

Practical Trail Surface Construction and Repair

Duration: 1 day
Fee: €110 (+ booking fee)
Participants: 14 maximum

Aim

To equip learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake practical trail construction and maintenance works on trails.

Topics

- Site & Hazard Awareness
- Basic Path Building Techniques (inc. reversal trails, bench cutting, turnpike construction)
- Construction of timber and stone water bars and drains
- Step construction using timber and stone
- Building bog-bridges
- Use of Ecogrid/cellular surfacing

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the courses learners will be able to:

- Describe the main types of trail surface damage and the main causes
- Discuss the application of what they have learned to establishing maintenance programmes
- Demonstrate a range of essential techniques (inc. water management/drainage, steep ground/step construction, wet ground/path techniques) to minimise and repair trail surface damage
- Demonstrate an awareness of risks and mitigation measures associated with trail maintenance operations.

Who

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

- CE Schemes, RSS and Tus supervisors and staff
- Local Authority staff
- Forestry staff
- Trail management committee members
- Volunteers and other persons likely to be working on trail maintenance.

Award

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

