

More information on the U3A Walking Festival
can be found on our website
www.picturesofireland.ie/U3Ahtm
or by ringing or texting **087 3432275**.

Boots and Bogs walking festival follows on Saturday 18th April
in Knockatallon, Co Monaghan, organised by the Knockatallon
Ramblers. For information ring Paddy Sherry at 087 2525457.

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Two days of walking
for all levels

FESTIVAL INFO

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

Registration in **The Four Seasons hotel, Monaghan 9.30 – 10.30 each day**. Tea/coffee will be available.

Registration costs **15 euro** for one day or **25 euro** for both days. Registration covers all bus transfers, tea and coffee in The Four Seasons and lunch in Slieve Beagh on Friday. Optional additional costs include the Festival Dinner on Thursday at 25 euro and tea/coffee and scones in Castle Leslie for 5.50 euro.

Accommodation is available in The Four Seasons at 69 euro for two people B&B per night or for a single person 55 euro per night. Other accommodation can be found on www.monaghantourism.com/accommodation.aspx

DAY BY DAY BREAKDOWN

DAY 1 Thursday 16th April

Greenway to Rossmore Park

Leaving the hotel at 10.30, we wend our way via the Greenway and along the Ulster canal to Rossmore Park. At the park there will be a pleasant walk at a leisurely pace and the history of the park will be explained by Enda Galligan. Buses will collect walkers to bring them back to the Four Seasons.



The Greenway walk takes about forty minutes while the walk in the park lasts about ninety minutes.

Lunch is available in the Four Seasons or in Savoir Faire coffee shop.

Walk in Castle Leslie, bus leaves the Four Seasons at 2.30. Walk around Kilvey Lough. This is a gentle walk of about an hour's duration. The ground can be quite soft in places, so wear suitable footwear and watch out for the horses. No umbrellas please. Following the walk, there will be a short tour of local church St Salvator's, well known for the wedding of Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills. Walkers also have an option of touring the village of Glaslough.

The **Festival dinner** will be at 7.30 in The Four Seasons and is open to walkers and non-walkers alike. Jason Black, mountaineer who climbed Mount Everest in 2013, will speak about his experiences at the dinner. Music, dancing and spot prizes will follow!

DAY 2 Friday 17th April

Registration in the Four Seasons 9.30-10.00. Tea/coffee will be available.

Morning Walk: Crocknagrally Forest. Bus leaves 10.15. This is a medium to difficult walk which takes about two hours. It takes in some beautiful scenery and begins at the dwelling place of the famous Cooneen ghost.

Light Lunch in the Slieve Beagh hotel.

Afternoon Walk: You have a choice now — you can take a guided stroll around **Monaghan town** where your guides will relate Monaghan's murky past as well as astounding you with details of its architectural gems; or you can go **Orienteering in Rossmore Park** following maps at your own pace.

