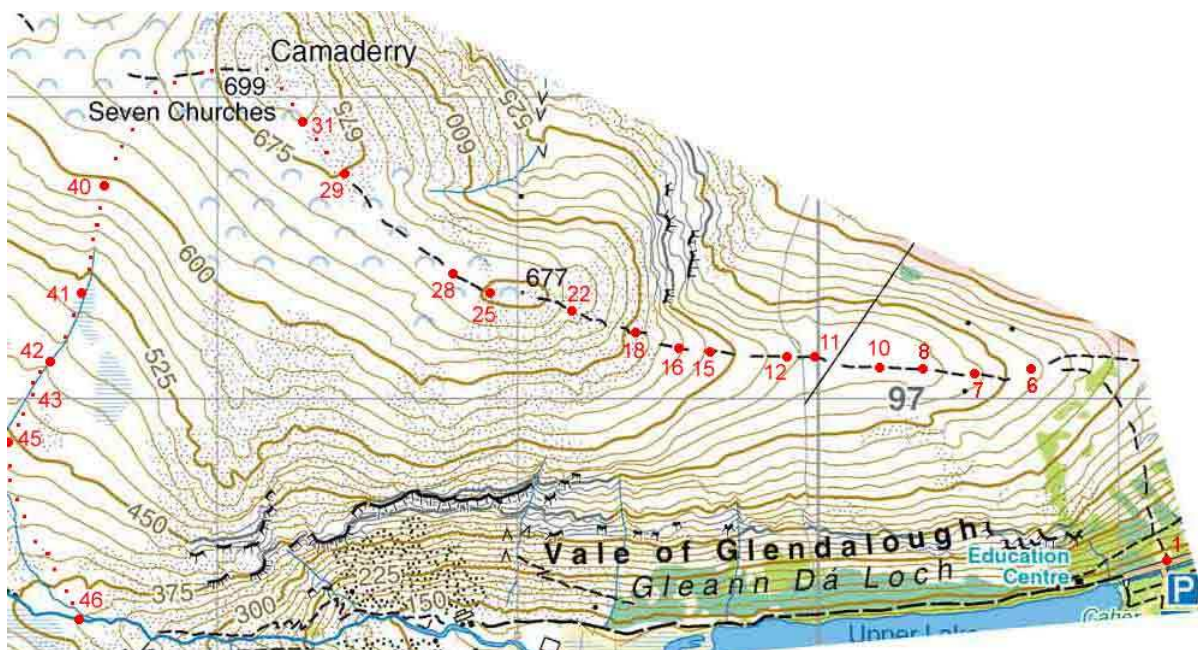



Wicklow Mountains Path Survey



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| Camaderry | |
| Start to Finish: | T 11180 96470 to T 07309 96882 |
| Altitude (lowest – highest): | 140m - 698m |
| Weather: | Windy, dry, after wet June |
| Access: | Upper Lake, Glendalough |
| Surveyed by: | John Monaghan, 27 / 6 / 02 |

