

Dry Stone Wall weekend

September 16-18th 2016



At Portsalon Luxury Camping
with
Fergus Packman

Luxurious yurt accommodation
Single occupancy €350 per person
Two sharing €280 per person

Itinerary

Friday 16th September

We will start with a two hour introductory session during which you will learn some basics of wall construction followed by a pub meal down at the Olde Stores Bar in Portsalon

Saturday 17th September

After a hearty full irish breakfast, we'll commence the first session of the day (10am—12pm) and then break for hot soup and sandwiches
The afternoon will be spent working on site and will be followed by a barbeque and campfire (weather permitting)

Sunday 18th September

After a full irish breakfast Fergus will teach the final session and wrap up the weekend. A light lunch will be available prior to check out at 1.30pm.

Fergus Packman has been dry stone walling for over 20 years. He trained with the National Trust on the Ysbyty estate in the Snowdonia National Park, Wales. He qualified under the Craftsmans' Certification scheme of the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain. He went on to become a contractor for the National Trust restoring ancient boundaries, sheep pens and other structures. He now works in the West of Ireland building traditional walls with the lime stone of Lough Corrib and the granite of Connemara

Teaching style

This course will be hands on with a single group building an L-shaped wall from virgin ground to completed wall over the 3 days. Local stone will be used for the rebuild of an existing boundary wall.

Level

This course is suitable for complete beginners or those with some basic knowledge. Sound physical fitness is essential as we will be working outdoors for the majority of the time. Please be prepared to be outdoors in all weather.

Equipment

All equipment will be provided for you. However, it is vital that you bring warm, waterproof outdoor workwear including steel toe capped boots and strong work gloves. Eye protection goggles are also essential.

Insurance

You are advised to take out your own holiday insurance although Portsalon Luxury Camping holds public liability insurance for accommodation.

- All participants will be accommodated in a luxurious yurt on site at Portsalon Luxury Camping. All yurts have king sized bed plus a double sofa bed and a wood burning stove. Please familiarise yourself with our accommodation by viewing our website. Check in is from 2.30 on the Friday and check out is by 1.30pm on Sunday.
- We take a 10% deposit point of booking - you will be invoiced by Portsalon Luxury Camping and can pay with any credit or debit card. Your booking will be confirmed 6 weeks prior to the course date (5.08.16) and full payment will be due at this point. In the unlikely case of the course being undersubscribed the course will be cancelled and your deposit returned by August 5th 2016
- Meals are included in the price except for the pub meal on Friday evening which you will be responsible for paying for yourself (it is not compulsory and you are free to buy takeaway or use the kitchen facilities at Portsalon Luxury Camping to make your own meal).
- There is a general store in Portsalon but please note that there is no ATM so bring any cash you need.
- Ballymastocker Beach is about a mile away from Portsalon Luxury Camping. There are many other walks available locally.
- There are two restaurants in the village - Sarah's Restaurant and the Blueberry and Barnacle. There is a pub at the pier called the Stores and nearby is Portsalon Golf Club which is open to the public for meals. There are takeaway services at all of these places.
- Free wifi and a small library are available for your use.
- Tea/coffee and biscuits are freely available throughout your stay. Bedlinen and towels are provided.
- Please let us know if you have any specific needs prior to arrival.
- If you have any queries regarding stone wall building contact Fergus Packman on 0851305313
- If you have any queries regarding accommodation or booking or payment please contact Helen at Portsalon Luxury Camping on 0749159957 or 0876016654 or email info@portsalonluxurycamping.com.
- More info about Portsalon Luxury Camping can be found at www.portsalonluxurycamping.com.