

Welcome to the Isle of Man Walking Festival

Friday 28th April to Monday 1st May

Important Notes

1. All walks should be booked in advance using the attached booking form.
2. All walks start and finish using public transport. Detailed information regarding public transport will be available during the Registration Evening. It is important that you check in between 19.00 and 21.00 at the Welcome Centre in the Sea Terminal, Douglas. The cost of public transport is not included in the festival package cost.
3. Walking boots or stout shoes with good grips must be worn for all walks together with suitable clothing. The weather on the Isle of Man can change very quickly. Jeans are not suitable clothing for walking. It is recommended that a waterproof jacket is carried together with water and a snack. Some of the walks are in remote areas of the Island with no refreshment or toilet facilities.
4. Walk Guides reserve the right to refuse participation to any walker if they are not suitably attired or in the Guides' opinion feel they would be unsuited to undertake the walk.
5. Walks are undertaken at your own risk. Travel insurance is highly recommended. The Isle of Man is not part of the U.K.
6. It is at the Guides' discretion to change the route of a walk should the weather conditions or other circumstances make it necessary. It is important that the advice of the Guides is followed at all times.
7. If you have any relevant medical problems please let the Guides know about your condition and advise of any medication you are carrying. This information is required in case of an incident.
8. Please note that dogs are not allowed on any walks due to the proximity of farmland and livestock.
9. Isle of Man Tourism will occasionally send a photographer to accompany walkers for use in future promotion of walking on the Island. If you do not wish to be included in these photographs, please indicate this to the photographer who will ensure you are not in any of the pictures taken.

Gradings: Is this walk suitable for me?

When choosing your walks please bear in mind the Isle of Man is hilly and in the middle of the Irish Sea. The ground is rough in places, some of the footpaths are narrow and steep and the weather can change very quickly. However, it is a walkers' paradise, especially in the spring, with a tremendous variety of terrain ranging from cliffs to moors and from glens to beaches. Think of it as being the British Isles in miniature.

1 Leisurely

Gentle rolling landscape, walking on paths with average to good surfaces. Some walking on gentle inclines with stiles or steps en-route.

2 Moderate

Varying landscape with some more challenging slopes. Stiles and steps en-route. Suitable for keen walkers and anyone who is reasonably active.

3 Fairly Strenuous

A challenging walk for fit walkers with some experience or for anyone who is quite fit and active. Steep gradients, narrow and difficult paths with stiles and steps are to be expected.

4 Strenuous

Long walk and/or difficult walking terrain such as steep hills and rough country. Suitable for fit and experienced walkers.

Cost/Registration/Social Events

The Isle of Man Walking Festival costs £30 which includes one walk per day and entry into The Blister Ball on the final night. The festival is only sold as a package and individual walks cannot be purchased separately.

The closing date is Saturday 8th April.

Please complete the form, making your cheque payable to the **Isle of Man Government**, and send to:-

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Thursday 27th April

Registration at the Welcome Centre in the Sea Terminal. It is very important you register as we need to know you are here! Up-to-date information about the walks will be available, including transport details as sometimes last minute changes are necessary. Walking guides will be on hand to assist with any questions you may have.

Registration is between 19.00 and 21.00

Monday 1st May

The Blister Ball

Time to let your hair down and relax with friends old and new at The Villa Marina. An evening of great music, fun and perhaps some dancing if you have some energy left after your walking holiday. Informal dress - ball gowns are not required!

Doors open at 20.00 with the fun starting at 20.30