

2024 ITI Walking Weekend

I have volunteered to organise next year's Walking Weekend. You will receive a booking form later this week asking you to confirm your booking as soon as possible and pay a deposit. Since I have already booked for a number of guests and paid a deposit for the booking to YHA (England and Wales), I would be delighted to recover part of my personal outlay.

Where?

Conwy, a world heritage site with an imposing thirteenth-century castle and walls. A quaint harbour town, situated between Llanfairfechan and Cerrigydruidion and Cwm Penmachno. In the heart of it is the mighty 13th-century castle, whose walls encapsulate this remarkable medieval town.

Just a 10-minute walk from the centre of Conwy, this modern youth hostel is on a hill just outside the historic walls, and enjoys panoramic views of Conwy's medieval castle, the mountains, and the valley all in sight.



There are plenty of walks starting from the venue. Several people have already volunteered to be walk organisers. They will fill you in later once they have had time to recce potential walks.

<https://www.komoot.com/guide/18255/hiking-in-conwy>

When?

The weekend of **21-23 June 2024**. Please save the date on your calendar, fill in the booking form when you receive it and pay the requested deposit.

How much?

YH Conwy has 2-bedded rooms and 4-bedded rooms. All rooms are bunk-bedded rooms for sharing up to two or four people. There will be a price difference depending on whether you opt for a 2-bedded room or a 4-bedded room. The final cost should be close to £120 per person in a 4-bedded room and £145 per person in a 2-bedded room. I still have to add the cost of a speaker.

It includes two nights' accommodation, all meals (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner) and a meeting room.

The accommodation

We will be in Conwy Youth Hostel, Larkhill, Sychnant Pass Road, Conwy, LL32 8AJ. Included in the cost is two nights' accommodation, two breakfasts, two evening meals and two packed lunches. YHA invites you to enjoy an unlimited breakfast and you can view the menu on their website.

<https://www.visitwales.com/accommodation/hostel/yha-conwy-youth-hostel-221504>

Reception opening hours: From 07:30 - 10:00 and 17:00 - 22:00.

Food and drink: Breakfast is served to guests daily from 07:30 – 09:00. Meals are also available from 17:00 – 20:00.

Licensed bar: This hostel has a licensed bar offering a range of alcohol and soft drinks.

Self-catering: Guests have access to a self-catering kitchen.

Parking: Free parking available on-site in two large car parks.

Wi-Fi: Free Wi-Fi is available in social spaces.

Dogs: Pets are not permitted at YHA Conwy. Scottish youth hostels are more dog friendly.

Towels are provided.

Travel

Train

The Hostel is accessible by train. The Hostel is 10 minutes on foot from Conwy railway station.

North Wales Coast Railway <http://www.nwrail.org.uk/>

Trains run to North Wales (through

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch and Holyhead) daily from London Euston. This journey takes 4 to 5 hours. From Manchester, it's about an hour and a half – the journey can be quicker depending on the time of the journey.

From Liverpool the train takes a little over an hour and a half, with a change in Chester. The journey from London involves changing in Birmingham or Crewe and Chester.

Car

The distance from London to Conwy is 379 km and takes 4 h 30 min via M1 A55.

The distance from London to Conwy is 385 km and takes 4 h 55 min via M40 A55.

The distance from London to Conwy is 415 km and takes 5 h 30 min via M1.

The nearest airport to Conwy is Liverpool.

Provisional Programme

Friday 21st June 2024

5 pm onwards	Arrive at Conwy Youth Hostel
7 pm	Evening meal
8 pm	Walk briefing and admin.

Saturday 22nd June 2024

7:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:30/10:00 am	Walk departures
7 pm	Evening meal
8 pm	Walk briefing and admin.
8:30	Guest speaker

Sunday 23rd June 2024

8 am	Breakfast
9:30 – 9:45	Checkout and walk departures.

The weekend will end after the Sunday walk.

If you have any queries, please email me at g.trad@skynet.be

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