



Hillwalkers Club

November 2015 - January 2016

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THE HILLWALKER



November Scene Glendalough

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HIKE PROGRAMME

November 2015 – January 2016

MEET: Corner of Burgh Quay and Hawkins St

DEPART: Sundays at 10.00 am (*unless stated otherwise*), or earlier if it is full.

TRANSPORT: Private bus (*unless stated otherwise*)

COST: €12.00 (*unless stated otherwise*)

2nd pick-up point: *On the outward journey, the bus will stop briefly to collect walkers at the pick-up point. Should the bus be full on departure from Burgh Quay, this facility cannot be offered.*

Return drop-off point: *On the return journey, where indicated, the bus will stop near the outward pick-up point to drop off any hikers. We regret this is not possible on all hikes.*

If you wish to avail of the 2nd pick-up point, it is advisable to contact the hike leader or someone else who will definitely be on the hike, to let them know.

GENERAL HIKE NOTES

PARTICIPATION Mountaineering is an activity with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks. People who take part in our club activities do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own actions and involvement.

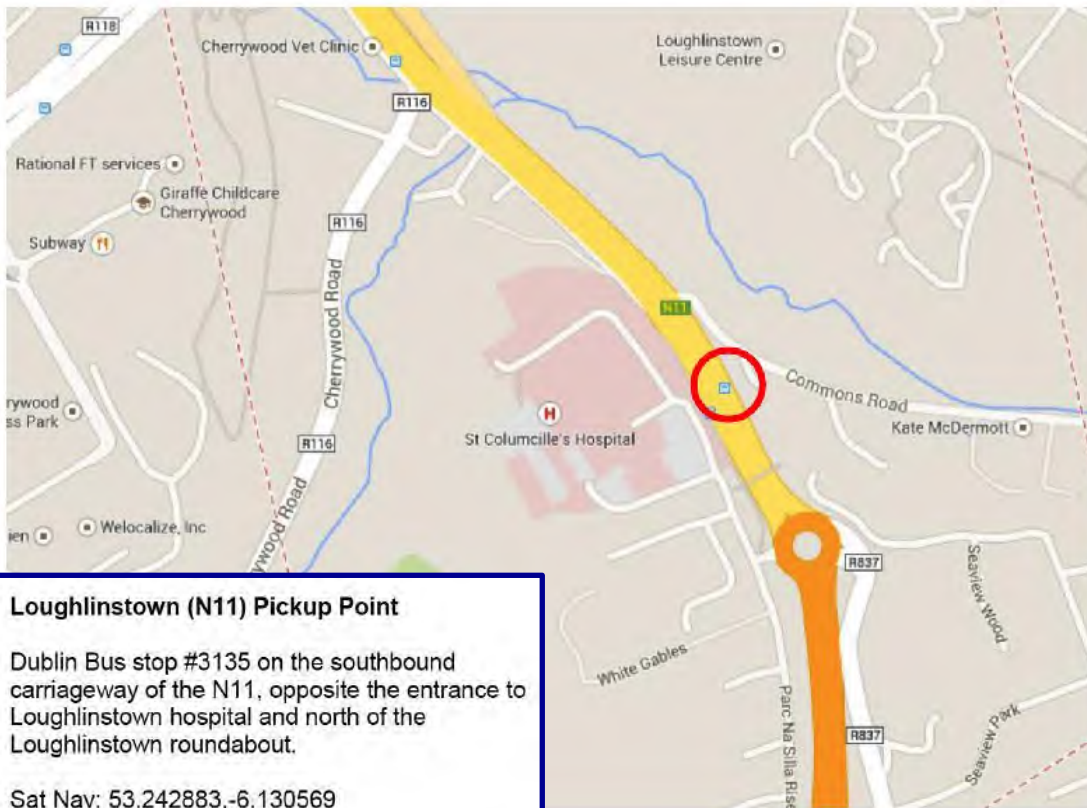
CO-ORDINATION If necessary, tickets are given out on Sundays to ensure that participants reserve a bus place as they arrive.

