

Cedars Walking Group Survey - December 2012



Total Started Survey: 32
 Total Finished Survey: 32 (100%)

1. Why did you join Cedars Walking Group?

For health	71.9%	23
To be with friends	15.6%	5
To meet new friends	84.4%	27
To visit new places	81.3%	26

2. How did you learn about Cedars Walking Group?

From friends	87.5%	28
From web site	0.0%	0
From Jethro Centre	12.5%	4
Other (please specify)	0	

3. Do you use the mini bus?

Yes	46.9%	15
No	53.1%	17

4. If you don't use the mini bus, why not?

Too uncomfortable	0.0%	0
Too slow	0.0%	0
Prefer to drive or be driven in car	75.0%	12
Need to be independent	18.8%	3
Prefer to go direct to walk	31.3%	5

5. Would you like to stop for tea/coffee after walks in a more organised way?

Yes	53.3%	16
No	16.7%	5
Prefer to make own arrangements	30.0%	9

6. What type of walks do you prefer?

Roads and paths (more level walks)	3.4%	1
Hills (gentle climbs)	62.1%	18
Mountains (high and sometimes tough climbs and great views)	75.9%	22
Coastal and lakeside	69.0%	20
Historic locations	34.5%	10
Flora and fauna rich walks	31.0%	9
Other (please specify)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests • I love them all • A blend of all of the above • like them all 		

7. Have you suggestions for walks that we haven't undertaken yet?

- East County Antrim coast around Carnlough, Glenarm, Waterfoot.
- Benbradagh near Limavady and a new one near Clogher have been in the Belfast Telegraph

- Very happy with walks planned.
- No unfortunately
- Glens of Antrim Ballycastle
- no
- NO
- No
- Explore possibility of train to Dublin/Drogheda in Spring/Summer for walk in these regions. Day trip options as opposed to Residential?
- No
- Perhaps more organised historic walking areas with guides.
- Anywhere on Ards peninsula
- No
- walks overseas eg Spain, France, Lake District, Scotland
- I have not yet done enough walks to be able to comment.
- Rathlin, Lake District, Majorca
- No
- None
- maybe more coastal walks.
- No but perhaps offer another walking option other than the train trips for those who don't yet meet the requirement to have free travel passes - the full fares to Bangor before 9.30M are quite expensive.
- No
- The Granite Trail in Newcastle
- Will think about it and let you know!
- no
- The North Coast
- A group walk abroad - either in the U.K. or somewhere in Europe.
- sorry no suggestions
- No

8. Have you suggestions for other walking related activities that we might do?

- No
- No
- no
- Consider short break or overnight walking further afield/abroad.
- Sponsored walks included in normal walks to raise money for charity.
- No, I just enjoy being out in the fresh air in the countryside.
- Leaders do a great job, happy to do what they plan.
- Not at present
- Weekend walking breaks
- no
- NO
- No
- No-presently there is good variety offered to cater for all involved.
- No
- Thought the charity walk in Gosford a good idea and perhaps something similar could be done through another charity and a different area.
- Summer barbecue ?
- No

- longer walks on north coast
- No. Weekly walk, residential and good communication satisfy me for the moment.
- No
- A walking holiday abroad
- None
- I would like an earlier lunch stop possibly 12.30 and then have a group get together at end of walk for coffee!
- Walking trip further afield possible to Europe but additional to current residential which suits the majority of members.
- No
- What about camping out for the night!!! The overnight at Rathlin was very enjoyable even though the weather played havoc!
- Get together for walks once a month during the summer
- no
- Not really. I think there is a good balance.
- Raising money for charity through sponsorship of some walks/climbs.
- theatre trips coffee outings quiz not too hard
- No

9. Would you be prepared to assist the group in any of the following ways?

Walking Group Leader training	19.0%	4
Assisting Walking Group Leaders (undertaking basic skills training)	42.9%	9
Driving the mini bus	14.3%	3
Helping organise the annual residential	42.9%	9
Collecting subscriptions for annual dinner etc.	42.9%	9
Providing written material for the web site	14.3%	3
Providing photographs for the web site	23.8%	5

Other (please specify)

- Would be but not there often enough.
- I have just joined the group and am keen to be as helpful as I can.

10. Any other comments?

- Eternal gratitude for those of you who give up so much time to plan our walks!
- Earlier start for walks with longer travel time
- a wonderful group for meeting people and exercising at the same time.
- Have really enjoyed the walking group so far, beautiful walks and a great crowd of people.
- Keep up the good work. Thank you
- Fairly new to the group but really enjoying the activities
- No
- As a new member I have found the group very friendly. I still find the "will I get the minibus/lift " situation a little confusing but it is up to me to get that sorted out.
- Think it is wonderful, Makes my week! Thanks to everyone who makes it so .I appreciate all their hard work in running it so well!
- I feel it would be a good idea to resume walks after the summer break beginning in August instead of September and take a longer break in December / January when the weather is at its most damp and cold. Also some walks, eg. in the Sperrins, while good, require a long drive to get there, which can be off-putting especially in winter months. A drive of no more than 1 hour I feel is long enough, especially after a long or strenuous walk.
- no, really enjoy the club.

- Thank you for all the work done by the Leaders. With the larger numbers of members of the group it might work best if we divided into more smaller groups or perhaps if people knew the weekly walking options from website the evening before the walk they could more easily decide what suits them best. Also it would be useful if the most adventurous or ambitious walkers set out at a slightly slower pace to let everyone warm up and then if appropriate this group could sub divide into a faster group at a convenient stage of the walk.
- I enjoy the Cedars Walking Group because of the many new and supportive friends I have made. I have complete confidence in the leaders, to plan walks, that give us the utmost benefit of the area and to adapt to the various levels of ability within the group. I couldn't do any better! Keep us going!
- The bus fills up quickly and sometimes it is good to travel in private car then one is in control of their return time if prefer no delay. Important to have leader for both groups on alternative walk days.
- It's great keep going
- Cedars is a great way to make friends and socialise and to see our lovely country. I love Thursdays.
- Joining Cedars was one of the best things I ever did.
- Great web site