

Recreation Permits and Licences



This document lists the recreational activities which may be licenced on Coillte lands. It also lists the insurance and indemnity requirements for each licence and an indicative fee which you will be charged for that licence.

The activities, insurance requirements and guidance charges listed below are subject to change and the decision to licence or refuse any event or activity lies entirely with Coillte. This version is valid from 14th Sept 2020.

There is no scope for waiver/ alteration to insurance or indemnity requirements. If you or your group cannot provide the level of cover detailed for your activity, Coillte cannot issue a licence.

Satisfactory evidence of compliance with insurance requirements must be provided prior to the activity commencing and the licence being issued.

General guidance for licence requirements:

- Coillte do not require licences from off-site operators who hire bikes to the public, for use on Coillte's MTB trails (i.e. those who locate their hire business on lands other than on Coillte property). This **does not include** those who lead or guide groups on hire bikes or who lead or guide groups for commercial return or any other purpose.
- Coillte require any agent, company or operator who is guiding or leading any person on Coillte lands **for commercial gain**, to enter into a licence with Coillte to cover their business activity. This will cover a range of issues such as insurance, liability and set a fair rate for their business activity based on the use of Coillte lands.
- Coillte require any agent, company or operator who is guiding or leading any person on Coillte lands **for any purpose**, to enter into a licence with Coillte to cover their activity. Leading or guiding anyone on Coillte property, implies a higher duty of care for that person being guided or led and therefore Coillte requires that a guide or leader has acceptable experience, knowledge and ability to cover all aspects of their activity.

To apply for your licence, please fill in the webform [here](#) and click submit.

For any queries relating to licenced activities, please email recreation@coillte.ie .

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Activity	Insurance/ Indemnity Requirement	Minimum <u>Guideline</u> Charges (€)	Notes
Archery	€6.5m Public Liability Insurance & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club - €250 per annum Commercial - €1,000 per annum 	Area must be fully cordoned and mapped. Signage erected at all entrances to forest.
Ballooning	€2.6m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> €150 - individual €600 - multiple 	Suitable site, launch area to be mapped and signage erected at entrances
Beehives	€2.6m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association and Irish Beekeepers Association CLG members.	Up to 10 hives permitted in agreed secluded areas of low public usage. Demonstrations and events require further permission in advance.
Bird shooting	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	Subject to Open Tender	See section on licenced hunting
Camping	Recreational user carries their own risk	No licence required; no fee	Camping is allowed without permit only on designated 'wild camping' sites listed on this website
Camping (group >10 people)	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> €100 - group No charge for Scouting/Girl Guide groups 	Limited group camping may be permitted in suitable locations.
Car Rallying	As per National Agreement with Motor Sport Ireland.	Fees agreed with MSI.	Only clubs covered under MSI National Agreement will be issued licence.
Charity events	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	No fee but this applies only where 100% of funds raised goes to a registered charity or recognised community fund. Proof of authenticity will be required. If less than 100% of	

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		funds raised goes to charitable cause, then deemed a commercial activity and commercial rates apply.	
Clay-pigeon shooting	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club €100+ • Commercial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Small scale €1,000 (occasional use, couple of times a month) ○ Large scale €5,000 (In regular usage) 	Erection of structures requires further agreement and planning permission. Suitable cordoned site, area to be mapped and signage erected.
Cycling events/ MTB events	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy Club MUST be affiliated to Cycling Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club - €150 per training day, €250 per event day • National /Other €500+ per event 	Note that both events and preparatory days/ training days require licence.
Cycling/ MTB (general)	General access to Coillte lands for cycling is not permitted. Cycling is limited to designated trails only. See Recreation map on Coillte website for locations.		
Cycling/ MTB trail works (clubs)	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy Club MUST be affiliated to Cycling Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €150 licence fee 	Licences can be issued on a case-by-case basis for club activities including trail building and maintenance. These trails are for club members use only and cannot be advertised for use by non-club members.
Cycling/ MTB (bike hire/ guiding/ leading)	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee where applicable is based on scale of business. 	If bike hire business is not located on Coillte lands, there is no licence required. All guiding and leading activities require a licence, regardless of where the business is located.

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Deer shooting	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	Subject to Open Tender	See section on licenced hunting
Dog Show	€2.6m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	€100	
Filming	<p>€6.5m public liability</p> <p>€6.5m Motor Third Party liability (if applicable)</p> <p>€13m Employers Liability (if applicable)</p> <p>All require indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Filming - €50 per day • Documentaries - €250 per day • Small scale filming (short films etc. where no works required) €600 per day • Commercials - €600 per day • Commercial photo shoots - €600 per day • Larger scale filming (TV Series/Feature Films) – fee by agreement 	Please submit detail of filming requirement and we will be in contact to agree fee and terms, if not given here.
Fishing	Recreational user carries their own risk	<p>No licence; no fee for access to Coillte rivers/ lakes</p> <p>NB: Fishing permit usually required from Inland Fisheries Ireland</p>	Check with local angling shops and on websites. Comply with posted site notices.
Hang-gliding	€6.5m public liability, €6.5m Motor Third Party liability (if applicable) & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	€150 per licence	Suitable site, mapped launch area, signage, safety statement
Laser games/ Paint Ball	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter fee of €5,000+ for year 1 • €10,000+ per year for year 3 to year 5 • €20,000+ per year thereafter 	Planning permission may be required in some instances. 'Airsoft' and any other

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			games involving use of replica guns will not be licenced.
Metal detecting	This activity is not permitted on Coillte lands		
Orienteering	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ €50 per event (if events calendar is set at start of year) ○ Otherwise €150 per event. • National event €500 	Club must be affiliated with Irish Orienteering Association
Park Run	National Agreement in place with Park Run Ireland	No licence and no fee, but only affiliated Park Run events will be facilitated.	Forest manager to agree route & issue an email to local organiser.
Photography	€2.6m public liability €1.27m motor third party property liability (if applicable) & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	€150 per event	i.e. for professional photography – weddings, events, commercial activities, brochures, etc...
Pony Trekking (Individual)	Indemnity only to Coillte (as on 'R1' licence) Public liability insurance not required. Personal accident cover strongly recommended.	€150 per annum	An agreed route or area will be identified with the licensee.
Pony Trekking (Club/ Equestrian School)	€13m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	€1,500+ per annum	An agreed route or area will be identified with the licensee. A minimum of one instructor per seven animals is required.
MTB events/ club trails	See sections under Cycling above		

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School / college visits	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	No licence, no fee	A licence is not necessary for school outings and educational forest visits. School Safety Plan form to be completed by participating schools. Proof of insurance to be provided.
Scouts, Girl Guides, Foróige Activities	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy Note: Groups must be members of the relevant National Body	No licence, no fee	Safety Plan form to be completed by participating groups. Note that camping, etc may require licence, see relevant section.
Sled Dog Training	€2.6m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €100 for club Event • €250+ for national event 	
Walking events Hill Running Events Fun Runs Triathlons / Challenge events Park Run (see Park Run section above)	€6.5m public liability & indemnity to Coillte on the holder's policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events < 30 people do not require a licence; no fee. • Events > 30 people require a licence and a fee of €150 per event applies • All events operating on a commercial basis will require a licence and an appropriate fee likely to be minimum €500 + 10% of the entry fee per participant. 	<p>For events >30 people requiring a licence, a safety plan is required. Please follow guidance on safety planning issued by relevant National Governing Body</p> <p>For commercial events, a detailed safety plan prepared by suitably qualified person will be required.</p> <p>For 'charity' walks/ runs, etc, see section on Charity Events.</p>