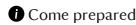




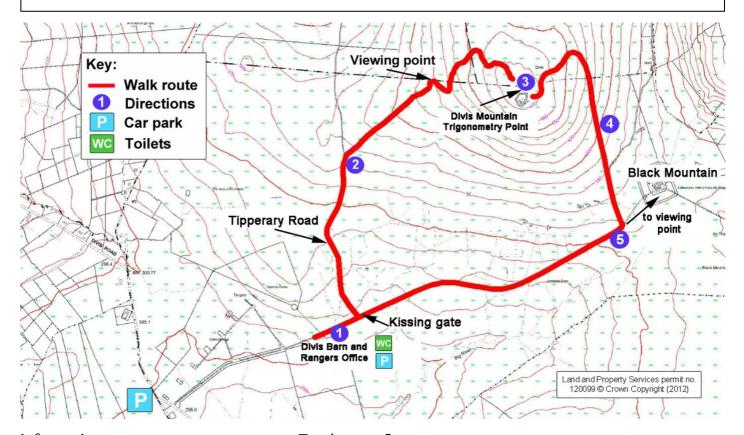
NORTHERN IRELAND

Divis and the Black Mountain summit trail

The 3-mile Summit Trail takes you along the Tipperary Road through open heath and blanket bog following a way marked trail to the highest peak in the Belfast Hills, Divis Mountain. Overlooking the city below and with panoramic views of Lough Neagh, the Mourne Mountains and Strangford Lough there is no better vantage point to take in the scenery that Northern Ireland has to offer.



Remember to bring appropriate footwear for this challenging walk.



Information

Address: Divis and the Black Mountain, Divis Road,

Hannahstown, BT17 ONG

OS map: OSNI 15 Activity: Walking

Challenging: Trail through upland heath and blanket bog with long ascent. For further information, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a lead at all times. We ask that all visitors keep to the designated paths which helps to protect ground nesting birds.

Full trail: Miles: 3.0 (km: 4.8)

Duration: 50 mins - 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

Challenging upland heath and blanket bog, stone and boulder trail. Tarmac roadway in places.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Divis Barn, OSNI grid ref: J272744

- From the starting point at the barn, pass the pond on your right and on through the kissing gate. Take the marked route to your left for the Summit Trail. You are now on the Tipperary Road named after the time when the mountain was a training ground and fully kitted squaddies marched the long road.
- 2. As the road forks, take the marked turn right heading for the summit. Take a slight detour to the viewing point. Retrace your steps 10m to the start of the steep accent to Divis Mountain.
- This part of the trail is lined with boulders to assist with water displacement and prevents the trail from being washed downhill. Ascend the path and continue until you reach the trigonometry pillar that marks the summit of Divis Mountain at 475m (1562ft).
- 4. The descent is along the tarmac roadway to the left of the mast downwards.
- 5. At the bottom of the hill follow the marked route and turn right back towards the barn.

End point: Divis Barn, OSNI grid ref: J272744