LEADER The leader has the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped (e.g., without appropriate boots, rainwear, food, torch, hat, gloves, etc.). The leader may alter the route from that described in the program. The leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to obey the leader's instructions at all times.

EQUIPMENT It is essential to bring good rain gear (both jacket and over-trousers) and to leave cotton t-shirts and jeans at home! Boots must be sturdy with proper ankle support and a rigid non-slip sole such as Vibram.

WALKING STICKS AND RUCKSACKS Remember that walking sticks and rucksacks cannot be brought onto the bus and must be stowed away in the boot during the journey.

The pick-up points



Loughlinstown (N11) Pickup Point
Dublin Bus stop #3135 on the southbound carriageway of the N11, opposite the entrance to Loughlinstown hospital and north of the Loughlinstown roundabout.
Sat Nav: 53.242883,-6.130569



Rathfarnham Castle (R115) Pickup Point
Dublin Bus stop #1304 on the southbound carriageway of the R115, close to Rathfarnham Castle and opposite Butterfield Ave.
Sat Nav: 53.29935,-6.28315

Swords (R132) Pickup Point

Dublin Bus stop #5074 on the northbound carriageway of the R132 (Swords bypass), south of the Swords Road - Malahide Road roundabout, adjacent to a footbridge and close to Pavillions Shopping Centre.

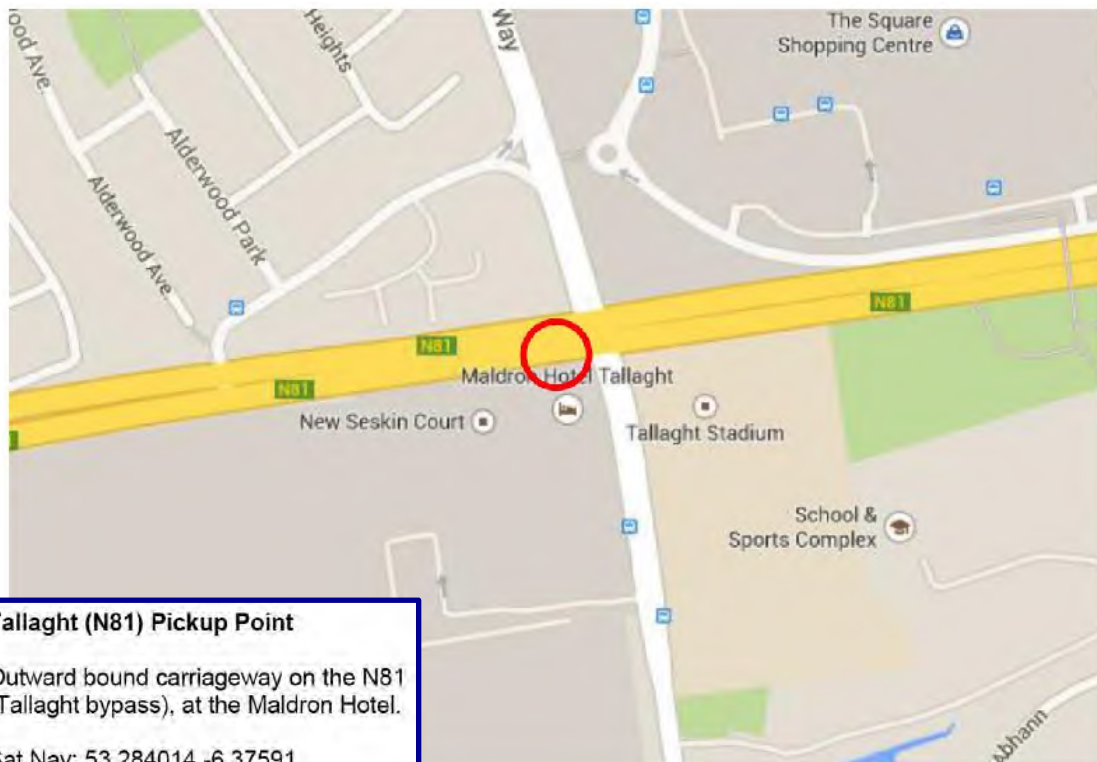
Sat Nav: 53.453170, -6.215920.



