

Blueway Partnership Members		Links
Sport Ireland Outdoors	Sport Ireland Outdoors is the unit within Sport Ireland that coordinates the recreational trails programme and is dedicated to promoting and supporting participation in all forms of outdoor sport in Ireland and supporting the sustainable development of this sector in Irish sport.	https://www.sportireland.ie/outdoors
Sport Northern Ireland	Sport Northern Ireland is the leading public body for the development of sport in Northern Ireland.	http://www.sportni.net/
Tourism Northern Ireland	Tourism Northern Ireland is responsible for the development of tourism and the marketing of Northern Ireland as a tourist destination to domestic tourists, from within Northern Ireland, and to visitors from the Republic of Ireland.	https://tourismni.com/
Fáilte Ireland	Fáilte Ireland is the National Tourism Development Authority for the Republic of Ireland	http://www.failteireland.ie/
Waterways Ireland	Waterways Ireland is one of the six North/South Implementation Bodies established under the British Irish Agreement in 1999. Waterways Ireland manages, maintains, develops and promotes over 1000km inland navigable waterways principally for recreational purposes. The waterways under the remit of the body are the Barrow Navigation, the Erne System, the Grand Canal, the Lower Bann, the Royal Canal, the Shannon-Erne Waterway and the Shannon Navigation.	https://www.waterwaysireland.org/

Blueway National Sports Governing Bodies		
Irish Underwater Council	Snorkel Trails should be able to demonstrate how they have consulted and taken guidance from the Irish Underwater Council. Trails should be appropriate to the needs of the Blueway Visitor and therefore should be 'Grade 1'.	https://diving.ie/
Canoeing Ireland The Canoe Association of Northern Ireland	A Blueway which incorporates a paddling trail should be able to demonstrate how they have consulted and taken guidance from Canoeing Ireland or the Canoe Association for Northern Ireland.	Republic of Ireland: https://www.canoe.ie/ Northern Ireland: https://cani.org.uk/
RYA Northern Ireland Sailing Ireland	Sailing & Windsurfing activities will take place in centres that have either Irish Sailing or RYANI accreditation.	Northern Ireland: https://www.rya.org.uk/rya-regions/rya-ni/Pages/hub.aspx Republic of Ireland: https://www.sailing.ie/

Support Materials: Trail Development		
Sport Ireland Outdoors Trail Classifications	Identifies the grades of trails and how they might be classified.	https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/2019-10/classification_grading_of_recreational_trails.pdf
Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland	Principles and Standards for Trail Development in Northern Ireland	http://www.outdoorrecreationni.com/publication/outdoor-recreation-ni/best-practice/guidelines/principles-and-standards-for-trail-development-in-northern-ireland/
National Trails Register managed by Sport Ireland	<p>Blueway water trails will be inspected as part of the Blueway second stage accreditation process.</p> <p>Existing land trails which have been inspected within the past two years do not need further inspection.</p> <p>New land trails and existing land trails which have undergone significant alterations since the last inspection will require a new inspection.</p> <p>Land trails will be inspected and assessed in accordance with Sport Ireland Registration Inspection Request form.</p> <p>It may be possible for the land trails, which require inspection and assessment for the Trail Register, to be inspected as part of the second stage site visit of the Blueway Accreditation process. Prior notification and agreement on this is required in advance of this site visit.</p>	https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2020-06/sport-ireland-outdoors-registration-inspection-request-form-walking-trails-23-06-20.docx

Support Materials: Inclusion		
Access Outdoors Booklet	The Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) guidelines 'designing products, buildings, services, facilities and exterior spaces to allow the maximum number of people to use them without the need for adaptation or specialised design.	https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/2019-10/great-outdoors-a-guide-for-accessibility.pdf See also: https://www.iwa.ie/downloads/about/iwa-access-guidelines.pdf
Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland	Accessible Walks Scheme Making Outdoor Activities Accessible	http://www.outdoorrecreationni.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Toolkit-to-Success-Accessible-Walks-Scheme- ORNI-2012.pdf http://www.outdoorrecreationni.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Toolkit-to-Success-Making-Outdoor-Activities-Accessible ORNI-2012.pdf
Fieldfare Trust	A Good Practice Guide to Countryside Access for Disabled People	http://www.eau.ee/~bell/Recreation_course%202008-9/Countryside%20for%20All/Introduction.pdf
Disability Sports Northern Ireland	Accessible Sport Facilities Design Guidelines	http://dsni.co.uk/files/Guide_1_Accessible_Sports_Facilities_Design_Guidelines_2016.pdf
CARA	The national organisation in the Republic of Ireland which promotes and supports sport and physical activity opportunities for people with disabilities. CARA offer specific training on Inclusive Adventure Activities.	https://caracentre.ie/training/

