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SELF-GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY · SAINT PATRICK'S WAY

SAINT PATRICK'S WAY (ARMAGH TO HILLTOWN) 6 DAYS

Walk Saint Patrick's Way Part A — 84km from Armagh through canal country and Carlingford Lough to the Mourne foothills at Hilltown. 5 nights, Pilgrim Passport.

DURATION	WALKING DAYS	DISTANCE	GRADE
6 days	**4**	**87.6 km**	**Moderate**
5 nights B&B	18 to 30 km each	about 1,800 m of ascent	

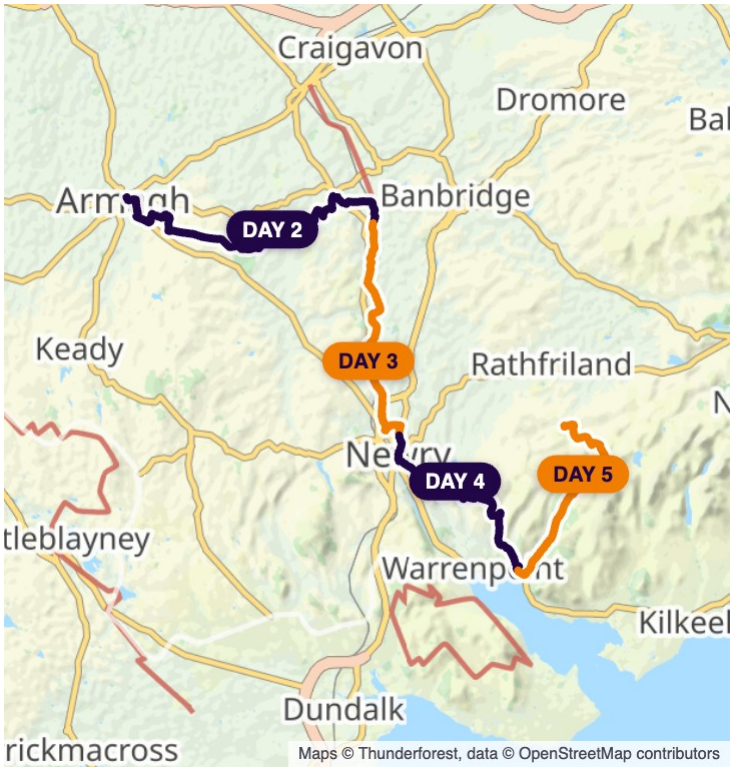
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Your route at a glance

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DAY 1 — **Arrive Armagh — Navan Fort and**
Navan Centre and Fort, Armagh's two cathedrals, Georgian Mall. Collect…

DAY 2 — **Armagh to Scarva**
30 km · 221 m ascent · Challenging

DAY 3 — **Scarva to Newry**
19.3 km · 18 m ascent · Gentle

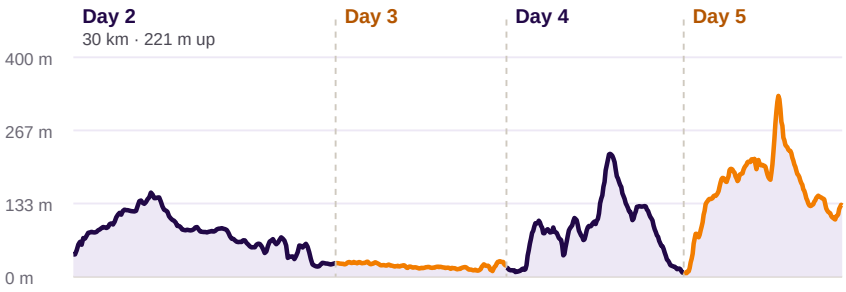
DAY 4 — **Newry to Rostrevor**
20.2 km · 362 m ascent · Moderate

DAY 5 — **Rostrevor to Hilltown**
18.1 km · 450 m ascent · Moderate

DAY 6 — **Departure from Hilltown**
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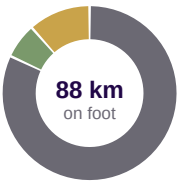
The whole walk in one line

87.6 km · 1,846 m of climbing over four days · from our GPS tracks



What's underfoot

Surface across the four walking days



Road and lane	81%
Footpath and trail	7%
Gravel and forest track	12%

Armagh — Ireland's Ecclesiastical Capital

The pilgrimage begins at Navan Centre & Fort (Eamhain Mhacha, the Iron Age capital of Ulster) and Armagh's twin cathedrals.

The Newry Canal Towpath

Day 3 follows the western bank of the Newry Canal — Ireland's oldest summit-level canal, opened in 1742. Locks, restored bridges, kingfishers and herons.

Carlingford Lough

Day 4 traces the shore of Carlingford Lough — Cooley Mountains rising across the water in the Republic, Mournes building ahead.

Into the Mourne Foothills

Day 5 climbs gently through Kilbroney Forest and onto the open moorland of the Mourne Way to finish at Hilltown — an upland village with eight pubs on a single street, a…

Day by day

Elevation, 0 to 400 m · Challenging · Gentle · Moderate

1 **Arrive Armagh — Navan Fort and City Heritage.** Navan Centre and Fort, Armagh's two cathedrals, Georgian Mall. Collect your Pilgrim Passport and first stamp. The pilgrimage begins.

