

**CIVIL SERVICE RAMBLERS - MIDWEEK EVENING - GRADE 'E' WALKS  
FROM MAY TO AUGUST 2026**

(Walks are between 1 and a half to 3 hours and all on trails)

**19.15 START**

Date	Walk	Directions	Type of Walk	Leader
May				
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Cairn Wood	Mixed woodland trail that leads to breathtaking views northeast towards the Ballysallagh reservoirs, Belfast Lough, and even Scotland on clear days, with glimpses southeast towards Newtownards and Strangford Lough.		Alison Wise
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Billy Neill Country Park	Meet at 7:15pm in the first carpark of Billy Neill's Country Park which is located on the Comber Road about a mile from Dundonald. The walk will take us round the perimeter of the Park		Ivan Baxter
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	CIYMS to Victoria Park	Meet at CIYMS car park. Loop walk through 3 parks, Belmont, Tommy Patton, Victoria.		Alison Halliday
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Stricklands Glen and Carnalea Glen	Bangor WEST Station , (the one before the main Bangor station )Needs to be arriving there at 19.13 pm as scheduled . Out of station , turn right and short walk downhill to the front carpark of the Bryansburn Inn to meet rest of the group . Our route is down Stricklands Glen , along the coastal path to the Carnalea area . Return route via inland paths and trails to start point . <b>Start time 19:30</b>		Aidan Keane

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<b>June</b>				
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stormont	Meet at the Stormont Pavilion car park for a loop walk around the Stormont Estate.		Colin McWhirter
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Belvoir Park to Giant's Ring	Meet at Belvoir forest car park. Loop walk to Giants Ring via Lagan Towpath		Alison Halliday
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stranmillis to Titanic Quarter	From Stranmillis follow the river along the towpath to Titanic Quarter and return. Approx 6 miles		Orlagh Darling
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Belvoir Forest Park Trails	Meet at 7:15pm in the carpark of Belvoir Park Forest. The walk will be along little known forest trails.		Ivan Baxter
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Ards Flood Gates	Meet at small Flood Gates car park on Portaferry Road, additional parking on Old Shore Road or Londonderry Park. Walk 2 miles along shore of Strangford Lough then 2 miles back. Great views of Lough and possibly sea birds to one side and Scrabo Tower on other side. - Flat walk on gravel path.		John Holmes
Date	Walk	Directions	Type of Walk	Leader
<b>July</b>				
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Scrabo Tower	Meet at Scrabo top cark park, Loop walk to Scrabo hill, down to quarries and maybe Killynether forest if time allows		Alison Haliday

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Helen's Bay	Meet at Helen's Bay beach car park for a Coastal Walk. For those travelling by train the train from Lisburn/ Belfast arrives at 18.57 hours.		Colin McWhirter
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Redburn	Circular walk climbing steeply through woodland to open heathland with great views over Belfast Lough and Belfast city.		Alison Wise
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Lady Dixon Park	Meet at Drum Bridge carpark, Upper Malone Road. Perimeter and central trails and rose gardens.		Helen Mallon
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<b>August</b>				
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Lagan Meadows	Wander through the Lagan Meadows. Approx 6 miles		Orlagh Darling
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Blackhead Coastal Path, Whitehead	Blackhead Path car park in Whitehead. If using train, 18:25 from Lanyon Place to Whitehead and walk to Blackhead car park.		Michael Carson
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Connswater and Comber Greenways	Meet at CS Lewis Square for a walk along the Comber Greenway and return via the Connswater Greenway		Colin McWhirter
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Purdysburn Ravine	Some pretty, little known trails in the grounds of Knockbracken Health Care Park. Meet at Cairnshill Park and Ride, Saintfield Road.		Helen Mallon

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Social Evening	Crazy Golf (at the Dundonald Ice Bowl Complex) or Ten Pin Bowling (for those who prefer or if it's wet) at 6.30 p.m. SHARP (so we can eat promptly from 8.00 p.m. /8.15 p.m.).		Michael Carson
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Be prepared for bad weather. Trainers or good walking shoes will generally do (except if wet). Each walk is no more than 6 miles (except Bangor to Holywood which is 10 miles). For those who wish, there will always be an opportunity for a pint/soft drink afterwards - this is a traditional end to all these walks and yet another chance to enjoy a bit of craic.

Finally, it would be helpful if those intending to participate would notify the leader, in case there is a change of plans for the walk/ meeting point

Look forward to seeing a large turnout on the evenings - the walks and après walks should all be enjoyable and as ever this is excellent exercise!!

Check out our Club website for details of other Club walks, events, photos etc. [www.nicsramblers.co.uk](http://www.nicsramblers.co.uk)

## Checklist For Your Safety

On all walks you must have:

- walking boots
- rucksack
- waterproof coat
- waterproof trousers
- hat and gloves
- food for fuel - enough to eat and drink (especially water)

The leader can refuse to allow you on the walk  
if you don't have the basics

Other good ideas might be:

- good map (waterproof)
- compass
- emergency rations
- shelter tent

You will not need these on our evening walks.

Extras that you should/could also be included are:

- torch
- extra batteries
- whistle
- bivvy bag
- basic first aid (plasters and bandages)

Walkers responsibilities:

- Check your own equipment and clothing regularly.
- Choose the walk most suitable to your fitness level.
- Observe the Country Code, close gates and take litter home.
- Be aware of the information in the disclaimer form signed by you when joining the club - a blank copy of this form is on the web-site.