



An Óige Hillwalkers Club

November 2010

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THE HILLWALKER



*October Bank Holiday Weekend 2010:
After lunch on Knockmealdown.
Photo: Ruth Murphy*

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ATTACHMENT: Revised Club Constitution

HIKE PROGRAMME November 2010

MEET: Burgh Quay

DEPART: Sundays at 10.00 am

TRANSPORT: Private Bus

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.*

2nd 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.*

Sunday, 14 November 2010

---Up to Lug from Drumgoff

Leader: Pearse Foley

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

Route: Drumgoff * Carrawaystick Mountain * Corrigasleggaun * Lugnaquilla Mountain * Cloghernagh * Zig-Zags.

Distance: 16km **Ascent:** 600m

Maps: OS 56, OS 62, Harvey

Sunday, 21 November 2010

---Lough Tay Circuit

Leader: Frank Rooney

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

Route: Ballinastoe Woods * Luggala Mountain * Sheepbanks Bridge * Djouce Mountain * Ballinastoe Woods.

Distance: 17km **Ascent:** 850m

Maps: OS 56, Harvey

Sunday, 28 November 2010

---Valley of Glencree

Leader: Tom Milligan

2nd pick-up point: Bus stop at Rathfarnham Castle, before the Yellow House.

Route: Oldboley's Car Park (O 141 185) * Lough Bray * Kippure * Military Road * Tonduff South * Maulin * Crone.

Distance: 17km **Ascent:** 600m

Maps: OS 56, Harvey

Sunday, 5 December 2010

---Return to Granabeg

★ Introductory Hike ★

Leader: Jim Barry

2nd pick-up & return drop off points: Beside pond in Sean Walsh Park on Tallaght By-pass.

Route: Annalecka Bridge * Oakwood * Art's Cross * Three Lakes * Table Mountain * Carrig * Granabeg.

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

Maps: OS 56, Harvey

Sunday, 12 December 2010

---ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hikes in the Glendalough Area

See page 6 for details



Sunday, 19 December 2010

---HOLLY HIKE

Leader: Don Reilly



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.

★ Introductory Hike ★

This hike is tailored for non-members who are considering joining the Hillwalkers Club. It offers the opportunity to sample a typical Hillwalkers hike, as well as meeting club members.

Interested individuals should equip themselves appropriately for a day in the hills: adequate hiking boots, waterproof coat and leggings, hat, gloves, lunch and hot / cold drinks. In order to enjoy the hike, you need a good level of fitness.

Membership forms will be available, should you wish to join the club on completion of the introductory hike. Enquiries: 086-3563843.

Please be advised that you should not undertake any club hiking activities: (i) if you have any known medical ailment which may impair your ability to participate in club activities or (ii) if you are taking any form of medication that will put your health or safety of others at risk. Should you be in any doubt on these matters, a doctor should be consulted prior to undertaking any club hiking activity.

Club members interested in leading a hike, contact Frank Rooney: rooneyf@eircom.ie

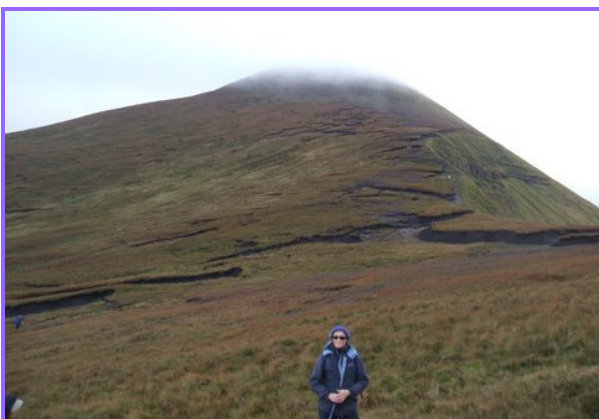
October Bank Holiday 2010

Many thanks to Ruth Murphy and Dave Jackson for sending a selection of photos taken during the recent October Bank Holiday Trip to Clonmel.

