



Hillwalkers Club

February - April 2018

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THE HILLWALKER



Brendan and Ruth on St Stephen's Day – Photo – Tess Buckley

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HIKE PROGRAMME

February 2018 – April 2018

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: €15.00 (*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.

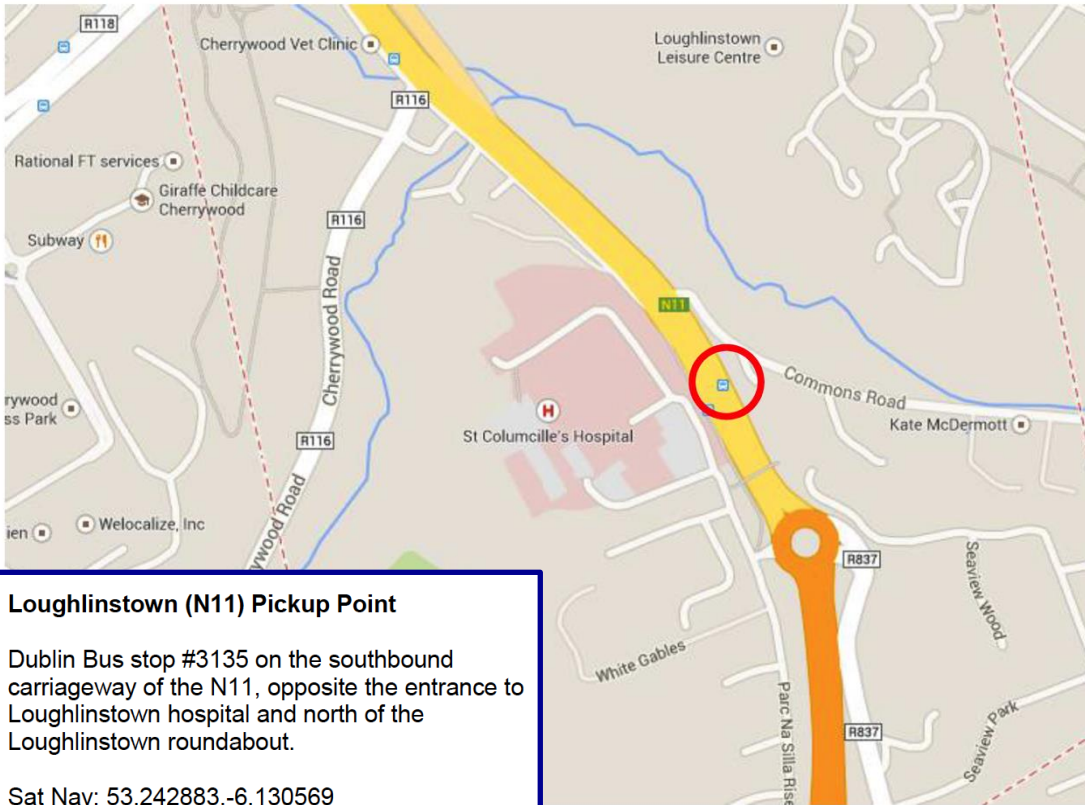
CO-ORDINATION If necessary, tickets are given out on Sundays to ensure that participants reserve a bus place as they arrive.

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.

