



IRELAND WINTER HIKING SERIES

WINTER MOURNE WALL CHALLENGE | 28 NOVEMBER 2026



MOURNE MOUNTAINS • CO. DOWN

3 ROUTES • STANDARD • INTERMEDIATE • ADVANCED

The Winter Mourne Wall Challenge is a thrilling mountain trek that takes in the Mournes' most iconic peaks. This challenging route caters for Beginner to Intermediate and Advanced level hikers. This challenge in winter conditions offers spectacular views, steep climbs, and a true taste of the Mournes' rugged beauty all in a single day.

CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

Date	Saturday 28 November 2026
Location	Mourne Mountains
Terrain	Mountain / steep ground / wet underfoot
Groups	Advanced / Intermediate / Standard
Expected Finish	4.00pm for all three routes



EVENT INFORMATION

WINTER MOURNE WALL CHALLENGE

SIGN ON & SAFETY BRIEFING

Location	Hutt Hostel
Address	Newcastle, Co. Down
Telephone	+44 28 4372 2133
Sign On	Friday 27 November 2026
Sign On Opens	4.00pm - 8.00pm
Full Safety Briefing	7.00pm sharp
Intermediate / Standard Safety Briefing	8.00pm sharp

Please arrive in enough time to complete sign-on and be fully ready for your allocated safety briefing. Be punctual: the briefings are part of the event preparation and are scheduled sharply.

THREE CHALLENGE ROUTES

Standard	16 km 1,375 m 8 hrs Expected finish 4.00pm
Intermediate	20 km 1,700 m 10 hrs Expected finish 4.00pm
Advanced	35 km 3,131 m 15 hrs Expected finish 4.00pm



ROUTE OPTIONS

SELECT THE CORRECT DISTANCE FOR YOUR ABILITY

FULL - WINTER MOURNE WALL

Participant Level	Advanced
Distance	35 km
Altitude	3,131 m
Start	Donard Carpark
Duration	15 hrs
Start Time	1am
Expected Finish	4.00pm

THREE QUARTER - WINTER MOURNE WALL

Participant Level	Intermediate
Distance	20 km
Altitude	1,700 m
Start	Silent Valley
Duration	10 hrs
Start Time	6.00am
Expected Finish	4.00pm

