

MOURNE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE (MMA) FAQs

“What is the Mourne Mountain Adventure (MMA)?”

The Mourne Mountain Adventure is a youth challenge event that will be held in South Down on 28 April 2012. Teams of 6 will compete against the clock on a series of tasks and challenges throughout the Mournes and surrounding areas. It is about team-spirit, supporting your mates and testing yourself against one of the most challenging environments in Ireland.

“Who can enter the MMA?”

The MMA is open to teams of six, in any male / female combination – aged between 15 and 18 – from schools, youth organisations (Scouts, Guides, Youth Clubs), sports clubs and cadets based in Ireland.

“What is involved?”

The MMA involves an 8 mile trek through the Mourne Mountains, with tasks set along the way. Then there will be a crossing in RIBs across Dundrum Bay to Ballykinler where a series of tasks and challenges will be set for the arriving teams.

“When do entrants have to be the qualifying age?”

Entrants have to be between 15 and 18 on the date of the event.

“How can my organisation apply?”

Organisations can apply through the National Trust Website.

“What will my organisation have to provide?”

In addition to a team of 6, a Team Leader and transport must bring the team to the event. You will need tents for the overnight stay at Tollymore Forest Park, food and cooking equipment, and ensure that the team carries all the equipment named on the kit list. The Team Leader will collect the mountain equipment from the team at Newcastle Harbour prior to the sea phase. Finally, the Team Leader must bring the shower kit and a change of clothes for the team to Ballykinler for the completion of the adventure.

“When is the MMA?”

Teams will meet at an overnight camp on Friday 27 April 2012 at Tollymore Forest Park in order to be ready to start the event early on Saturday 28 April 2012. The event will run all day concluding with a social in the evening. Teams may wish to spend another night camping at Tollymore or depart for home that evening.

“How much is it going to cost?”

The MMA costs £10 per team member.

“What do I get for that?”

The £10 cost covers insurance, campsite, fuel for the RIB crossing, an event shirt, team prizes and individual certificates, an evening meal and social at Ballykinler once teams have finished.

"Is there a profit?"

If a profit is made from the MMA then the money raised will go towards next year's event to make it bigger and better than before.

"What skills do I need?"

Teams will need to have basic map reading skills, cooperative skills, hill walking experience and a knowledge of practical first aid.

"How fit do I need to be?"

The MMA is a physical challenge, teams and individuals will need to be fit. It will be a long day and teams will be on the move from start to finish. There is a suggested training regime available on the website should teams want it.

"What kit do I need?"

There is a kit-list on the website.

"Is the event insured?"

The event is insured by Towergate Wilsons.

"When are teams told the route?"

The notification of the route is on the National Trust website. On Friday 27 April 2012 teams must register at Tollymore Park; they will be given a map of the route and full information about the adventure.

"Can I find a place in a team through the web site?"

No. You should approach your school or club for a place in their team.

"How long does it take?"

It should take roughly 8 hours from start to finish.

"How can I get in touch with the Event Organisers?"

Go to the Contacts page on the National Trust website.

"Can supporters camp at Tollymore Park?"

Supporters are more than welcome to camp at Tollymore Park, however they would be required to make their own arrangements to stay for the weekend with the Forest Service. Participants will be staying at the youth camp which is not open to the public. There are also plenty of hostels, hotels & campsites available in the area. Tollymore Park: 028 4372 2428 / 028 4377 8664

"Can supporters see the teams in action?"

Supporters can see the teams start off at Tollymore and arrive at Newcastle Harbour. They can see the teams complete the event at Ballykinler but will have to include their names with the team lists to have access to the training area. If they require a meal at Ballykinler this is possible at a small charge.