Mourne Outdoor Recreation Forum

Outdoor Event Waymarking Protocol - Current version as agreed at MORF April 17

**First Principles**

* Leave No Trace
* The least waymarking possible
* Less waymarking as you move into remote terrain
* Promote the progression of personal navigation skills as you move into remote terrain
* Promote self-reliance by participants
* Use main paths in the mountain where open navigation skills are lacking
* If on waymarked routes – use the in-situ waymarking, don’t unnecessarily add to it
* Ideally ensure all temporary waymarking was installed and removed immediately before and after the event, particularly on high altitude/remote terrain. On low altitude/less remote terrain, if circumstances dictated otherwise, it should be extended to no more than 1 week either side of an event.
* All potential waste such as cable ties, tape etc. must be removed.

**High altitude/remote terrain**

* Navigation skills
* Use main tracks where open navigation skills are lacking
* Appropriate marshalling and immediate post event removal of all temporary waymarkers
* Acceptable temporary waymarking:
  + Sawdust
  + Canes or pegs with tape
  + If essential use glow sticks for night navigation events

**Low altitude /less remote terrain**

* Appreciate that there will be a broader user group and demand for this activity.
* Accept that waymarking will be a way of managing this demand.
* Acceptable temporary waymarking:
  + Sawdust
  + Canes or pegs with tape
  + Directional signs (e.g. corriboard arrows) appropriately fixed to existing route furniture or on temporary posts.
  + If on waymarked routes – use the in-situ waymarking, don’t unnecessarily add to it.
* Spray paint **should not** be used - even chalk based paints.

**Communication of Protocol**

* Via governing bodies
* Update Outdoor Event Planning Toolkit at <http://www.outdooreventplanning.com/>
* Show case studies (local)
* Explain why certain types of waymarking is unacceptable