

# Walking Trail Development

Duration: 1 day

Fee: €110 (+ booking fee)

Participants: 14 maximum

## Aim

To equip learners with the tools to effectively develop a sustainable walking trail, including selecting the physical attributes, costing & funding the project and planning for long-term management.

## Topics

- Trail Development in Ireland Overview
- Walking Trail Surfaces & Infrastructure
- Detailed Route Choice
- Case Study & Site Visit
- Estimating Costs
- Funding & Resources
- Future Trail Management Considerations
- Completing a Trail Proposal

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course learners will be able to:

- Outline a range of trail surface types that may be used for walking trails
- Describe options for waymarking, signage and trail furniture that are commonly used in Ireland
- Select the most appropriate line for the route and features for the trail
- Calculate an indicative cost for developing a trail
- Identify potential funding streams & supports for a walking trail project
- Appreciate the need to plan for on-going management, monitoring and maintenance
- Complete a Trail Proposal to guide the trail's development, help in funding applications and plan for the sustainable management of the trail

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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 planning and 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

Completion of Walking Trail Planning or demonstrate equivalent experience.

## Award

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