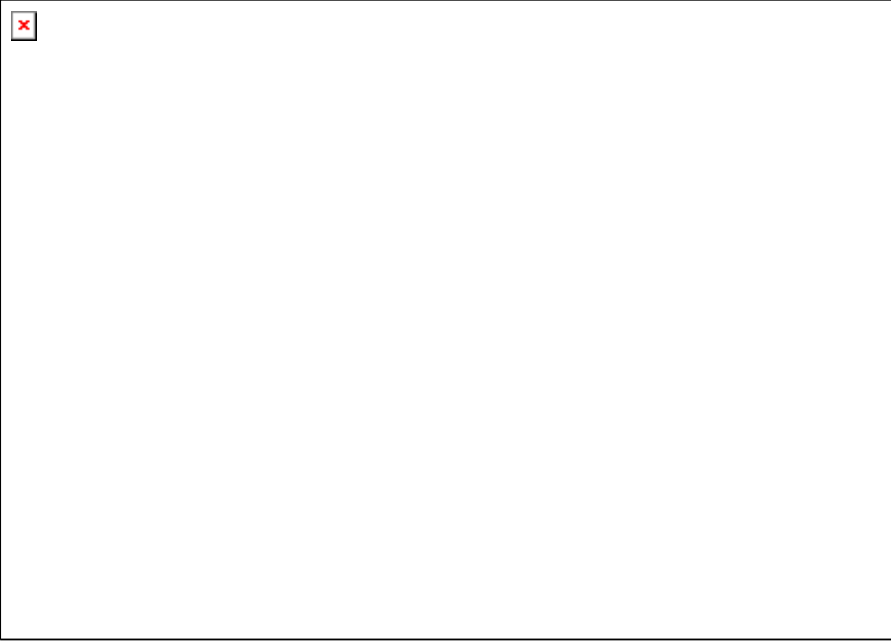


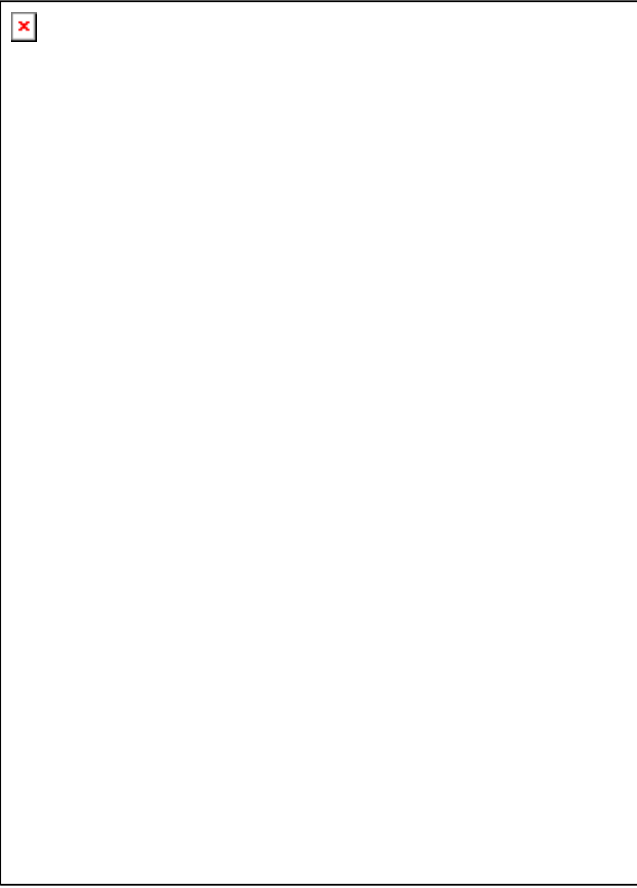
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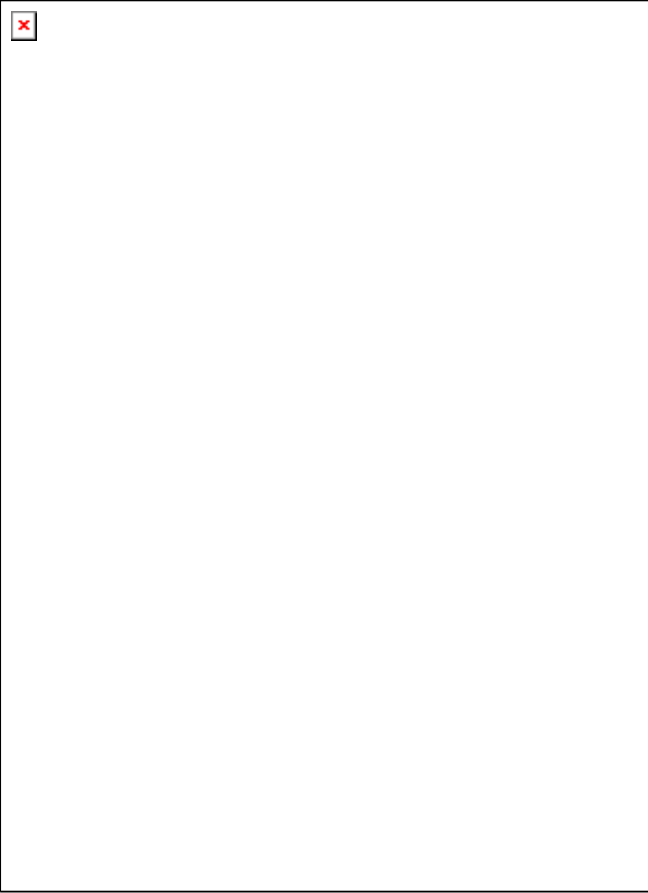
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| 1 | 11180 96470 | Start opposite N side of Upper Lake car park, Glendalough; steep ascent |
| 2 | 100m up | braiding |
| 3 | | more braiding above the forest track which crosses the path |

