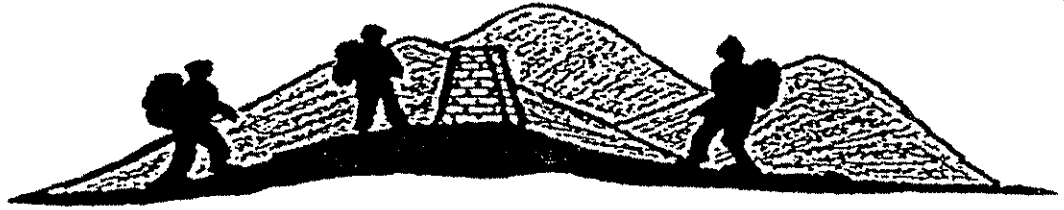


Hillwalker

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The magazine of the An Óige Hillwalkers Club

# The Hillwalker



"The competition for the Summit"

Photo: Maggie Greaney Collection

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# Sunday Hikes June

**MEET:** Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay  
**DEPART** Sundays 10.00 A.M. (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
June 2-5	June Bank Holiday Weekend to Ball Hill Y.H. Co Donegal	Tony Crean & Gary Byrne
June 11	Ballinfoyle – Ballineddan – Slieve Maan – Lugnaquilla – Cannow – Camenabologue – Table Mtn – Lobawn – Cpt Bolton's Yard – Donard	Frank O'Rourke
June 17 Saturday	<b>An Óige Ring of Imaal Marathon Walk</b> <i>Details later in the Newsletter</i>	
June 18	<b>Introductory Hard Hike</b> Fernhill Tunnel – Three Rock Mtn – Fairy Castle – Tibbradden Mtn – Pine Forest – Knocknagun – Prince William Seat – Curtlestown Wood	Geraldine McVey
June 25	<b>Special Bus Trip to Blackstairs Mountains, Co Carlow</b> Usual departure time. Special bus fare: £7.	Martin Fagan
July 2	Glendalough – Lugduff – Glenealo River – Turlough Hill – Wicklow Gap – Tonelagee – Lough Ouler – Glenmacnass Waterfall	Joe Gilvarry

**Here are some dates for you diary:**

- 25 June** – Sunday hike in the Blackstairs Mountains – see Sunday hikes section for details
- 16 July** – Sunday hike in the Slieve Bloom Mountains
- 20 August** – Sunday hike in the Cooley Mountains

Your club membership card **MUST** be carried and produced, if requested 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 start of 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.

**WALKING STICKS**

In the interest of safety and comfort please keep the pointed end of your walking stick covered, especially when travelling on the bus.

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# Young Hillwalkers Club

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## MAY SUNDAY HIKE DETAILS

**Date:** Sunday 10 June 2000  
**Route:** Great Sugarloaf  
**Meet:** Maguire's Bar, O'Connell Bridge  
**Time:** 8.45 a.m.  
**Bring:** Packed lunch, wed weather gear, torch.  
**Wear:** Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), hat and gloves.



## ADVENTURE WEEKEND AWAY

**Date:** 16th – 18th June  
**Location:** Camping Trip

## HOLIDAY AWAY

**Date:** 13th – 18th July  
**Location:** Crianlarich – Fort William (Scotland)

For further information about our Club, please phone the An Óige Office at 01-8304555

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# August Bank Holiday Weekend Away

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## Rotes

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Route: GR 029629 – Loughnambrackkeagh – Binnaw – Buckaun – Maumtrasna – Skeltia – Loughnafoeey (OS Sheet 37).

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Route: Mweelrea Circuit (OS Sheet 37).

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Route: Maumturks – Leckavrea Circuit GR 963516 (OS Sheets 37 and 38).

## Details

**Leader:** Jim Barry  
**Cost:** £65 (includes 3 overnights plus transport)  
**Deposit:** £30 (non refundable)  
**Book :** An Oige Head Office 01-8304555 (Credit Cards accepted)  
**Evening Meals:** Available at hostel – advise office when booking (otherwise self catering weekend).  
**Shops:** Locally and on route to walks  
**Bring:** Food for at least 1 Breakfast and 1 Drum up, sheet bag, hiking boots, clothing , rain gear, An Óige card, first aid kit etc.  
**Depart:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August from Custom House Quay at 6pm SHARP!  
**Return:** 9pm approx. (Monday Evening).

