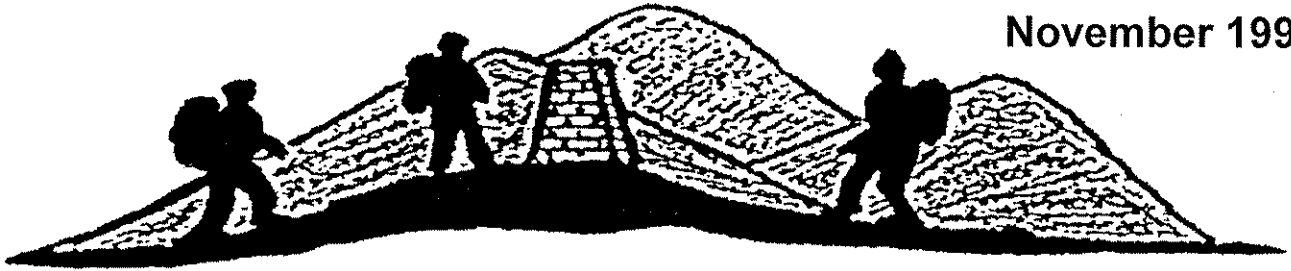


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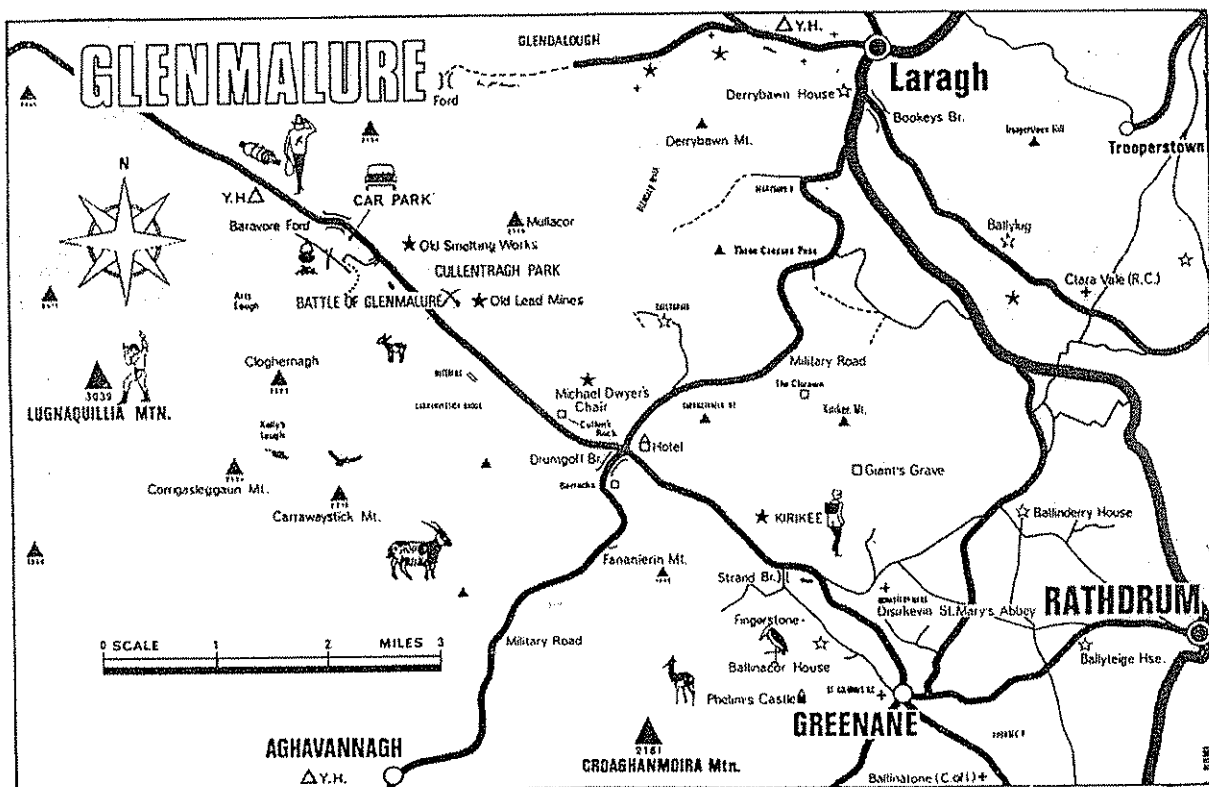
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SUNDAY HIKES



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.