Overnight Armagh

DAY **2**



30 km · 221 m up · Challenging

Armagh to Scarva

29 km · 7–9 hours · Rolling drumlin countryside South through County Armagh's green drumlins. Hedgerow lanes, quiet farms, gradual ascent. Scarva — picturesque canal village — awaits with your Passport stamp.

Overnight Scarva

DAY **3**



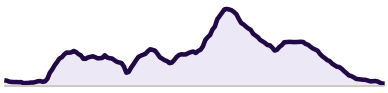
19.3 km · 18 m up · Gentle

Scarva to Newry

20 km · 4–5 hours · Canal towpath Flat and peaceful along Ireland's oldest canal. Birdlife, lock-keeper's cottages, merchant heritage. Arrive in Newry with energy to spare — save it for tomorrow.

Overnight Newry

DAY **4**



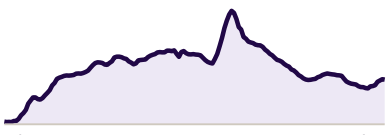
20.2 km · 362 m up · Moderate

Newry to Rostrevor

15 km · 3–4 hours · Coastal path above Carlingford Lough Short day by design — you are saving your legs for tomorrow's mountain crossing. Climb gently from Newry, then follow Carlingford Lough to Rostrevor. Kilbroney Forest Park. Rest, eat well, prepare.

Overnight Rostrevor

DAY **5**



18.1 km · 450 m up · Moderate

Rostrevor to Hilltown

18 km · 5–6 hours · Mourne foothills The Mournes proper begin today. The route leaves Rostrevor through Kilbroney Forest Park, climbing into the conifers and out onto open moorland that contours the foothills of Slieve Martin and Tievedockaragh. Above the tree line the path follows the Mourne Way past the Yellow Water River — sometimes exposed, always with the high Mournes opening to the east. The descent drops you to Hilltown, an upland village on the River Bann with eight pubs on the main street — a legacy of 18th-century smugglers who divvied up their contraband here.

Overnight Hilltown

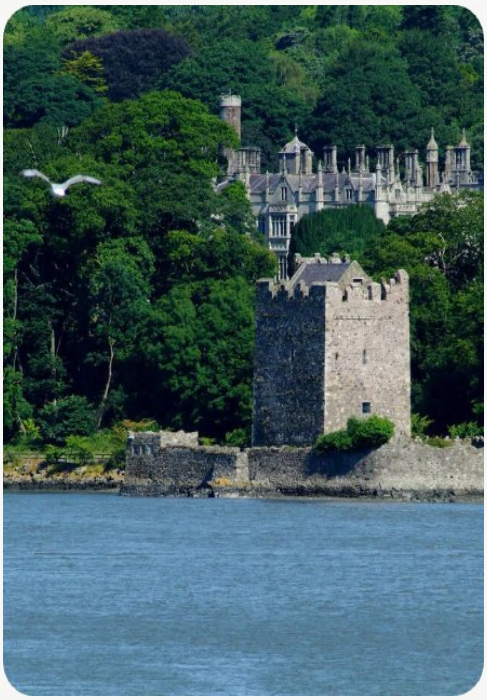
6 **Departure from Hilltown.** A morning in Hilltown. Quiet street, eight pubs, the River Bann — a proper Mourne village. Transfer onward to Belfast or Dublin, or extend your pilgrimage with our 9-Day Entire Route package to continue over the high Mournes to Newcastle and on to Downpatrick, where Saint Patrick is buried.

Is this walk for you?

GENTLE — MODERATE — CHALLENGING

18 to 30 km	1,846	4
a day	m of climbing in total	walking days

Moderate. The first three walking days are gentle to easy — country lanes, canal towpath and coastal path. Day 5 (Rostrevor to Hilltown) climbs into the Mourne foothills and is the most demanding day. No exposed high-mountain walking. Good walking shoes and a waterproof are enough. You want the heritage, the canal country and the Mourne approach without committing to the high mountain crossing.



INCLUDED

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation in guesthouses and B&Bs (en-suite rooms) — Armagh, Scarva, Newry…
- ✓ Full Irish or continental breakfast every morning
- ✓ Luggage transfers between all accommodation
- ✓ Pilgrim Passport for route stamps
- ✓ Personalised digital itinerary and route app
- ✓ 24/7 emergency contact and on-trail support
- ✓ Pre-departure information pack with heritage notes

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Transport to Armagh or from Hilltown (we can arrange transfers)
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Lunches and evening meals
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Personal expenses

Want to walk further?
9 days to Downpatrick from €1,195

FROM

€755

per person sharing

Single room supplement applies. See the website for current rates.

How booking works

1. Tell us your dates and how many walkers. We check the B&Bs.
2. A 25% deposit holds your places; the balance is due before you travel.
3. Your travel pack arrives 14 days before departure.

Check dates and book

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