Tallaght (N81) Pickup Point

Outward bound carriageway on the N81 (Tallaght bypass), at the Maldron Hotel.

Sat Nav: 53.284014, -6.37591



★★ Introductory hard hike ★★

The Hillwalkers Club offers an Introductory Hike, usually on one Sunday per month. Guests are welcome to join us on this hike, as long as they provide their name, address and contact details for our records, which will be taken on the day of the hike. Unless guests have their own personal hiking insurance, they are not insured. There is no need to book a place in advance, just turn up on the relevant Sunday morning. Guests can come on one hike without becoming a member of the club, but after that they must join the club.

Even though the name of these hikes is 'Introductory Hike', they should not be considered to be an introduction to hiking, but rather as an introduction to the Hillwalkers Club and its hillwalking activities. Therefore, participants need to have a good level of personal fitness and, ideally, have some prior experience of hillwalking.

All intending participants should be aware that hillwalking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or even death. By walking with the club, they are aware of and shall accept these risks. Moreover, they acknowledge that they wish to participate in club activities in a voluntary capacity and that they shall be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Please note that as guests of the club, they do not enjoy personal accident insurance, which is otherwise offered to club members through Mountaineering Ireland. Further details are available from Mountaineering Ireland (www.mountaineering.ie/membersandclubs/Insurance/default.aspx)

For further enquiries contact 086 356 3843

For Sunday hike leaders, the contact people for Mullally's Coaches are:

- Austin O'Hagan, 086 466 4680 - James Mullally, 086 383 7495 Micheál Martin, 085 102 2204

Hiking on winter evenings

Please ensure you bring a suitable head or hand-held torch on the hikes now that nightfall is arriving much earlier in the evenings

Sunday 1st November 2015

Leader: Dave McCann

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: : Bus stop before the roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Glasnamullen (O202090) * Wicklow Way * Pier Gates * Luggala Valley * Knocknacloghoge * Corriganewman * Cornagrainya Brook * Military Road (O106055)

Distance: 15 km **Ascent:** 760 m

Map: OS 56 , East West Mapping

Sunday 8th November 2015

**** Introductory Hard Hike ****

Leader: Tom Kenny

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: : Bus stop before the roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Lead mines carpark * Brockaghs * Tonelagee * Wicklow gap * **Camaderry** * Glendalough Visitor centre

Distance: 18 km **Ascent:** 900 m

Maps: OS 56, East West Mapping

Sunday 15th November 2015

Leader: Warren Lawless

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point:

Bus stop before roundabout at Loughlinstown.

Route: Glencree River (Wicklow Way) * Crone Wood * Raven's Glen * Tonduff North & South * War Hill * Djouce * Wicklow Way * Paddock Pond

Distance: 13.5 km **Ascent:** 770 m

Maps: OS 56, Harvey, East West Mapping

Sunday 22nd November 2015

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point:

Bus stop before roundabout at Loughlinstown

Leader : Mel O'Hara 085 198 1248

Route: Curtlestown * Wicklow Way * Prince William's Seat * Cloughnagun * Glendoo * Barnascale * Kippure * Lough Brays * Glencree.

Distance: 19 km **Ascent:** 760 m

Map: OS 56, East West Mapping

Sunday 29th November 2015

Leader: Søren Mandrup

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point:

Rathfarnham Castle

Route: Oasis * Carrigshouk * Mullaghcleevaun East top (Stony hill) * Mullaghcleevaun * Barnacullian * Stony top * Tonelagee * Wicklow Gap car park

Distance: 11.5 km **Ascent:** 590 m

Maps: OS 56, East West Mapping

Sunday 6th December 2015

**** Introductory Hard Hike ****

Leader: Russ Mills

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point:

Bus stop before roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Oldbridge * Lough Dan * Kanturk * Scarr * Paddock Hill * Wicklow Way * Glendalough Visitor centre