Date	Route Description	Leader
1 Nov.	Glenmacnass - Scarr - Kanturk - Inchavore River - Knocknacloghoge - Luggala - Cloghoge River - Grouse House - Liffey Head Bridge - Kippure Gates.	Peadar Ó Riordan.
8 Nov.	INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE Carrigshouk - Mullaghcleevaun East Top - Barnacullian - Stoney Top - Tonelagee - Brocaghs - Wicklow Gap Road.	Brian Madigan.
15 Nov.	Stone Cross - Slievebawnoge - Ballymorefinn - Seahan - Corrig - Seefingan - Kippure - Castlekelly - Bohernabreena.	Ita O'Hanlon.
22 Nov.	Keaden - Balinfoyle - Ballinceddan - Slievemaan - Lybagh - Toorboy.	Donal Finn.
29 Nov.	There will be no hike due to the An Oige Hillwalkers annual Christmas Party Weekend Away.	
6 Dec.	Sally Gap - Carrigvore - Gravale - Duff Hill - East Top - Mullaghcleevaun - Billy Byrne's Gap - Moanbane - Black Hill - Kilbeg - Lackan.	Dave Rooney

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.

YOUNG HILLWALKERS CLUB



SATURDAY HIKE

Date: Saturday 14 November 1998.
Route: Circuit of Howth.
Meet: Irish Press Office, Burgh Quay.
Time: 8.45AM.
Bring: Packed lunch, flask, water, hat, gloves, wet weather gear and torch.
Wear: Boots, tracksuit bottoms (no jeans), warm sweater.

For further information about our Saturday hikes, weekends and holidays away contact

An Óige Head Office at 01-8304555 or either John Guy at 01-4524627 (h) or Dave Rooney at 01-8344811 (h).

THE CLUB SLIDES

The *Hillwalker's Club* series of slide continues on

Tuesday 10 November 1998, in The Palace Bar (Upstairs lounge), Fleet Street at 8.00p.m.

TRAVELS IN NEW ZEALAND

presented by

Tony Crean.

Admission is free.

Note: Anyone interested in putting on a slide show over the autumn/winter should contact Donal Finn at the number on the back of the magazine.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Hillwalker's Club Annual Christmas Party Weekend Away

Date: 27 - 29 November 1998, staying in Glendalough YH.
Cost: £45. This covers transport, two overnights, a cheese and wine reception on Friday evening, and dinner on Saturday evening. You will need to bring two breakfasts and two lunches.

There are still places available for women and men but book soon!

LOCAL HISTORY

THE GLENMALURE VALLEY

(Gleann-Malowra or Malowra's Glen)

At the mouth of this most spectacular glen is the Glenmalure Hotel and Drumgoff Barracks. The hotel was built the beginning of the nineteenth century and was used as a hunting lodge by the Earl of Meath.

The lead mine at Ballinafunshoge, near Drumgoff, was once operated by the Royal Irish Mining Company. This mine produced 300 tons of galena annually in the early part of the nineteenth century. The old Drumgoff Barracks was used to accommodate workers at the mines. A local rumour has it that a man found a gold nugget here in the mine tailings following a landslide.

This beautiful vale has seen many bloody battles over the years. In 1580 Elizabeth 1 ordered an armed force of over one thousand men under the control of Lord Grey de Wilton the Lord Deputy to march on Glenmalure to extract submission from the O'Byrne Clan and their leader Fiach Mac Hugh O'Byrne. On 25th August the horse and foot soldiers set out from Rathdrum. Meanwhile the O'Byrnes enlisted help from some allies in Baltinglass. When the Redcoats reached O'Byrne's stronghold at Ballincor at the head of the valley they discovered that they were blocked in by those they hoped to subdue. The battle lasted about a half an hour with over eight hundred lives lost. Grey led his survivors in defeat to Dublin. The officers were buried at a place known today as the 'Giant's Grave' and the lower ranks were buried in a mass grave nearby. O'Byrne was finally captured in 1597 at 'Catgut Grave' on Fananerrin and as a deterrent his severed head was impaled in the gates of Dublin Castle.

