



MONAGHAN



WALKING FESTIVAL 2016



FESTIVAL INFO

Monaghan U3A invites you to take a dander over our stony grey soil on this two-day walking festival!

Accommodation is available in The Westenra Hotel, Monaghan €45 B&B. Telephone (047) 74400. Other accommodation can be found on:
www.monaghantourism.com/accommodation.aspx

Registration costs **15 euro** for one day or **25 euro** for both days. Includes tea/coffee and a return bus journey to Dartrey on Friday.

Boots and Bogs Walking Festival follows on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th of April in Knockatallon, Co Monaghan, organised by the Knockatallon Ramblers. For information ring Paddy Sherry at 087 2525457.



DAY BY DAY BREAKDOWN

DAY 1 Thursday 14th April

Registration in The Westenra Hotel, Monaghan 9.30 - 10.30. Tea and coffee will be available. The first walk is the **Greenway to Rossmore Park** leaving The Westenra Hotel at 10.30. Leaving the hotel, we wend our way via the Greenway and along the Ulster Canal to Rossmore Park. At the park there will be a historical walk including a visit to The Rossmore Mausoleum (designed by E.J. Tarver). The Park walk is approximately ninety minutes duration and the Greenway is about twenty-five minutes.

Afternoon Walk: 3p.m. This is a guided stroll around Monaghan town where your guides will relate Monaghan's past as well as astounding you with details of its architectural gems

The Festival dinner will be at 7.30 in the Westenra Hotel with Dr Niall Moyna of DCU and RTE's Operation Transformation fame as guest speaker. The Festival dinner costs €25 (Booking essential)

DAY 2 Friday 15th April

Registration in the Westenra Hotel 9.00-9.30. Tea and coffee will be available.

Dartrey Estate Walk. Bus to Dartry departs 9.45. The estate now operated by Coillte lies in a landscape of forest and a series of lakes joined by the Dromore River. Here we will visit the Dawson Mausoleum designed by James Wyatt in 1770, it is modelled on the Pantheon in Rome and is regarded as "one of the most important 18th century buildings in Ireland". It is now under reconstruction.

Return to Monaghan 3p.m. Bring a snack!

