

# Cross-Country Course Design

**When:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Where:** Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

This seminar will give participants an insight into designing and creating cross-country courses and fences to allow horses and riders to train and compete to a high standard.

This seminar will facilitate riders moving up the levels and give them the skills to competently negotiate the challenges that lie before across country.

A strong emphasis will be placed on safety and issues concerning the safety of designing fences.

**Trainers:** Tony Ennis (*A.I.R.C.*) & John Swanton (*Eventing Ireland*)

Tony Ennis, chairman of A.I.R.C., has designed the cross-country course at Gurteen College and it has since been modified by Ian Stark (British Olympic Eventer).

John Swanton, former chairman of Eventing Ireland, has stewarded at many international horse trials in Ireland. John has assisted with the design and building of some courses including his own at Ashmount.

## Programme of events:

10:30 Registration

10:45 Introduction

Characteristics of a good course; Design Principles; Type of Fence; Reading the Land

12:30 Lunch

Practical Application

15:30 Close

**Cost:** €20 per person

To book a place, contact Cathy Cooper on Tel 045 - 854 514 or email [ccooper@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:ccooper@horsesportireland.ie)

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