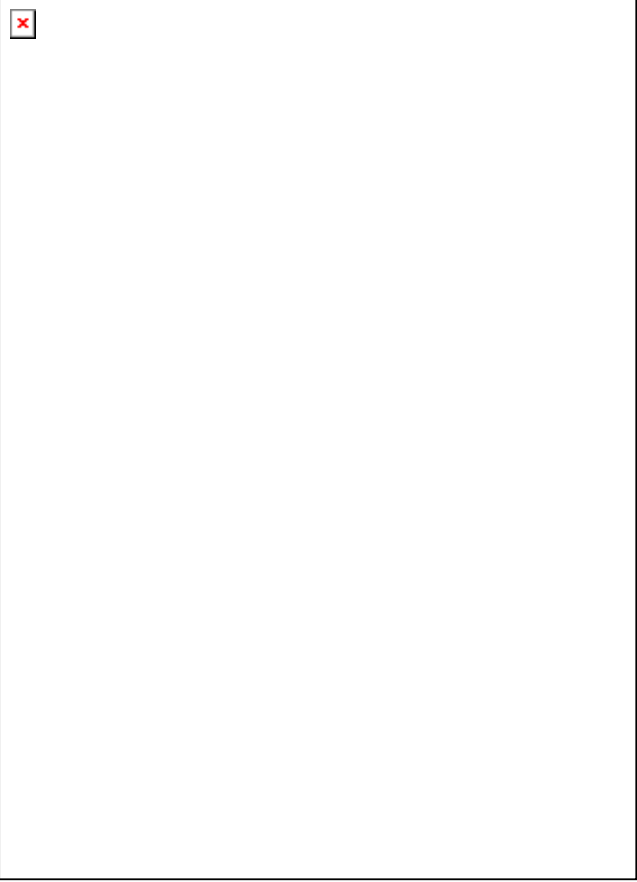
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| 4 | | grass, mineral soil, tree roots, rocks keeping the path stable; bracken on either side; average width 1 - 2m but widens out through the pines (very steep, walkers zig-zagging) |
| 5 | | gradient eases off above the trees; path < 2m wide; pigeon holing on grass surface through the bracken |
| 6 | 10715 97100 | <p data-bbox="431 453 724 485">heather on either side</p>  <p data-bbox="431 1125 971 1157"><u>pic22</u> looking up shows path 3 - 5m wide</p> |