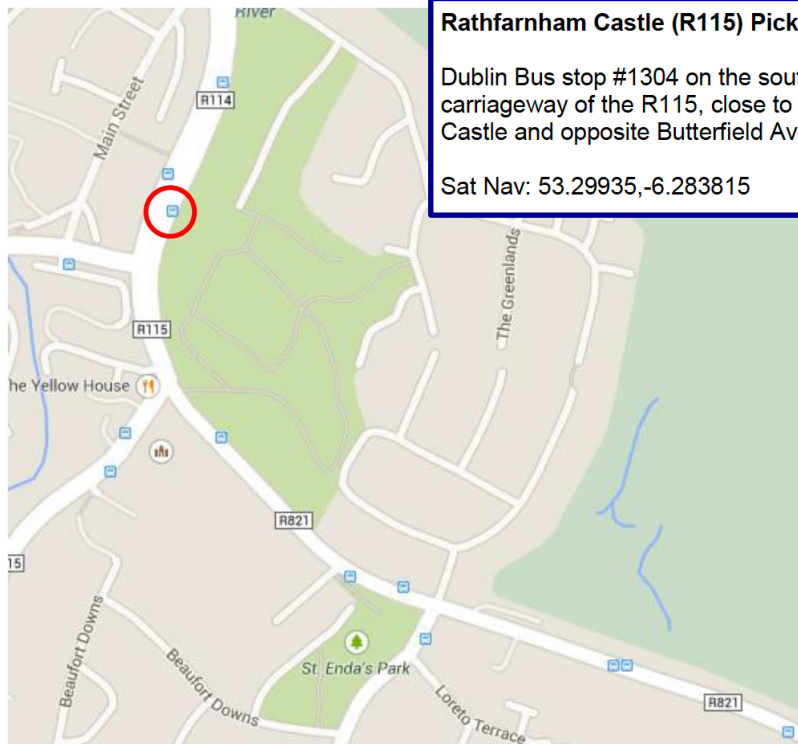
The pick-up points



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

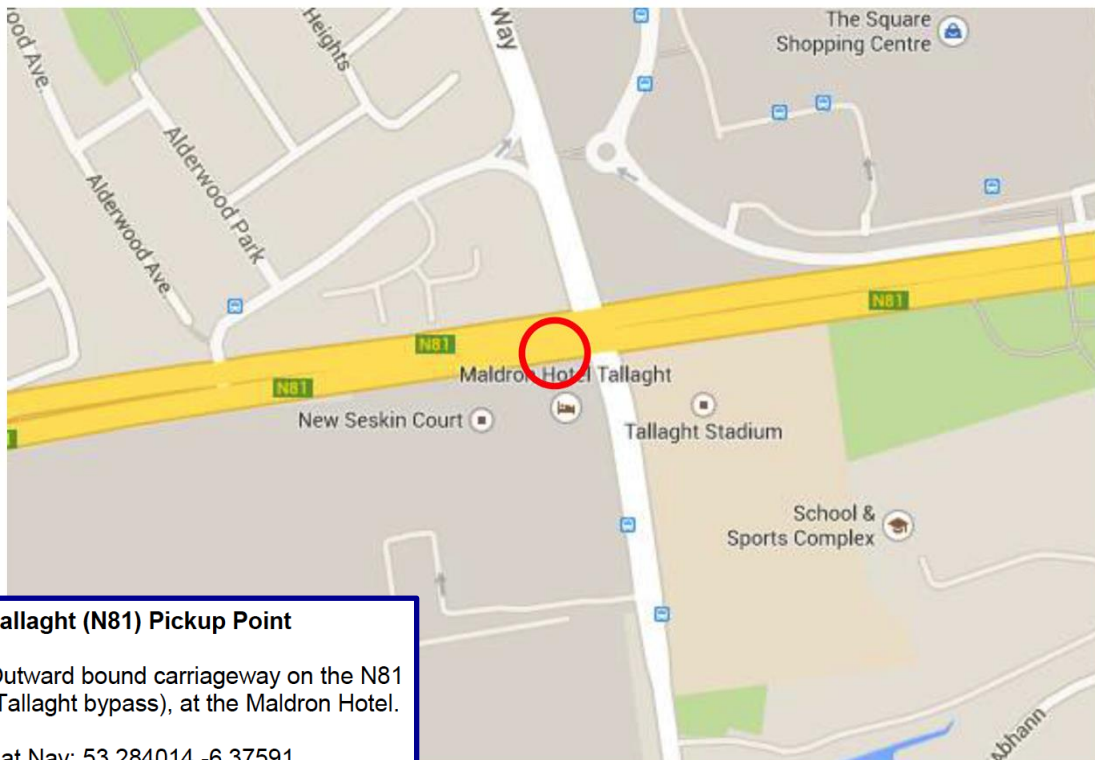
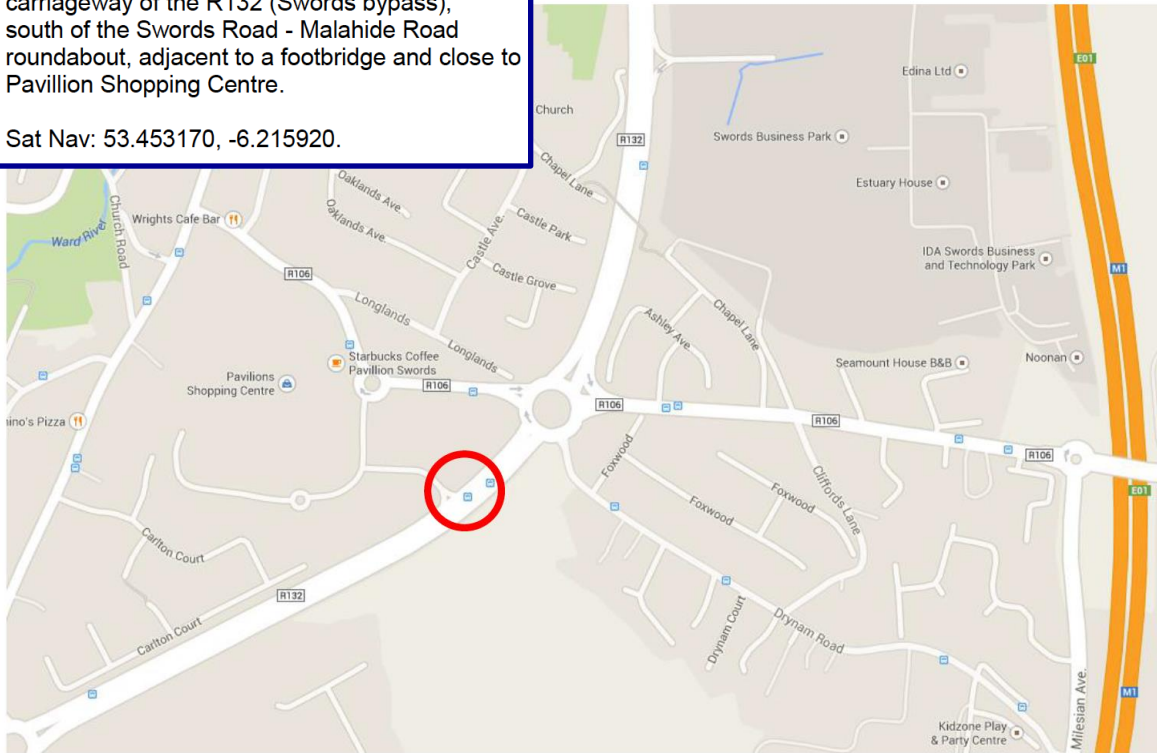
Dublin Bus stop #1304 on the southbound carriageway of the R115, close to Rathfarnham Castle and opposite Butterfield Ave.

