



# MOUNTAIN HAVOC



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## Activity Summary

Your Alpine career begins here. Literally!

This weekend long event is run twice a year in the Irish mountain ranges. All this building towards taking the Havoc to Britain. Next stop Europe! But never fear you don't have to be an experienced Mountain Havocker to take part on these events.

- 3 Mountain Havoc events annually
- 2 based in Ireland alternating around the country & 1 based in Great Britain - You must complete at least one Irish Mountain Havoc Event in the previous 12 months to be applicable
- Teams consisting of between 3 and 5 ventures – individual applicants welcome

## Rationale

The aim of the Venture Scout Mountain Havoc is to get more Venture Scouts out on the hills, to develop skills and abilities in the area and gain appreciation for the Irish country side and further afield. All experiences are catered for (from beginners to experienced hill walkers. The activity is also a chance to meet with other Venture Scouts from different Venture Crews and to get ideas about their own Venture Scout programme.

## Details

Event:	Ulster Mountain Havoc
Venue:	Bloody Bridge Backpackers Campsite, Newcastle, Co. Down, Mourne Mountains.
Date:	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Time:	Check in Time: 21.00 – 22.30
Accommodation:	Standing Camp – Toilet & Shower Facilities available
Fee:	€20 per person

## Registration

Register for the activity by completing the online application form available at [my.scouts.ie](http://my.scouts.ie). Registration and payment must be complete by **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. Registration is not finalised until the activity fee has been paid. Payment can be made through the online payments system on [my.scouts.ie](http://my.scouts.ie) or by cheque sent to Scouting Ireland, National Office, Larch Hill, Dublin 16.

Please note places are limited and bookings may close before 18<sup>th</sup> September if all allocations are filled before this date.

Team of Ventures: Minimum 1 Maximum 5 - Additional teams may be entered with separate booking.

Bookings can only be made by Venture Scouts, Venture Scouters or Group Leaders who have activated their account and have access to [my.scouts.ie](http://my.scouts.ie). If you do not have access to the system please ask your venture leader to book you in or ask your group leader to add you to the Scouting Ireland online membership database.





The cost for the activity is **€20 per Venture Scout** and **€10 per accompanying scouter**. A breakdown of what this fee includes is outlined below.

- Camp Fees
- All internal transport
- Programme
- Badge
- Administration

**Activity Components**

There will be 2-3 hiking routes that groups may choose from after booking. These routes vary in difficulty and a complete route description will be sent out to you upon booking.

Venture Scout Teams should choose what route they wish to complete and submit a full route card for review by the Mountain Havoc Team on arrival. You will then be designated a Staff member on Friday evening at which point the team will sit down and discuss the route and what equipment you should have with you on the hills. This staff member will accompany you on the hike. The staff member is there for your safety only; navigation will be entirely up to you. The staff member can offer advice or suggest route alterations if required and is there to help should you have any questions. The staff member is also there to help you learn new navigational & mountain skills so if there is anything in particular you wish to cover have a chat with your designated staff member on Friday evening.

**Equipment**

A complete list of equipment needed will be sent out to participants on booking. Basics include:

- Tent
- Cooking equipment
- Food (Friday Supper – Sunday Lunch)
- Clothes (Suitable for the hills)
- Day Bag
- Hiking boots
- Raingear
- Compass
- Map
- First Aid Kit

**Environmental Impact & Leave no Trace**

Camping for the weekend is at a designated campsite with access to toilets, showers and waste disposal. Care will be taken when on the hills to minimise environmental impact by sticking to walking routes where possible. All participants throughout the activity should adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace.

**Link to Fiontar (Suas & Trasna)**

Physical: Balanced diet

SUAS: Understand the importance of a balanced diet for an active lifestyle

TRASNA: Develop a balanced diet for an active lifestyle and plan appropriate menus for Mountain Havoc

Physical: Understand the impact your choices have on your life

SUAS: Develop the skills and abilities to successfully participate in Mountain Havoc

TRASNA: Progress in the skills and abilities to successfully participate in Mountain Havoc, and commit to maintain these skills and abilities

Character: The courage to reach for your goals

SUAS: Participate in Mountain Havoc to develop your personal capabilities and to make progress in adventure skills

TRASNA: Plan an active programme around the Mountain Havoc activities to advance your personal capabilities and to further your progress in adventure skills

Emotional: Confidence to deal with all that life can throw at you

SUAS: Explore how you can cope with the challenges presented during physical activities on the hills

TRASNA: Try to improve your capabilities for dealing with challenges