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# Weekend Away to The Lake District

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English Lake District  
Extended 'Munro-Bagging' Weekend

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000

## Background

An extended walking weekend to include ascents of all the Lake District Munros (Scafell/Scafell Pike, Skidaw and Helvellyn). The walks will be of a typical Hillwalker standard (i.e., approximately 15-18 km, 1000m ascent and of 6-8 hrs duration). Currently, it is not envisaged to provide for moderate hikes (although if a second leader becomes available, this can be facilitated). Participation limited to 12 people.

## Organiser

Donal Finn

## Transport

Transport will be by ferry and car. Each car will accommodate four people. Currently one car/driver is available. Three additional cars/drivers will be necessary.

## Itinerary

### Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>

Meet Custom House Quay (or elsewhere) at 17:00hrs, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for 18:00hrs ferry departure from Dublin Port to Holyhead (Irish Ferries Dublin Swift fast ferry service).

Arrive Holyhead approximately 19:50 hrs. Drive to Kendal YHA hostel arriving approximately 23:30 hrs (175 miles) via A roads and motorways.

### Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>

Relocate to Derwentwater YHA Hostel (30 minutes drive).

**Walk:** Skidaw, Helvellyn or Scafell Pike

**Overnight:** Derwentwater YHA hostel

### Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>

**Walk:** Skidaw, Helvellyn or Scafell Pike

**Overnight:** Derwentwater YHA hostel

### Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Walk:** Skidaw, Helvellyn or Scafell Pike

**Overnight:** Derwentwater YHA hostel

### Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Shorter walk to be completed by 14:00 hrs

Return Journey: Depart Lake District at 14:00 hrs to arrive in Holyhead by 20:00 for Irish Ferries 20.45 fast ferry service to Dublin. Arrive Dublin Port 22:35.

## Cost

All costs to be shared to include ferry, petrol, 4 overnights, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 evening meals. It is expected that the overall cost will be of the order IRE180 per person. Not included are evening meals on Thursday or Monday.

## Booking

In order to ascertain the level of interest in the weekend, the organiser requires that interested persons contact him *as soon as possible* to register their interest (Tel: 453 0617(h), 706 1947 (w), Email: donal.finn@ucd.ie) The weekend can go ahead with as few as four people, but is unlikely to exceed 12 persons.

Booking will open through An Oige Head Office from July 1<sup>st</sup>. A deposit of IRE50.00 will be required at time of booking. Balance will be payable by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Final details in July/August programme.

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# Ring of Imaal Long Distance Walk

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This year the An Óige Ring of Imaal Long Distance Walk will take place on Saturday 17 June. The distance is 36km with an ascent of 1800 m ( 22 miles / ascent 6000ft ). This is not a led walk and experienced and fit hikers only should attempt it.

- ◆ **Register:** 7.00am – 9.00am (latest) in The Community Hall, Donard Village
- ◆ **Fee:** £5.00

## YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED

About 10 people are needed to 'man' checkpoints and also for the roll-up. Please ring Martin Fagan (01-8553653) or James Barry (01-4556455) urgently if you are interested in helping out with either of these jobs.

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## Membership Fees

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### The Hillwalkers Club annual membership fee is £15.

Fees should be sent to the membership secretary at the following address:  
Mr. Ger Walsh, 15 Summerfield Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

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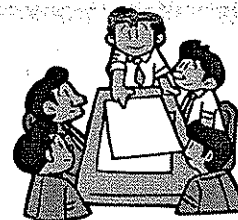
## The Committee

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## A Note from the Editor

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During 2000 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 2000 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 return.

**Articles for inclusion in the combined July/August newsletter should be sent before Monday 15 June to:**

**Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.  
(e-mail: [maggieg@eircom.net](mailto:maggieg@eircom.net))**

