



EXPERIENCE THE BELFAST HILLS



A mosaic of rolling hills, wooded river valleys and small fields make up the unique landscape of the Belfast Hills.

The Belfast Hills Partnership runs activities for all ages throughout the year, and publishes an events programme.

Pick up a programme from various public places including libraries, tourist offices and also see www.belfasthills.org

Featuring lovely trails with stunning views, forays into native flora and fauna and fascinating wildlife, habitat and biodiversity, there's lots to do and see when out and about in the Belfast Hills.

Enjoy gorgeous wildflower fields of bluebell and orchid, look out for rabbits, foxes and badgers.

Spot birds like meadow pipits and skylarks. You might see Irish hare, red grouse or curlew, which are priority species earmarked in need of conserving.

The Belfast Hills also boast many archaeological sites revealing prehistoric Belfast Hills and farming off the land. They hold a rich industrial heritage along the rivers and streams that powered their mills.

So enjoying the great outdoors in the Belfast Hills is great for your health – and fabulous, cheap fun for all the family.



PLAN AHEAD

know where to walk, what to wear and how to minimise waste

WALKING

BE SAFE

pay attention to signs, weather conditions and traffic levels

UNDERSTAND ACCESS

know where you are allowed to go and leave gates as you find them

MINIMISE IMPACT

take litter home, extinguish matches and cigarettes carefully, don't pollute water

CONTROL DOGS

Please keep dogs on a lead especially near farm animals

RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

don't disturb or feed wildlife

CONSIDER OTHERS

don't interfere with livestock, crops or machinery. Minimise noise





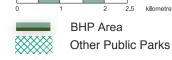


The Belfast Hills Partnership undertakes a wide range of work including

- Path improvements including completion of the Divis summit trail and a new link from Ligoniel Park to Cave Hill Country Park
- Promotional signage, viewpoints and interpretative panels, production of maps, recreation and heritage guides
- Hosting a series of events throughout the year to encourage people to care for the Belfast Hills
- Working with landowners across the Belfast Hills to plant trees, rebuild hedgerows, and sowing wildflower meadows to encourage biodiversity
- A series of archaeology 'Big Digs' involving local communities and schools
- **Erecting swift towers** to encourage swifts to establish nesting sites in the Belfast Hills
- Releasing salmon and trout into the waterways of the Belfast Hills
- Tree planting with volunteers to mitigate disease and improve the slopes of the Belfast Hills
- Installation of a junior orienteering course at Cave Hill for families to enjoy
- **Providing training courses** including biological and GPS surveying, practical conservation skills, walking in the hills and archaeological surveying
- Teaching the early man section of the curriculum, based on Belfast Hills history with a 'loan box' for schools

















GET INVOLVED

The Partnership provides a host of volunteering activities including tree and hedge-planting, wildlife surveys, dry stone walling and wildflower meadow creation.

FRIEND OF THE **BELFAST HILLS**

Details on becoming a Friend are on our website you can also call or email our office.

KEEP UP TO DATE

News and events are posted on our website where you can also sign up to receive our e-newsletter and e-alerts.

FOLLOW & LIKE US

Our Belfast Hills Partnership page is on Facebook and you can follow @Belfasthills on Twitter.





Visit us at www.belfasthills.org Email us at info@belfasthills.org Contact us on 028 9060 3466

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

















CAVE HILL COUNTRY PARK

Belfast Castle and Belfast Zoo -Metro: Any number 1 bus from Upper Queen Street to Antrim Road. Upper Cavehill Road - Metro: 61 Carr's Glen bus from Queen Street alight Ballysillan Road and walk along Upper Cavehill Road for 320m (400 yards) to access two pedestrian entrances. Upper Hightown Road - Metro: 11A Silverstream bus. Walk 1 mile heading north on Ballysillan Park turning right onto Crumlin Rd/A52 before car park

LIGONIEL MILL DAMS

Metro 57/57A from Chichester Street or Royal Avenue, alighting Mill Avenue. Continue to Wolfhill Avenue South, onto Thornberry Road and Thornberry Mews.

CARNMONEY HILL

Metro from Upper Queen Street. Routes 2C/2D/2E/2H/13/13C/14/14C, alight Whiteabbey Hospital. Walk 300m Doagh Road countrybound. Turn left into Knockenagh Avenue and walk uphill to children's play park.

DIVIS AND THE

Ulsterbus 106 between Belfast and Crumlin via Hannahstown, alight Upper Springfield Road at hairpin bend stop. Backtrack about 1km citybound along the road. You will see this junction: and the National Trust brown sign nearby. Walk 800m up Divis Road.

COLIN GLEN FOREST PARK

Metro 10C/10D/10G/10H from Queen Street, Belfast. West Belfast Taxi Association from King Street, Belfast.

*Routes correct at time of print. Ensure you check timetables before setting out at www.translink.co.uk

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