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 Pavillion 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

★★*Newcomers hard hike*★★

The Hillwalkers Club offers a Newcomers 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 ‘Newcomers Hike’, participants should not be newcomers to hiking. These hikes are to introduce non-members to the Hillwalkers Club and its hillwalking activities. Therefore, participants need to have a good level of personal fitness and, ideally, have some recent significant 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

Sunday 25th February

Leader : Dave McCann

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

Route: Kilmurry - Glendarragh - Ballinasostia - Kilpedder Rifle Range - Downhill - The Fair Green - Glen of the Downs - Kilmurray South - Glencap Commons North - Kilmacanogue.

Distance: 18 kms **Ascent:** 500 m

Map: OSI 56, East West Mapping (Wicklow East)

Sunday 4th March

****Newcomers hard hike****

****Coastal walk along the Murrough wetland area of east County Wicklow****

Leader: Michael Quinn

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

Route: Greystones * Cobbler's Bulk * Kilcoole railway station * Webb's Field * The Breaches * Newcastle railway station * a circuit of the BirdWatch Ireland East Coast Nature Reserve, Blackditch Wood * Five Mile Point * Killougher * Broad Lough * Wicklow Town

Distance: 16 km

Map: OSI 56, East West Mapping (Wicklow East)

Sunday 11th March

Leader : Kevin O'Reilly

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

Route: Kilcommon Bridge * Railway Walk * Rosbane * Garryhoe Lane * Doctor's Cross (T043751) * Wicklow Way * Curravanish * Muskeagh Boreen * The Four Bounds * Hadden's Hill * Tinahely

Distance: 20.8 kms **Ascent:** 648 m

Map: OSI 62, East West Mapping (Wicklow South)
(also see maps at www.Tinahely.ie)

Sunday 18th March

Leader : Mel O'Hara

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: Maldron Hotel, Tallaght

Route: Knickeen * Knocknamunnion * Camenabologue * Cannow * Lugnaquilla * Camara Hill * Fenton's

