



NEWSLETTER

NEXT WALK

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

Moderate walk - Diamond Hill

Leaders: Pat O'Brien, 087 249 4299

Jim Borges, 086 820 6771

Meeting: 8:45am, Roslevan

MONTH AHEAD

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

Club Walk - Eastern Peaks of the Burren

06 - 07 APRIL

Introduction to Rock Climbing

CHECK OUT CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

Walk Reports

Boughil to Knocklomena, Kerry Sunday 10 February



This was a new walk introduced by leader Noel to the schedule in place of the Benoskee/Stradbally walk, and a welcome walk it turned out to be. 20 hardy souls assembled at the car park (V851 769) overlooking Barfinnihy Lough, 1km west of Moll's Gap car park. Our plan was to do a traverse from the Lough, up over Boughil, continue west along the range, descend to Lough Fadda, and then up to Knocklomena. Noel and myself left the group at the Lough and did a car drop at the far side in a lay by (V808 780) overlooking the Owenreagh River valley. A light dusting of snow on our

little range was a welcome sight and proof that the snow line had made it down past the 600m mark. We had been treated to spectacular views of the snow covered Reeks on the journey down through Killarney. When we returned, the group were glad to get moving as the temperature remained close to freezing so off we headed and made short work of Boughil (631m). Beautiful views south east to Kenmare with the snowcapped Reeks visible to the North, over Knocknabreeda, were the reward. Continuing west along the range, we were treated to a few scalping hail showers and indeed a mysterious figure in a balaclava later appeared in a group photo! We didn't hang about but spirits were high and the conversation lively as the only snowflakes on this walk, fell from the sky! All enjoyed a nice lunch just off the 595m spot height as I learned a thing or two about packing for Morocco! The intermittent views of the valley below and the distant Reeks took the sting out of the hail showers as we descended through the heather close to Lough Fadda. Here, the group split with 10 people heading for the car we dropped off earlier, and the rest of us made the ascent of Knocklomena (641m). It was a stiffer test than we had expected and the last lingering cobwebs of Winter were blown away! A few of us made it back to Murphy's in Killarney for a superb dinner and I can confirm that no pedestrians were harmed during our exit route out of Killarney!



P.S. Suzuki GPS for sale!!!

Fergus McCarthy

Fanore to Ballyvaughan Saturday 16 February

A favourite moderate of the club requiring a bus drop close to Fanore we headed out on the path towards Black Head eventually heading up towards Cathair Dhun Irguis, a history lesson and on to the top. Decent weather afforded us a great view of Galway City across the bay, unusually calm for this time of year. Passing through the Gleninagh Valley we took a notion to look for a cave (It's not a cave). Found it, took a look and headed on. A quick food stop overlooking Ballyvaughan we headed down for the road walk out to our cars and a well earned coffee and cake. A nice walk, good weather, chat and banter.

Ed.



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**Cleaning up Mother Earth on Mother's Day beach clean
Sunday 31st March @ Fanore Beach car park
10.00 – 14.00**

Event outline:

Come and help cleaning up Mother Earth on Mother's day and helping us continue our work on the edge of the Burren clearing plastic and other rubbish from the Burren coastline and our oceans. Don't forget every piece of plastic removed from the coast means one less bit in our oceans!

This is a great event for the whole family but please remember that under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring along a friend or two as the more bodies we get the more rubbish we can clear.

We will be working along the beach at a distance from the parking so please make sure that you come prepared.

Where:

We will be meeting at Fanore beach car park.

Directions: Drive north through Fanore heading north towards Galway and you will come to the beach car park on your left.

What to bring:

You will need **work gloves**, sturdy footwear, warm waterproof clothing, your lunch, water to drink and a rucksack to carry it all in. Don't forget the sun cream and hat if the sun is shining! Wellie could be useful too if you have them. Rubbish bags will be provided by Clean Coasts.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a mug and (if you like) something to share at break time (a great way to test your baking skills and make new friends!).



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