Hanlon	
Assemble:	Glenbarrow Car Park	10.00am
Duration:	6 hours	11 miles

Rocks in the Making

The Slieve Bloom Geology for All Walking Weekend
Fri. 5th, Sat. 6th & Sun. 7th September 2008 - cost: €20

An interest in geology – and natural history generally – brings a whole new dimension to the walking experience, and the growth of geo-tourism projects around the country in recent years reflects an increasing appreciation of this. The weekend provides the ideal opportunity to explore the geology of the Midlands while walking in the company of John Feehan, who has spent many years researching the geology of the area. You don't need any prior knowledge of geology, indeed you'll probably enjoy it all the more if you don't have any.

This year the geology weekend looks at the geology of Offaly over the last 10,000 years and how the events of the Ice Age and its aftermath shaped the world we live in – and may influence our future. On the Friday evening John will give a brief introduction in the Community Centre, Kinnitty at 8:30 p.m. (followed by tea and sandwiches). To get the most from this weekend it is important to attend the Friday night talk.