Distance: 18 kms **Ascent:** 900 m

Map: OSI 56. East West Mapping (Lugnaquilla and Glendalough)

Sunday 25th March

Leader: Brian Madden

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

Route: Moneystown Forest * Lawler's Glen * Trooperstown Hill * Glenwood * Cronybyrne * Ballin Straw * Carrick Mountain * Aghowle Forest entrance:

Distance: 19 km **Ascent:** 600 m

Maps: OSI 56, East West Mapping (Wicklow South East)

Easter Saturday 31st March

Leader : Simon More

Galty Day Hike & Evening Meal

***** Saturday Hike *****

Departing from Burgh Quay at 09.00

****No second pick-up and drop off point****

Dinner at the Cahir House Hotel

**(3 courses plus tea/coffee,
3 choices per course)**

Cost: €45, including bus and dinner

Return to Dublin by 10.00 p.m.

Route: Start at R87467 27774, Slievecushnabinnia, Galtymore, Galtymbeg, Greenane West, Knockastakeen, end at R91700 28233

Distance: 16 kms **Ascent:** 1250 m

Map: OSI 74

Sunday 8th April

****Newcomers hard hike****

Leader: Tommy Lundy

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: Maldron Hotel, Tallaght

Route: Seefin – Seefingan – Corrig – Seahan – Ballymorefinn - Tallaght Hill - Jobstown .

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

Map: East West Mapping (Dublin and North Wicklow), OS1 50 & 56

Sunday 15th April

Leader: Donal Finn

2nd pick-up & return drop-off point: Maldron Hotel, Tallaght

Route: Oasis, Carrigshouk, Mullaghcleauvaun East, Mullaghcleauvaun West, Billy Byrne's Gap, Moanbane, Silsean, Ballyknocken.

Distance: 16 km **Ascent:** 650 m

Maps: OSI 56
East West Mapping
(Wicklow Mountains West)

Sunday 22nd April

Leader : Brian Flynn

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

Route: Drumgoff Recreation area - Wicklow Way – Carawaystick – Corriganleggaun - South Prison – Lugnaquilla – Clohernagh - Zig- Zags - Glenmalure.

Distance: 16 kms **Ascent:** 480 m

Map: OSI 56 & 62
East West Mapping
(Lugnaquilla and Glendalough)

Sunday 29th April

Leader: Udo Sap

2nd pick-up point: Bus stop before roundabout at Loughlinstown

*****Different return route *****

Route: Glenmalure Lodge - Military Road - Wicklow way - Kelly's Lough . - Corriganarrig - Lugnaquilla - Fenton's pub.

Distance: 16 km **Ascent:** 745 m

Maps: OSI 56 & 62
East West Mapping
(Lugnaquilla and Glendalough)

Club membership

Club membership can be taken out or renewed on the club website see

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

If you have any difficulty using this facility please contact

Membership Secretary, Jim Barry, barryja@eircom.net

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

Guests may sample only one hike before taking out club membership

Thanks to the successful negotiations conducted by Jim Barry and Russell Mills with An Óige, membership of the Hillwalkers Club will soon include automatic membership of An Óige.

This welcome development will be implemented in the 2018 – 2019 membership year

Hike Housekeeping

Members, please remember that it is the Hike Leader who sets the pace of the hike. Members should not walk ahead of the leader or main body of the hike unless they have requested and received the permission of the leader to do so.

Leaders, please emphasise this point when delivering your address to the hike participants at the start of the hike - when you are introducing yourself and the rear leader and informing them of the details of the hike and the other important ground rules.

Mountain First Aid Course

**Training Officer Russell Mills has arranged a First Aid Course
at The Brockagh Centre, Laragh, Co Wicklow.**

Details on Page 11

TRIPS AWAY 2018

James Cooke and Simon More are organising a trip to

The Peak District

early in June

Details of the trip are on Page 22

Fiona Byrne and Garry Sinnott are organising a trip to

The North Leitrim Glens Walking Festival

Details of this trip are on Page 23

**The club will also be organising several day trips away
beginning with**

**a day trip to the Galtys on Easter Saturday
March 31st**

See Hike Programme, page 6 for details

New Maps from East West Mapping

East West Mapping have recently published two new maps which cover South Wicklow in great detail. The maps, named *Wicklow South* and *Wicklow South East*, are scaled at 1:25,000 with contours drawn at 5 metre intervals. The maps are available in standard paper or encapsulated form. The new maps cover the routes of the club walks on March 11th and March 25th being led by Kevin O'Reilly and Brian Madden