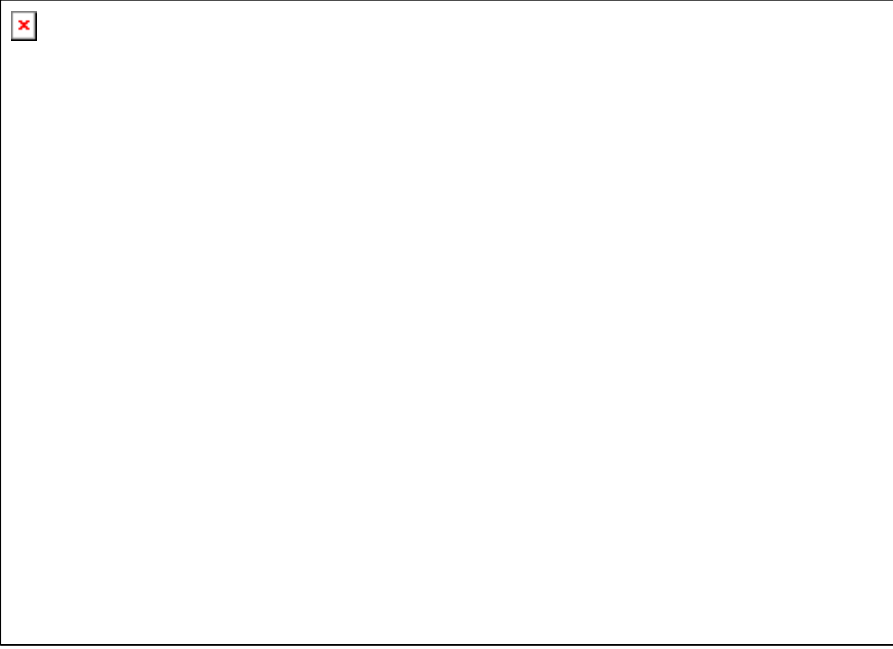
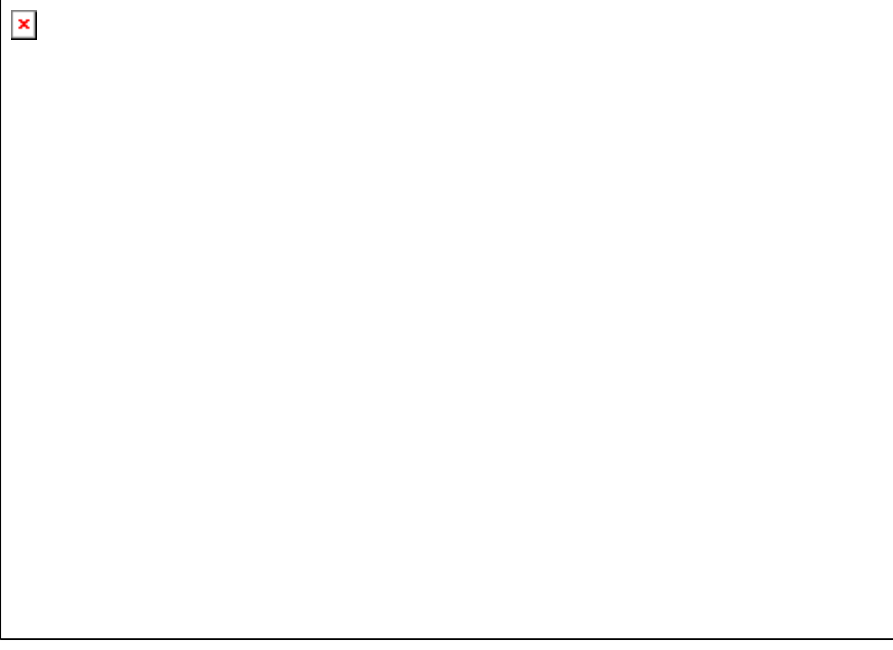
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| 7 | 10559 97081 | <p>problem area; wide and broken up; peat depth = 30cm</p>  <p><u>pic23</u> looking back down ESE at this area; Glendasan river and road to Laragh in the background</p> |
| 8 | 10364 97102 | <p>wet area</p>  <p><u>pic24</u> looking ahead shows this</p> |
| 9 | | <p>from last point to fence there are some wet patches (also tyre tracks noted here); otherwise grass holding the path surface together</p> |


