



Get out *there!*

These three events are eminently suitable for those who want to sample the great outdoors during what remains of the summer

Roisin Finlay

Saint James's Day Walking Festival, July 27

Run by walking company CaminoWays.com and sponsored by outdoor store 53 Degrees North, this inaugural festival invites fans of the Camino de Santiago to come together in the Wicklow Mountains.

For €10 per person, participants can take part in various walking trails, including a manageable 4km trail, a family-friendly treasure hunt and a longer 12km guided trail for more experienced walkers. There will also be photography competitions, some delicious Spanish food and entertainment. The event takes place in the Lough Dan area from 9.30am.

caminoways.com



Saint James's Day Walking Festival in Co Wicklow



The Ben Nevis Challenge will take place from August 1 to 4

Ben Nevis Challenge, August 1-4

Concern will guide a group up the mighty 1,344-metre Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, next month. The group size for this adventure is limited to just 40 people, and it promises to be a jam-packed weekend of action and adventure.

showyourconcern.net

Clare Island Raft-Building Championships, August 2-3

Over the August bank holiday weekend, Clare Island Adventures is running a raft building - and sailing - competition. Teams of four to six people will build your contraption and then race it around a 300-metre course in Clew Bay. All safety gear and raft-building materials will be provided.

Heats will take place on Sunday morning with the final taking place in the afternoon at approximately 4.30pm, allowing time to get the ferry back to the mainland if they're not staying. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and the best fancy dress team. A family fun day will also take place on Saturday, with kayaking, snorkelling and beach games.

clareislandadventures.ie