Distance: 16.5 km **Ascent:** 500 m

Maps: OS 56, East West Mapping

Saturday December 12th & Sunday December 13th

Christmas Party Glendalough

Hikes followed by Dinner and Disco at the Glendalough Hotel

See Page 11 for additional details

2 grades of hike each day

Christmas Party Hikes
Sat 12th December 2015
Map: OS 56, East West Mapping

1. Hard Hike

Leader: Russell Mills

Route: Derrybawn * Mullacor * Lugduff *
Corrig * Glanaslagh * Footbridge * Zig-zags
* Glendalough

Distance: 18 km **Ascent:** 800 m

2. Moderate Hike

Leader: Mel O'Hara

Route: Miner's Track * Seven Churches *
Camaderry East * Glendalough

Distance: 12 km **Ascent:** 620 m

Christmas Party Hikes
Sunday 12th December 2015
Map: OS 56, East West Mapping

1. Hard Hike

Leader: Mel O'Hara

Route: Miner's Track * Seven Churches *
Turlough Hill * Camaderry * Camaderry
East * Glendalough

Distance: 14 km **Ascent:** 680 m

Map: OS 56, East West Mapping

2. Moderate Hike

Leader: Russell Mills

Route: Wicklow Way * Brockagh East *
Brockagh * spot height 550 * Hero mine * St
Kevins Road - Glendalough

Distance: 13 km **Ascent:** 480 m

Map: OS 56, East West Mapping

Sunday 20 December 2015

** Traditional Christmas Holly Hike **

This is the Annual Holly(wood) Hike that finishes around 15.30 at the Hollywood Inn. There will be finger food and music, with bus leaving Hollywood for Dublin around 18.00

Leader: Donal Finn

2nd pick-up and return drop-off point: Just beyond the Maldron Hotel on the N81 Tallaght bypass

Route: Hollywood Glen * Church Mountain *
Ballymooney * track via St Kevin's Way to
Hollywood

Distance: 14 km **Ascent:** 350 m

Maps: OS 56, East West Mapping

Sat 26th December 2015
St Stephen's Day

1. Seasonal hike in the Howth Peninsula

Leader: Frank Rooney (085 174 2119)

Transport: your own or Dublin Bus.
*No Darts trains. Dublin Bus 31a available from
Lr. Abbey Street at 10.00*

Starting at Sutton Cross at 11am and finishing in
Howth Harbour at 16.00 hrs approximately.
Refreshments in Howth afterwards

***Hike suitable for Hard and Moderate
walkers only ***

2. Local hike in Kilmacanogue area

Leader: Brendan Dempsey

Transport: Dublin Bus
*Georges Quay
(Bus Éireann 133 Wicklow bus stop) at about
10.45 am (the bus leaves at 11:00 am sharp)*

Route: Kilmacanogue * Little Sugarloaf * Rocky
Valley * Kilmacanogue
Refreshments in Kilmacanogue afterwards

New Year's Day Thursday 01 January 2015

**** Traditional hike to Lugnaquilla ****

Leader: Jim Barry (087 273 7338)

Subject to favourable weather conditions.
Check with Jim before travelling.

Transport: Private Cars. *Please make arrangements to share cars if you can.*
Meet outside Fenton's Pub in the Glen of Imaal at 10.45am

Route: Fenton's Pub Car park * Camara Hill * Lugnaquilla * Slievemaan * Ballincedan * Little Slaney * Fenton's Pub *

Distance: 14 km **Ascent:** 900m

Maps: OS 56, Harvey, East West Mapping

Sunday 17th January 2016

**** Introductory Hard Hike ****

Leader: Frank Rooney

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: Just beyond the Maldron Hotel on the N81 Tallaght bypass

Route: : Bohernabreena * Castlekelly * Featherbeds * Oldboleys * Prince William Seat * Ravens Rock * Shop River

Distance: 18 km **Ascent:** 550 m

Maps: OS 50 & 56, East West Mapping

Sunday 10th January 2016

Leader: Mel O'Hara

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point:
Bus stop before roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Glendalough Visitor Centre * Green Road to Laragh * Ragman's Path * Shay Elliott * Kirikee Mountain * Ballydowling * Clara Vale * Trooperstown * Ballard.