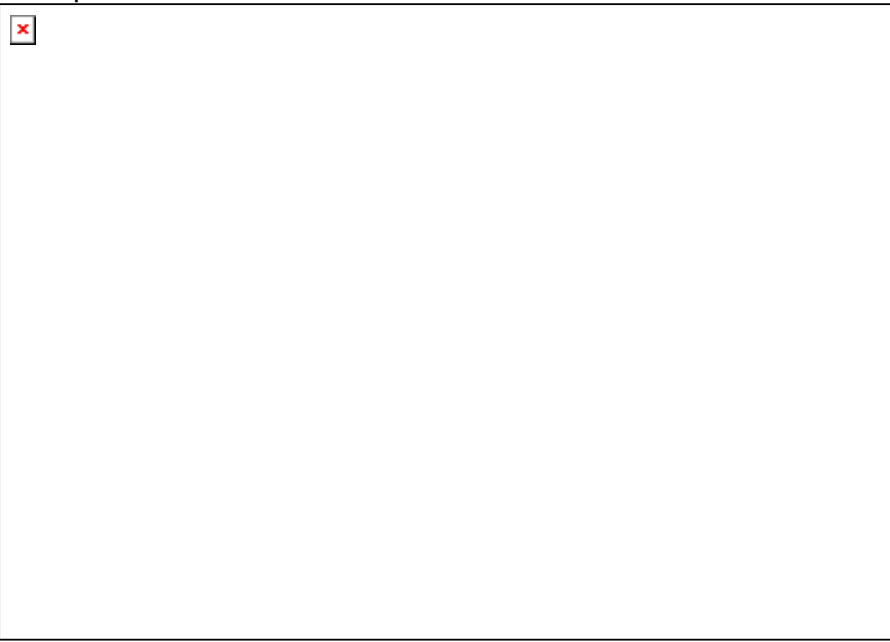
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| 10 | 10223 97105 | <p>very wet area; a "roundabout" with a solid grassy island in the middle; path width = 9m here</p> <div data-bbox="435 212 1321 848"></div> <p><u>pic25</u> looking W shows this; ditch / fence can be seen in middle distance</p> |
| 11 | 09984 97145 | <p>flat area; path > 9m wide from here to the slope ahead; very wide, wet area just beyond the ditch / fence</p> |

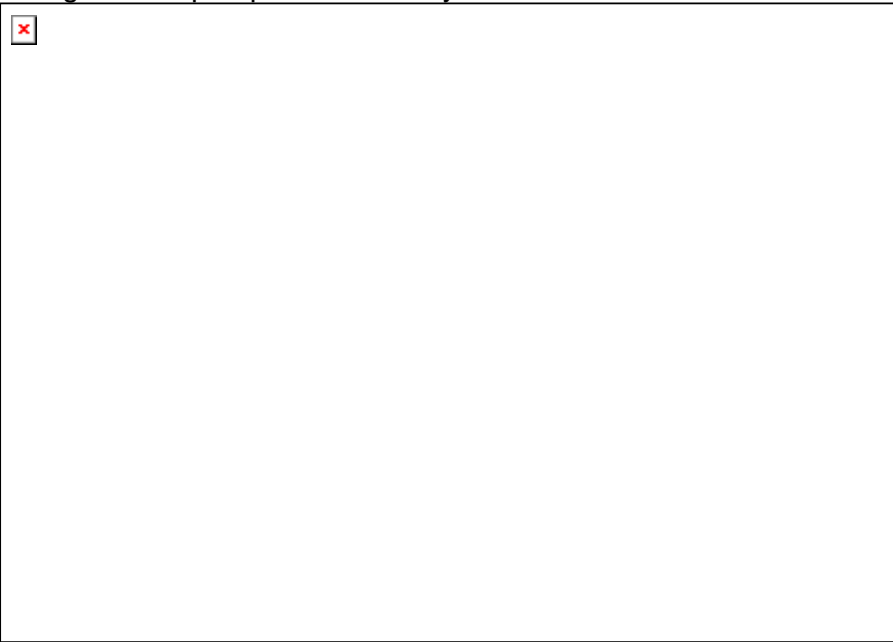
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| 12 | 09913 97147 | at bottom of slope; stony path  <u>pic0</u> looking up shows path on mineral soil / rock / peat; two people descending |
| 13 | 50m on | path on grass |
| 14 | 200m on | stone available; path = 3 to 3.5m wide |