Dates for your diary

J.B. Malone Memorial Walk - Sunday 27th May
Ring of Imaal Challenge Walk – Saturday 23rd June
Club Barbeque – Saturday 14th July

WANTED

Good photos from hikes for inclusion on Hillwalkers Club Facebook Page or this newsletter

Please send photos to James Cooke via info@hillwalkersclub.com

CALLING ALL HILLWALKERS HIKE LEADERS

Take advantage of this FREE training opportunity

One day Mountain First Aid course

The Hillwalkers committee would like to say 'Thank You' to all our hike leaders by offering you a FREE first aid training day.

Only 10 places available, so get your name on the list today!

Where: Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh
When: Saturday 14th April 09.00 -16.00
What to bring: Normal hiking gear, packed lunch etc..
Contact: Russ Mills – Training Officer at info@mountaintrails.ie

Topics covered in this comprehensive course include:

- How to prepare and carry a suitable first aid kit.
- Scene management. Should an incident occur in the mountains, the first aider needs to consider the measures required to safeguard themselves and other people in the group, when and how to call mountain rescue, and how to liaise with the emergency agencies.
- Casualty assessment. Examination, stabilization and treatment of the casualty. In what order should you treat the injuries?
- Wounds and bleeding, how to deal with minor wounds to controlling catastrophic bleeding.
- Treating fractures and common lower leg injuries.
- Environmental factors, heat exposure and hypothermia.
- CPR and choking.

This course is being delivered by Niamh Gaffney of Emergency First Aid; Wilderness EMT (WEMSI EMT) PHECC EMT (pre hospital emergency care council of Ireland) FIRST AID RESPONDER AND CARDIAC RESPONDER INSTRUCTOR



Editor's Note – Tom Milligan is a very experienced hillwalker who has been a member of An Óige, The Hillwalkers Club and The Irish Ramblers Club for many years. The Lug Walk is a challenge walk organised by the Ramblers from Seahan Forest entrance (O 0735 2010) to Seskin in the Glen of Imaal. The route exceeds 51 kilometres with a total ascent of approximately 2,600 metres. It involves visiting 15 summits including Kippure, Mullaghcleevaun, Tonelagee and, of course, Lugnaquilla. Several members of the Hillwalkers Club have completed the Lug Walk. After last year's walk I asked Tom how many times he had completed the Lug Walk route and was more than impressed with his answer – 81 times. Tom has kindly provided the following account of the occasion in 1999 when he walked the Lug route THREE times in succession over a period of 48 hours. In 1999 the walk began at Stone Cross so was a little longer than the current route



Tom Milligan on checkpoint duty at the An Óige Ring of Imaal walk 2016 - Photo - Frank Rooney

On a bright sunny evening, Thursday, 17th June, 1999, I arrived at Stone Cross, Ballinascorney Gap, full of enthusiasm for the task ahead of me. It was my intention to do three Lug Walks in succession over the next two days and it seemed that the weather was going to be very kind to me. The journey involved over 150km and 7200m of total ascent and I was feeling confident of success. Success, however, would be only achieved if the preparation beforehand had been done. Apart from doing the regular Grade 1 Rambler hikes each Sunday, I had been doing the Lug Walk each month since January and now felt that I was ready for the challenge ahead..

On the evening beforehand I had left stashes of food at Seskin, Wicklow Gap, Sally Gap and Upper Ballinascorney. Each of the four stashes consisted of six Mr. Kipling Apple Pies, a huge bar of Galaxy chocolate and a 1.5 litre bottle of 7up. Yes, very scientifically-chosen foods for the journey I'm sure you'll agree.

