

HIKE PROGRAMME

June 2007

MEET: Burgh Quay

DEPART: Sundays 10.00 am

COST: Private bus. €12

A 2nd pick-up point is provided: the bus picks up walkers who are already at the designated point and won't be stopping and waiting. The onus is on walkers to ensure that they are there in good time for the bus. Places on the bus cannot of course be guaranteed, as the bus may be full at Eden Quay. In addition, the bus may be travelling back to town by a different route, so set down places on the return journey may differ from those of the outward journey.

10 June 2007

---Introductory Hillwalkers Hike
---Circuit of Shay Elliott

Maps: Sheet 56

Leader: Stephen James

2nd pick-up point: Bus stop before the roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Memorial CP (GR 130 922) * Carriglineen * Drumgoff * Coolalingo Bridge * Tracks to Memorial CP * Cullentrath * Mullacor * Lugduff (SH 637) * Spink * Glendalough.

Distance: 18km **Ascent:** 700m

17 June 2007

---Circuit of Glenbride

Maps: Sheet 56

Leader: Donal Finn

2nd pick-up point: Pond at Sean Moore Park on Tallaght By-Pass

Route: Glenbride Hamlet (GR 038 042) * Silsean * Moanbane * Mullaghcleevaun * Srahagarragh * Ballinagee Bridge.

Distance: 18km **Ascent:** 625m

24 June 2007

---Lug Revisited

Maps: Sheets 62 & 56

Leader: David McCann

2nd pick-up point: Bus stop before the roundabout at Loughlinstown

Route: Forty Guinea or Drumgoff Gap (GR 088 976) * Carrawaystick Mountain * Corrigasleggaun * The Lough Gap or The Guttery Gap (GR 047 915) * Lugnaquilla or Percy's Table * Ben Leagh * Fraughan Rock Glen * Barravore.

Distance: 17km **Ascent:** 550m

From there, bus pick up to Glendalough.

Distance: 14km **Ascent:** 300m

SATURDAY, 30th June 2007

---BBQ Weekend Ballinlea YH

****See separate notice below****

2nd pick-up point: Pond at Sean Moore Park on Tallaght By-Pass

GENERAL HIKE NOTES

PARTICIPATION 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.

INTRODUCTORY HIKES An Introductory Hike is organised once per month for aspirant members. Any participant on these hikes must be a member of An Óige.

CO-ORDINATION Tickets are given out on Sundays to ensure that participants reserve a bus place as they arrive.

LEADER The leader has the right to refuse anyone who is not adequately equipped (e.g., without appropriate boots, rainwear, food, torch, hat, gloves, etc). The leader may alter the route from that described in the program. The leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to obey the leader's instructions at all times.

ENVIRONMENT Try to reduce the erosion and widening of trails, e.g. do not walk on the edge of worn tracks; walk through the centre of the original track or go several meters into the scruff where the ground is untrodden, walking parallel to but not on the track.

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 AND RUCKSACKS Remember that walking sticks and rucksacks cannot be brought onto the bus and must be stowed away in the boot during the journey.

HIKE LEADERS Any club member interested in leading a hike, please contact:
Garry Byrne

PLEASE NOTE: As in previous years, there will be no minibus for Sunday Hikes on 29th July, 5th August and 12th August.

Detailed Hike programme for July and August will be published in the next newsletter

NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE

Errigal Youth Hostel

NEW 5-STAR HOSTEL TO OPEN ON 20 JULY

An Oige's new hostel in Errigal, which is set to open in July this year, lies at the foot of Donegal's highest mountain, Errigal, a prime location from which to discover the Northwest Donegal area. With its 66 bed all en-suite rooms, internet access, fully equipped conference room facilities, the new Errigal Hostel will be quite a step-up in luxury compared to its previous incarnation . . . Errigal Hostel boasts some fantastic panoramic views of Mount Errigal, and the Poisoned Glen (which has its own ghost, The Green Lady!). It is also situated near the Glenveagh National Park, with its castle and Italian gardens, or hikers could take a leisurely stroll along one of the many sandy beaches on the Donegal coastline.

****Opening 20th July 2007****

The current building has been completely demolished and will be replaced with a 66 bed, purpose built, state of the art youth hostel. It will feature bedrooms built in a mezzanine fashion with all rooms en-suite. Twin, triple, 4 bedded and 6 bedded rooms will await your stay with breath taking views overlooking the Poison Glen.