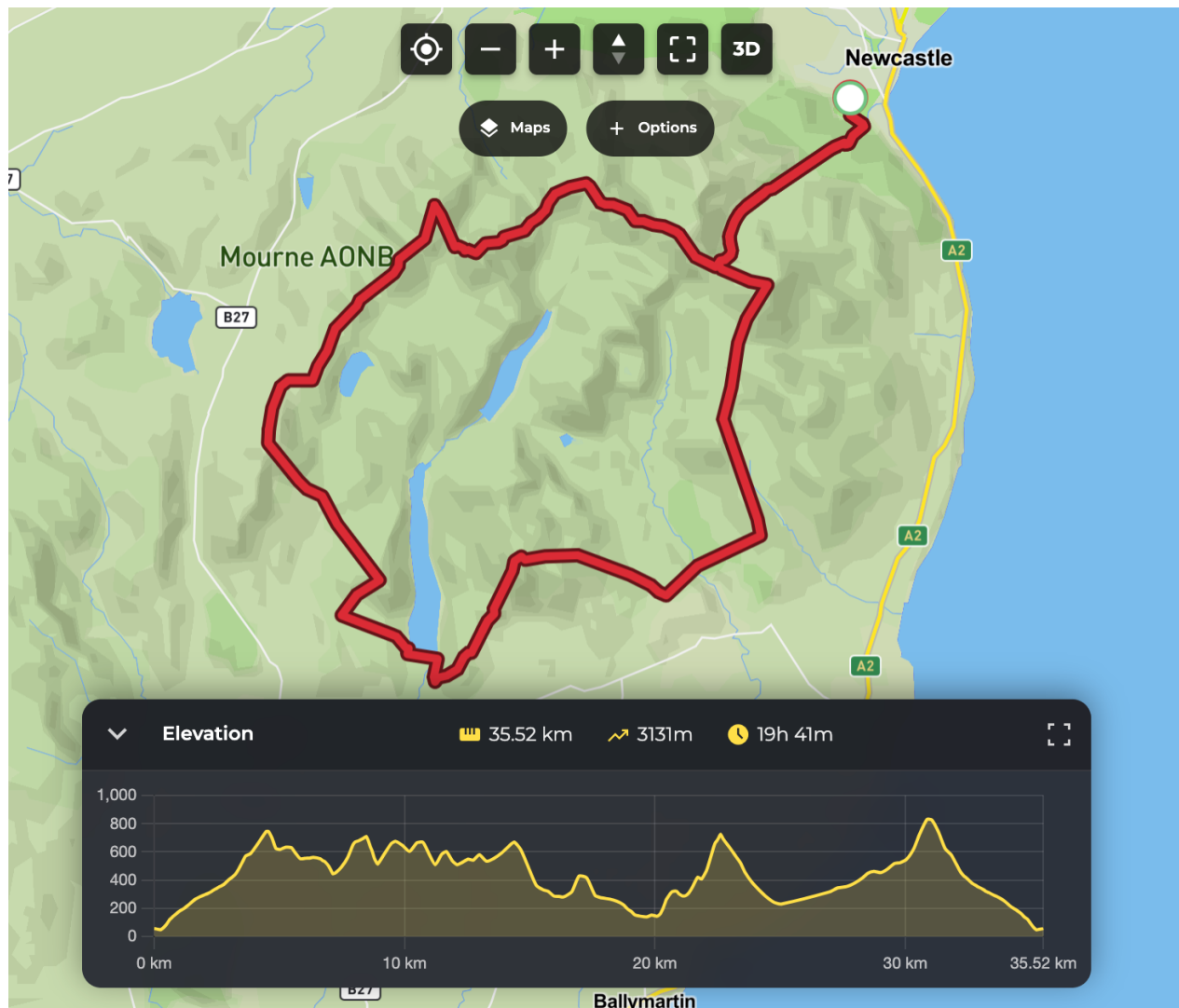
HALF - WINTER MOURNE WALL

Participant Level	Beginner
Distance	16 km
Altitude	1,375 m
Start	Silent Valley
Duration	8 hrs
Start Time	8.00am
Expected Finish	4.00pm

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FULL - WINTER MOURNE WALL

ADVANCED • 35 KM • 3,131 M • 15 HRS



Start: Slieve Donard Carpark • 1am • Expected finish: 4.00pm

Route shown for client information.

Final route decisions remain with the guiding team and may be adjusted to suit winter mountain conditions.

Donard Carpark → Slieve Commedagh → Slieve Corragh → Slievenagloagh → Slieve Bearnagh → Slieve Meelmore → Slieve Meelbeg → Slieve Loughshannagh → Carn Mountain → Slieve Muck → Slievenagloagh → Moolieve → Wee Binnian → Slieve Binnian → Rocky Mountain area → Slieve Donard → Donard Carpark

There will be a strict cut off time enforced for the full distance participants.

Cut-off time at Silent Valley (20km mark) - 10am

(Please note this is subject to change and won't be confirmed until day-prior to event)

The cut off time is not a target to meet, you should be well ahead of them.

If you reach cut off point after the cut off time, you must retire for your safety.

