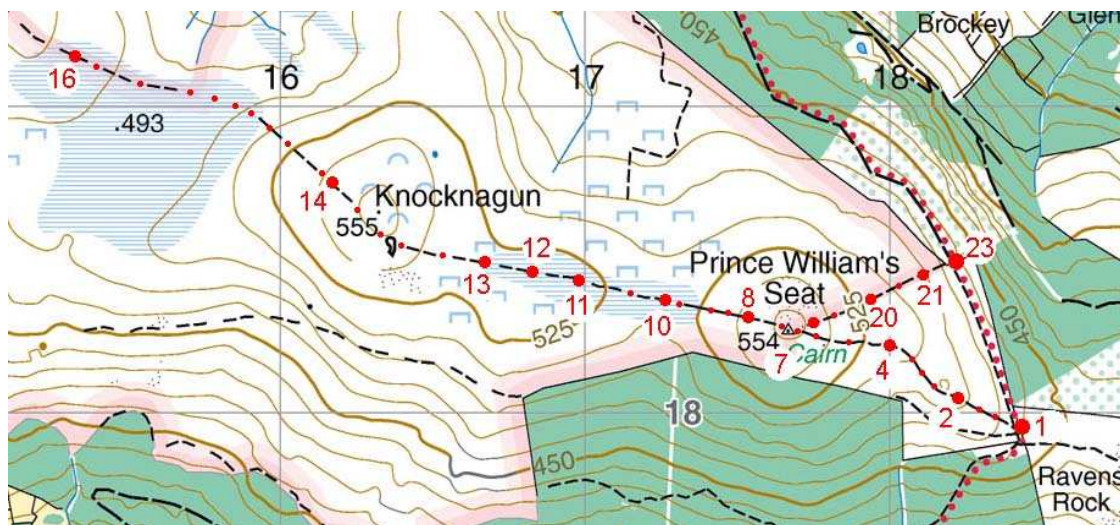


Wicklow Mountains Path Survey


Prince William's Seat – Knocknagun	
Start to Finish:	O 184 ₁₃ 179 ₅₁ to O 153 ₄₃ 191 ₅₇
Altitude (lowest – highest):	470m - 555m
Weather:	Sunny, fresh breeze
Access:	forest entrance, Curtlestown Wood
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Abbreviations used:

- pw = path width
- tape = measuring tape set to 0.5m or 1m in a photograph for scale
- NSEW = North, South, East, West
- pic = photograph
- avg = average

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1	184 ₁₃ 179 ₅₁	At the top of the forest, start of path at Wicklow Way
2	182 ₆₀ 180 ₃₀	<p data-bbox="430 457 1258 525"><u>pic24</u> looking back towards start of path; pw 1 – 2m; on soft peat; will get wider in wet weather.</p> 

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same

pic25 looking ahead towards Prince William's Seat



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181₀₀
181₃₃


pic26 just past a rocky outcrop on the N side of the path, looking back, shows widening of path






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pic27 closeup, shows evidence of water (fluvial erosion) coursing over the vegetation during wet weather




6		<p data-bbox="430 142 1188 176"><u>pic28</u> looking ahead to trig point on Prince William's Seat</p> 
7	177 182 ₆	<p data-bbox="430 1108 849 1142">Prince William's Seat summit</p>


8	100m on	<p>pic29 100m past the summit; long distance view of the path W towards Knocknagun</p> 
9		<p>evidence of motorbike or quad tyre tracks all along the route with deep ruts; pic30 shows tyre tracks closeup</p> 

10	172 ₈₃ 183 ₆₆	Very wet area on the low saddle between the summits
11	169 ₈₃ 184 ₃₉	<p>wet area; a drain crossing the path here to a soak; pic31 shows this, looking west to Knocknagun</p>  A photograph showing a wide, muddy path or drain cutting through a boggy landscape. The ground is dark brown and saturated, with patches of green and brown vegetation. In the background, a low, rounded hill or saddle is visible under a bright sky. The path appears to be a natural drainage line.
12	168 ₃₇ 184 ₆₂	the next section of path crosses a low, wet, swampy area; it needs bridging; today (dry day, but after a wet June) you need to go out 20m or so on either side to get around the wettest part.

13	166 ₈₁ 184 ₉₃	<p>end of wet section; here the going gets better (at the beginning of a wide, bright green trench which goes up to the summit); pic32 looking up the slope, shows this trench with the path to the left of it</p> 
	163 ₄ 186 ₆	Knocknagun summit
14	200m on	<p>pic33 200m NW of Knocknagun summit, shows another very wet patch which needs bridging; the path can be seen going up to the right on the opposite slope towards the top of Glendoo</p> 

15		the path now follows a well defined trench down to the saddle (the going not too bad but will need remedial work) and up the opposite slope.
16	153 ₄₃ 191 ₅₇	END of main path
		START second path
17	177 182 ₆	a second path, 555m long, from Prince William's Seat summit to Wicklow Way at 182 185
18		this is a "young" path, still narrow, single file width, probably used by southbound Wicklow Way walkers taking the shortest way up to Prince William's Seat summit
19	100m on	already it is showing signs of widening; with braiding (two separate parallel paths forming) within a 100m of the summit

20		<p>pic35 looking down, with Catty Gallagher in the background, shows further splitting of the path. The peat depth here on the path ranges from 18–28 cms.</p> 
21	180 ₀₂ 184 ₀₂	<p>200m further down, more braiding. A need here to define <u>one</u> path before it widens any further.</p>

22		<p>pic36 near the end of the path (path ends near the large tree, top left of pic), still single file width; surface cover of moss and grass</p> 
23	182 185	path meets Wicklow Way
		END