Distance: 17 km **Ascent:** 650 m

Maps: OS 56, Harvey, East West Mapping

Club news and events

New Committee - A new committee was chosen at the recent well attended AGM. At the first committee meeting following the AGM the roles below were agreed. The new committee look forward to receiving the continued support of the membership and also welcome feedback from the membership.

Committee 2015/16

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Russell Mills</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Ita O'Hanlon</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mel O'Hara</i>
<i>Sunday Hikes Coordinator</i>	<i>Simon More</i>
<i>Environmental Officer</i>	<i>Adriana Alvarez Sanchez</i>
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Jim Barry</i>
<i>Club Promoter</i>	<i>Eugene Dudley</i>
<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Ita O'Hanlon</i>
<i>Club Social Coordinator</i>	<i>Eugene Dudley</i>
<i>Training Officer</i>	<i>Russell Mills</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Mel O'Hara</i>

Special thanks to:

Webmaster

Matt Geraghty

Christmas Party - The Christmas party will be held in the Glendalough Hotel on the night of Saturday December 12th. Two grades of walk have been arranged both for Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th. The An Óige Glendalough hostel has been booked exclusively for the event and party participants will have B & B accommodation at the hostel on the Saturday night. See page 12 for additional information.

Bookings open on Monday November 2nd

Please book and pay using the link on the club website.

This is necessary to reduce the burden on the Administrator

Please help the Administrator by using the on-line facility

Hiking in Winter - While the hike leaders try to ensure that hikes finish in good time, there will be days when unavoidable delays occur. As the days grow shorter it is important that we prepare for evenings when we may finish our hikes in poor light or even darkness. So, along with your normal winter hiking gear, please bring a suitable head or hand held torch with you on the hikes.

Club news and events continued

The recent trip to the Mourne's over the October Bank Holiday weekend was a great success. Weekend organisers Simon More and Chris Byrne deserve great praise and gratitude.

Patricia Ging has broken all records for article submission to the newsletter. Despite having what seemed like an impossible deadline to meet, her well written account of the weekend, which begins on Page 13, is as entertaining and informative an article as has ever graced the pages of the Hillwalker newsletter.

Club membership

A current (**GREEN**) Hillwalkers Club membership card is a requirement for participation in the Sunday hikes **NO CARD – NO HIKE**

Membership cards are checked before boarding the bus.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with the membership card checking.

Guests may sample only one hike before taking out membership

Club membership should now be taken out and renewed on the club website see

<http://www.hillwalkersclub.com/membership-application-form.php>

and membership for 2015 – 2016 has been open from 1st September 2015

If you have any difficulty using this facility please contact

Membership Secretary, Jim Barry, barryja@eircom.net

Environmental notes

Hello Everyone,

As the colours in the hills change from the 'purple splashed on green' of August and September, to the more muted and russet colours of October, it's easy to think there is nothing much of interest out in the hills.

However, there are still a few species flowering at this time of year.

A case in point is **English Stonecrop**, which flowers to mid October in Ireland, particularly along the coast where it favours dry, rocky clefts and gravelly scree.

A small plant to around 5cm tall, with thick fleshy leaves tinged red, and clusters of star shaped, pinkish white flowers around 12mm across.

I spotted it recently flowering at 800 metres in Kerry but it also can be found more locally on the cliffs around Howth and Bray.



We have all seen the effects of illegally dumped rubbish on our favorite hikes, and here is a way we can combat this dreadful behaviour.



The Pure Project is a long standing initiative from local councils, Coillte and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to clean up the hills of Dublin and Wicklow.

Dumping rubbish in the landscape is a disgrace, it is unsightly and unnecessary, it causes serious health problems to both humans and animals, pollutes water courses and damages soils and habitats.

If you come across illegally dumped rubbish you can call the Pure Project on the number below and they will remove it. Why not keep this number handy on your phone?

1850 365 121

See you out on the hills, happy hiking.
Russ Mills – Environmental Officer



Hillwalkers Club

Annual Christmas Festive Gala Dinner, Party & Weekend December 12th & 13th 2015

Hard and Mod Walks on Saturday and Sunday

Mulled Wine Reception 4 course Dinner D.J.