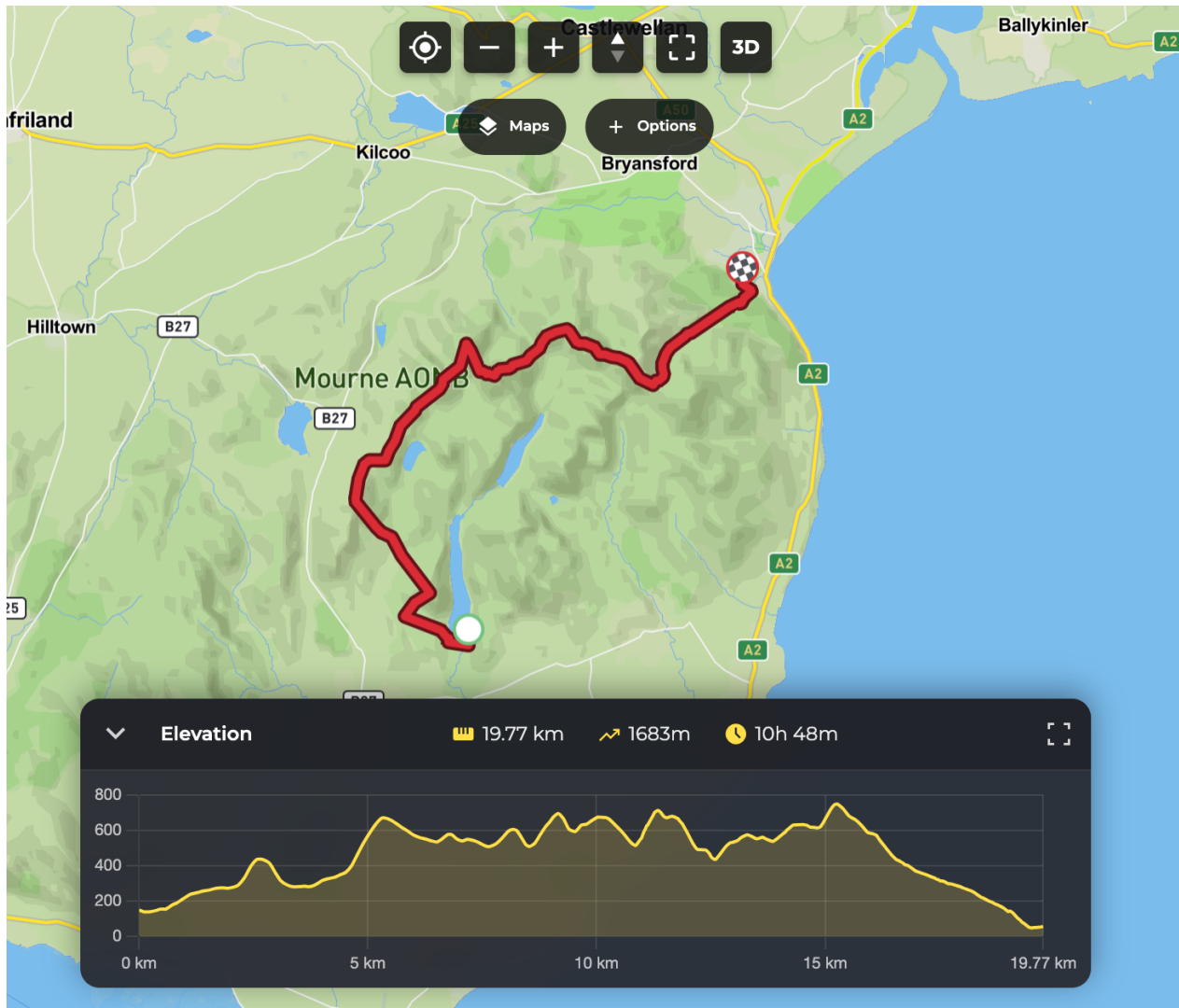
Please do not argue with the guide regarding cut off times, as this is a final decision and only made in your best interests.

The cut off time will be decided based on the weather and other external factors on the day.

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THREE QUARTER - WINTER MOURNE WALL

INTERMEDIATE • 20 KM • 1,700 M • 10 HRS



Start: Silent Valley • 6.00am • Expected finish: 4.00pm

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Silent Valley → Slievenaglogh (Southern) → Slieve Muck → Carn Mountain → Slieve Loughshannagh → Slieve Meelbeg → Slieve Meelmore → Slieve Bearnagh → Slievenaglogh (Northern) → Slieve Corragh → Slieve Commedagh → Donard Carpark

There will be a strict cut off time enforced for the Half distance participants.