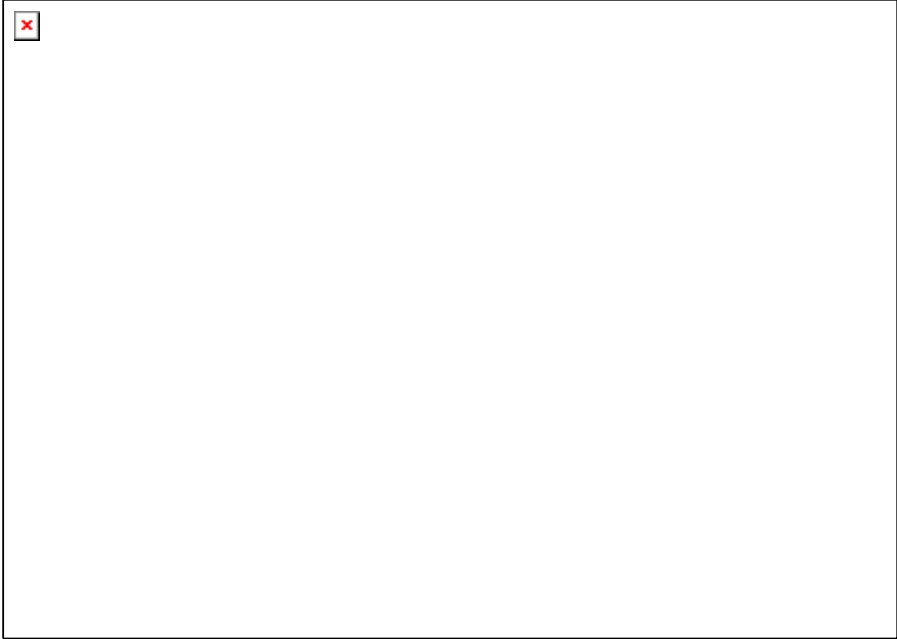
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| 15 | 09665 97161 | <p>damage on path here goes out to 7m</p>  <p><u>pic1</u> looking up shows path; galley in the middle, grass and bare peat at the sides</p> |
| 16 | 09550 97167 | <p><u>pic2</u> looks back down the ridge; note path widening (stone / peat / grass) at bottom left of pic</p>  |