In the Glendalough Hotel on Saturday December 12th

Includes B & B accommodation Saturday Dec 12th, Glendalough Hostel
(Hillwalkers have sole occupation of Hostel)

Bus departs **Burgh Quay** Dublin: Saturday December 12th @ 10am
Returns from Glendalough: Sunday December 13th @ 4pm

Cost per person - €90 using bus and €80 if using own transport

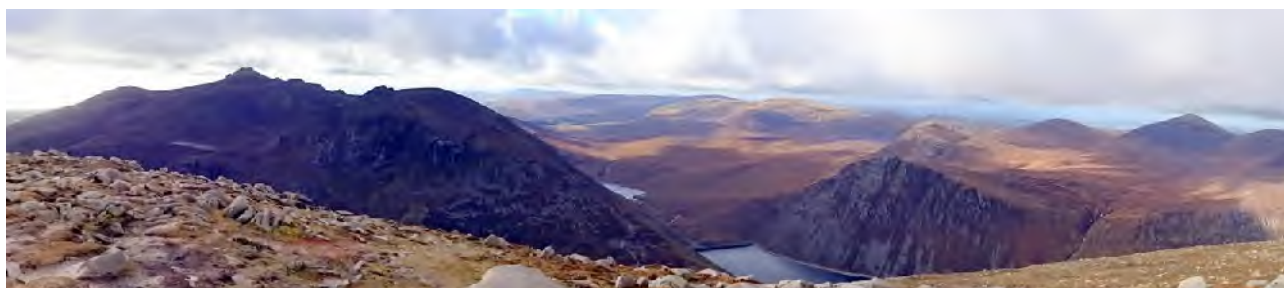
Please pay by Paypal using link on club website,

Bookings open Monday Nov 2nd



Hillwalkers weekend away in Mournes

by Patricia Ging



Binnian and Ben Crom Reservoir from Slieve Lamagan – Photo Patricia Ging

The Hillwalker trip to the Mournes started the same way that the October weekends always start - lovely weather the week before followed by increasingly gloomy forecasts as the weekend approaches and rain en route. By the time we got to Newcastle, and our weekend base of the Donard Hotel, the eponymous mountain was shrouded in mist and it was lashing rain. Some things had changed though, we had a new bus driver and there was a new system for ordering the evening meal. Essentially the plan was that we would order from the menu, our leaders would phone the order through and this would speed up meal times. The hillwalkers rebelled against this innovation, some denying the very existence of a menu, some refusing to be drawn into negotiations about the substantive issue of the menu until issues such as rain forecast and hike scheduling for rugby fans had been agreed. Others simply had amnesia and had forgotten their menu choice by the time they had arrived in County Down. As the menu consisted of approximately 25 items it was no easy matter to remember choices made prior to the traditional M1 nap. The chaos we had apparently caused in the hotel kitchen went unnoticed as we enjoyed our welcome meal and got settled into catching up with the Hillwalker news from the various trips abroad during the summer.

The following morning we were really able to put the kitchen to the test as one hiker got to breakfast first and ordered two bowls of porridge, when these appeared the waitress was dispatched for a pot of mint tea, when this appeared a pot of honey was required. Then the perennially good humoured waitress was then free to serve the remaining starving 46 hikers to ensure that we were on the road for 9am.

There was a further innovation this weekend where a logistics team were on hand to mediate between the hotel and hillwalkers to try to make mealtimes run more smoothly. The compromise, accepted gladly, was that we would order our meal when we were seated at dinner time, and come for breakfast before 8am. The team approach to meal logistics allowed the hike leaders to concentrate on the also quite important issue of hike route planning. One of the lures of the weekend was the chance to do the “seven sevens” the seven Mourne mountains above 700m. I had heard of this mammoth hike and was pleased to be doing them over a more relaxed timeframe of three days. Try as I might I could only find six “sevens”, the solution apparently is that even though Slieve Meelmore is officially (i.e. by my map) only 687m high, for the purpose of the challenge it is given the height which appeared in a 1990 1:25,000 OS map of 704m, a massive difference of almost 20m.