Cut-off time at Hares Gap(12.5km mark) - 12.30pm

(Please note this is subject to change and won't be confirmed until day-prior to event)

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If you reach cut off point after the cut off time, you must retire for your safety.

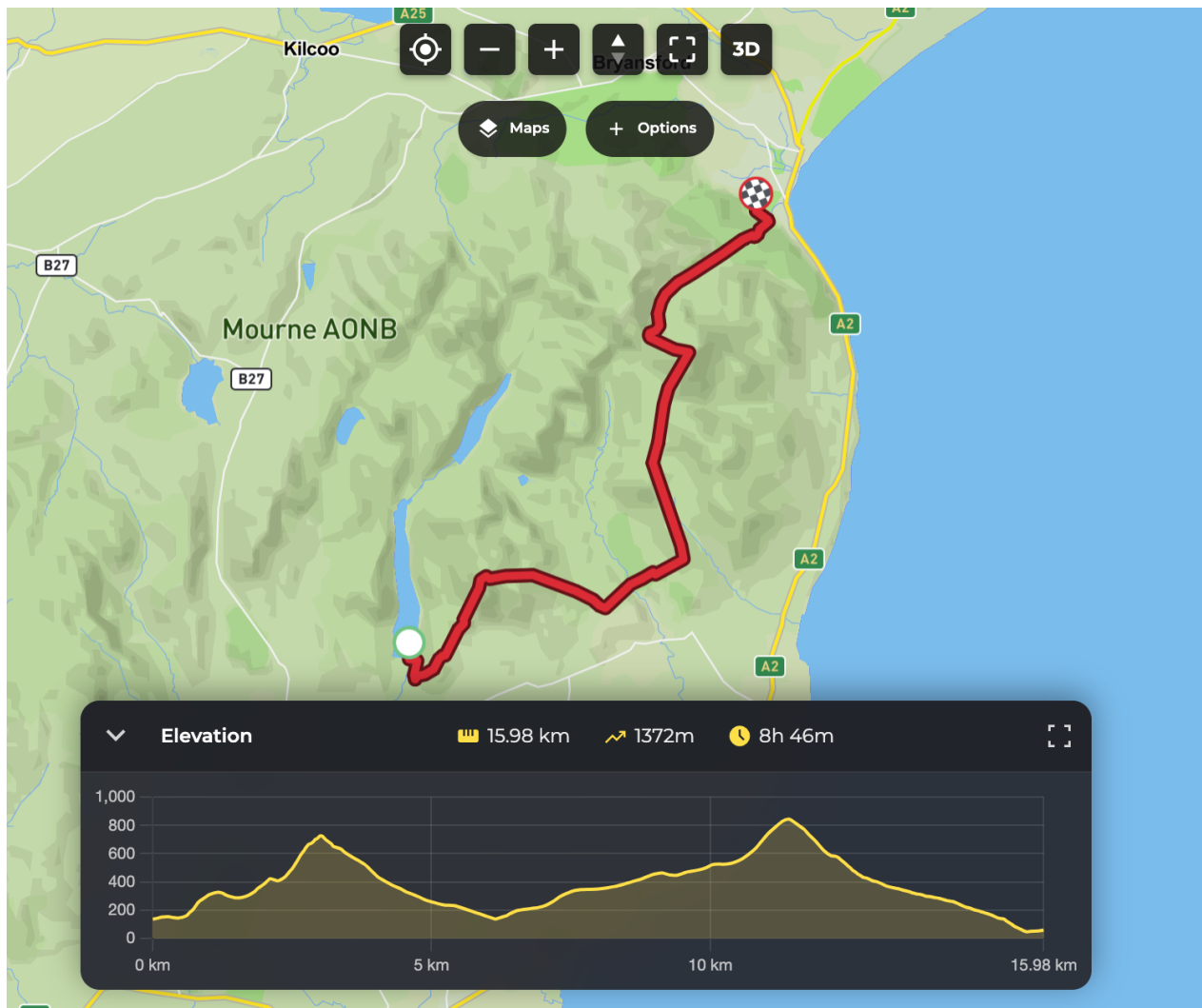
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HALF - WINTER MOURNE WALL

