Leenane Mountain Walking Festival 2012
Programme of Events 4th – 6th May

Online registration at www.leenanevillage.com Advance booking essential

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the local landowners without whom this festival would not be possible & the Locals who will be accompanying the groups onto the hills. NO DOGS

Walk A: Strenuous high level (800m + 10kms) **Walk B: Medium High level (600m + 5kms)** **Walk C: Low Level**

Friday 4th May

7.00pm Opening of Art & Craft & Photographic Exhibition

8.30pm Talk by Ann Hodge (**Curator of Prints and Drawings, National Gallery of Ireland**)
Connemara before the Famine: William Evans of Eton's 1838 watercolours. Venue: Leenane Hotel

Saturday 5th May

Check In opens at 8.00am @ Leenane Community Centre – 200 ms on the Galway road side of the village

09.00 A Depart for **Twelve Bens – Ben Corr/Derryclare Walk** Approx 6 – 7 hrs 800m climb & 10kms

09.45 B Depart for **Ben Gorm** Approx 4 – 5 hrs, 700m climb 9 kms

10.15 **Guided Cycle Leenane – Tawnyard – Delphi Valley – Ahsleigh Falls** Cyclists depart for K2 to pick up bikes
Approx 4 hours cycle – 37 kms & only a couple of hills!

10.30am C **Tullabaun & Silver strand beach walk …. Micheal Viney Country.** Low Level Approx 3 – 4 hrs 50m 7 kms.

Leenane National School Open Day, Sale of Work, Cake & produce sale. Tea & Scones and more.

All Welcome

4 - 5pm Finish walks and arrive down to Tea/Coffee/ Scones in Local Businesses

Killary Cruises ½ price daily tickets all weekend

Finish of Yacht race from Westport to Killary. Watch the magnificent sight of the yachts racing up Killary Harbour

Dinner & enjoy the welcome of Leenane. All Musicians welcome.

9pm **Race Night in Gaynors pub** – all proceeds to the Leenane Development Association

Sunday 6th May

Check In opens at 8.00am @ Leenane Community Centre – 200 ms on the Galway road side of the village

9am A Depart for **Mweelrea Horsehoe** Walk 6-7 hrs, 1100 climb, 11kms

10am B **Short Mweelrea Mountain** Walk Short Approx 4-5 hrs, 880m climb 4kms

10.30 **Guided Cycle Leenane – Tawnyard – Delphi Valley – Ahsleigh Falls** Cyclists depart for K2 to pick up bikes
Approx 4 hours cycle – 37 kms & only a couple of hills!

10.45 B **Michael Gibbons Archaelogical Hill Walk**. 'Leenane – Killadoon
Megalithic tomb, stone forts, famine roads and tall tales!' Medium level Approx 4-5hrs, 300m 7 kms

11am C **Tawnyard – Ashleigh Falls** Low Level Walk. Approx 3 hours gentle walk 7 kms

4 - 5pm Finish walks and arrive down to Tea/Coffee/ Scones etc

5pm **Set Dancing demo** outside the two village pubs – weather permitting!

7.30pm **BBQ & Ceile in Leenane hotel for all** – villagers & walkers alike. Dance the night away!

Cost of Weekend: €35 for 1 day or €60 for 2 Days to include qualified guides (plus Local guides from the area), transport (including Mweelrea speedboat trip) to and from each walk, fleece headband, Maps, teas/coffees etc.

Participants must come well prepared with suitable footwear & waterproofs. See www.leenanevillage.com

Price does NOT include accommodation or packed lunches.

BBQ Sunday night €15 – Ceili in aid of the Leenane Red Cross €5 entry donation

Please email @ leenane@killary.com with any questions **or ring 095 43411 or 0872 855756**

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