



THE CONNEMARA LOOP COASTAL TRAILS



When walking would you please respect the countryside and....

- Bring back all your own rubbish
- Take care of the flora and fauna in the area
- Please respect the land, the fencing and the walls in this area as these belong to somebody.
- Wear comfortable shoes and bring some rainwear.
- Inform someone where you are going and an approximate time of return

Thank you and have a safe and lovely walk.

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DAWROS WALK



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Distance : 1km or 2½km

Level: Easy

Time: 40 minutes

Route Shape: Road

The Walk

Walk from the Connemara West Centre's main drive. Cross the road to the right and turn left past Veldon's Bar on the road to Tullycross and Renvyle. The road sweeps to the right around a large house which was once Casson's Hotel where Marconi stayed in 1912 during the building of his trans-Atlantic receiving station nearby.

At the second yellow water pump turn left. After about 30 metres you have one of the best vantage points on the walk. Behind you is Diamond Mountain and Kylemore Valley. Ahead you can see Ballinakill Harbour with the island of Inishbofin, still inhabited, in the distance and Tully Mountain to your right.

The road now takes you to Dawros Beg and the best walk is to continue on this road with the south shore to your left, where you can see on your left, an area that once housed the lobster storage ponds of the 'East Atlantic Company' which traded in the early 1900's.

The Distance from the Tullycross / Letterfrack road to the end of this track is about 2½ km so retrace your steps when you feel that you have walked half as far as you wish.

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Distance: 10 km

Time: 2 hours

Level: Easy

Route Shape: Looped

The Walk

Depart the gates at Renvyle House and take a right. At the next triangular junction, take the left up the hill. Near Tully mountain a road joins from the right about 2 miles (3km) out. Turn right onto this road, and you will now be heading westward along a nice quiet valley with Tully Mountain on your left. Soon after, you descend to a T-junction with a little bridge, keep left here, and go along a narrow little road with quite a few houses.

When you come to the next T-junction with a stream coming down from the left, your route is right (north) towards the sea, but you can detour straight ahead (west) and return to this T-junction. The road heading north winds a few times taking you past the ruins of the church of the Seven Sisters and brings you to Renvyle Castle on your left, and you can look around here.

The route home is simply along the sea, moving onto the pebble beach and back to Renvyle House Hotel via the golf course. The attraction of this walk is a nice mix of things to see, in a ramble that has no difficulties really.

LEENANE WALK



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Distance: 2½km

Time: 1 hour

Level: Easy

Route Shape: Looped

The Walk

This walk begins in Leenane village walking on the Westport road and past Leenane Cultural Centre. On the left is Killary Harbour. Across Killary, Bengorm rises majestically while Letterbrickaun stands on the right. The parallel patterns seen on some of the steepest slopes of Bengorm are faint traces of old cultivation ridges. It is a long time since these were used, some dating to the time of the Great Famine of the 1840's.

The way descends towards the Glenagevla River. Cross the bridge before turning right. Follow the road into a sheltered valley. On the left is Binn Garbh or the Rough Summit (called the Devil's Mother on most maps).

As you reach the turn in the road you will see the entire valley is protected by a ridge running unbroken from Binn Garbh around to Letterbrickaun. This feature is typical of a glacial valley, scoured and scraped and deepened by the moving ice sheet, which had its origin at the head of the valley under the ridge. The road heads back along the river, through the village of Glenagevla (Gleann na nGeimhleach), or the valley of the prisoners, who or what was captive here is not known). Ahead we again see Bengorm with the Sheefry Hills behind and to the east. You will soon return to the bridge which was crossed earlier and, turning left, begin to retrace out steps towards Leenane.

High on the hillside large walled fields are clearly seen, telling of a past when Leenane was a great sheep centre. These huge pens were used to hold stock brought to the village for the great pattern fairs of the past. Away ahead, and to the right, the Western Way winds its route over the shoulder of the hill.