

Lugnaquilla route in *Irish Peaks*

The Zig-zags route in Glenmalur, Co. Wicklow, the descent route described in *Irish Peaks*, remains closed following an assault in March 2023 on landowner Pat Dunne by a dog walker.

Many people ascending Lugnaquilla from the Baravore car park via the Fraughan Rock Glen, the ascent route in *Irish Peaks*, descend by the same route. Although there is a sign in place indicating that access is not allowed on the route between Lugnaquilla and Cloghernagh, as the route is partly on the Dunnes' land, access is allowed, provided people descend via Arts Lough. This descent involves some eroded and boggy terrain. From Arts Lough, most people continue down through the Coillte forestry at Clonkeen.

Access to Lugnaquilla is also possible from Coillte's Drumgoff car park - <https://www.coillte.ie/site/drumgoff/>. Note: this route has been re-opened following storm damage earlier in the year.

Probably the most popular route up Lugnaquilla is from Seskin in the Glen of Imaal, this hike uses a designated walking route through a military range which is closed when military training is being conducted (this normally takes place mid-week rather than at weekends). Check for notice of closures on this website: <https://www.military.ie/en/public-information/glen-of-imaal-walking-route-closures/>.

When military activity is happening, access to Lugnaquilla is possible from Ballinboyle (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/8hoUUkvWpssAuoARA>), via Ballineddan and Slievemaan.

For any other queries on access to Lugnaquilla, or other routes in *Irish Peaks*, email Mountaineering Ireland's Access & Environment Manager, Helen lawless on helen@mountaineering.ie

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