

## Wicklow Mountains Path Survey

<b>Cullentragh - Mullacor</b>	
Start to Finish:	T 11270 93624 to T 09270 93930
Altitude (lowest – highest):	495m – 657m
Weather:	Sunny
Access:	Shay Elliot memorial, Laragh-Drumgoff road
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1	11270 93624	Start at fence / stile, top (summit?) of Cullentragh; this is the cut-off point for walkers going onto the Derrybawn ridge to the N  note: Cullentragh top is 510m, not 610m as shown on map

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30m  
on

pic8 looking back at the fence / stile; the path a stony section in the middle, widening on either side; tape = 1m



3	11136 93690	<p>pic9v looking ahead down the gentle slope shows the path braiding, a new path through the heather on the left (see gps); main path along by the fence (tape = 0.5m); Mullacor "East Top" in the background</p> 
4	further down	path widens out to 1m, a new grass section stepped up on the right hand side
5	1098 9377	at the lowest point between the two mountains the path on grass widens out to 3m for a length of 10m
6		for the next 80m the path varies in width from 2 – 4m on a mixed surface of mineral soil / peat / grass and stone, until it reaches.....
7	10904 93797	.....here; at this point the surface changes from stone to predominantly grass with some bare peat; width = 2m; it now rises gently, heather on either side

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10875  
93837

a path from Derrybawn ridge, 3m wide on peat, joins the route here (ref. No. 34, Derrybawn survey), linking up with a path running parallel to the present path on the other (N) side of the fence



pic43 looking NE shows the path from Derrybawn coming towards camera to join the path on the N side of the fence; tape = 1m; Derrybawn (Pt.488m) in the background

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same

pic44 at the junction, looking E, shows the route back towards Cullentragh; the path from Derrybawn comes in from the left in the foreground; the path along by the N of the fence is not well defined; the main path is on the right (S) of the fence and can be seen running parallel to the fence near the top of the slope in the distance



10	10770 93850	<p>pic10v looking back shows a long distance view of the main path back to Cullentragh top; tape = 1m; the path widens briefly to 2m here; the path from Derrybawn (not visible) joins the route on the left of the photograph</p>  <p>note: there is another less defined path on the N side of the fence running parallel to this one; it is barely visible on the left of the photo</p>
11	10700 93882	path width = 4m; grass / peat surface; heather on either side
12		the next section of path c. 3m wide; the edges not well defined; on grass / peat

<p>13</p>	<p>10580 93944</p>	<p>at fence / stile corner; the fence turns NNE here;</p>  <p>pic11 looking back along the route shows the path on the N side of the fence about 2m wide on grass, two walkers approaching; the stile bottom left; the main path from Cullentragh is on the right of the fence</p> <p>the ground around the stile is eroded</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>same</p>	<p>pic12 looking ahead up the slope, the path on grass / mineral soil; tape = 1m; the two walkers heading for Mullacor "East Top"</p> 

15		the 50m section of path up from the fence / stile is avg 4m wide, then narrows to 2m on a stable surface of grass / mineral soil / peat
16	1048 9398	pigeon holing where the grass slope steepens; above this the grass cover is getting bare
17	further up	another step on steep slope pocked and holed
18	10445 94000	<p>6m wide area of stone / bare rock; the path splitting; grass / heather mounds in the middle</p>  <p>pic14 looking back at this area; tape = 1m; note the path going around the stone area on the right; fence / stile below in the distance</p>
19	50m up	the slope steepens; wet area; path briefly goes out to 9m

20	10354 94004	<p>pic16 looking up the slope; the path edges not defined here; rather a mix of stony sections and damaged heather / peat going out to 9m, extending for c. 30m</p> 
21		<p>the path splits briefly as it exits the stony section</p>
22	10277 94010	<p>the path surface changes to peat / damaged heather roots; path width = 10m; pic17 looking ahead up the slope shows this; tape = 1m</p>  <p>in the middle of the photo the path narrows to c. 6m but potential for widening here as the grade steepens</p>

23	10167 94009	Mullacor "East Top"; a small heap of stones mark the top; this flat area is eroded, going out to 10m
24		<p>the section of path for the next 80m is initially 3m wide but going out to 20m, edges not well defined, to.....</p> <p>..... a flat, wet "roundabout" area with two bog pools, sphagnum moss surface</p>
25	10017 93986	as it begins to go downslope, the path splits up; there are cross paths between the two; the total path width / damage = 18m on a soft peat / grass surface
26	09940 93986	<p>pic18 shows the path ahead to Mullacor; gps bottom right; tape = 1m; path beyond the tape narrows to 6m</p> 
27	50m on	wet area, a cross drain / soak; walkers going out wide to the left to get around it
28	40m on	path edges indistinct; path widening and narrowing; damage going out to 10m

<p>29</p>	<p>09784 93952</p>	<p>pic19, taken opposite a 3m high conifer on the left, looking ahead up the slope; tape = 1m; wet area 30m ahead</p> 
<p>30</p>	<p>09717 93957</p>	<p>pic20 looking ahead; path width = 9m; tape = 1m; water channel / gully coming down on the left hand side</p> 
<p>31</p>	<p>09600 93943</p>	<p>path surface changes from grass / peat to predominantly grass; path width = 4m</p>

32	09560 93932	<p>eroded peat section (as seen at the top of pic20 above); the ground broken / eroded over a wide area</p>  <p>pic21 looking up shows natural erosion (peat / turf banks) compounded by trampling; walkers descending</p>
33	same	<p>pic22 looking back down from the same position shows the predominantly grass section below</p> 

34	80m up	<p>pic23 looking up shows peat bank; tape = 0.5m; above it a badly eroded section with more damage on grass out to the left; the peat bank up further is 70 cms high</p> 
35	09363 93930	<p>the path crosses a 3 – 4m wide trench of peat / stone base, 60 cms deep, where old fence posts come in from both sides</p>
36	09270 93930	<p>Mullacor summit; erosion on the summit is going out to 20m (bare peat, short grass, signs of trampling) with more defined path(s) out at the edges;</p> <p>the "path" on the left (S) side, 1m wide, is more pronounced</p>
		<p>END</p>