

Basic Path Maintenance in Upland Areas

(suitable for Walks Scheme participants)

1 day – in person

A practical, hands-on field day aimed at Walks Scheme participants, volunteers and General Operatives. The focus is on the small, regular tasks that keep upland paths functioning: clearing drains, maintaining surfaces, looking after simple structures, and doing it all safely. The course is suitable for anyone involved in upland path maintenance including those with little or no prior path-work training.

Course price: €100.00

Learning outcomes

By the end of this module, participants will have a good understanding of how to:

1.	Carry out routine maintenance tasks safely and effectively
2.	Identify and clear common drainage problems
3.	Carry out basic surface maintenance on upland paths
4.	Use the most appropriate hand tool for the job
5.	Identify when a task is beyond routine maintenance and should be escalated

The following themes contained in the [ORIKS Framework](#) will be discussed. A competency level of 'basic' is assumed in each case.

ORIKS Theme	Sub-theme
Monitoring and Maintenance	Routine maintenance, Repair
Risks and Hazards	Hazard Identification
Environment and Culture	Geology, Geomorphology, Landscape character, Ecology,

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