

Brandy Pad

SATURDAY 06-Jan-24



Directions to the Start Point

Travel through Dundrum. Turn right just outside the town to Maghera. Continue on through to village until you come to a T junction. Turn right and 100-m later turn left to Bryansford. Continue through the village and pass the end of Tollymore Forest on the left and then pass a Road Junction on the right to Kilcoo. 250-m later turn left to Meelmore Lodge. Approximately 4-km later you will arrive at Meelmore Lodge on the left. (£ 4.00/vehicle [Refundable.]

MEET IN CAR PARK AT 09.30-AM SHARP.

Transport to Drop off Point.

We will be picked up by private coach at 9.30 and transported to Bloody Bridge Car Park.

Walk.

Leg 1. - Leaving Bloody Bridge Car Park, we will follow the Bloody Bridge River on the Brandy Pad West steadily ascending to the Wall between Donard and Chimney Rock. Stone path under foot.

Leg 2. – We will continue following the path west on mostly level ground until we reach the wall at Hairs Gap. Stone path under foot.

Leg 3. – The final leg will be to continue following West on the Pad descending to Meelmore Lodge. Stone path under foot.

Alternative walk – Higher level (Depending on availability of a leaders.)

Leg 1. – As above.

Leg 2. – Ascend Climb Donard, Commedagh, Corragh and Slievnaglough before descending to Hairs Gap. Short grass under foot.

Leg 3. – As above.

Stats.

Distance - 12-km long. Height – 450-m (850-m Alternative.). Grade - C. Duration – 6-hours approx.

Notifying the Leader.

Please let the leader know by 08.00-PM on Thursday.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK IF YOU DON'T HAVE THESE BASICS

YOU MUST HAVE:

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| | RUCKSACK |
| | WALKING BOOTS |
| | RAINCOAT |
| | LEGGINGS |
| | ADEQUATE CLOTHING |
| | HAT |
| | GLOVES |
| | ENOUGH TO EAT AND DRINK |

YOU SHOULD IDEALLY HAVE :

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| | TORCH |
| | EXTRA BATTERIES |
| | WHISTLE |
| | BIVVY BAG |
| | BASIC FIRST AID (AT LEAST PLASTERS AND BANDAGES) |

GOOD IDEA TO HAVE

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| | GOOD MAP |
| | COMPASS |
| | EMERGENCY RATIONS |
| | A CHANGE OF LEGGINGS, SOCKS AND SHOES |

EACH WALKER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR :

- THEIR OWN SAFETY AND TAKING STOCK OF THEIR EQUIPMENT
- CHOOSING WALKS APPROPRIATE TO THEIR FITNESS LEVEL
- OBSERVING THE COUNTRY CODE, CLOSING GATES, TAKING LITTER HOME
- FAMILIARISING THEMSELVES WITH THE DISCLAIMER FORM SIGNED WHEN JOINING THE CLUB (A COPY OF THIS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB WEB-SITE)

