



## Benefits of membership

Joining Mountaineering Ireland gives a wide range of membership benefits beyond just the insurance policy, the magazine and the membership discounts.

**H**ere are some of the benefits you can enjoy as a member of Mountaineering Ireland:

- Personalised membership card
- Dedicated professional staff to assist you on all issues relating to walking and climbing
- Quarterly members' 68-page full colour, glossy A4 magazine, *The Irish Mountain Log*, delivered to your door
- Mountaineering Ireland insurance - €13m Public Liability cover and limited Personal Accident insurance from policy developed to meet the needs of clubs and volunteers
- Access to Club Handbook to support club growth and development
- Access to BMC Travel and Activity insurance for walking and climbing trips abroad
- Eligibility for UIAA Reciprocal Rights stamp allowing members to get discounts in some Alpine huts
- 10-20% discount offered to members by an increasing list of outdoor shops and services nationwide
- Membership discounts on foreign maps, guidebooks and other hillwalking and mountaineering books ordered from the Mountaineering Ireland office or through our online shop
- Production of Irish rock climbing guidebooks, which are made available to members at discounted rates (for example, *Rock Climbing in Donegal* and *Wicklow Rock Climbing Guide*).
- Access to formal and informal training schemes for hillwalkers and climbers, including programmes leading to Mountain Training Board Ireland awards
- Access to training grants for clubs and individuals
- Access to various Mountaineering Ireland initiatives such as Women With Altitude and the Youth Alpine Initiative
- Helping the Hills initiative to address upland path erosion
- Programmes and workshops to train and support all club roles. These will be led by the Membership Development Officer and will include contributions from the Training Officer and the Hillwalking, Access and Conservation Officer
- Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Meets in different locations each year. Open Members' Forum available at Spring and Autumn Gatherings
- Lecture Series at venues around the country
- Website ([www.mountaineering.ie](http://www.mountaineering.ie)), Facebook page and YouTube channel, so you can stay up-to-date with news and events
- Hillwalking and climbing skills videos and environmental videos available on our website and YouTube channel
- Library of books, maps and guides, which are available on loan to members. Index can be accessed through the website
- Opportunities to contribute as a volunteer to the work of Mountaineering Ireland
- Opportunities to write for the *Irish Mountain Log*, which relies for its content on material submitted by members. Please submit your articles and photos to: [iml-editor@mountaineering.ie](mailto:iml-editor@mountaineering.ie)
- Guidelines for climbing and walking leaders, skills workshops, CPD for award holders and training providers, and mentoring opportunities for award trainees
- Advice on gaining access to hills and crags
- High-quality publications on wildlife and the mountain environment
- Support for Women in Sport projects for young women (13-23 year olds)
- Support for climbing competitions: the Irish Bouldering League; Irish Lead Climbing Championship; Irish Bouldering Championship and the Youth Climbing Series
- Expedition grants and advice
- Best practice advice for organising club challenge walks and similar events
- Member-centred website, including access to your personal profile, a record of your training awards and access to a digital log to record your hillwalking and climbing activities

Mountaineering Ireland is an active voice working with members and other interested parties locally and at national level to protect Ireland's mountain areas. Securing continued access for responsible walkers and climbers is a key objective within our work.

In addition, Mountaineering Ireland is involved in regional coaching and leadership development, youth leader development, and forming partnerships with other organisations to encourage the development of an active outdoor population that is inclusive.

By renewing your Mountaineering Ireland membership, you gain a wide range of benefits, and you are increasing the strength of the national governing body for our sport, which is working on behalf of hillwalkers and climbers across the island of Ireland ■