

Expertise in the form of staff from Wicklow Mountains National Park and the Isle of Anglesey County Council in Wales (Menter Mon) will provide training in trail construction. This session will be part classroom and part outdoors and will involve a long walk along trails in the Wicklow Mountains National Park.

PROGRAMME

Best Practices in Trail Construction from Wales

*Rosie Frankland and Andy Godberg,
Isle of Anglesey County Council*

- 9.30-10.00 Introduction to the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path experience.
- 10.00-10.45 Overall Trail Design, considerations in developing a route.
- 10.45-11.00 BREAK
- 11.00-11.45 Path Surface Design
- 11.45-12.30 Examples of work on the Coastal Path
- 12.30-13.00 Questions and Discussion
- 13.00-14.00 LUNCH

Best Practices in Trail Construction from Wicklow

Stewart McGraine, National Parks and Wildlife Service

- 14.00-17.00 Guided walk around Glendalough to visit a variety of trail types developed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Outdoor session, please bring suitable footwear ie. hiking boots and rainwear.

To Book

Individuals are welcome to attend either one or both training days. Advance booking is required. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. There is a fee of €15.00 per day or €20.00 for both days. (Fee is inclusive of lunch and transport to site visits).

BOOKING FEE IS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Please fill out booking form and return with payment by 21ST SEPTEMBER 2006.

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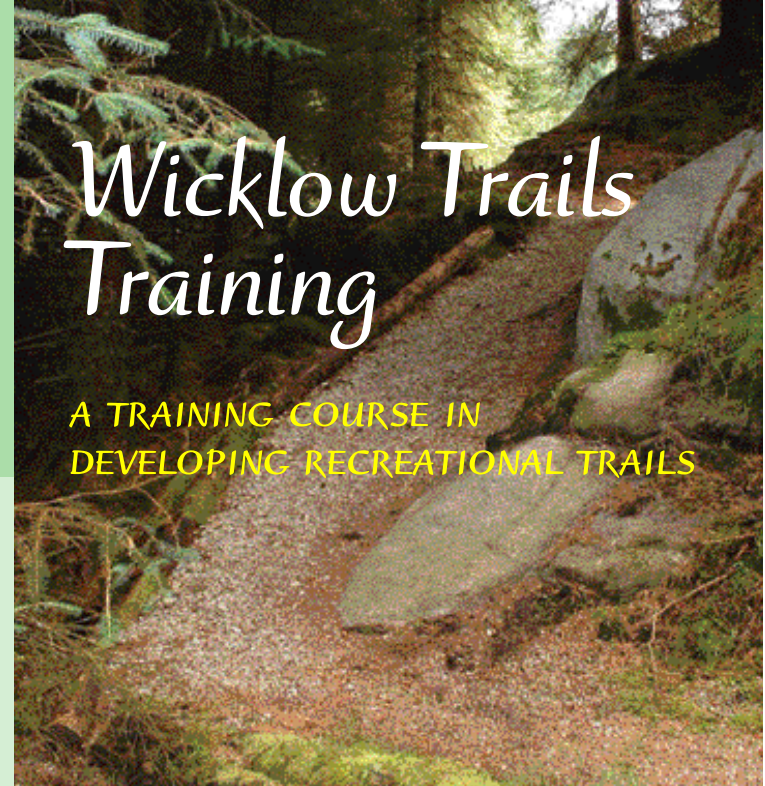
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I wish to attend: (Please tick ✓)

Day 1 Day 2 Both Days

Please return to:
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Wicklow Trails Training

A TRAINING COURSE IN DEVELOPING RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Friday 29th September – Lawless Hotel, Aughrim
Thursday 5th October – Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh

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Wicklow Trails Training

The aim of the course is to provide practical advice and guidance for users, managers and promoters of recreational trails. The course will take place over 2 days, each of which will have a specific focus, and will involve a mixture of indoor and outdoor sessions.

Wicklow Trails Training is organised jointly by the Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Rural Partnership under the Leader Plus Programme, with support from The Heritage Council and Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network. Promotion of the development of recreational trails is an action of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2004-2008, this course is a follow on to "Access For All" course held in July 2005.

Course Content

DAY 1

Friday 29th September at Lawless Hotel, Aughrim

This day will look at trails in Wicklow focusing on: what we have, benefits of recreational trails, best practice guidance on developing and maintaining trails. The day will include a visit to the recently developed Old Railway Walk Tinahely, a community initiative by Tinahely Area Development, and supported by Wicklow Rural Partnership, Wicklow Uplands Council and Wicklow County Council through the Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network.

Who should attend?

Interested individuals, and representatives of organisations, community groups, tidy towns committees, development associations, agencies and statutory bodies with an active interest and role in the development and management of recreational trails.

DAY 2

Thursday 5th October at Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh/Glendalough

This day will be a practical session to provide training in the skills required to construct and maintain trails. The focus will be on the practical aspects of trail construction and maintenance such as surfacing, water management and environmental considerations. There will be a range of expertise available on the day, and an opportunity to exchange ideas from Irish and Welsh experience.

Who should attend?

All those with an interest in carrying out trail construction works e.g. trail workers, land-owners, land managers, volunteers, community representatives, and outdoor recreation staff.

DAY 1

Friday 29th September
Lawless Hotel, Aughrim

PROGRAMME

Setting the scene

- 9.30 Introduction - The benefits of Recreational Trails - *Tanya Comber, Irish Heart Foundation.*
- 9.45 Guidance on the development of short looped walks - *Jean Boydell National Waymarked Ways Advisory Committee/Irish Sports Council.*
- 10.15 Best Practice guidance - Leave no Trace - *Jane Helps, Leave No Trace Co-ordinator.*

The Wicklow experience

- 10.35 Current initiatives - Wicklow's way marked trails - *Cara Doyle, Project Officer, Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network (WSTN).*
- 11.00 Making it Happen - Some County Wicklow examples - *Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council.*
- 11.15 BREAK

Developing new trails

- 11.30-12.45 The practical considerations - *Deirdre Lewis, CSA Consulting.*
Developing a new trail - Step by step.
- 12.45-13.30 Discussion and Feedback
- 13.30-14.30 LUNCH
- 14.30 Bus departs from hotel car park to visit to Old Railway Walk Tinahely - with guided walk by member of Tinahely Area Development (TAD).
- Return Transport will be provided to Lawless Hotel at approx. 5.00pm. Outdoor session, please bring suitable footwear ie. hiking boots and rainwear.