



### SUNDAY HIKES

**MEET:** Outside Irish Press Offices, Burgh Quay  
**TIME:** Sundays 10.00AM.  
**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.

| Date       | Route Description  | Leader                   |
|------------|--|--------------------------|
| 2nd March  | Wicklow Gap - Sally Gap  | Proinnsias MacAn Bheatha |
| 9th March  | Laragh - Brockaghs - Tonelagee - Tourlough Hill - Lough Firib - Lugduff - Mullacor - Glendalough - Laragh  | Donal Finn               |
| 16th March | Ballinagee Bridge - Glenreemore Brook - Arts Cross - Three Lakes - Conavalla - Table Mountain - Round Hill - Granabeg - School House   | Jim Barry                |
| 23rd March | INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE<br>Ballyknockan - Silsean - Moanbane - Cleevaun Lough - Mullaghcleevaun - Barnacullian - Carrignagunneen - Glenbride - Green Road - Ballinagee Bridge   | Cyril McFeeney           |
| 30th March | <b>Transport:</b> No. 44 bus<br><b>Meet:</b> 10.40AM. Hawkins St. for bus at 10.50AM. (day passes may be purchased from shops which sell CIE tickets)<br>Enniskerry - Kilmalin - Prince William Seat - Knocknagun - Glenree - Cruagh Mtn. - Tibbradden - Rockbrook | Martin Fagan             |
| 6th April  | Glenmalure - Carrawaystick - Lugnaquilla - Cannon - Camenabologue - Table Track - Conavalla - Lugduff - Ballinafunshoge - Baravore   | Gerry Walsh              |

#### 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.

## WEEKENDS AWAY FOR 1997

- ◆ **Easter Weekend in the Galtys** (March 22nd to March 31st.)  
For details see February programme. There is still some availability on this weekend. For further information contact Jim Barry at 01-4556455 (h) between 7.00pm. and 10.00pm.
- ◆ **May Bank Holiday Weekend in Westport** (May 2nd to May 5th)  
Cost: £50.00. Deposit of £25.00 Booking now open in An Oige Head Office.
- ◆ **June Bank Holiday Weekend in Wales** (May 30th to June 3rd)  
Cost: £120.00. Deposit: £60.00. There is still some availability on this weekend.  
Organiser: Sean Dunne
- ◆ **August Bank Holiday Weekend in Galway** (August 1st to August 4th)  
Organisers: Donal Finn and Dave Rooney.
- ◆ **Halloween Weekend in the Mourne** (October 24th to October 27th), staying in Newcastle YH.

**PLEASE NOTE** the bus for each of these weekends will leave the Custom House Quay at 6.30PM. SHARP for the outward journey and will arrive back in Dublin at approx: 8.00pm. on the return trip. An Oige Cards must be carried by each individual on these weekends. If you are not a member of An Oige, you can take out membership at head office.

## LEADERS URGENTLY WANTED

Contact Jim Barry at 4556455 (home between 7.00pm. and 10.00pm.) or Martin Fagan at 8553653 (h).

## SPECIAL SUNDAY HIKEs IN 1997

- ◆ **MAY** Blackstairs Mountains
  - ◆ **JUNE** Cooley Mountains
  - ◆ **JULY** Slieve Bloom Mountains
  - ◆ **SEPTEMBER** Slieve Gullian
- Full details of these special hikes will be given in future newsletters

## YOUNG HILLWALKERS CLUB

### SATURDAY HIKEs

- ◆ Date: 8th March. Location: Dublin Hills.
- ◆ Date: 12th April. Location: Little Sugarloaf & Bray Head.

### YOUNG HILLWALKERS BACKPACK

- ◆ **Ballinaclea - Glenmalure - Glendalough**  
Date: Friday 4th April to Sunday 6th April  
Meet: Custom House Quay at 6.30PM. Friday 4th April  
Bring: A full list of what to bring will be available on the next Saturday hike. If you intend doing this back pack it is essential that you get a copy of this list. If you miss the Saturday hike and need a copy of the list you should contact John Guy at the number below.  
Cost: £15.00 for under 18's and £20.00 for over 18's.  
Contact: John Guy 4524627 (h)

**PLEASE NOTE** This is a backpacking weekend and the gear you wear and bring is what you will have to carry on your back for the following two days.

## HOLIDAYS AWAY IN 1997

### ◆ Pyrenees Mountains

Leader: Martin Fagan (Please contact Martin regarding availability before sending deposit)  
 Date: 16th to 30th August 1997.  
 Cost: £750.00  
 Deposit: £250.00 (Cheques to be made payable to Hillwalkers Club) and send to Martin Fagan at  
 23 Nottingham Street, Dublin 3. **DO NOT PUT CASH IN THE POST.**