At 8pm I headed off from Ballinascorney Gap and made the best of the evening light to make as much progress as I could before nightfall. The ground was soft and dry and I very quickly made my way from Seahan to Corrig, Seefingan, and on to Kippure as the light was beginning to fade. Heading down to Sally Gap it was now dark, so I wore my head-torch as I went up Carrigvore into the darkness. I was now using my compass and took great care as I navigated my way over to Gravale, Duff Hill, East Top and on to Mullaghcleevaun. From Mullaghcleevaun I made my way towards the upper reaches of the Glenmacnass River and along the green road at the edge of the Barnacullian ridge. It was here that I dispensed with the head-torch as the dawn began to break. It was onwards then to Stony Top, Tonelegee and Wicklow Gap. I stopped here for five minutes to take a drink and a few squares of chocolate from my backpack. The hidden stashes of food were for the return journeys so I didn't touch them at this time. In excellent weather conditions I made my way to Lough Firrib, Conavalla and Table Pass and onwards to Camenabologue, Lugnaquilla, and down to Camara. Stepping over the gate below Camara Hill I walked down the road to the next gate on the right where I had my stash of food hidden in a ditch nearby. Unfortunately, since I had been there on Wednesday evening somebody had installed sharp barbed-wire fencing along this road. With a bit of nimble footwork I soon retrieved my Mr. Kipling pies, chocolate and 7up. After about twenty minutes I turned around and headed back along the way I came. Once again the weather was very kind to me, my legs and feet were not complaining and I was feeling good.

At the Wicklow Gap I paused to load the stash left there on Wednesday into my backpack and continued on my way until I reached the Sally Gap. It was there that I retrieved another stash from a ditch at the crossroads. Mr. Kipling's moist pies were exceeding good! As I reached the top of Kippure darkness had fallen so I put my head-torch on, replacing the battery with a fresh one. The journey from there to Seefingan in the darkness seemed endless as I carefully plodded my way through the bogs common to that area. There reached a stage when, despite following my compass, I thought that I might actually be off-course. I felt in the darkness that I had been walking for quite some distance and was getting despondent that I was not at Seefingan yet. Shortly after that I almost bumped into the Army Warning sign at the top of the aforesaid mountain. O me of little faith!

Still in darkness I proceeded to Corrig and over to Seahan. I was still feeling good as I descended from Seahan, but had to pause awhile as I sought out the fire-break in Seahan Forest which would lead me back to Stone Cross and the starting point for the official Lug Walk 1999. There was just one problem – I would arrive at Stone Cross several hours before the official walk was due to start. I decided therefore to rest awhile in the forest rather than hang around at Stone Cross becoming impatient. I sat on the ground for about half-an-hour but finally decided to get up and be on my way. About five minutes later, as I was proceeding down a rough firebreak, I pulled something in my knee. It became quite painful as I hobbled back to the Stone Cross. On the way there I stopped to collect my final stash of food hidden in the trees. Alas, despite going to exactly the correct location I discovered that somebody had gotten there before me and had made off with my food!

I hung around at Stone Cross and eventually people began to arrive for the official Lug Walk. My knee was still quite sore, but I hoped for the best and joined some fellow Ramblers and Wayfarers as they commenced their journey to the finish at Seskin near the Glen of Imaal. I managed to keep up with them until we reached Mullaghcleevaun where the soreness in my knee was becoming too much. I told them of my difficulty and requested that they go on without me. Continuing on my own I slowly made my way to the Wicklow Gap where I borrowed a knee support. I managed to cope and continue on my journey by not bending my knee, but rather swinging my leg, unbent, around obstacles rather than over them. Progress was slower than I was accustomed to and my patience was running out. My humour was anything but good.

Eventually I reached Table Pass where the weather began to get worse and the visibility became poor. It was full raingear from here. As I made my way up Camenabologue I caught up with two guys and felt that I could do with some company to keep me awake. No conversation was going on between them and one of them seemed to be in a state of great exhaustion. All attempts at talking to them were met with silence. As they headed off in an unusual direction the younger one turned and said to me that they needed to take care of some business and, more or less, indicated that I should not continue with them (or “get lost, mate”). I returned to my usual route over to Ben Leagh (a change in route for 1999) and almost immediately bumped into fellow Rambler Michael Kaliszer. From the ridiculous to the sublime! I was now guaranteed lively chat for the rest of the journey.

As we journeyed over to Lugnaquilla we met lots of people who seemed to be having navigational issues, especially the two surly guys from earlier who had taken an ill-advised descent into the Army Firing Range by mistake. Karma! From Lugnaquilla myself and the other walking wounded made our descent alongside the many that were enthusiastically making their way to the finish. Soon I was joining them at Fenton’s where, after a drink or two, I was transported back to the Spawell and from there to my home – and a good night’s sleep. I had started walking at 8pm on Thursday and finished the 150k journey (with 7200m total ascent) at 8pm on Saturday without any sleep. I was happy to be finished, I can tell you.