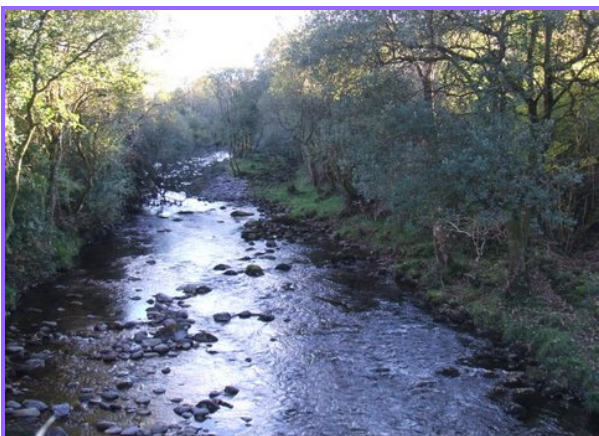
Thankfully the rain stayed away and the sun shone on Sunday and Monday. Over the three days, there were hikes in the Knockmealdowns, Galtees and Comeraghs.



Dave Jackson 1



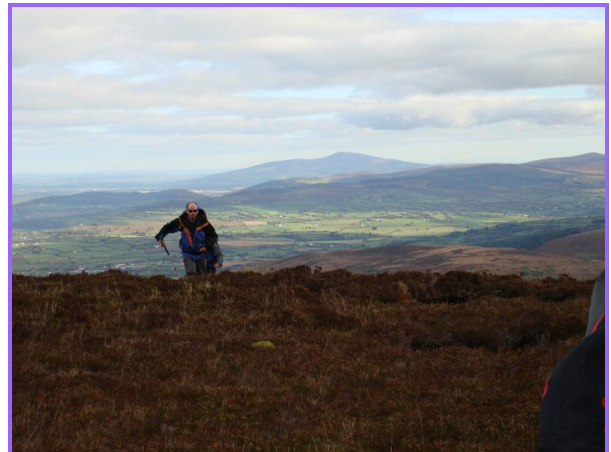
Dave Jackson 2



Dave Jackson 3



Bill, Soren and Don. Photo: Ruth Murphy



Climbing Knockmealdown. Photo: Ruth Murphy



Mark. Photo: Ruth Murphy

More photos from this trip can be found on the club's website.

Our current photo archives go back as far as November 2008, so why not refresh your memories by visiting www.hillwalkersclub.com?

+ + + INVITATION TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS + + +

AGM 2010

This year, the AGM will be held slightly later than usual to accommodate the distribution of the revised club constitution in advance of the meeting. Details as follows:



- Date:** Friday, 12 November 2010
Time: 8 pm
Venue: Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2
Agenda:
- Review of 2009-2010 activities
 - Reports from Outgoing Committee
 - Club Constitution *
 - Questions & Answers
 - Election of Incoming Committee

*** Revised club constitution circulated with this newsletter as attachment**

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ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE 2010-2011

For the next season 2010-2011, there will be a number of vacancies arising on the committee. While specific positions will need to be filled (see below), we would also like to invite anyone who is interested in serving on the committee to contact **Frank Rooney @ 085-1742119** for further information on what is involved in committee work.

Positions to be filled for 2010-2011 are:

Membership Secretary
Sunday Hike Coordinator
Newsletter Editor



Committee 2009-2010

<i>Chairman</i>	Frank Rooney
<i>Secretary/Project Support</i>	Betty Kehoe
<i>Sunday Hikes</i>	Gerry Walsh
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jim Barry
<i>Training Officer</i>	Donal Finn
<i>Membership/Weekends</i>	Mark Campion
<i>Club Promoter</i>	Barbara Monaghan
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Barbara Sudrow
<i>Webmaster</i>	Matt Geraghty
<i>Distribution</i>	Pearse Foley & Cyril McFeeney

Special thanks to:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Map & Compass Course 2010

The Map & Compass Course started last week but there are still a few places left.

This year's programme comprises a number of evening sessions in Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7, and two weekends in the Glendalough area, one of which will include a practice session in night navigation and an optional overnight stay in Glendalough Hostel (included in cost). For programme details please see page 7 of this newsletter.