All going well on Saturday - Photo – Don Reilly

We had been severely warned about the serious mountain challenge that lay ahead both for the mods and for those foolhardy enough to take on the hard hike. In the end people chose wisely and about 20 hardy souls took the hard hike option with Chris. This was an epic 22km 1,500m hike (Stats from Mandrup® timings) taking in Slieve Binnian (747m), the black castles, North Tor, Slievelmagan (704m), Cove Mountain (655m), Slieve Beg (and the Devil's Coachroad), we then passed the Castles and went up to Donard at 849m (highest point in the Mourne and same height as Mullaghcleevaun) and a definite classic Mourne route. These mountains pack a majesty and challenge that belies their height.

Tragedy struck the hard hike at lunchtime when one hiker discovered the reason that his bag was lighter than expected was because his lunch was still back in the hotel. There was an uncomfortable silence at this pronouncement as everyone looked down at their own sandwich. One particularly cruel hiker made several remarks about how happy she was with her brown bread egg sandwich, she had got the one she had ordered, it was very delicious etc. etc. Fortunately, although no-one was willing to part with their precious sandwich, a whip round provided a satisfying if slightly odd combination of banana, Belvita Breakfast biscuits, Nature Valley bars and Austrian coconut chocolate bar. I will never look at a brown bread egg sandwich the same again. We finished off our hike with Donard and at the col got talking to one of the stewards for the Mourne Skyline Mountain Trail race which was on that day. This put our hike into a rather less epic category - those runners had done 35km and 3,370m of ascent in 4-7 hours. In fact the winner finished in 3hours 51mins. We did meet a hiker later who asked me if we were the "Young Belfast Walkers club", this put me in good form again.



All still going well on Saturday - Photo – Don Reilly



Donard on Saturday - Photo – Don Reilly

We headed down the classic route through the forest to Newcastle and were just in time to catch the mods at the ice house - they had taken an interesting route off Donard, coming down a spur through a gap in the cliff and then crossing the river at the ice house. A tricky route down and a great achievement that they all managed it so well. They were full of chat about their great hike with Simon and it was interesting that they had had much more rain than us and even some sleet. This I think is an indication of the special character of the Mourne's that weather conditions can vary so much even over a short distance. (Simon's hike was effectively in the next row of mountains inside our route.) They had done a beautiful circuit of Seefin, Rocky Mountain and skirted the bog of Donard to ascend Donard itself. Simon had got word that South Africa were ahead of New Zealand in the Rugby World Cup and set off at a tremendous sprint through Donard forest to enjoy the rest of the match. This act of *schadenfreude* did not go unpunished. The Kiwis managed to win and Australia's greatest rugby fan came back to the hotel to find that his charges had not only used all of the hot water (usual protocol on the Saturday evening of a hillwalker weekend away), but had managed to finish all of the cold water as well.



Donard descent – Photo – Patricia McGing

Fortunately considering the energy expended in these hikes the system of ordering dinner at the table and then getting it after about 30 minutes worked very well, almost perfectly, though there are some who still forget their dessert order.

Saturday night was that great night of the year when the clocks went back and the hillwalkers made ample use of the extra hour to socialise in Quinn's Pub. Then they made use of many of the hours after that to continue to socialise and entertain the locals and each other. The next morning it was tough to be at breakfast on time, the only incentive being the chance to discuss the antics of the night before and compare stories.



Sunday lunch on Slieve Bearnagh = Photo – Simon More

Simon was leading the hard hike on Sunday and the brief was simple, we had to be on time and keep up as there was a rugby match to see. After two tough and satisfying hikes on Saturday people knew what was in store so hikers stuck to the programme and we had completed a beautiful circuit comprising of Slieve Commedagh (765m), following the wall over to Slievenaglogh (586m), dropping down steeply to Hares Gap, then up steeply to Slieve Bearnagh (739m) for lunch, then down very steeply to the col. It was here that Simon lost his famous Aussie cool: a group of young hikers whom we had helped had etched the word 'Argentina' in the muddy sand of the col, Simon picked up a jagged stone and scratched the words 'Don't cry for me' in front of it to thunderous applause. We then had to pick up a muddy track skirting Slieve Meelbeg and Slieve Loughshannagh reaching the col which brought us to the track down to Slievenaman Road to the waiting bus and were back in Newcastle in time to watch Australia beat Argentina.

