

FOYLE HILLWALKING CLUB – WALKS PROGRAMME SEPT-DEC 2021

DATE	WALK DESCRIPTION	GRADE	TIME/ DISTANCE	MEETING POINT & TIME
Sat Sept 4	<p>Cuilcagh from Cavan A steady climb on reasonable track to Benbeg then along ridge to plateau summit.</p> <p>NOTE: this walk is weather permitting</p>	C	14 km 5 hrs 400 m ascent	11.00 N87 from Swanlinbar, turn off on to R200, good lay-by by the forest on the right side.
Sun Sept 12	<p>Vinegar Hill, Sperrins Good views of the Sperrins but without the usual boggy underfoot.</p>	B	11.5 km	10.30 Meet at car park, Barnes Road, Glenelly Valley
Sat Sept 18	<p>Boardwalk (Cresslough/Carrigart area) Starting from Boardwalk resort this 14K walk is stunning. 80% beach and one short headland. We end up in Downings and then return by same route.</p>	B	14 km 4 hrs	10.30 am Meet in car park at Donegal Boardwalk Resort (F92 X3WP)
Sun Sept 26	<p>Rathlin The walk will be to Rue point on the Roonivoolin trail where we will have lunch and then walk to the old coastguard hut on the north of the island, return to Church bay.</p> <p>Should have approx an hour free for refreshments before ferry.</p>	B	14 km	9.45 am Meet at the ferry office to catch the 10.00 ferry, return on the 16.00. Anyone intending to go should book ferry via the online booking system.

Sat Oct 2	Gweedore to Dunlewey Centre Walk along edge of Lough Nacung on rough track. Magnificent views of Errigal	B	4/5 hrs	10.30 am Meet An Chuir Hotel car park
Sun Oct 10	Joint Walk, NWMC – Aghlas (Alternate Route Descriptions) Walk steeply up initially and then more gently over Crocknalaragagh and descend to Loch Alurig. Option to walk to the south end of the lake and back to the cars along the forestry road. Alternatively ascend steeply to the summits of Aghla Beg and Ardloughnabrackbaddy. Descend from Ardloughnabrackbaddy to the forest road and follow this out to the cars Alternatively carry on to Aghla Mor and return along the plateau to join the forestry track at the same point as on the other routes	Crocknalaragh option: 4 hrs / 8k 300m ascent Aghla Beg option: 5hrs / 11k 660m ascent Aghla Mor option: 6 hrs / 13k 820m ascent OS Maps 1 and 2		Park at either Forest gate (Gr 003 258) or the grotto at Muckish gap (Gr 998 269). Those parking at Forest gate walk up to grotto. 11.00 am start from the Forest gate or 11.15 am at the grotto.
Sat Oct 16	Banagher Glen Circuit to Altnaheglish reservoir All on tracks, through steep wooded Glen, one of the oldest, ancient woodlands in Ireland. Views of Benbradagh if weather is kind.	B	4 hrs Approx distance 14k	10.30 am Meet at official carpark at end of Magheramore Rd, which is a single track road. Carefully follow brown signs for Banagher Glen, signposted at right turn before Dungiven opposite petrol station. Grid ref for carpark 671 051.

Sun Oct 24	No walk / Club Training Day			
Sat Oct 30	Fascallop, Glenveagh Start and finish at back gate to Glenveagh. From back gate traverse rugged sometimes boggy open mountain terrain to Farscallop. Good views over surrounding countryside. Steep descent through oak wood to reach main track in Glenveagh. Return to back gate via the main track.		4.5 hrs 14 km 500m ascent	10.30 am Meet in gravelled open area on right side of R254, 600m beyond the back gate of Glenveagh OS map 6 / GR 965 155
Sun Nov 7	Muckish from the Grotto	B/C	4 hrs	10.30 am Meet at Grotto at Muckish Gap OS map 2 / GR 998 269
Sat Nov 13	Mamore Gap to Glenavin Waterfall Walk to waterfall along rough track and open hillside. 400m ascent/descent	B	4 hrs 12 km	10.30 am Meet at layby half way up Mamore Gap
Sun Nov 21	Carntogher Walk on the hills above the Glenshane Pass with views across Lough Foyle to Errigal and Muckish in Donegal, Sawel and the high Sperrins, and south-east to The Mourne and Slieve Gullion. Quiet minor road, gravel paths and grassy mountainside. Sections can be boggy underfoot so appropriate footwear required.	B	3.5-4 hrs 9.5 km	10.30 am From Maghera, take the Tirkane Road (C551) north west for 4.8km and park at the roadside carpark at the Cotter Row where you see the information sign for the mountain walks. OS Map 8 / GR 819 045

Sat Nov 27	Altbritain Circuit Circular walk taking in Craighill Hill, Spelhoagh, Oughtmore, and Mullaghaneany. Rough track, open hillside and forest track. Some sections may be boggy.	B	4.5 hrs 11 km 450 m ascent	10.30 Park off the B40 Draperstown/Moneyneany to Feeny road at disused gravel pit (on the right hand side of road) after Altbritain Forest OS map 13 / GR 715 000
Sun Dec 5	Ards Friary coastal walk	A	4 hrs	10.30 am Meet in car park near the Friary church OS map 2 / GR 087 347
Sat Dec 11	Slieve Snaght Inishowen Boggy sections lower down, then steady climb to summit. Return via same route.	B/C	3-4 hrs 7km 400m ascent	10.15am Meet at Slieve Snaght Centre Drumfree (just before North Pole bar on road to Clonmany)
Sun Dec 19	Lisfannon to Stragill Beach Walk to Stragill Beach via Swan park and back.	A	2.5-3 hrs	10.30am Meet in Ludden beach carpark. (Beside White Strand Hotel)
Sat Dec 25	No walk... have a great Christmas!!			