

LUG WALK ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entrants must:

- pre-enter (entry on the day will not be accepted)
- be over **18** years of age
- be in a fit physical condition to participate in this very arduous walk
- have considerable hill walking experience
- have windproof, waterproof clothing, a rucksack and wear proper hiking boots
- have a first aid kit, and emergency food and drink
- have a compass, whistle, torch and map (scale 1:50000 to 1:25000)
- carry a mobile phone on the walk and provide the number on the application form.
- start the walk between 5.00 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. at the latest
- produce their **Control card** with their walker's number at the start point
- carry the Control Card and present it at each checkpoint.

Entrants must arrive by the following times

- arrive at Sally Gap by 09:30,
- arrive at Wicklow Gap by 14:30, depart by 15:00
- arrive at Table Track by 17:30, depart by 17:45.

Participants who fail to arrive/depart by the appointed times will be eliminated from the walk.

In the event that you abandon the walk and are unable to leave the walk at a checkpoint, you must ring the emergency number on your control card.

Failure to comply with this instruction will result in the Mountain Rescue Team and Garda being called out on a wasteful and costly search

Glen of Imaal

The **Department of Defence** has requested that each participant in the walk be informed by the Irish Ramblers Club of the dangers of unexploded missiles on the Department's lands in the Glen of Imaal. Each participant must be advised not to deviate from the planned route from Log na Coille via Camara Hill nor touch any metal object seen on route.

How to Enter

First complete the registration form to be found at <u>https://www.theramblers.ie/lug-walk-registration/</u> As **entry is limited to 100 participants** only the first 100 who register will be accepted. They will be asked to pay €50 and provide some further information.

You will receive your control card, by post, to the address you provide during registration.

Leave No Trace

Please downlaod and read the Leave No Trace Boolket:

https://www.leavenotraceireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Leave-No-Trace-Ireland-Skills-and-Ethics-A5.pdf

Questions? email lugchallenge2023@gmail.com

Lug Walk Information

The Lug Walk is a long-distance endurance walk from Stone Cross Bohernabreena, Co. Dublin, over the mountain tops to Log na Coille, Co. Wicklow, ending at Seskin in the Glen of Imaal. It is 52 kilometres long with a total ascent of 2,400 metres, covers 17 peaks and is mainly over open mountain terrain.

This walk is a serious test of navigational skill as well as stamina. The average time taken to cover the route is **13.5 hours.**

It is preferable that entrants participate as members of a group rather than as individuals, although this is not a condition of entry. In the interest of protecting the environment, we encourage prospective participants to avoid the route of the Lug Walk during pre-walk training.

The organisers' decision is final

- In any matter arising in connection with the walk, the decision of the Irish Ramblers Club is final.
- The organisers will not hesitate to cancel the entry of anyone who, in their opinion, is not fit to take part in this walk.
- In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Walk may be terminated at Wicklow Gap, in the interest of safety.

Food and drink

- As the walk will take an average of 13.5 hours to complete, participants must carry sufficient food and water with them, for the entire walk.
- The organisers will provide some water at the Sally Gap and the Wicklow Gap. You can refill your own water bottle here, no bottles will be provided to take away. Soup and rolls will be provided at the finish.

Transport

- Transport to start and from finish **must be pre-booked** (see payment form).
- Participants availing of transport to the start must be at the Red Cow Luas Parking before 4am in order to boot up, hand over change of clothes, get checked on to the bus and be on the bus by 4:15am at the latest.
- Transport will run from the finishing point in the Glen of Imaal to the Red Cow Luas Parking at **20:30**
- In the event of participants abandoning the walk at **Sally Gap** or **Wicklow Gap**, emergency transport will be provided to the nearest bus route

Change of clothes

If you avail of the opportunity to have a **change of clothes** brought to the Glen of Imaal please ensure that it is properly bagged and labelled with the label supplied with your Control Card.

Leave no Trace

- 1. Plan ahead and prepare
- 2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- 3. Minimise campfire impacts
- 4. Respect wildlife
- 5. Be considerate to other visitors
- 6. Dispose of waste properly
- 7. Leave what you find.

Lug Walk route

Checkpoint CP

Forest Entrance	Start: 2km south of Stone Cross at (O: 073 201)	
Seahan	648m	
Corrig	618m	
Seefingan	724m	
Kippure	757m	
Sally Gap CP	Drop out point, Sally Gap Crossroads (O: 130 110). Arrive before 09:30	
Carrigvore	682m	
Gravale	718m	
Duff Hill	720m	
Mullagh Cliabháin East Top	795m	
Mullagh Cliabháin CP	849m (O: 067 070)	
Barnacullian	714m	
Tón Le Gaoith	817m	
Wicklow Gap CP	Drop out point (O: 075 001). Arrive before 14:30, leave before 15.00	
Lough Firrib CP	655m (T:049 988)	
Conavalla	734m	
Table Track CP	690m Drop out point (T:021 967). Arrive before 17:30, leave before 17.45	
Camenabologue	758m	
Cannow	796m	
Log na Coille (T:032 918) CP	925m	
Camarahill	480m	
Seskin/Glen of Imaal	(S: 973 935) Finish (Glen of Imaal Bar)	

Checkpoint manning times

Open	Close	
5.00	5.30	Start
7.00	9.30	Sally Gap
9.30	12.30	Mullagh Cliabhain
10.00	14.30	Wicklow Gap
11.00	16.00	Lough Firrib
12.30	17.30	Table track
13.30	19.30	Log na Coille
15.00	21.00	Seskin/Glen of Imaal

N.B. Fast walkers should note the earliest times that the checkpoints will be manned.