

Beaver Hiking Programme September – December 2010

Parents invited on all hikes. Ensure Gear list is adhered to especially suitable footwear and warm clothing.

Sat 25th September (2.30 – 4.30pm) - Hike on Tibradden Mountain (All three Beaver Nights)

Directions: Go up Stocking Lane past the Hell Fire Club on the right hand side. Continue along this road until you come to the Kilakee Viewing point. Veer left towards Cruagh Wood and Johnny Foxes. You will pass the Cruagh Wood car park on left hand side and continue along this road. Take the next right in the direction of Johnny Foxes and the car park is a short distance up on your left hand side.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Proposal: Walk up on the path to Tibradden and on the way up and down the beavers can sing songs and do party pieces. At the top we can have food, the beavers can draw pictures and we can do the history and geography of the area. (If the group is splitting due to speed some of the faster ones can walk on in the direction of fairy castle.)

Thursday **BEAVERS only** - 30th September (6.30 – 7.45pm) - Torch Night hike up the Hell Fire Club

Directions: Go up Stocking Lane until you come to the Hell fire club on the right hand side.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Proposal: Ventures to assist in managing the Beavers and perhaps setting up BBQ sausage sandwiches at the top of the mountain.

NOTE: A TORCH is an absolute necessity.

Sat 9th October (2.00 – 5.00pm) Hike in Crone Wood near Powerscourt Waterfall (All three Beaver Nights)

Directions: Drive to Enniskerry and follow signs for Powerscourt Waterfall.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Walk Crone Wood towards Maulin. (Group may be split into two depending upon speed of some of the faster Beavers.)

Sat 6th November (2.30 – 5.30pm) – National Orienteering Day in Larch Hill (All three Beaver Nights)

Directions to Larch Hill: Go up the Edmondstown road; pass the Merry Ploughboy Pub on the left hand side. After the pub take the next left and go down the road until it veers off to the left. You will see a road going up in front of you. This is Mutton lane. You go up this road, at the end you will come to a cul de sac but you enter it and you will see the entrance to Larch Hill. Continue along this road and eventually you will come to the Larch Hill Car Park.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Sat 20th November (2.30 – 5.00)- Ticknock to Fairy Castle (All three Beaver Nights)

Directions: Drive past Marley Park's front entrance and continue onto St Johns, Ballinteer. Turn right and continue up the road until you come to a 4 road junction. Bear left and continue up the road until you cross the M50. Immediately take the next right and go up the road until you come to a cul de sac. Go up the cul de sac and you will see a forest park on the left. Go in there and drive as far UP the road as possible.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Proposal: We can walk up to 3 rock through the trees having a look at the view, have lunch, continue onto fairy castle. The more adventurous can go on to 2 rock and around a small circuit and back to the car.

Sat 4th December (2.30 – 4.30pm)- Tree Hike around Larch Hill (All three Beaver Nights)

Directions to Larch Hill: Go up the Edmondstown road; pass the Merry Ploughboy Pub on the left hand side. After the pub take the next left and go down the road until it veers off to the left. You will see a road going up in front of you. This is Mutton lane. You go up this road, at the end you will come to a cul de sac but you enter it and you will see the entrance to Larch Hill. Continue along this road and eventually you will come to the Larch Hill Car Park.

Gear: Torch, Woolly hat, gloves, waterproof Coat and warm clothing, proper footwear (not plimsolls), Packed Back Pack with food and drink, energy bars, fruit (not crisps or popcorn)

Proposal: Depending on the numbers we can do it as one group or break into three nights. We can get the groups to orienteer around the course finding the various trees and then drawing the leaves into a notebook. We could collect the leaves and get the beavers to press the leaves and bring them back the following night. After that we could retire to the campfire which has been prepared earlier and do songs, sausages etc.

2011 – Hike Dates to be confirmed

Crone wood to Maulin

Directions: Go up Stocking Lane until you come to the Hell fire Club on the right hand side. Continue along this road until you come to the viewing point. Keep right and go along the Military Road towards Glencree. It is a long drive. At Glencree do not take the first left in the direction of the reconciliation centre but take the next left. Go along road for approx 10 minutes and you may see Wicklow Way signs. Crone wood is on your right hand side.

Gear: Woolly hat, gloves, coat and warm clothing

Proposal: All head of together and depending on the pace the slow ones can go to the waterfall view and the rest can head up to Maulin. The slower ones can have the fire etc. The faster ones could retrace their steps and join the others or do a loop.

For all the hikes the parents are invited.

The kids should have inhalers if needed.

They all should have food and drink.

All extra clothing should be in a plastic bag in their rucksacks.