

Joyce Country Walking Festival Clár/Programme
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Friday 5th March

7:30pm Fairhill House Hotel – Official Opening

Forum – **'Upland recreation – 2010 - New initiatives'**

Binn Shléibhe Pilot Scheme - Minister Eamon O'Cuiv and Community representatives

New educational and training opportunities for rural communities - Seosamh Mac Donncha, CEO
Co. Galway VEC

8.30pm Art Exhibition by local artists in Aras Pobail Clonbur

9.00pm 'Killmilkin Bar ' Mám " Ceol & Craic"

9.00pm "Tí Mháire Luke" Tuar Mhic Éadaigh Ceol & Craic 9.00

9.00pm Burkes Clonbur Traditional Music Session 9.00

9.00pm Fairhill House Hotel, Clonbur " Aerach' - Award winning
Irish Music Group

Saturday 6th March

09.00 am Registration for level 5 walkers – depart for walk 9.30am

09.30 am Registration for level 4 walkers – depart for walk 10.00pm

10.00 am Registration for level 3 walkers – depart for walk 10.30pm

11.00 am registration for level 1 and 2 walkers – depart for walk 11.30

Registration pack to include History of Joyce Country, List of Activities/Operators, Clár/Programme
and a choice of 8 Maps for self guided walks

Guided Walks Programme – 5 levels (1 easiest - less than 1 hour to 5 hardest - 5 hours plus) Guide
from Waymarked Ways of Ireland www.walkireland.ie

Woodland walk with natural history as its theme - Level 1

Ard na Goithe - Level 1

Sean Bhothar - Level 2

Cong to Clonbur - Level 2

Ballydoolough - Level 3

Ballard - Level 3

Lough Coolin - Level 3

Boocaun to Clochbreac - Level 3

Ballard to Clochbreac - Level 4
Ballyveane to Binn Shléibhe to Clochbreac - Level 4
Loughnadirkmore - Level 4
Ballydoolough to Binn Shléibhe to Clochbreac - Level 4

Maumtrasna - Skeltia to Devils Mother - Level 5
Maumtrasna - Killateeun to Skeltia Level 5
Mamturks - Level 5

Walking technology GPS – Classroom and outdoor session with staff from Outdoor Education programme, GMIT, Castlebar.
Venue: Petersburg OEC - Learn the basics – limited places available – 10.30 am to 4pm

7.00pm Áras Poibail Chorr na Móna Tá Coiste Forbartha Corr na Móna i gcomhair leis na scoileanna áitiúla ag eagrú trathnóna siamsaíocht (ceol, damhsa & amhránaíocht)
9.00pm Fairhill House Hotel, Clonbur, Matt Keane & Friends
9.00pm Burkes Clonbur, Irish music and Sean Nós Dancing Competition

Sunday 7th March

11.00 am Áras Poibail Chorr na Mona - Archaeology of the Mountains of Ireland – Talk by Michael Gibbons Archaeologist.
This will be followed by a walk on the Sean Bhóthar led by Michael

Other Self Guided Walks available
Cong Loop, Cong – Clonbur, Sean Bhothar, Maumeen, Clonbur Loop, Tourmakeady Woods. Maps for these available in your registration packs

Alternatives available on Saturday and Sunday:

Petersburg Adventure Activities www.petersburg.ie (family rate available), Glaciation field trip, Boat trips, Working Sheep dogs, Corrib Cruise, Bike Hire, and Horse Riding

9.00pm 'Killmilkin Bar ' Mám "Ceol & Craic"
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More guided walks can be added to Saturdays and Sunday's programme on request