

Access in the Antrim Hills

Glens of Antrim Activity Map : 1:25 000

Avoid area known as Slaght, bounded by track, Greenan Road and Owencam River particularly around standing stones as bull frequents this area.

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Do not follow original route of Ulster Way. Do not follow route from where it crosses road 1k north of Agnews Hill continuing north towards a standing stone. This is farmland which is fenced off and should not be entered. Instead follow signs for Ulster Way and Antrim Hill Way, SE along the road to a stile clearly marked at a sharp bend about 1k further on. The route from here going north is well signed and joins the route again at the Sallgh Braes.

Grouse rearing takes place in the hills west of Agnew's Hill and the gamekeeper in charge wants walkers to use the waymarked Antrim Hills Way. Contact for gamekeeper: Lee McManamon 07860951323. With permission camping is also possible in the grounds of the Hill Farm.

Access in the Cleggan Forest (2123) / Neills Top (2313)

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Access to the area is restricted, particularly during the shooting season – beginning of August through to end of January.

- It is possible to access Cleggan Forest via track at 206100 on the Longmore Road
- There is some concern about bulls in the area west of the Cleggan River but the route over Neills Top should be OK and an alternative is to follow the track.

The game keeper, who is based at Cleggan Lodge (2110), has asked that any groups intending to be in the general area of Neills Top or Cleggan Forest must contact either of the following 2 numbers to seek permission and when more specific advice can be given: Steven Baird (game keeper) – 07752475736 or Joe Taylor – 07718755388.

In the same area a farmer gives permission to groups to camp at Crosswater Bridge (299000) just north of the Ballyboley Inn on the main Larne/ Ballymena Road, Contact: Tommy Miskelly – 07711020046.

In addition to you may also encounter access problems south of the Owencam River (1534) travelling from east to west or vice versa. This may stretch as far south as Oghbristacree.

Patrick Black farms an area east of the Glenshesk River located around farm buildings (139328) and stretching back to the fence line running north from Agangarrive Hill. If you

intent being in this area please contact him to let him know when and where. There are times of the year eg lambing etc when he would prefer not to have groups around the farm area. Contact: 028 20751284 or 07717045090

Glenariffe

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Mr James McHenry of Dieskirt Farm D212202 should be contacted if you intend to cross or camp on his land. Northern Ireland Water own land to the south and west of his farm but he also has responsibility for this land.

Contact details: 028 21771308 or E-mail: dieskirt@hotmail.com

He also runs a B & B at the farm and is happy to accommodate supervisors e.t.c.

Grouse Shootings

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Area south-west of Agangarrive Hill C155306 around Altaneigh Burn has regular shoots during the season, advice is to stay on the Moyle Way!

Cowper Lynas, Chairman of the North Antrim Hills Panel has kindly provided this information and is happy to be contacted for more specific information:

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