

# **North London Outdoor Group**

# (also known as Barnet YHA Group)

Thank you for your interest in our Group. Here is some more information about our group.

### Our group

 On most walks, between 10 and 20 people attend. The numbers are made up of those who RSVP through Meetup and some annual members. We also set a limit to numbers on Meetup to avoid having too many on a walk. We occasionally have up to about 25 people on a popular walk.

#### Our activities - Each year we organise:

- About 20 weekends away from London throughout the year. We stay mainly in YHA accommodation
  or similar, all over England and Wales. Places on these weekends away are limited and need to be
  booked well in advance with the weekend organiser.
- About 20 day walks on Saturdays or Sundays throughout the year, generally within an hour's drive of Barnet. These include some half day walks. For most walks we provide the option of sharing cars from Barnet Everyman Cinema to travel to the start of the walk.
- About 20 weekday evening walks, from April until early September. These are usually in north London, south Hertfordshire or central London.
- About 50 social evenings on Tuesdays at Discovery Hall, Stevenson Close, Netherlands Road, East Barnet, EN5 1DN from 8-10pm, followed by an optional visit to a local pub.

Some of our members like to participate in all four types of activity while others only do one or two. It's entirely up to you.

#### We also offer:

- We're affiliated to YHA (England & Wales) Ltd so members of our group can get discounts on most YHA accommodation whether booking on a Group weekend or travelling independently.
- Our members can also get a discount on individual membership of YHA (England & Wales). This
  allows you to stay in YHA accommodation (whether on a Group Weekend or independently) without
  paying a non-member surcharge.
- A Group email list where members can send an email to all other members about walks, weekends away or other events that they are organising such as cinema visits or meals out.
- An 8 12 page monthly newsletter called 'Footprint'. Printed copies are available at our Tuesday evening meetings and it is also available online (see below).

#### Membership

We invite you to 'Try the group out' for a total of three events. These could be Tuesday evenings, day walks, evening walks or weekends away.

This gives you a chance to get to know us and decide whether you would like to join. After three events, you need to apply for annual membership if you wish to take part in further walks or other Group activities. You can continue to attend any Group events while your membership application is pending.

Membership costs £36 for a whole year from 1st November to 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you join for the first time part way through the Group's year, you pay an introductory rate of £10 up to 31st October. If you are under 18 or are on means-tested benefits or have no income other that the state pension, or live outside our local area (see membership form), membership costs are halved. At the end of October you can decide whether to renew your membership for a full year. Membership application forms are available on walks, at Tuesday social evenings at Discovery Hall, Stevenson Close, Netherlands Road, East Barnet EN5 1DN or from our web site (see below).

## **Further information**

Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.northlondonoutdoorgroup.org">www.northlondonoutdoorgroup.org</a> There you can find:

- Our full programme of activities including day walks, weekends away and Tuesday socials
- The public version of our monthly newsletter 'Footprint' (in Downloads > Public Newsletters)
- A membership application form (in About Us > Membership Details)