The hostel will feature all the usual characteristics of a top rated hostel including a fully equipped conference room, restaurant, internet access, self catering kitchen and more. Energy saving devices such as wood burning stoves will be incorporated into the building.

Prices are set according to the season

(low: Oct – April / high: May – Sept)

2 Bed Rooms: €45 / €50 per room

4 Bed Rooms: €76 / €92 per room

6 Bed Rooms: €17 / €21 per person

Contact: Karl Harold (Manager),

Errigal Youth Hostel, Dunlewy, Gweedore, Co. Donegal

Annual J.B. Malone Commemoration Walk 2007

Many thanks to all who participated in the J.B. Malone Walk this year!
Over 120 people came along making this a worthwhile experience for everyone!

National Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC)

This recently launched committee meets monthly and is responsible for setting standards for all waymarked ways in Ireland.

Further details and a useful interactive map are found on <http://www.walkireland.ie>

Pre-Announcement MAP & COMPASS 2007

An Óige Hillwalkers Club will run its annual Map & Compass Course commencing in October '07. The course will include three evening sessions, each of two hours duration, which will be held in An Óige Headquarters, Mountjoy Street. In addition, there are two weekend training sessions as well as one night navigation hike, all based in the Wicklow mountains. Accommodation for the two Wicklow weekends will be provided in the Glendalough Hostel.

A separate consolidation session will be organised in the Comeragh Mountains, Co. Waterford, for a weekend in January or February 2008.

Booking opens 1st August 2007.

Course organisers: Donal Finn & Tom Kenny.

Detailed information of dates, cost etc. will be in the July edition of The Hillwalker and on www.hillwalkersclub.com

SOCIAL CORNER

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TICKETS ON OFFER VIA THE HILLWALKERS CLUB ARE NOW SOLD OUT. ANYONE STILL INTERESTED IN SEEING THE SHOW ON 13 JUNE (and to meet up for drinks post-theatre) PLEASE CONTACT THE OLYMPIA BOX OFFICE @ 6793323.

Booking Line: 0818 719 330

Tom Crean 'Antarctic Explorer'

Aidan Dooley's award winning one-man play tells the heroic tale of Tom Crean (1877–1938), the intrepid, Irish Antarctic explorer and the only man to serve with Scott and Shackleton on three famous expeditions: Discovery, (1901–1904); Terra Nova (1910–1913); and Endurance (1914–1916). Written and performed by Dooley, the story, a testament of human fortitude against all the elements of Antarctica, is brought to life in this dramatic solo performance.

Venue: Olympia Theatre Dublin

Date: Wed, 13th June

Time: 7.30 pm
Tickets: € 32.50 (seating in rows B + C)
Contact: Send text to Steve Buckney
Afters: Drinks in the "South Pole Inn" a.k.a. the Forum Bar

Suggestions welcome!

Please contact our Social Organiser, Steve Buckney

Note from the editor

We would like to hear from you!

Whether you ...

- wish to contribute an article ...
- have read an interesting book you'd like to recommend to club members ...
- would like to share your favourite hikes ...
- want to comment on any club matters ...

Why not get in touch? Write or email to:

Barbara Sudrow, 24 Glenmalure Park, S.C.R., Dublin 8, barbarasudrow@eircom.net

Long Distance Walks 2007

Galtees (1) Sat, 9th June

Organising Club: Tyndall MC/Tullow MC

Contact: For further information please contact Rosaleen Carroll, t: 056-7725864, e: rncarroll@accolade.ie

Registration: The Foot Pub, Glen of Aherlow from 8:00 to 9:00 am

Map: OS Sheet 74

Average time to complete: 7 hours

Notes: This is a long-distance walk for experienced walkers. It is a substantial route on high ground so participants should be adequately prepared and equipped. There are 6 manned checkpoints, four of which are on hills. Please note: Bus transport is provided to the start of the walk (cars are left at the finish).

Lug Walk (2) Sat, 23rd June

Download brochure for 2007 from <http://www.simonstewart.ie/Longwalk/>

Lug/lugbroch2007.doc or visit the Ramblers' website <http://www.theramblers.ie>

Comeragh Crossing (3) Sat, 7th July

Organising Club: Dungarvan Hillwalking Club

Start: Clonmel Finish: Dungarvan

Walk: 30km, approx. 1150m; Ascent Challenge: 40km + approx. 1920m.

Contact: Mike Power, 058-42412(h); 058-42617(w); e: michael.depaor@gmail.com

Many summits (4) Sat, 14th July

Climb a mountain, Raise a flag
and raise funds for juvenile arthritis.