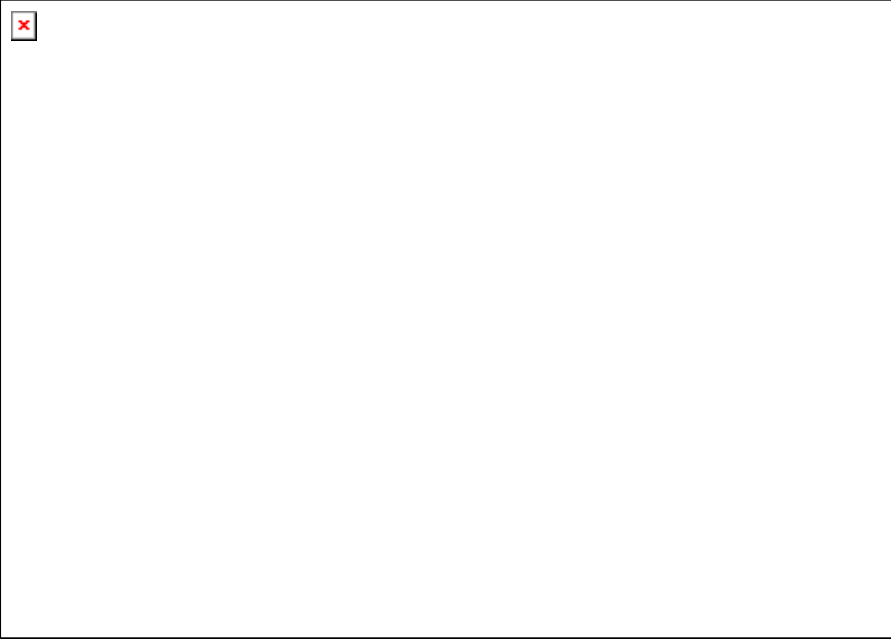
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| 17 | 50m on | very wide, wet area; about 10 to 15m wide |
| 18 | 09407 97221 | <p>worst area yet; a wet morass; path splits here - a grassy ramp going up left; main path going straight up</p>  <p><u>pic3</u> looks back down ; this wet area in foreground</p> |
| 19 | same | generally the path from here to minor summit Pt. 677m is in poor condition |
| 20 | above this | a grassy ramp, gullyed, pigeon holed; 5m wide; peat depth 30cms |
| 21 | 50m on | path very wide, broken; going around large boulders; need for <u>one</u> path here |
| 22 | 09196 97297 | gradient now eases off for about 100m; a mess, very wide and eroding; walkers going everywhere here |

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| 23 | Pt. 677m | <p>pic 4 shows last few metres up to minor summit Pt.677m; note peat washing down slope</p>  |
| 24 | same | <p>pic5 shows the way ahead from summit; broken, rocky and wide</p>  |

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| 25 | 08909 97340 | <p>pic6 shows path ahead to the summit of Camaderry (699m); note collapsing peat bank in foreground; Turlough Hill in background</p>  |
| 26 | same | <p>pic7 looking back, shows this bank; note top right where walkers attempt to ascend or descend the bank</p>  |

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| 27 | | stony track ahead as seen in pic6; about 7m wide; stone/peat/grass mix, but good going; walkers need to be channelled to the middle however |
| 28 | 08791 97414 | wet area; needs bridging |
| 29 | 08433 97736 | <p>very wide wet area; tyre tracks across it; this is at the bottom of the final gentle slope up to Camaderry summit</p> <div data-bbox="435 520 1323 1157" style="border: 1px solid black; min-height: 300px;"></div> <p><u>pic8</u> shows the wet area</p> |

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| 30 | | <p>pic9 looking back shows surveyor and path towards Pt.677m (you start going strange up here on your own....)</p>  |
| 31 | 08290 97938 | path crosses an eroding peat hagg here; repair work needed here for about 10m |
| 32 | 30m on | path braiding and 7 to 8m wide |
| 33 | 081 981 | Camaderry summit area trampled and broken up; rock, grass and peat surface; not a lot of loose stones available |
| 34 | same | note: a "young", single file path goes away from the summit to the right (N) of the main one |

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| 35 | same | <p>pic11 from summit shows way ahead towards Turlough Hill; note extent of natural erosion on the far slope; path faintly visible to the right of the wet areas</p>  |
| 36 | 30m on | <p>pic12 shows closeup of path; rocks here can also be seen in pic11; the path in the distance can be seen top-right</p>  |
| 37 | 150m | path going downslope narrows to 3m |
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| 39 | | ... RETURN via Glenealo valley |
| 40 | 07672 97700 | picked up single file path; little used but some boot prints on it |
| 41 | 07570 97353 | path goes along W bank of the stream, still narrow, wet in places |
| 42 | 07447 97129 | path divides, one to cross the stream, the other along the W bank; still single file width |
| 43 | | I crossed the stream lower down where a wide trench continues down on the W side |
| 44 | | wet areas on the left (E) bank |
| 45 | 07309 96882 | very wet and ill-defined going beside the stream |
| 46 | 0756 9628 | wooden bridge over the Glenealo River |
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