Another name associated with the area is Michael Dwyer. There was another battle in the valley on 15 October 1798. On that day General Eustace and eighty Redcoats were on patrol in the valley. Suddenly Dwyer and his rebels opened fire on them from the mountains above. Eustace claiming that he was outnumbered was forced to retreat. He returned the following day with five hundred men, but Dwyer had retreated into the mountains where he established his headquarters. He evaded capture in various daring escapes. In 1804, terms of surrender were agreed which led to his deportment to a penal colony in Australia where he later settled. The Drumgoff Barracks were built here in conjunction with the Military Road. It was occupied for only about twenty years by the Redcoats.

A few hundred yards up the valley is 'Cullen's Rock'. A gallows was erected here following the 1798 rebellion to hang some of the captured insurgents. On one side of the rock there is a memorial to Michael Dwyer, while Fiach Mac Hugh O'Byrne is remembered on the other.

The Glenmalure valley is probably the best example of a glacial trench in Wicklow. It spans a distance of about 8kms. from Baravore (meaning the great top) to Drumgoff. The Avonbeg River (Abhainn Beag meaning 'little river') flows through the glen and on to the Meetings of the Waters.

The Zig Zag Track half way up the valley beside the Carawaystick waterfall was used as access to turf bogs in the flat hanging valley above during a time when there were many small farmers in the glen. Farther up the valley the remains of Ballinafunshoge lead mines is marked by spoil heaps. The An Óige Youth can be found just past the Baravore Ford and it is an ideal base for many hikes and nature walks in the area.

Maggie Greaney

An Óige Christmas Party



An Óige Photographic Group 60th Anniversary Re-Union Dinner Dance
Hollybrook Hotel, Clontarf
Saturday 5th December, 1998
8.00pm. - 1.00am.
Meals Served at 8.30pm. sharp
♦ Tickets £17.00
♦ Spot Prizes Galore
♦ Raffle
Music by Tommy Fox
Tickets available from An Óige Head Office, Marie McDonnell, Martin Fagan, or Willie McDonagh.

HOLIDAYS AWAY



ZANZIBAR

Travel out in July 1999 for two weeks. The highlight of the holiday will be a hike up Kilimanjaro (5895m) followed by five days in the exotic Zanzibar.

Anyone interested in finding out more about this trip meet Martin Fagan in An Óige Head Office on Tuesday 18 November at 8.00p.m. for a chat.

HISTORIC LUDLOW

New Year's trip to Ludlow Youth Hostel
Monday 28th December 1998 - Friday 1st January 1999.
Leave Dublin 8.30a.m. and arrive back at 7.30p.m. (approx.).

COST - £165

Cost includes all transport, meals (breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal).
Gala Meal with wine on New Year's Eve.

Bookings through An Óige Head Office tel:01-8304555

THE CLUB COMMITTEE



Chairperson:	Martin Fagan (01-8553653 h)
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Treasurer:	Prionsias MacAnBheatha (01-8379897 h)
Editor:	Maggie Greaney (01-2834253 h)
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Training Officer:	Joe Kellegher (01-8381973 h)
Social Events:	Donal Finn / Martin Fagan
Young Hillwalkers:	John Guy (01-4524627 h) or Dave Rooney (01-8344811)
Other members:	Frankie Comerford
Distribution:	Cyril McFeeney

To facilitate quicker processing of membership, please send application forms and fees directly to membership secretary and not to An Óige Head Office.

Committee meeting on Wednesday 2 December 1998.

LEADERS URGENTLY WANTED

Contact Jim Barry at 4556455 (home between 7.00pm. and 10.00pm.)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Have you travelled 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. If possible the articles should be typed or in electronic form and should be a maximum of *one A4 page of text*. A stamped and addressed envelope should accompany any photographs or article to ensure their return.

Also, book reviews on hillwalking and related topics would be very welcome.

Articles for inclusion in the November newsletter should be sent before Wednesday 11 November 1998 to:

Maggie Greaney, 68 Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
(e-mail: maggieg@tinet.ie)