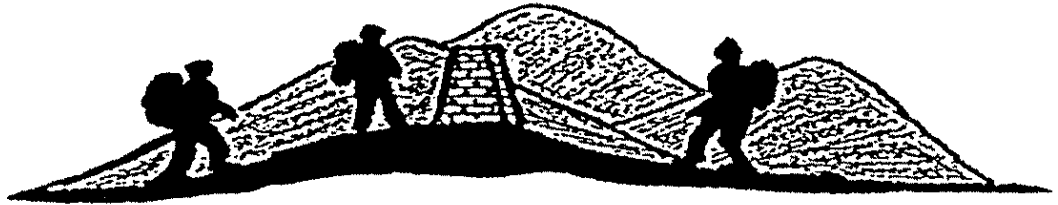


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Broad Peak, Pakistan. Successfully climbed by Irish K2 Expedition 1998 Photo: Maggie Greaney

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Sunday Hikes

MEET: Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay
DEPART: Sundays 10.00AM (or when the bus is full)
COST: Private bus. £5.00 (unless otherwise stated)



NOTE: The leader has the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped (*i.e. without adequate rainwear, spare clothes, food, torch and hiking boots*). The leader has the right to extend, curtail or alter the route from that described in the program. The leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to obey his/her instructions at all times.



During winter months it is essential to bring a (head) torch on all Sunday hikes and weekends away. Don't forget to check your batteries and bulb.

Date	Route Description	Leader
6 June	BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY No formal Sunday hike has been organised but those interested should meet at the usual time and organise their own hike using local transport.	
13 June	INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE Hell Kettle Bridge – Church Mtn. – Corriebracks – Lobawn Ridge – Table Mtn. – Stranahely – Knickeen.	Joe Kellegher
20 June	Carrig – Lugnagun – Sorrel Hill – Black Hill – Cleevaun Lough – Mullaghcleevaun – Billy Byrne's Gap – Ballyknockan.	Noel Kerley
27 June	SPECIAL BUS HIKE TO THE COOLEY MOUNTAINS There will be two hikes organised at moderate and hard level. Cost £7 payable on bus.	Organiser Séan Dunne
4 July	Bar-B-Q AND OPEN DAY IN KNOCKREE YH Bohernabreena Waterworks – Castle Kelly – Kippure – Glencree – Knockree YH. This shorter than normal hike will be followed by a Bar-B-Q and open day in the hostel.	Jim Barry

Important Notice

Your club membership card **MUST** be carried and produced on all Sunday hikes. Numbered tickets will be given out on the quays by a committee member. People with a valid membership card and ticket will be given preference on the bus.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY NOTE

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.

The Committee requests that anyone who is on medication or with a medical condition inform the leader before the hike.

LITTER

Litter is unsightly and dangerous to animals. Even bio-degradable items like orange peels and banana skins take years to disappear. Bring all your litter home and try to include at least one extra item from each day out. Do not bury litter – animals will dig it up.

The Young Hillwalkers Club

SATURDAY HIKE FOR JUNE

Date: Saturday 19 June 1999.
Route: Great Sugarloaf.
Meet: Harp Bar, O'Connell Bridge, Dublin.
Time: 8.45 AM
Transport: Local bus (unless otherwise stated).
Bring: Packed lunch, wet weather gear and torch.
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), hat and gloves.



THE NEXT CLUB WEEKEND AWAY WILL BE TO WHITEPARK BAY, CO. ANTRIM BETWEEN 11 – 13 JUNE 1999.

Cost: £45 – over 18's and £35 – under 18's. This price included two overnights and transport by special bus.
Meet: 5.00p.m. Friday 11 June at Custom House Quay.
Return: 8.30p.m. on Sunday 13 June, McDonalds (O'Connell Bridge Branch).
Bring: Flask, lunchbox, water container, hat, gloves, wet weather gear, warm top and track suit bottoms, boots, socks, some sun cream (it may be sunny if we get lucky!), enough food for two breakfasts, two packed lunches, some high energy food eg. Chocolate and nuts, and one dinner.

EVERYONE WELCOME

For further information contact Dave Rooney 01-8344811 (evenings).
To book, contact An Óige Head Office at the number below.

For further information about our monthly hike, weekends away or about the club in general, contact An Óige Head Office at 01-8304555.

August Weekend to Galway

Date: Friday 30 July to Monday 2 August 1999.
Cost: £55.
Deposit: £25. Non refundable and payable on booking.
Booking: Booking will open on 1 June in An Óige Head Office 01-8304555. Credit cards accepted.
Hostel and Capacity: Limited to 50 people max. and staying in Ben Lettry YH. Unfortunately the organisers will not be able to cater for people over this limit and no outside accommodation will be catered for.
Organisers: Prionsias Mac an Bheatha and Donal Finn.