Timings from Tom Milligan's Triple Lug 19th – 21st June 1999

		Aim Time	Actual Time	Day
LUG No 1	Stone Cross	20.00	20.00	Thursday 19th
	Seahan	21.00	20.39	
	Seefingan	22.15	21.19	
	Sally Gap	01.15	23.00	
	Gravale	03.15	00.52	Friday 20th
	Mullaghcleevaun	05.00	02.42	
	Tonelagee	06.45	04.33	
	Wicklow Gap	07.15	05.01	
	Conavalla	08.35	06.47	
	Table Track	09.20	07.21	
	Lugnaquilla	10.50	08.58	
	Seskin	11.50	10.06	
	Total Time LUG NO 1	15.50	14.06	
	LUG No 2	Seskin	11.50	
Lugnaquilla		13.50	11.56	
Table Track		15.35	13.31	
Conavalla		16.20	14.09	
Wicklow Gap		17.20	15.22	
Tonelagee		18.05	16.13	
Mullaghcleevaun		19.50	17.52	
Gravale		21.20	19.21	
Sally Gap		23.00	20.35	
Seefingan		02.20	23.39	
Seahan		03.20	01.07	
Stone Cross		04.20	01.30	
Total Time LUG NO 2		16.30	14.58	
LUG No 3	Stone Cross	04.30	05.15	Saturday 21st
	Seahan	05.30	05.54	
	Seefingan	06.45	06.41	
	Sally Gap	08.45	08.20	
	Gravale	10.15	09.20	
	Mullaghcleevaun	12.15	10.46	
	Tonelagee	14.15	12.22	
	Wicklow Gap	15.00	12.56	
	Conavalla	16.30	14.59	
	Table Track	17.15	15.45	
	Lugnaquilla	19.15	18.30	
	Seskin	21.00	19.50	
	Total Time LUG NO 3	16.30	14.35	



The atmospheric conditions – photo – Dave Jackson



Christmas Tree but no Holly on Church Mountain – Photo – Don Reilly



A misty moisty morning when cloudy was the weather – Photo – Don Reilly



Some of the hikers as we neared the finish – Photo – Don Reilly



Adam, Liz, Dave and Fiona apres hike – Photo – Don Reilly



Carina & Ali - out for the sing song (with Midge Ure?) – Photo – Don Reilly

Brendan's Hike St Stephen's Day



Brendan and John with Jim doing some press-ups behind – Photo – Ruth Murphy



Brendan & Co. – Photo – Ruth Murphy

Some useful websites

Mountaineering Ireland

www.mountaineering.ie/

Mountaineering Ireland is recognised as the National Governing Body for mountaineering, hillwalking, rambling and climbing. Its objectives are to represent the interests of walkers and climbers; to be the voice for Ireland's mountains, to protect and encourage responsible and sustainable use of the mountain environment; to improve and secure on-going access to Ireland's mountains and the other places we use in Ireland; to ensure high standards in mountain training and to support skills development for our members; to support and promote all age groups, especially youth, in all aspects of mountaineering; to provide a talent development pathway to high performance and to promote a spirit of adventure and self-reliance

MountainViews

www.mountainviews.ie

MountainViews is a valuable resource for hill walkers in Ireland. It provides many useful services including summit grid references, routes and other information on our mountains and hills.

Irish Grid Reference Finder

irish.gridreferencefinder.com

Provides facility to translate grid reference to point on a Google map and to obtain a grid reference by right clicking on a Google map

Mountain Meitheal

mountainmeitheal.ie

Mountain Meitheal is a group of environmental volunteers who undertake conservation and restoration projects on mountain and forest tracks. These projects attempt to counteract some of the pressures that are evident in Ireland's upland area

Mountaineering Scotland

www.mountaineering.scot

Mountaineering Scotland is a representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering.

