



National Trails Register

As part of the policy on Sport and Physical Activity in the Outdoors, Sport Ireland support the development of recreational trails in Ireland by promoting quality criteria and best practice and maintaining the National Trails Register.

The National Trails Register is a register of waymarked trails throughout Ireland. The trails that make it onto the Register must first be assessed against the agreed trails standards provided in the relevant trails criteria documents. There are currently trail criteria documents for:

- Walking Trails
- Water Trails (Paddling, Snorkelling, Dinghy Sailing, Open Water Swimming)
- Horse Trails
- Cycling Trails (currently being revised)

Pre-registration inspections are conducted on developed trails, with key consideration being placed on trail infrastructure (route, way marking, etc.) and trail information (available online and at trailheads). How the Management Group, responsible for the trail, plan to maintain standards through monitoring and maintenance is also assessed pre-registration.

Once a trail meets the required standard, it can be added to the National Trails Register and may become eligible for inclusion on the Sport Ireland Trails Insurance Policy, which offers limited public liability insurance to both landowners connected with the trail, and the management group responsible for maintaining it.

There are currently 989 registered trails on the National Trails Register:

- 877 Walking Trails

- 3 Paddling Trails
- 1 Horse Trail
- 108 Cycling Trails

Registered trails can be found at www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/find-your-trails