Arthritis Ireland are looking for 50 teams to simultaneously climb 50 peaks on Saturday July 14th 2007 to fly the flag in aid of the 5000 children in Ireland affected by juvenile arthritis.

Contact: Arthritis Ireland at (01) 661 8188 or nmullen@arthritisireland.ie before 30th June.

Joyce Country Challenge (5) Sat, 21st July

The Lake District Hill-Walking Club in Galway/Mayo are running the Joyce Country Challenge (Dúshlán Dúiche Sheoige).

There will be 2 options:

The longer A walk is 30km with 1900m ascent, covering the plateau of 'Maumtrasna', the 'Devils Mother' and the circuit of Lough Nafooe. This route is suitable for the experienced walker with competent navigation skills.

The B walk will be 14.5km with 281m ascent circling Lough Nafooe. This walk will be lead by an experienced hike leader.

Further details: www.lakedistricthwc.com

Contact: Fergal O'Neill, 087-1211047; e: joycecountrychallenge@eircom.net

All information adapted from <http://www.simonstewart.ie>

Hart Walk ' Fri/Sat, 20th/21st July

The annual Hart Walk will take place on Friday 20th/Saturday 21st July. Essentially it's a road walk from Terenure to Drumgoff in Glenmalure, up the zig-zags to Lugnaquilla and across the mountains to Ballynultagh Gap and back to Terenure via Stone Cross. It's 111k long with 3000m ascent, and the goal is to do it in 24 hours. Why? Heaven only knows.

If anyone would like to join us for the road walk or/and for the mountain section then please contact me at tomilligan@eircom.net or 2883312 (h); 086 0826857 (m).

If any Good Samaritan was available to meet us at Glenmalure with our boots, etc., then they would have our eternal gratitude.

Tom Milligan

COMMITTEE 2006 - 2007

Chairman	Frank Rooney
Secretary/Sunday Hikes	Garry Byrne
Treasurer	Jim Barry
Membership	Donal Finn
Social Events	Steve Buckney

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Mark Campion
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Summer BBQ

An Óige Hillwalkers Club New Summer Barbecue

**Welcome to the very first
An Óige Hillwalkers Club
BBQ WEEKEND**

Date: Sat, 30th June - Sun, 1th July
Venue: Ballinlea Hostel
Depart: Sat, 10 am from Burgh Quay
Cost: € 45.00

Cost of weekend includes:

- One overnight in Ballinlea Hostel
- Transport by bus from and to Dublin
- BBQ food & salads etc.
- Hike on Saturday & short walk on Sunday;
moderate and hard hikers welcome

Not included:

- Breakfast & lunches
- Drinks

Volunteers: Anyone willing to give a helping hand with preparations and/or clean up, please contact Mark Campion

Booking is now open!
Please contact An Óige Head Office, 01-8304555

JULY WEEKEND AWAY

An Óige Hillwalkers Club

KENMARE JULY 2007

Thurs 26th – Tues 31st July

Visit the beautiful South Iveragh Peninsula, the Caha Mountains on the Kerry-Cork borders, Gougane Barra, and more...

Please note that we will NOT be doing any of the Reeks.

Hostel Accommodation in the heart of the very pretty town of Kenmare, Co Kerry
www.neidin.net

Moderate and Hard Walkers Welcome

Leader: Mark Campion

Transport to be arranged

Possible hikes:

Mullaghanattin; Coomacallee; Glaninchiquin; Hungry Hill; Cumeengeara horseshoe; Eagle Hill; Broaghnabinnia / Stumpa Doolaigh; Knocklomena / Boughil; Dromderalough / Knockrower / Peicin

Notes

Accommodation: Kenmare Lodge Hostel, 27 Main St, Kenmare, Co. Kerry.

Five nights: 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th July.

Two of the rooms are family rooms which can sleep 3 comfortably.

One room is a twin and the other is a 6-bed dorm.

ALL ROOMS ARE EN-SUITE.

Food: Not included in the price. There are cooking facilities in the hostel and lots of quality restaurants in the town.

Transport: Cars (preferred option) or minibus. Decision will depend on available cars & drivers.

Cost: Depends on mode of transport (see above); expected to be in the region of € 200, including 5 overnights at hostel.

Booking: € 150 NON REFUNDABLE Please contact Mark Campion.

THERE ARE ONLY 15 PLACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.