This was also a beautiful and challenging route including some of the steepest ground that I can remember ascending and in particular descending. I'm not sure which is worse, really steep ground with short grass (doesn't hurt if one falls on it, slip very likely - especially if descending and taking photos for the magazine simultaneously) or really steep ground with rock and gravel (will hurt more if one falls, fall somewhat less likely). By the end of the hike most of us had taken a slip or two.



Descent from Slieve Commedagh - Photo – Patricia Ging

The Moderate hikers led by Chris took a similar route to the first hard hike walking from the Carrick Little carpark to Cove Mountain via Lower and Upper Cove, then to Slieve Beg and the Brandy Pad to the saddle between Slieve Donard and Slieve Commedagh. Most of the group climbed Slieve Commedagh before returning to the saddle, then all headed to Newcastle along the Glen River Path.

The other notable thing about the Mourne is of course the Mourne wall, actually several walls. Theories abounded over the weekend about how they were constructed and by whom. One theory being that they were created, like the Giant's Causeway itself, by Finn McCool. In any case, I can reveal that they were a very prescient early attempt by the Northern Ireland tourist board to encourage hillwalkers, they are a superb handrail, would be really useful in mist (see Monday's hike) and they also block out wind and mist so one can often have a very comfortable hike enjoying the sunshine while people on the other side could be shivering in an additional layer of waterproofing.

Dinner that evening was eaten with great gusto, everyone was delighted with the weather and routes.



Style by the stile on Saturday – Photo – Simon More

Monday is traditionally the day when people enjoy the local sights, good reports were received about the seaweed baths in the Slieve Donard Hotel, the beachfront walks, Portaferry, and even swimming in the sea. However a small crew headed off for a hike, pleased with the prospect of getting three good days, rain was forecast for 2pm and that left ample time for completion of the planned “seven sevens”. In the end the weather surprised us by lashing rain from 10am onwards. It seemed that all the rain and wind threatened for the weekend fell in about two hours that morning. This turned many paths into flowing rivers (streams) and the bog to familiar squelchy Wicklow porridge.

Our proposed route (over Ott Mountain, Carn Mountain 588m, around Lough Shannagh and then over Slieve Loughshannagh 602m and Slieve Meelbeg 708m) was altered en-route due to the weather, and the hardy group of 19 walkers walked from Ott Mountain to Carn Mountain, then across to the somewhat appropriately named Slieve Muck! 673m before descending steeply to a long road walk out to a carpark just south of Crocknafeola Wood. During this walk, we'd the chance to see how lucky we had been the other two days as a yellow weather warning was given for much of Ireland.



Fiona and Patricia enjoy the view from Donard – Photo – Simon More

In conclusion this was one of the best October weekends that I've been on. Simon and Chris did a fantastic job. It was really nice to be guided by Chris in his own backyard along hikes that he had long hoped to bring to club to. Simon, as always was calm (except about rugby) and cheerful, working hard discretely to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Everyone on the weekend would like to thank them sincerely for their efforts. Special thanks also to those who helped with the logistics- especially ensuring that we kept on the good side of the hotel kitchen and therefore were well fed!

Photos from some recent hikes



At the barbeque – Photo Annemarie Keoghan



*John leads across Lugnaquilla on a day when the Weather Gods smiled
Photo Eugene Dudley*



Warren adopts a familiar pose – Photo Jenny Lee



Peter steps it out - Photo Eugene Dudley



Terry on the rocks - Photo Eugene Dudley

Always Welcome

Good photos for inclusion on Hillwalkers Club Facebook Page

and / or in Newsletter

Please send photos to Eugene

dudleye@hotmail.com

or Mel

melohara@eircom.net