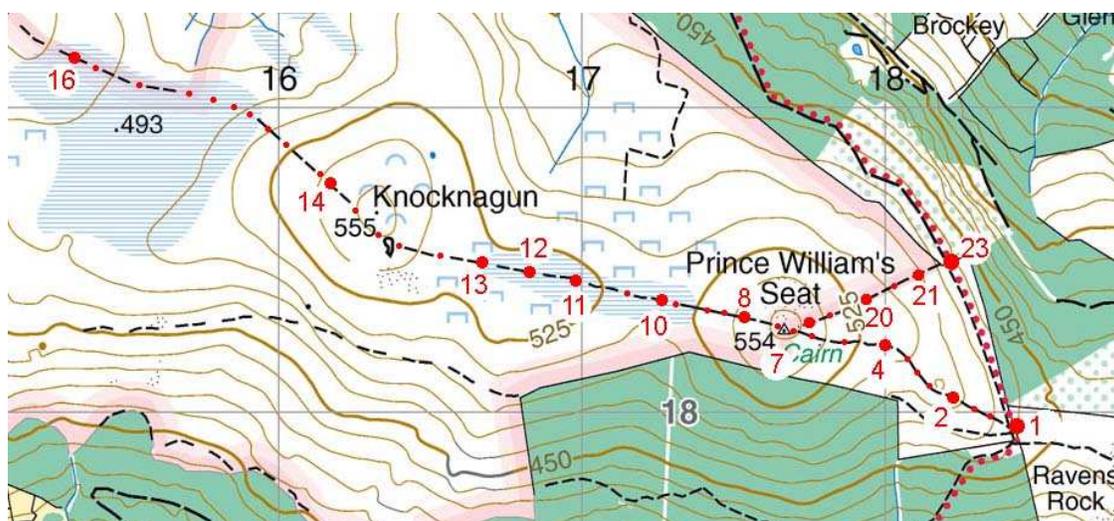


Wicklow Mountains Path Survey

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| Prince William's Seat – Knocknagun | |
| Start to Finish: | O 184 ₁₃ 179 ₅₁ to O 153 ₄₃ 191 ₅₇ |
| Altitude (lowest – highest): | 470m - 555m |
| Weather: | Sunny, fresh breeze |
| Access: | forest entrance, Curtlestown Wood |
| Surveyed by: | John Monaghan, 18 / 6 / 02. |



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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 | 184 ₁₃ 179 ₅₁ | At the top of the forest, start of path at Wicklow Way |
| 2 | 182 ₆₀ 180 ₃₀ | <p data-bbox="430 457 1258 525"><u>pic24</u> looking back towards start of path; pw 1 – 2m; on soft peat; will get wider in wet weather.</p>  |

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pic25 looking ahead towards Prince William's Seat



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pic26 just past a rocky outcrop on the N side of the path, looking back, shows widening of path



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pic27 closeup, shows evidence of water (fluvial erosion) coursing over the vegetation during wet weather



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| 6 | | <p data-bbox="430 142 1188 176"><u>pic28</u> looking ahead to trig point on Prince William's Seat</p>  |
| 7 | 177 182 ₆ | <p data-bbox="430 1108 849 1142">Prince William's Seat summit</p> |

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| 8 | 100m on | <p>pic29 100m past the summit; long distance view of the path W towards Knocknagun</p>  <p>The photograph shows a narrow, rocky path that has been worn into a grassy hillside. The path is composed of light-colored stones and dirt, leading away from the viewer into the distance. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green grass and brown, scrubby vegetation. In the background, a large, rounded hill rises under a clear sky.</p> |
| 9 | | <p>evidence of motorbike or quad tyre tracks all along the route with deep ruts; pic30 shows tyre tracks closeup</p>  <p>This close-up photograph shows three distinct, deep tracks made by a motorbike or quad. The tracks are filled with dark, wet-looking mud and are set in a grassy area. The tread pattern of the tyres is clearly visible, showing a series of parallel ridges and grooves. The surrounding grass is green and appears to be growing in a somewhat disturbed area.</p> |

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| 10 | 172 ₈₃ 183 ₆₆ | Very wet area on the low saddle between the summits |
| 11 | 169 ₈₃ 184 ₃₉ | <p>wet area; a drain crossing the path here to a soak; pic31 shows this, looking west to Knocknagun</p>  A photograph showing a wide, muddy path or drain cutting through a boggy landscape. The ground is dark brown and saturated, with patches of green and brown vegetation. In the background, a low, rounded hill or saddle is visible under a bright sky. The path appears to be a natural drainage line. |
| 12 | 168 ₃₇ 184 ₆₂ | the next section of path crosses a low, wet, swampy area; it needs bridging; today (dry day, but after a wet June) you need to go out 20m or so on either side to get around the wettest part. |

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| 13 | 166 ₈₁ 184 ₉₃ | <p>end of wet section; here the going gets better (at the beginning of a wide, bright green trench which goes up to the summit); pic32 looking up the slope, shows this trench with the path to the left of it</p>  |
| | 163 ₄ 186 ₆ | Knocknagun summit |
| 14 | 200m on | <p>pic33 200m NW of Knocknagun summit, shows another very wet patch which needs bridging; the path can be seen going up to the right on the opposite slope towards the top of Glendoo</p>  |

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| 15 | | the path now follows a well defined trench down to the saddle (the going not too bad but will need remedial work) and up the opposite slope. |
| 16 | 153 ₄₃ 191 ₅₇ | END of main path |
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| | | START second path |
| 17 | 177 182 ₆ | a second path, 555m long, from Prince William's Seat summit to Wicklow Way at 182 185 |
| 18 | | this is a "young" path, still narrow, single file width, probably used by southbound Wicklow Way walkers taking the shortest way up to Prince William's Seat summit |
| 19 | 100m on | already it is showing signs of widening; with braiding (two separate parallel paths forming) within a 100m of the summit |

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| 20 | | <p>pic35 looking down, with Catty Gallagher in the background, shows further splitting of the path. The peat depth here on the path ranges from 18–28 cms.</p>  |
| 21 | 180 ₀₂ 184 ₀₂ | <p>200m further down, more braiding. A need here to define <u>one</u> path before it widens any further.</p> |

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| 22 | | <p>pic36 near the end of the path (path ends near the large tree, top left of pic), still single file width; surface cover of moss and grass</p>  |
| 23 | 182 185 | path meets Wicklow Way |
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