Christmas Party 2010

Following last year's success, we will be returning to the Glendalough Hotel for Christmas Dinner, music, fun, chat and entertainment. Date for your diary: **Saturday, 11 December 2010.**

Booking opens this Friday, 12 November through An Óige Head Office.

Details of programme on page 6.

Membership 2010-2011

This is just a gentle reminder that your membership fee for 2010-2011 is now due. The club has managed to keep the membership fee at € 35.00 for the last few years although the actual cost to the club increased during this time.

Included in the membership fee:

- Mountaineering Ireland membership
- Mountaineering Ireland insurance cover
- Subscription to Mountain Log magazine
- 10 newsletters per year by post or email
- Postage of magazine and newsletter

Please note that your membership fee does not fund the work of the committee members, hike leaders and weekend organisers who have always and continue to give their time on a voluntary basis.

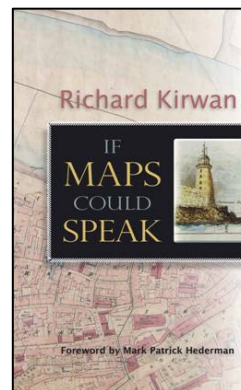
Christmas Party Slide Show

Members are invited to submit approximately 10-20 of their favourite hillwalking photographs (JPEG format) for projection during a continuous slide show during the Hillwalkers Christmas Party at the Glendalough Hotel.

Please send your JPEG files to Donal Finn at finndonal@eircom.net as soon as possible.

STOCKING FILLER

In *If Maps Could Speak*, Richard Kirwan, a former Director of Ordnance Survey Ireland, takes the reader behind the scenes into the minds and work of the early map-makers with accounts of their inventions, adventures, endurance and heroism in pre-Famine Ireland.



Their struggles and achievements are counterpointed by the successful efforts of the OS to bring the mapping of Ireland up to date with the help of photographic and computer technology in the final decades of the twentieth century.

This is also the story of a boy, brought up in Waterford, who loved the lines and boundaries on maps and got to know his city and its surrounds, its physical characteristics and its people in the company of a loving father and grandfather. *If Maps Could Speak* is an engaging combination of memoir, history and stories about people and places.

Richard Kirwan was born in Waterford and qualified as a civil engineer at University College, Cork. He was Director of the OS from 1996 until he retired in 2006 and since then has worked as a consultant to international mapping agencies.

If Maps Could Speak is published by Londubh Books; RRP €14.99.

facebook

Please note that you can also follow An Óige Hillwalkers Club on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/An-Oige-Hillwalkers-club/153861187966138>

Thanks to our webmaster Matt Geraghty, a mobile phone friendly version of the hikes page is now available to download from <http://m.hillwalkersclub.com/>

An Óige Hillwalkers Club
Christmas Party 2010
Sat 11th & Sun 12th December



- Transport Option**  Coach trip to Glendalough Hostel on Saturday and return Sunday. Return Fare €12. Meet at Burgh Quay at 10am; return departure Sunday at 4.30pm
- Hike Programme**  Hard & Moderate Hikes on Saturday
One hike on Sunday
- Christmas Festivities**  Christmas Meal, Function Room of Glendalough Hotel
- Saturday Afternoon**  Refreshments after Hike on Saturday in Hostel
Afternoon Music Session in Bar in Glendalough Hotel
- Saturday Evening**  Four Course Meal
Slide Show
Live Music after Meal
Disco Music to late
Late Bar to 1 o'clock
- Accommodation**  One overnight accommodation on Saturday, 11 December, YHA Glendalough Hostel; Sunday morning breakfast included



Weekend Coordinator: **Frank Rooney**

€69 (making your own way) or **€81** (using bus transport option)

Booking opens Friday, 12 November

All queries and payments to An Óige Head Office (01-8304555)

On booking please state preference for **continental or **cooked** breakfast; please let us know **any special meal** requirements (e.g. vegetarian).**

MAP AND COMPASS COURSE

PROGRAMME 2010

Date: Fri 5th Nov 2010 **Venue:** 6.30-8.30 pm, Room 102, An Óige, Mountjoy St, D7.
Topics: *Map & Compass I* Map, Scales, Legend, Grid References, Personal Equipment

Date: Fri 12th Nov 2010 **Venue:** 6.30-7.30 pm, Room 102, An Óige, Mountjoy St, D7.
Topics: *Map & Compass II* Contours, Features, Mountain Hazards.