BEGINNER • 16 KM • 1,375 M • 8 HRS



Start: Silent Valley • 8.00am • Expected finish: 4.00pm

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Silent Valley Park → Slieve Binnian → Annealing Valley → Long Seefin → Rocky Mountain → Chimney Mountain → Slieve Donard → Donard Carpark



PREPARATION & KIT

COME PREPARED FOR A WINTER MOUNTAIN DAY

MANDATORY KIT

- Gore-Tex jacket
- Gore-Tex trousers
- Waterproof hiking boots (no trail runners)
- Hiking socks
- Spare socks
- Hiking trousers
- Long sleeve base layer top
- Fleece top
- Spare fleece top
- Light insulated / puff jacket
- Winter gloves
- Spare gloves
- Woollen hat
- Spare hat
- Buff
- Backpack - 40 litres
- Head torch
- Water container - 2 litres
- Power bank & leads
- Mountain food for the hike

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL KIT

- Sunglasses
- Suncream
- Walking poles
- Hydration tablets
- Personal first aid kit
- Compeed / blister patches, bandage, medical tape and plasters
- Any personal medication you require



FOOD, FITNESS & HEALTH

YOUR PREPARATION MATTERS

FOOD & HYDRATION

Bring sufficient food and water for the full hike. As a guide, we recommend substantial mountain food, snacks and approximately 2 litres of water with hydration salts. There are no food or drink facilities on the mountain route.

FITNESS

You should arrive fit, healthy and capable of completing the chosen mountain hike over steep and potentially wet ground. If you are unwell before travelling, please do not participate.

TOP TIP: ONLY SELECT A DISTANCE YOU CAN FINISH. If you select the wrong distance or group pace, in winter conditions you will place yourself in harm's way and those around you.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- All participants must sign a health and safety waiver on arrival.
- Please make the guides aware of any medical condition or limiting factor before the hike begins.
- Carry any personal medication you may require.
- If you feel unwell at any stage, inform your guide immediately.



OUR GUIDELINES

HOW WE OPERATE AS A GROUP

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Our guides have the final say - respect our guides' decisions as they are made for the welfare of the entire group.

Mountain days work best when everyone contributes positively to the group. We expect respect for fellow hikers, guides, local communities and the mountain environment.

- Be punctual and ready for the safety briefing.
- Stay with your allocated group and do not move ahead of or drop behind the group without speaking to your guide.
- Be patient and considerate of different hiking abilities.
- Follow guide instructions and communicate early if you are struggling.
- Violence, harassment or disrespectful behaviour towards hikers, guides or local communities will not be tolerated.

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Be considerate of others.
- Respect farm animals and wildlife.
- Travel on durable ground.
- Leave what you find.
- Dispose of waste properly.
- Minimise the effects of fire.



EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

WINTER MOURNE WALL CHALLENGE

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Rescue & First Aid Coordinator	Jason Black - Wilderness First Responder
Guiding Coordinator	Jason Black
Local Mountain Rescue	Mournes Mountain Rescue
Nearest Medical Assistance	Downdoc
Out of Hours	028 92602204

In an emergency on the mountain, remain with your group and follow guide instructions.

FINAL CHECKLIST

- Walking boots on and mountain clothing packed
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Warm layer, hat and gloves
- Food and mountain snacks
- 1-2 litres of water
- Personal medication
- Backpack packed and ready
- Arrive for registration on time
- Be ready

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DINGLE WINTER MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE | 30 JANUARY 2027



DINGLE PENINSULA • CO. KERRY

3 ROUTES • STANDARD • INTERMEDIATE • ADVANCED

The Dingle Winter Mountain Challenge explores the rugged coastal landscapes and rolling mountains of southwest Ireland. The Advanced route covers approximately 26 km with 2,400 m of ascent. With Standard, Intermediate and Advanced options, this winter challenge offers spectacular views, steep climbs and a true taste of the rugged beauty of the Kerry mountains — all in a single day.

CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

Date	Saturday 30 January 2027
Location	Kerry
Terrain	Mountain / steep ground / wet underfoot
Groups	Advanced / Intermediate / Standard
Expected Finish	2 - 4.00pm for all three routes



EVENT INFORMATION

DINGLE WINTER MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

SIGN ON & SAFETY BRIEFING

Location	Rainbow Hostel
Address	Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland
Telephone	+353 (0)66 915 1044
Sign On	Friday 29 January 2027
Sign On Opens	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Full Safety Briefing	9.00pm sharp
Intermediate / Standard Safety Briefing	9.00pm sharp

Please arrive in enough time to complete sign-on and be fully ready for your allocated safety briefing. Be punctual: the briefings are part of the event preparation and are scheduled sharply.

THREE CHALLENGE ROUTES

Standard	10 km 900 m 5 hrs Expected finish 2.00pm
Intermediate	16 km 1,200 m 8 hrs Expected finish 3.00pm
Advanced	26 km 2,400 m 11 hrs Expected finish 4.00pm



ROUTE OPTIONS

SELECT THE CORRECT DISTANCE FOR YOUR ABILITY

ADVANCED - DINGLE WINTER MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Participant Level	Advanced
Distance	26 km
Altitude	2,400 m
Start	Annascaul
Duration	11 hrs
Start Time	5.00am
Expected Finish	4.00pm

INTERMEDIATE - DINGLE WINTER MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Participant Level	Intermediate
Distance	16 km
Altitude	1,200 m
Start	Conor Pass
Duration	8 hrs
Start Time	7.00am
Expected Finish	3.00pm

STANDARD - DINGLE WINTER MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Participant Level	Standard
Distance	10 km
Altitude	900 m
Start	Cloghan
Duration	5 hrs
Start Time	9.00am
Expected Finish	2.00pm

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FULL - WINTER DINGLE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

ADVANCED • 26 KM • 2,400 M • 11 HRS



Start: Annascaul • 5.00am • Expected finish: 4.00pm

Route shown for client information.

Final route decisions remain with the guiding team and may be adjusted to suit winter mountain conditions.

There is a cut-off time of 10am at the 12km point (Conor pass)

Please respect the fact that your pace has not made the safety cut-off time allocated and therefore you must retire.

Please do not argue with the guide as this decision is been made for you and the groups safety.

A waiting car will return you to the hostel.

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INTERMEDIATE • 16 KM • 1,200 M • 8 HRS



Start: Conor Pass • 7.00am • Expected finish: 3.00pm

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There is no cut-off for the Intermediate group.

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STD - WINTER DINGLE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

STANDARD • 10 KM • 900 M • 05 HRS



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ACCOM, FOOD, FITNESS & HEALTH

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RAINBOW HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

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As this event takes place during the **off-season**, **Rainbow Hostel is normally closed**. However, we have been able to secure the **entire hostel exclusively for our group** for **Friday 29th and Saturday 30th January 2027**.

Accommodation is available at a basic cost of **€35 per person, per night — €70 per person for the two-night stay**.

This exclusive booking is subject to us meeting the hostel's **minimum number of guests required**.

We will manage all accommodation bookings directly.

If you would like to stay at Rainbow Hostel, please use your **WeTravel booking** to select the **Hostel Accommodation Add-On** and secure your place.

BOOKING DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER 2026

If we have not received the minimum number of bookings required by **30 November 2026**, we will release the hostel reservation. Participants will then be responsible for arranging their own accommodation elsewhere.

IMPORTANT: Please **do not contact Rainbow Hostel directly** regarding individual bookings. As the hostel is normally closed during the off-season, they will not accept or manage individual reservations for this weekend.

All Rainbow Hostel accommodation must be booked through WeTravel.

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Local Mountain Rescue	Kerry Mountain Rescue Team
Nearest Medical Assistance	SouthDoc - Dingle
Out of Hours	0818 355 999 or 999

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