## LONG WALKS PROGRAMME FOR 1997

| Walk                | Date          | Organising Club    | Contact Person  |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|---|
| Comeragh Bog Trot   | 12th April    | Peaks CC           | Niall Carroll (Powers the Pot) 052-23085,<br>John Morrissey 052-24208 (h) |
| Maam Turks Walk     | 31st May      | UCG MC             | Martin Butler 091-524411 ext. 3271,<br>Coleen Parsons 091-553241 (h)      |
| Barrow Walk         | No date yet   | HF Walking Club    | Published when available  |
| Blackstairs Walk    | 17th May      | Wayfarers          | Mary Reilly 01-4970874  |
| Galty Walk          | 14th June     | Tyndall MC         | Caroline McNeelis 056-63654   |
| Bangor Trail        | No date yet   | Nephin Beg MC      | Published when available  |
| Lug Walk            | 21st June     | Ramblers Club      | Catherine Fenton 01-2955648   |
| Circuit of Imaal    | Not this year |                    |   |
| Benbulbin Challenge | 19th July     | Sligo MC           | Michael Mulligan 071-41267  |
| Mourne Seven Sevens | No date yet   | Spartan Red Sox    | Published when available  |
| Burren Walk         | 30th August   | Thomond Orienteers | Alan Shaw 061-41267   |
| Glover Highlander   | No date yet   | North West MC      | Alan Tees 0801504-810834  |

### ◆ THE COMERAGH BOG TROT

**Date:** 12th April  
**Organising Club:** Peaks Mountaineering Club, Clonmel.  
**Map No:** Discovery Sheet No 75  
**Fee:** £5.00 (payable on the day)  
**Opening checkpoint:** The walk starts near Kilrossanty and finishes at Powers the Pot Hostel.  
**Checkpoint opening time:** 7.30AM. approx.  
**Checkpoint list:** Start - Far Breaga - Seefin - Knockaunapeebra - Cairn - The Gap - Knockanaffrin North - Finish Powers the Pot.  
**Distance:** 14 miles approx.  
**Height gain:** 5,000ft approx.  
**Average time:** 7 hours *in good weather and without breaks.*

Participants can park at Powers the Pot Hostel and a bus will take them around to the start of the walk. The first bus will leave the hostel at 7.00AM. or when the bus is full.  
 Anyone interested in taking part in the Bog Trot should contact Maggie Greaney at 2834253 (h)

**PLEASE NOTE** These walks are NOT led hikes. Participants need to know how to navigate and have a high level of fitness. You are responsible for yourself during these walks. A necessary amount of training should be undertaken before participating.

## COMMITTEE FOR 1997

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Chairperson:</b>                  | Jim Barry 4556455 (h)   |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                    | Donal Finn 4530617 (h)  |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>                    | Proinnsias MacAnBheatha 8379897 (h)   |
| <b>Editor:</b>                       | Maggie Greaney 2834253 (h)  |
| <b>Membership Secretary:</b>         | Ger Walsh & Pauline Morley  |
| <b>Sunday Hikes:</b>                 | Jim Barry   |
| <b>Weekends &amp; Holidays:</b>      | Martin Fagan 8553653 (h)  |
| <b>Sunday Hikes Liaison Officer:</b> | Dave Rooney 8344811 (h)   |
| <b>Training Officer:</b>             | Joe Kelegher  |
| <b>Young Hillwalkers Officers:</b>   | John Guy 4524627 (h) and Dave Rooney  |
| <b>Enveloping:</b>                   | Maggie Greaney, Martin Fagan, Proinnsias MacAnBheatha,<br>Frankie Comerford and Dave Rooney |

The Committee with to thank club members for their continued support. The more you put in to the club the more you get out of it. We would like to see some new people coming forward who are willing to lead-ing walks, organise social events and weekends. A special thanks to last years committee members who put a lot of time and commitment into the club.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### ◆ Fundraising Social in aid of Our Lady's Hospice

Date: Friday 18th April.

Cost: £4.00

Time: 8.00PM. till late. Full bar.

Contact: For tickets contact Martin Fagan at 8553653 (h) or Jim Smith.

### ◆ Na Fianna Ceile and Sets Spring Line Up

Location: Na Fianna, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9

Time: 9.00PM. to 12.30AM

Dates: Saturday 8th March, Siamsa Ceili Band

Monday 17th March, St. Patrick's Night Special Ceili with Sean Óg Ceili Band

Saturday 12th April, Fodhla Ceili Band.

### ◆ After Hike Meeting Place: Palace Bar, Fleet Street

## ROCK CLIMBING GEAR FOR SALE

**Climbing gear:** crabs, screw-gates, extenders, 1 friend and prussic loops - all for £40 or £10 each for five pieces of gear.

**Rock climbing shoes:** Size 6, £20

**Helmet:** £20

**Walking ice axe:** £30

**Crampons:** £20

**Whillans harness:** £20

For further information contact Deirdre Ní Choileain at 6792777 ext. 4313.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations to Ger Walsh for all his work with the club programme. I hope I will be able to maintain the high standard in 1997. Have you traveled anywhere abroad or indeed in Ireland that you think members would like to read about? Please put pen to paper and send some articles or items of interest to the address below for inclusion in the newsletter.

Articles for inclusion in the April newsletter should be sent before Friday 14th March to,  
**Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.**