WEEKEND 1 - MAP & COMPASS SKILLS 1

Dates: 13th/14th Nov 2010 **Meet:** Sat & Sun, 10.00 am, Laragh, Wicklow.
Activity: Practical exercise in the Glendalough area, navigation by map only.
1. Map setting 2. Feature recognition
3. Self-location 4. Route choice
5. Distance estimation 6. Handrail features

Date: Fri 19th Nov 2010 **Venue:** 6.30-9.30 pm, Room 102, An Óige, Mountjoy St, D7.
Topics: *Map & Compass III* Distance, altitude, timing, Emergency procedures.

Date: Fri 26th Nov 2007 **Venue:** 6.30-8.30 pm, Room 102, An Óige, Mountjoy St, D7.
Talk: *Map & Compass IV* Compass, bearings, route card.

WEEKEND 2 - MAP & COMPASS SKILLS 2 & NIGHT NAVIGATION

Dates: 27th/28th Nov 2010 **Meet:** Sat, 11.00 am Laragh, Wicklow.
Activity: Practical exercise in the Glendalough area, navigation by map & compass.
Optional overnight in Glendalough Hostel (self catering) is included in cost.
1. Revision of 1st weekend 2. Walking on a bearing
3. Back-bearing 4. Sight-bearing
5. Pacing 6. Steep ground work

NIGHT NAVIGATION - WICKLOW MOUNTAINS

Date: Saturday 27th Nov 2010
Saturday activities on Weekend 2 to continue until approx 8pm to include night navigation.

COST

€150 PER PERSON

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF AN ÓIGE.



An Óige Hillwalkers 2010/2011

Membership Application Form

Name (*Applicants must be over 18*)

Address

Were you a member before? Yes, last year Yes, some time ago No

New members: How did you hear about the club?

An Óige Membership Number (*Applicants must be a member of An Óige*)

Contact Telephone Numbers (*optional*)

Daytime Evening Mobile

Email Address (*required for newsletter by email*)

Please read and sign the following PERSONAL DECLARATION

PERSONAL DECLARATION

I am over 18 years of age and wish to apply for membership of An Óige Hillwalkers Club. (*)

(*) Please note that personal accident insurance is only available to members between 18 and 75 years of age.

I accept that mountaineering is an activity with a danger of personal injury or even death.

I am aware of and shall accept these risks and wish to participate in these activities voluntarily and shall be responsible for my own actions and involvement.

I accept that An Óige Hillwalkers Club establishes the bounds on its activities through the constitution and rules of the club and I agree to abide by these.

Members should not undertake any club hiking activities: (i) if they have any known medical ailment which may impair their ability to participate in club activities or (ii) if they are taking any form of medication that will put their health or safety of others at risk. If a member is in any doubt on these matters, a doctor should be consulted prior to undertaking any club hiking activity.

If you agree and accept the terms of the PERSONAL DECLARATION, please sign and date here.

Signature Date

CLUB NEWSLETTER

The club issues a monthly newsletter and distributes it by email and post. It is also made available through the webpage of the Club (<http://www.hillwalkersclub.com>). Please tick one of the following boxes to indicate how you wish to receive the newsletter.

By email only By post only By email and post

The 2010/2011 membership year runs from Oct 1st 2010 to Sept 30th 2011.

2010/2011 Membership Fee €35.00

Please send this form with the membership application fee (cheque or postal order only, payable to *An Óige Hillwalkers Club*) to **James Barry, 156 Comeragh Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.** Please allow two weeks for processing of the membership application.

NB: PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION BY REGISTERED POST!