TRANSPORT DETAILS

The special bus will leave the Custom House Quay at 6.00p.m. SHARP on Friday 30 July.

MEALS

This weekend is self catering (i.e. bring your own food), but for those who do not want to cook, the bus will be available to bring people to Clifden where there are numerous restaurants to choose from.

HIKES

There will be a choice of moderate and hard hikes on Saturday and Sunday with one general hike for everyone on Monday.

Weekends and Holidays Away

The committee welcome members to suggest destinations for weekends and holidays away and offers to help organise these weekends and holidays will always be appreciated. Contact Martin Fagan at the telephone number on the back of the newsletter.

June Weekend in the Black Valley, Kerry

Blackvalley (An Com Ui Dhuibh) takes its name from the inability of the sun to penetrate the lower reaches of the valley particularly during the winter months. Located in the middle of the Iveragh Peninsula, the valley stretches from east to west and is bounded by the MacGillycuddy Reeks to the north and the Broaghabinna Ridge to the south. The Kerry Way runs through the valley in its stage between Killarney and Glencar.

Date: Friday 4 June to Monday 9 June 1999
Cost: £65. This includes train, bus and overnights but excluding meals.
Deposit: £30. Non refundable and payable on booking.
Booking: Booking opens on Monday 12 April via An Óige Head Office tel. 01-8304555.
Hostel: Black Valley YH, Kenmare, Co. Kerry.
Organisers: Donal Finn and Joe Kellegher.
Capacity: Limited to 25 people.

Transport Details

Transport will be a combination of train and bus. Please note the times given below may be modified when Irish Rail publishes their timetable. Participants will be informed of any changes in a later newsletter or by phone. Special train tickets will be pre-purchased by the organisers and distributed to participants in the weeks prior to travelling.

Outbound:

Departure by train from Heuston Station at 1737 hrs to Killarney. Arrive Killarney 2104 hrs. Private bus from Killarney Station to Blackvalley Hostel. Journey time approx. 1.5 hrs. The bus will stop at a supermarket en-route to the hostel.

N/B Please arrive at Heuston Station by 1700 hrs on the Friday to ensure a seat on the train.

Return:

Bus to Killarney departing hostel 1600 hrs. Depart Killarney 1747 hrs. Arrive Dublin 2200 hrs.

Meals:

Please note that the services of the bus will NOT be available over the weekend. In addition, there are no restaurants/shops/pubs nearby, therefore participants should bring ALL food with them for the weekend. However, the hostel will provide a standard evening meal (approx. £8 per meal) on the Saturday and Sunday evenings. This facility is limited to the first fifteen people. Please indicate your preference on booking. The hostel has the usual self-catering facilities.

WALKS

Two walks will be organised each day. Easier walks will be based on shortened versions of the longer walks. Please note that the services of the bus will not be available over the weekend.

Longer Walk Day One

Ridge of the Reeks (Sheet 78)

Longer Walk Day Two

Circuit of Broaghabinna (Sheet 78)

Longer Walk Day Three

Purple Mountain, Tomies Mountain (Sheet 78)

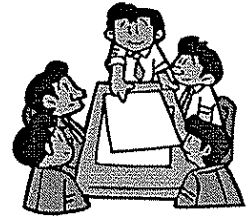
The organisers can be contacted on the day of departure at 086-8532180.

June Weekend in Snowdonia, Wales

A hiking weekend for fifty people to Wales, staying in the Snowdon Ranger YH will be organised by Séan Dunne and Dave Rooney for the June Bank Holiday Weekend. Details from An Óige Head Office.

The Committee

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Membership

Annual membership fees of £15 include the monthly club programme, insurance and a copy of the Irish Mountain Log which is published four times a year. Fees should be sent to the membership secretary at the following address:

Mr. Ger Walsh, 15 Summerfield Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.
Membership now stands at 162 people.

Official Opening of Glendalough YH

This official opening will take place on Saturday 19 June 1999, at 3.00p.m. The opening will be performed by Mark Mortell, Chairman, Bord Fáilte. There will be entertainment and light refreshments will be served. **Please note:** a coach service will be running from Dublin City Centre to Glendalough YH and back in the evening. As parking space will be minimal in Glendalough on the day, we would ask you to avail of this free service. For further details contact Gwen Costello at An Oige Head Office, 01-8304555.

Next Committee meeting

Next Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 June 1999.

A Note from the Editor

During 1999 all articles published in *The Hillwalker* will be entered in a competition under the categories of holidays/weekends abroad and holidays/weekends at home. Prizes will be awarded at the 1999 Christmas Party so please put pen to paper and send your articles or items of interest to the address below for inclusion in the newsletter. If possible the articles should be typed or in electronic form and should be a maximum of 500 words. A stamped and addressed envelope should accompany any photographs or articles to ensure their safe return.



Articles for inclusion in the combined July/August newsletter should be sent before Friday 11 June to:

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