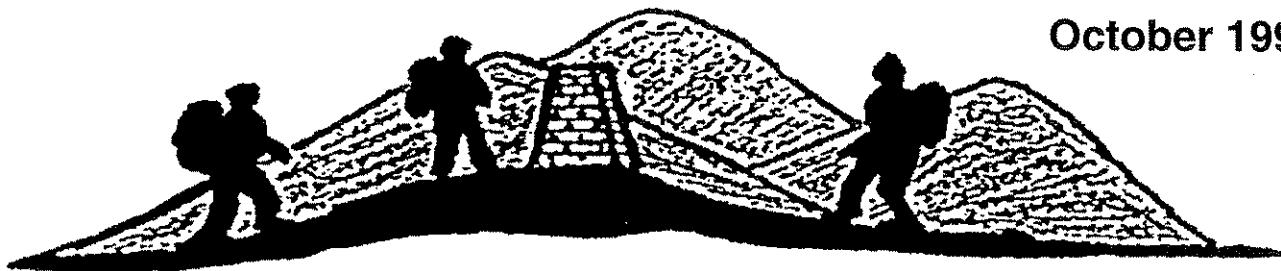


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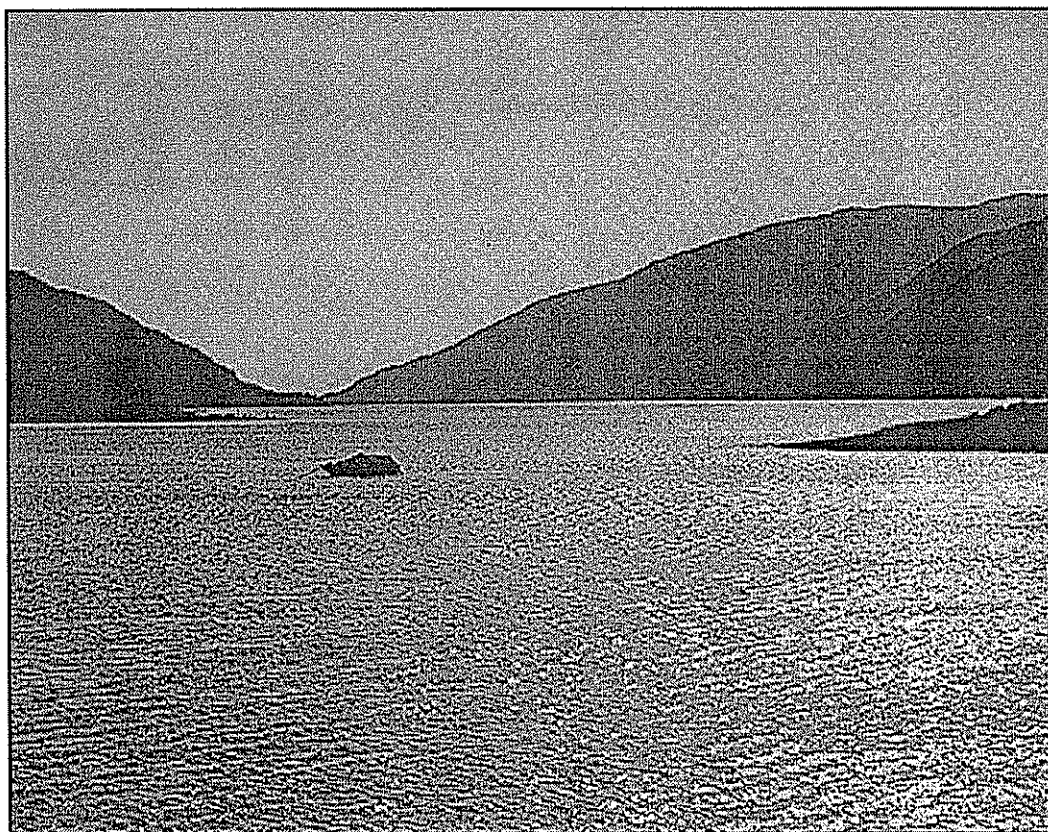
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SUNDAY HIKES



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
4 Oct.	Ballinagee Bridge - Oakwood - Art's Cross - Conavalla - 3 Lakes - Table Mtn. - Wexford Gap - Round Hill - King's River - Granabeg School House.	Jim Barry.
11 Oct.	Shop River - Curtlestown - Knockree Hill - Ballyreagh - Crone Wood - Maulin - Tonduff South - War Hill - Djouce - White Hill - Ballinstoe.	Brendan Dempsey.
18 Oct.	INTRODUCTORY HARD HIKE Laragh - Brockaghs - Tonelagee - Wicklow Gap - Turlough Hill - Camaderry - Glendalough Upper Lake.	Leo Mahon.
1 Nov.	Glenmacnass - Scarr - Kanturk - Inchavore River - Knocknacloghoge - Luggala - Ologhoge River - Grouse House - Liffey Head Bridge - Kippure Gate.	Peadar O Riordan.

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 10 October 1998.
Route: Crone and Djouce.
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.

ADVENTURE WEEKEND AWAY

Weekend away to Knockree YH, Co. Wicklow from 30 October to 1 November 1998.

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

THE CLUB SLIDES

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

Tuesday 13 October 1998, in The Palace Bar (Upstairs lounge), Fleet Street.

THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

(A photographic record of the Hillwalker's Club holiday to the Rockies this summer)

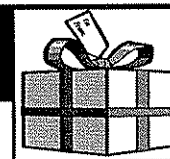
presented by

Martin Fagan.

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 will be a harder and easier hike on Saturday and one hike on Sunday, in the area. On Saturday evening after dinner there will be a sing-song so we ask you to bring along your musical instruments and singing voices. There will also be a slide show and ceili.

Payment is non-refundable and to be paid in full by Wednesday 18 November. Cheques and postal orders only and made payable to The Hillwalkers Club and sent to Maggie Greaney at the address on the back of the magazine.

CLUB TRAVEL

THE GREAT WILDERNESS BACKPACK

Members may be interested in a backpacking trip to Scotland which I did earlier in the Summer. It was to an area known as "The Great Wilderness" or The Letterewe Wilderness in Wester Ross, north of Loch Maree & Kinlochewe, and involved five nights wild camping.

I left Dublin Friday evening on the Bus Eireann/Eurolines overnight service to Leeds, dropping off at Manchester Airport early Saturday morning. Virgin Trains had me in Edinburgh by 10.30am. and Scotrail landed me in Inverness during the afternoon. I continued by Westerbus service to Gruinard Bay on the west coast of Scotland and got off the bus at 7.00pm., exactly twenty-four hours after leaving my home. A two hour walk-in to Loch na Sealga (right below An Teallach) followed, and I soon found a nice spot to pitch my tent for two nights. Sleep came easily, despite a damned noisy cuckoo in the area.

Sunday was spent climbing two Corbetts nearby, Beinn Dearg Mór and Beag, along the southern side of the loch. With a light pack and good conditions a very pleasant day was enjoyed, the views being excellent.

On Monday I trekked the length of the loch to it's eastern end, a rough enough trip, and I then turned up Gleann na Muice. A couple of kilometres up the gleann I came upon a wonderful pitch, a lovely firm green sward of short grass - the sort of camping site all wild-campers dream about - right alongside a small river babbling over the rocks, and mountains towering up on both sides. A quick decision was made and this was to be my "address" for the next two nights. As it was still early in the afternoon I decided to climb the nearest mountain, one of the group known as "The Fisherfield Six". Thus I used up what remained of the afternoon and saved myself about one and a half hours the next day, when I did the remaining five. These six Munros in the Great Wilderness area are very remote and are difficult to complete all at once except by taking up home in the area in either a tent or bothy.

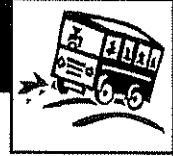
After two extremely pleasant nights camping I really had to drag myself away but time marches on, and so must I. So, on Wednesday I commenced the long walk-out and headed up Gleann na Muice Beag to Carnmore, over the causeway and up into the pass known as the Bealach Mheinidh. I dropped down the other side a short distance and pitched for the night, overlooking Loch Maree. Kinlochewe, at the eastern end of the loch was my objective the following day and marked the end of my backpacking adventure.

After an 8.30am. start on Thursday, and several hours of trudging along the track above Loch Maree in very hot conditions I arrived in Kinlochewe at 1.30pm. and was able to say "mission accomplished" to myself. I had done everything I set out to do and felt a deep sense of satisfaction.

The entire trip was done solo, as is my normal practice, and public transport was used throughout. Weather was very good and all walking was done in shorts - watch out for the ticks. On Saturday afternoon I returned from Edinburgh to Manchester Airport and then overnight to Dublin via Eurolines.

Noel Kerley

WEEKENDS AWAY



OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND AWAY TO THE GALTEE, COMERAGH AND KNOCKMEALDOWN MOUNTAINS.

- Leader: Martin Fagan
Cost: £45 for over 18's and £40 for under 18's.
Hostel: Ballydavid Wood Youth Hostel, Co. Tipperary.
Deposit: Non refundable deposit of £20. Meals are **not** included in the cost and should be booked when paying deposit.
Date: Friday 23 to Monday 26 October 1998.
Bring: Hiking gear, An Óige membership card, sheetbag, food for breakfasts, drum-ups and evening meals for people who are self-catering.
Book: An Óige Head Office tel. 01-8304555 (credit cards accepted).

This weekend is self-catering but evening meals are available in hostel at a cost of £12 and must be booked in advance when paying deposit.

The bus will leave from the Custom House Quay at 6.00pm. **SHARP** on Friday and be back in Dublin on Monday evening at 9.00pm. approx.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no discounts for car users. Please inform the office if you intend to travel by car or by other means.

There will be two hikes on Saturday and Sunday with a shorter version of the routes below for moderate walkers.

SATURDAY IN THE GALTEES

Rossadrehid Bridge - Knockastakeen - Lough Muskry - O'Loughnan's Castle - Galtybeg - Galtymore - Mountain Lodge YH.

SUNDAY IN THE KNOCKMEALDOWNS

Avondhu Way - Knockshanahallion - Knockelugga - Sugar Loaf Hill - Knockmealdown - Knocknagnau - Gloungarrif Bridge.

MONDAY IN THE COMERAGHS

Short walk in the Comeraghs.

THE CLUB COMMITTEE



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Young Hillwalkers:	John Guy (01-4524627 h) or Dave Rooney (01-8344811)
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To facilitate quicker processing of membership, please send application forms and fees directly to membership secretary and not to An Oige Head Office.

Committee meeting on Wednesday 4 November 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 14 October 1998 to:

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