



RHODODENDRON

Walking Festival 2018



June Bank Holiday Weekend 2018

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th

Friday 1st June - Launch Night & FREE Heritage Walk

- The inaugural Rhododendron Walking Festival will kick off at Clogheen Community Centre (Eircode E21 T264) at **7pm**. The festival will be launched by our two guest speakers - 10 year-old Dillon Lynch who has completed the '32 County High Point Challenge' and Edwin Fitzgerald who is 87 years young. Edwin has climbed worldwide and is still walking and climbing mountains today. Both will briefly share some of their insights with us to get the festival underway.
- After the launch, walkers will set off on the FREE 'Clogheen Heritage Walk' (Walk No. 1). This walk of 1.5 to 2 hours will include a range of the historical sites of interest in the area.
- Registration online at www.vee.ie, or complete a printed registration form which are available in Ballyporeen (Russells), Burncourt (Maureen Creed) and Clogheen (English's Fruit & Veg. shop).
- There will be refreshments on return and **Cahir Comhaltas** will provide entertainment on the night. There will also be a number of stands in the hall highlighting available activities & groups in the Knockmealdown region.

Saturday 2nd June: Knockmealdown Way Linear Walk – 34km, 18km & 9km

Saturday offers A, B & C grade walks to cater for all abilities. The route takes on the newly waymarked **Knockmealdown Way** which runs along the forest tracks at the foot of the Knockmealdown Mountains from Ballyporeen to Newcastle.

Route Name	Reg Time	Start Time	Cost	Check-In at
Walk No. 2 - A Walk: Knockmealdown Way (34Km)	08.00	09.00	€25.00	Newcastle Community Centre
Walk No. 3 - Knockmealdown Way (18Km)	11.30	12.30	€25.00	Newcastle Community Centre
Walk No. 4 - Knockmealdown Way (9Km)	14.30	15.30	€25.00	Newcastle Community Centre

- Register online at www.vee.ie or complete a registration form - available in Ballyporeen (Russells), Burncourt (Maureen Creed) and Clogheen (English's Fruit & Veg. shop).
- All walkers Sign-In on the day at **Newcastle Community Centre** (Eircode E91 C3V9).
- Fee includes bus transfer from Newcastle to relevant walk starting point and a two course meal (main course & desert) on return to Newcastle Hall. Parking is available in Newcastle.
- Certificates will be awarded to all participants on completion.

At **2pm** on Saturday afternoon, a **FREE Historical Talk at Shanrahan Cemetery** has been arranged. Meeting at Clogheen Community Hall & car-pooling to Shanrahan. No Booking Necessary. The event will be hosted by Willie Smyth, Professor Emeritus at UCC and should take around 2 hours.

On completion of the event, refreshments will be served at Clogheen Community Centre (Eircode E21 T264).

- **FREE ENTERTAINMENT** - Later in the evening, there will be music by **"The Retrophonics"** on Clogheen's Main Street from **8pm to 10pm**.





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Sunday 3rd June – Rhododendron Walk Day

On Sunday there are two wonderful Rhododendron walks to choose from; the **3 Hour trail** (12km) includes a newly opened path which takes a route across the mountain to the back of Baylough returning via Loughglenbridge. This walk takes in some of the most breathtaking views of Rhododendrons in bloom in Co. Tipperary. There is also a shorter **1.5 hour trail** (8km), with less mountain walking, which travels via the Soldier's Path on to Baylough, returning to Clogheen via Loughglenbridge and Kilballyboy Wood.

Route Name	Reg Time	Start Time	Cost	Check-In
Walk No. 5 - Rhododendron Loop (12km)	10.00	11.00	€15.00	Clogheen Hall (E21 T264)
Walk No. 6 - Rhododendron Loop (8km) Child Friendly (over 7 years old)	11.00	12.00	€5.00	Clogheen Hall (E21 T264)

- Register online at www.vee.ie or complete a registration form - available in Ballyporeen (Russells), Burncourt (Maureen Creed) and Clogheen (English's Fruit & Veg. shop).
- All walkers Sign-In on the day at Clogheen Community Centre (E21 T264).
- Both walks will finish at Clogheen Community Centre where refreshments will be served from 2pm to 4pm.
- There will also be entertainment by **The Fogues** at the Community Centre for the afternoon.

Monday 4th June: FREE Family Fun Day at Kildanogue Duck Ponds

The final walk of the festival is a FREE family friendly stroll to the newly renovated and very family oriented Kildanogue Duck Ponds. All participants can bring their own picnic and there will be plenty of entertainment for the children including face-painting, fairy door workshops, ice-cream & popcorn stands and much more. This will be a fantastic day out for all the family.

Route Name	Reg Time	Start Time	Cost	Check-In
Walk No. 7 - Kildanogue Duck Pond Trail (7km)	10.00	11.00	Free	Goatenbridge GAA Hall (E91 RR79)

- Register online at www.vee.ie or complete a registration form - available in Ballyporeen (Russells), Burncourt (Maureen Creed) and Clogheen (English's Fruit & Veg. shop).
- Meeting & parking at **Goatenbridge GAA Hall** (E91 RR79).
- The walk will set off at 11am to the Knockballiniry Loop Trail Head and onwards to the Kildanogue Duck Ponds.
- This walk is child and buggy friendly.
- Free buses will be on hand to transfer people from the Duck Ponds back to their cars at Goatenbridge.

