




Wicklow Mountains Path Survey


Brockagh	
Start to Finish:	T 133 ₅₀ 973 ₇₀ to O 097 ₆₈ 005 ₃₅
Altitude (lowest – highest):	280m – 557m
Weather:	Sunny, fresh breeze, after rainy June.
Access:	Laneway beside McCoy's shop, Laragh
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No	Pos Irish Grid T & O	Comments / Photographs
1	T 133 ₅₀ 973 ₇₀	good grass / stone path; bracken on either side; path width=4m
2		divides in two at sheep pen; I took right-hand path
3	126 ₁₁ 977 ₂₆	<p>wet area; peat depth = 14cms; braiding from here to No.5</p>  <p><u>pic16</u> looking up slope ahead, wet area in foreground</p>
4	70m on	wet area, braiding, some loose stones about
5	125 ₅₈ 979 ₂₇	end of braiding from No.3

6	124 ₉₆ 982 ₉₇	<p>pic17 shows minor path, in good condition, from here up to Pt.470m; main path going right to left at bottom of pic</p> <hr/> 
7	10m on	<hr/>  <p>pic18 shows path ahead to Brockagh summit 557m (top left of pic, <u>not</u> the obvious scar, middle top)</p>

8	40m on	path widening as it goes downslope
9	250m on	path needs to be defined; peat depth < 5cms
10	122 ₄₄ 984 ₉₈	junction; track goes on and down slope to the right; narrower path to Brockagh goes left
11	30m on	<p><u>pic19</u> shows braiding x 3; peat depth = 30-35cms; Brockagh summit in the background</p> 
12	120 ₅₄ 985 ₇₆	wet area; no stone available
13	119 ₄₈ 986 ₀₁	wet area
14		3 more wet areas within the next 100m

15	117 ₈₆ 986 ₆₂	peat depth=35cms; path width=3m
16	116 ₂₂ 987 ₁₇	wet area; needs to be bridged
17		path in good condition where slope steepens (at the present grass / heather boundary)
18	113 ₇₀ 988 ₀₅	present cross drain could be improved
19	112 ₀₄ 988 ₇₄	path crosses a rampart / ditch: just beyond that there is braiding x3 for the next 100m up the slope; drainage needed here
20	109 ₉₀ 990 ₃₉	wet area on flat ground; walkers going wide to get around
21		The last 100m to the summit is wet, broken; the route is ill-defined (i.e. no definite path)
22		Brockagh main summit 557m
23		The 200m beyond the summit also broken and ill-defined, as far as...
24	108 ₂₂ 992 ₉₅	...wet area at bottom of slope, followed by flat, marshy, "green" area; no path visible here; walkers going anywhere / everywhere to get across
25	107 ₄₆ 993 ₆₁	to the left of the line, a crossing place, but peat bank breaking down here; need for <u>one</u> path across this marshy area

26	107 ₃₇ 995 ₈₄	<p>wet area needs bridging; tyre tracks visible here also</p>  <p><u>pic20</u> looking back at Brockagh summit; shows broken nature of path; marshy area visible in mid-ground</p>
27	105 ₅₅ 998 ₁₃	large boulder (3m high); path now improves going down slope
28	150m on	wet areas; path divides up for the next 100m as it reaches the flat
29	T 103 ₀₄ 999 ₄₈	lowest point; wet area; path ill-defined; large boulder (No. 27 above) can be seen behind, on the horizon

30	<p>○ 101₂₇ 000₇₉</p>	<p>pic21 looking back shows broken nature of the path: large boulder on top-left, Brockagh summit top-right</p> <hr/> 
31	<p>50m on</p>	<p>three flushes or soaks; work needed here</p>
32	<p>099₆₉ 004₂₀</p>	<p>at the top of a rise, natural and walker erosion here; paths dividing up</p>
33	<p>100m on</p>	<p>a cross drain needs bridging</p>
34	<p>097₆₈ 005₃₅</p>	<p>path becomes indistinct; runs out on ...</p>
35		<p>...flat area towards Tonelagee</p>
36		<p>END</p>