WalkHighlands

www.walkhighlands.co.uk

Walkhighlands is the busiest outdoors website in Scotland, with 500,000 unique visitors checking in each month. Walkhighlands' mission is to encourage the enjoyment of walking through being the best information source and social network for walkers in Scotland

The Scottish Avalanche Information Service

www.sais.gov.uk

The Scottish Avalanche Information Service (SAIS) brings you daily forecasts of the avalanche hazard for the 5 most popular areas of Scotland during the most popular period of the winter season

The Scottish Youth Hostels Association

www.syha.org.uk

The Scottish Youth Hostels Association, is part of Hostelling International and provides youth hostel accommodation in Scotland. As of 2013, around 60% of its guests come from outside Scotland.

The Youth Hostel Association

www.yha.org.uk

The Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales) provides youth hostel accommodation in England and Wales. It is a member of the Hostelling International federation.

Hostelling International

www.hihostels.com/

Hostelling International is a worldwide network of Not-for-Profit Youth Hostel Associations

The British Mountaineering Council

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/>

The British Mountaineering Council is the national representative body for England and Wales and works for its members to provide services and representation for: access and conservation, climbing walls, clubs and huts, competition climbing, equipment advice, guidebooks and maps, heritage, international, safety and skills, youth and equity

The Austrian Alpine Club

<http://www.alpenverein.at> or <https://aacuk.org.uk/>

The Austrian Alpine Club - or more accurately the Austrian Alpine Association - (German: Österreichischer Alpenverein) has about 500,000 members (as of 2014) in 196 sections and is the largest mountaineering organisation in Austria. It is responsible for the upkeep of over 234 alpine huts in Austria and neighbouring countries. It also maintains over 26,000 kilometres of footpaths, and produces detailed maps of key mountain areas within Austria. Much of this work is done by the association's 22,000 volunteer

East West Mapping

<http://www.eastwestmapping.ie/>

East West Mapping publish regional maps at scales of 1:25,000 and 1:30,000 which are very useful for hillwalkers.

The Hillwalkers Club

2018 June bank holiday weekend trip to Peak District



Simon More and James Cooke propose a club trip to the Peak District UK



- Dates:** Leave Friday 1 June & return Thursday 7 June
- Numbers:** 16 hikers maximum
- Abilities:** Moderates and hard hikers
- Transport:** Ryanair flights and hired cars (volunteer drivers needed)
- Accommodation:** 1 June-3 June; YHA Hathersage - Hope Valley, Dark (northern) Peak District
4 June-7 June: YHA Hartington - White (southern) Peak District
- Meals:** 4 dinners in hostels included in cost and 2 dinners in local pubs
- Activities:** 3 days hiking in the Dark (northern) Peak District. 3 days hiking in White (southern) Peak District led by Simon More
- Cost:** €400 approx. covering accommodation and breakfast (6 nights) plus evening meals (4 nights), and ground transport to and from Manchester Airport /Peak District.
Each hiker will need to cover the following additional costs:
6 lunches
2 evening meals (at local pubs)
Return flights to Manchester/Dublin and booked bags
- Booking:** Opens on 8 Feb 2018. Email info@hillwalkerclub.com to express an interest to attend. Within 2 weeks of this opening date, you will either receive confirmation and information to book the flights, or be placed on a waiting list.
Following confirmation, you will be required to pay a deposit of €100 by the end of February, and the balance of €300 by the end of May. Payment through the Club's online payment system or preferably directly to Hillwalkers bank account



Easter Weekend

March 30th – April 2nd

Leaders: Fiona Byrne and Garry Sinnott

ACCOMMODATION:
The Melvin Holiday centre
in Garrison, Fermanagh
(Hostel Accommodation)

All MEALS included
(breakfast, packed lunches
and dinners)

TRANSPORT to & from
Dublin and around
Leitrim are included.
Optional visit to the Marble
Arch Caves on Monday.

COST: €230 (credit cards &
cheques only)

BOOKINGS open Monday
the 5th of February
(only 30 spaces) contact
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North Leitrim **Glens Hiking** **Festival**

This 3 night weekend in Fermanagh with hiking in Leitrim is suited for moderate to hard walkers. There will be two hikes a day run by the Holey Soles Hill Walking Club.

An Óige hasn't walked in the Leitrim Glens before so join us for a fulfilling weekend! Welcome aboard!

Be sure to bring suitable walking boots, rain gear, walking gear, warm clothing, towels, toiletries, flask, torch, First Aid kit, and camera.

Please e-mail Fiona when booking is confirmed: fionadub@yahoo.ie