Organisations and Support Materials: Heritage, Environment, Watercourses and Invasive Species		
Heritage Council Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland	Land ownership data in Geographic Information System format.	www.heritagemaps.ie https://www.spatialni.gov.uk
Archaeology, Protected Structures and Historic Environment	<p>Archaeological sites are listed under the Archaeological Survey of Ireland.</p> <p>Site and Monuments Database Protected Structures – these are listed in each Local authority area within the Register of Protected Structures</p> <p>National Monuments Service (Republic of Ireland).</p> <p>The Historic Environment Map Viewer</p>	<p>Republic of Ireland:</p> <p>https://www.archaeology.ie/monument-protection</p> <p>https://www.archaeology.ie/contact-us/archaeological-survey-ireland</p> <p>http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/housing/building_or_altering_a_home/protected_structures.html</p> <p>https://www.archaeology.ie/contact-us</p> <p>Northern Ireland:</p> <p>https://dfcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6887ca0873b446e39d2f82c80c8a9337</p> <p>https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/historic-environment-division-structure-and-contacts</p>

<p>National Park and Wildlife Service</p> <p>Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)</p>	<p>Natural Heritage Designations such as Special Protected Areas and Special Areas of Conservation etc can be identified at these sites. They can also be contacted for consultation.</p> <p>Natural Environment Map Viewer (Northern Ireland)</p>	<p>Republic of Ireland: https://www.npws.ie/development%20consultations http://webgis.npws.ie/npwsviewer/ https://www.npws.ie/development%20consultations</p> <p>Northern Ireland : https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/when-niea-consulted https://apps.dera-ni.gov.uk/nedmapviewer https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/plant-or-animal-species-protected-by-law</p>
<p>Inland Fisheries Ireland</p> <p>NI Direct</p> <p>Rivers Agency Northern Ireland</p>	<p>Information on fishing rights. These can be owned by private individuals, state agencies or groups such as angling clubs.</p> <p>Environmental Assessment Inland and Coastal</p> <p>Rivers Agency maintains and inspects watercourses in Northern Ireland to make sure these are free flowing. Discharging into a watercourse, or doing works that will affect the free flow of a watercourse, requires consent.</p>	<p>Republic of Ireland: https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/State-Fisheries/state-fisheries.html</p> <p>https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/NSAD/environmental-assessment-process.html</p> <p>Northern Ireland: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/angling/where-can-i-fish-northern-ireland</p> <p>https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/rivers-and-watercourses</p>

Invasive Species	Invasive species and associated rivers and lakes protection can be sourced via the DAERA District Catchment Officers and the Water and Communities Office – Community Water Officers in the Republic of Ireland.	Northern Ireland: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/delivery-and-public-participation Republic of Ireland: http://watersandcommunities.ie/community-water-officers
Leave No Trace	Leave No Trace is an outdoor ethics programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships.	http://www.leavenotraceireland.org
The Green Blue	The Green Blue is an innovative environmental programme developed by British Marine and the Royal Yachting Association. The programme provides practical advice and information to help recreational boaters, water-sports participants and marine businesses to think and act in an environmentally conscious way.	https://www.thegreenblue.org.uk/
Safety in the Outdoors		
Visitor Safety Management Policy and Plan	The best practice in this area is outlined within Managing Visitor Safety in the Countryside – Principles and Practice. The Blueway Steering Group encourages the adoption of these risk management techniques.	http://vscg.org/publications/
Branding and Signage Guidelines		
Blueway Signage Guidelines	A balance must be made between providing sufficient minimal signage to encourage and give practical support to the user while not undermining the aesthetic value of the trail through sign clutter and the urbanising of the unspoilt or wilderness experience. The alongside document provides additional guidance on this.	https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2020-08/advisory-note-3-blueway-signage-guidelines.pdf
Blueway Brand Book		