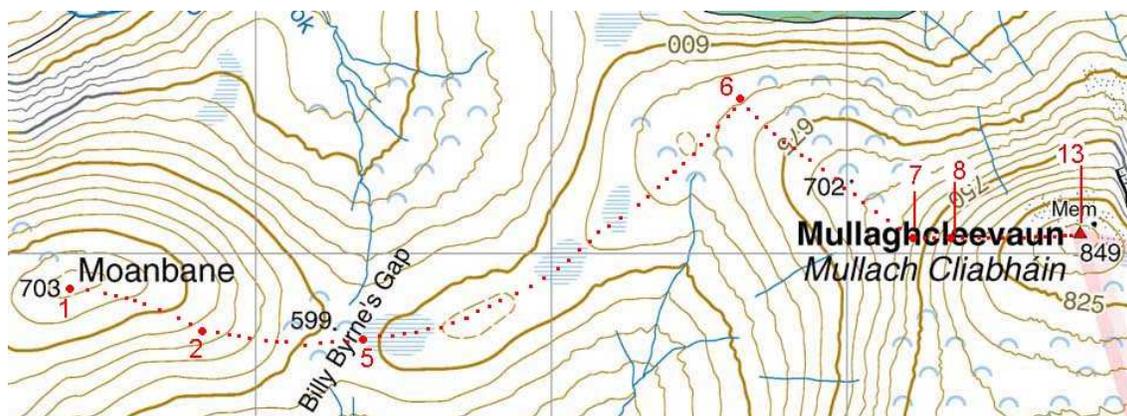


Wicklow Mountains Path Survey

Moanbane Mullaghcleevaun	
Start to Finish:	O 0339 0690 to O 0680 0706
Altitude (lowest – highest):	595m – 849m
Weather:	Hot
Access:	Glenbride
Surveyed by:	John Monaghan 8 / 8 / 03



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Abbreviations used:

- pw = path width
- tape = measuring tape set to 0.5m or 1m in a photograph for scale
- NSEW = North, South, East, West
- pic = photograph
- avg = average

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1	0339 0690	Start Moanbane summit
2	03822 06750	<p>there is no defined path off the top of Moanbane; pic12 shows the terrain, mainly grass and bog cotton, towards Mullaghcleevaun, top left;</p> 

3		<p>pic13 looking back over towards Silsean shows natural blanket bog erosion on the E slope of Silsean, and, in the foreground, the E slope of Moanbane with the vegetation described above</p> 
4	further down	<p>pic14 looking down towards Billy Byrne's Gap, dry today, but generally very soft and wet; relatively few walkers on this route has resulted in little damage / no path formation</p> 

5		<p>pic15 from the Gap looking back towards Moanbane</p> 
6	05640 07542	<p>I went as far as here (going any further meant losing height) to pick up any path(s) coming up from Black Hill, but found none</p>
7	06217 07055	<p>picked up a faint single file path going up the slope to Mullaghcleevaun summit; pic21 from here, looking over the boggy WNW shoulder and Billy Byrne's Gap; Moanbane and Silsean top left; Poulaphouca Reservoir on the right</p> 

8	06376 07045	another path over to the left, more defined and worn; both paths running parallel to each other
9	100m up	motorbike track
10	further up	pic23 looking back down the steep slope; natural weathering / erosion on the shoulder below 

11		<p>pic24 looking up the slope, shows the path ascending on a surface of bare stone, grass and some bare peat; tape 1m</p> 
12		<p>the two paths found, intermittent and indistinct, run out as the slope eases off near the top; the hard surface and short grass on the summit area gives walkers a choice of where to walk, so no one path necessary</p>
13	0680 0706	<p>Mullaghcleevaun summit; pic25 at the Trig Point shows the broad summit area; short grass and bare stone</p> 

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