

# TÁIN MARCH FESTIVAL

30<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2019

3 WEEKENDS  
12 DAYS  
1 LEGEND

The Táin March starts in Rathcroghan in Co. Roscommon, where Queen Maeve began her quest for the Brown Bull of Cooley and ends in Bush, Cooley, Co. Louth. Over three weekends and twelve walking days, marchers walk from Rathcroghan all the way to Cooley following Queen Maeve's route in pursuit of the Brown Bull.

Established in 2011 as a community walking festival the Táin March celebrates the epic tale of the Cattle Raid of Cooley.



Warriors such as Cúchulainn, Maeve, Ferdia and the great King Fergus all contribute to this story of envy, honour and military prowess where the armies of Connacht and Ulster met in a dramatic battle culminating with a struggle over a prize bull called Donn Cúailnge.

#### **THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

### **RATHKENNY TO AROEE**

Táin March Festival arrives in County Louth into the Historic town of Ardee. The March will be met by Queen Maeve at Moorehall Lodge for a re-enactment and display of artwork related to the Táin Bó Cúailnge.

#### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

### **AROE TO KNOCKBRIDGE**

Depart Ardee at 10am and visit Tallanstown en route to Stephenstown Pond.

#### **SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

### **STEPHENSTOWN POND TO DUNOALK**

The March departs Stephenstown Pond at 9.30am and proceeds through Knockbridge to the Standing Stone where Cúchulainn took his last breath. From here to Cúchulainn's Castle to take in the wonderful view. Arrival at Oriel Park at 12.30 to meet up with more of Maeve's Army. At 2pm the March arrives in Market Square for a re-enactment of the Táin.

#### **SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

### **RAVENSDALE TO BUSH, COOLEY**

Depart Lumpers at 9.30am and cross the mountain, up through Maeve's gap and down into Bush for 3pm. The March will be met by the Cooley warriors protecting the Brown Bull from Queen Maeve.



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