

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Killary Gaelforce aim to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation.

How we and our competitors help protect the environments in which we operate:

We believe in the 'Leave no trace' network which promotes the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Be Considerate of Others
3. Respect Farm Animals and Wildlife
4. Travel and Camp on Durable Ground
5. Leave What You Find
6. Dispose of Waste Properly
7. Minimise the Effects of Fire

Practising a Leave No Trace ethic is very simple; make it hard for others to see or hear you and Leave No Trace of your visit.

Visit [www.leavenotraceireland.org](http://www.leavenotraceireland.org) for more information on the seven principles of leave no trace.

### WHAT ELSE?

- We encourage the use of re-usable bottles by all competitors on our races to eliminate the use of disposable plastic bottles.
- We encourage car-pooling among competitors and supporters when travelling to and from our races.
- We have a strict anti-littering policy in place at all of our events. Through the provision of bins, portaloos and a thorough after-event clean-up we hope to prevent anything being left behind. Competitors face disqualification if found to be littering and are encouraged to bring all of their waste with them or to dispose of it as per the rules of the race.
- Any clothing or shoes left behind at events are brought to clothing recycling

banks for collection by local charities. At our base in Leenane we have clothing recycling bins onsite.

- Our offices, based at Killary Adventure Co. in Leenane are powered by wind turbine and heated by a biomass boiler.
- We also have a recycling policy in place for all cans, bottles and plastic. We compost our food waste. We try to reduce our paper usage by only printing when essential, printing on both sides of paper and communicating with competitors only through email.

### IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:

Ideas for the future include solar-powered showers, combustion toilets to eliminate the use of chemicals and alternative power supplies for events away from home.

We are always interested in hearing other ideas for making our events even more environmentally friendly. We would be delighted to hear any suggestions you might have from having taken part in one of our events or even if you have not!