

37th Annual NUI Galway Mountaineering Club Maamturks Challenge

Introduction

NUI Galway Mountaineering Club is pleased to announce that the 37th annual Maamturks Challenge will take place on **Saturday, 14th April 2012**. The walk, covering 24.3km over tough, mountainous terrain and with a total ascent over the course of the walk of 2336m, will begin in Maam and end in Leenane.

Registration

Registration will take place at the base of Corcog between 5am and 7am or until the limit of 200 participants is reached. The cost of registering on the day of the walk will be €25. This year the club is also offering participants the opportunity to register in advance for the discounted fee of €20. The main benefit of pre-registering is that less time is spent queuing on the morning of the event. The registration form is available from the walk website.

Transport

Roadside parking will be available at the starting point. A bus will be provided to return participants to their cars at the end of the walk.

Accommodation

A list of accommodation within close proximity of the starting point is available on www.nuigmc.com/maamturks/

Requirements

Walkers will be required to check in at all of the checkpoints along the route and have their Walk Cards punched. The cut-off points at Lough Mham Ochóige and the Col of Despondency will be implemented at 2pm and 5pm respectively. Unfortunately, participants who fail to make these cut-offs will be requested to make their way to the nearest designated exit point.

In the interest of safety it is required that all walkers should be properly equipped for a tough days hiking with strong boots, waterproof jacket/pants, warm clothing, and sufficient food/drink for the day. All participants, irrespective of whether they are a part of a group, are required to have their own maps and compass and be proficient in navigation. GPS is not to be considered a substitute.

Additional Information/Contact

Further walk information is available on www.nuigmc.com/maamturks

Any queries should be directed to maamturkswalk@gmail.com

Comprehensive sources of information about the walk route are available on these websites:

www.mountainviews.ie

www.simonstewart.ie

