

# Walking Trail Planning

Duration: 1 day

Fee: €110 (+ booking fee)

Participants: 14 maximum

## Aim

To give learners the tools and confidence to effectively develop sustainable and enjoyable walking trails, while navigating issues such as land ownership, insurance, environmental considerations and funding.

## Topics

- Overview of Walking Trails in Ireland and Agencies involved
- Considerations in Trail Planning
- Trail Planning Process
- Viable & Sustainable Trails
- Route Choice
- Partnership – Who to Involve
- Insurance & Liability
- Case Study & Site Visit
- Trail Development Plan

## Learning Outcomes

**Upon completion of this course learners will be able to:**

- Use a logical Trail Planning Process to guide the development of sustainable & enjoyable walking trails in Ireland
- Ensure a trail's viability by correct determination of location, route, target users and trail type
- Display an understanding of insurance, land ownership, environmental, ecological and heritage issues which can impact on a trail's development
- Engage with the appropriate agencies, organisations and individuals to ensure that all requirements are met
- Complete a Trail Development Plan to ensure all factors are considered, and to guide subsequent phases of the trail development process

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## Who

**The course is suitable for anybody with an interest in trails and the outdoors but will be of particular interest to:**

- Local group members involved in developing a walking trail
- Staff with a trails brief in local authorities or national bodies
- Rural Recreation Officers/County Trails Officers
- People approving or funding trails projects
- Trail managers looking to upgrade or expand their route
- Professionals who want to understand trails development

## Course Requirements

The course is open to anybody with a passion for trails and the outdoors.

## Award

Upon completion of a post-course assignment, participants will be awarded a Course Certificate of Completion