



Mangerton Mountain –Margaret Lordan – “B” Walk

Walk Name	Mangerton Mountain
Date of Walk	20 th January 2018
Area of Walk	Killarney National Park area
Directions	From Killarney take the Kenmare road as far as Muckcross and then take the first sharp left after Molly Darcy's pub. Drive uphill to a fork in the road with a sign for Mangerton. Take the road to the right and drive along this road until you see a rough track heading off to the left (V984 848).
Guide's Name	Margaret Lordan
Guide's Number	086 0547216
Sweeper's Name	Rosemary O' Leary
Sweeper's Number	086 104 2187
Meeting Place	Kellehers – please note change
Departure Time	8am
Meeting Place near Walk	Meet at the start of the walk (as above)
Leaving for walk	10am no morning stop en route – due to shorter daylight hours
Level of Walk	B Walk
Approx duration of walk	4-5 hours 10km
Parking availability	Parking is available on the roadside, however care must be taken not to block the entrance of private residents. (at V984847)
Description of walk:	<p>Mangerton offers a popular well-trodden mountain loop trail around a classic corrie lake with spectacular views of Killarney, Torc mountain, the Reeks and the Paps.</p> <p>The track which starts from the concrete slab bridge by the road will take us all the way to the Devil's punchbowl, an oval shaped lake nestled in the middle of the mountain. The start of the walk presents us with a gradual climb as the track meanders either side of a largely dry riverbed. The Lakes of Killarney emerge spectacularly on our right as we gradually gain height. The track winds on upwards until we eventually reach the punchbowl. As we round that final twist of the track, we are presented with a most wonderful sight. The lake meets us almost at eye level, hopefully with the sun glimmering on its surface and its rocky walls sweeping impressively down on to its edges!</p> <p>This is followed by a spectacular trek along the east side of the Punchbowl and a climb again to the summit of Mangerton . The true summit of</p>

Mangerton can be reached by walking about 300 m along the plateau. It is topped by a small communication pole and a cairn. This spot is the highest point in Killarney National Park. An exquisite vista unfolds over not just Kerry but Kenmare Bay, and the West Cork mountains beyond.

Then we will complete the circuit around the Punchbowl to rejoin the path we came up.

Watch out for the deer and maybe even an Eagle!

Stopping at the Abbey, Ballyvourney on the way home for refreshments.

