



Terms of Use and Code of Conduct for Mourne Woodland Rambling Club Members 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

What is not allowed:

1. Members are prohibited to walk after dark.
2. Shooting is strictly forbidden.
3. Members are prohibiting from dropping litter.
4. Members are prohibited from swimming.
5. Members are prohibited from lighting fires.
6. Members are prohibited from camping.
7. Members must not open any unauthorised gates.
8. Members are forbidden to pick flowers or dig up or remove any plants.
9. Not fishing unless by permission of the Kilkeel Angling Club.
10. Quads and scrambling bikes are strictly forbidden.
11. Paddling in river areas designated for spawning is strictly forbidden.
12. It is forbidden to use a chainsaw or to remove any timber.
13. It is forbidden to shoot, snare or harass any living creature.
14. Car parking near the Ballymageough Road entrance is strictly forbidden.
15. Cycling is forbidden.
16. Horse riding is forbidden.

What we would like you to do:

17. Members should stay strictly to areas outlined on the rambling club map. Please stay away from cliff edges and areas not shown on the rambling club map.
18. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times and ensure you collect and remove your dog waste.
19. Please carry a functioning mobile phone at all times and stay alert as the terrain can be uneven.
20. Members should stay strictly to areas outlined on the rambling club map
21. Please be ready to provide proof of rambling club membership (showing a key attached to a membership card) when asked to do so by MCP Wardens. Please treat our MCP wardens with courtesy. Membership cards should always be carried for ID purposes.
22. The names of members will be circulated to Wardens for the purposes of checking the validity of membership cards. In agreeing to this Code of Conduct you are authorising Mourne Country Park Ltd and its agents to share a list of names for this purpose. Other data (such as addresses, email details) will not be shared.
23. Please report any act of vandalism to MCP management by emailing [info@mournecountrypark.org](mailto:info@mournecountrypark.org) or by contacting your rambling club membership provider.
24. Please park safely at the Whitewater Picnic Area car park beside the Newry Road or at the car park by the golf driving range near the Kilkeel Golf Club. There are no other sanctioned car parking areas.
25. Please do not walk in the woodlands during moderate to high winds.
26. We ask that you respect the other users of Mourne Park.



27. We ask that you respect the natural peace and tranquillity of Mourne Park at all times. It is a haven for wildlife and a sanctuary for rare and endangered species. Please do all that you can to preserve these special woodlands for future generations.

#### PLEASE NOTE

28. Mourne Country Park Limited may need to close the rambling area or part of the rambling area of Mourne Park from time to time for operational reasons during the year. Notices of this will be posted on our website and/or communicated to you via your membership provider. Mourne Woodland Rambling Club Members are requested to follow the directions of park signage at all times.
29. Members are given the following guidance to clarify what their membership entitles them to:

#### *Individual Membership*

- Member living alone in household who walks alone in the park
- Member living in multi-occupancy household who walks alone in the park
- Member can take another person(s) into park on an occasional basis e.g. visiting family or friends
- Member named on pass must always be present, key cannot be used by other family members or friends

#### *Family Membership*

- Members living in multi-occupancy household who walk in the park individually or together
- Any person living in household may take another person(s) into the park on an occasional basis e.g. visiting friends or family
- At least one person living in the “family” household must always be present, key cannot be used by other family members or friends living in different household

30. You walk in Mourne Park at your own personal risk. By accepting these Terms and Conditions and taking out a rambling club membership you accept that Mourne Country Park Limited are not liable for any personal injury, loss or damage sustained by you in any manner whatsoever while visiting the Mourne Woodland Rambling Club area or any other part of Mourne Park. Please note that members using any car parking facilities owned by Mourne Country Park Limited do so at their own risk.

Members who have undertaken to act as Wardens do so on a strictly voluntary basis, Nothing in these Terms & Conditions, or elsewhere is to be construed as establishing an Employer/Employee relationship between Mourne Country Park Limited and any Woodland Rambling Club Member, whether or not that member acts as a Voluntary Warden.

31. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED MOURNE COUNTRY PARK LIMITED RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE YOU FROM MOURNE PARK AND TO CEASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. PARTS OF THE ESTATE ARE PROTECTED BY CCTV.

