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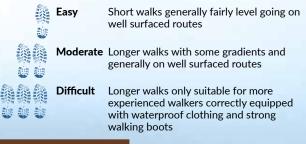
Fermanagh & Omagh

Walking Guide

Your essential guide to walking in the Fermanagh and Omagh District

Additional Information

The walks have been graded into three categories:



Leave No Trace

In order to minimise your social and environmental impacts on the outdoors, please follow 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

Plan ahead and prepare

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An Creagán Trails



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There are a number of trails on site taking in a variety of the habitats that makes An Creagán a haven for wildlife.

You can choose from the Biodiversity trial, 0.25 miles, or if you want something a bit more challenging opt for the Forest and River Trail, 3.4 miles.

Take a journey in the company of some of the most fascinating wildlife and stunning scenery.

Trails are suitable for buggies and bikes.

Contact: www.an-cregan.com

Nearest Town Carrickmore / Omagh

Points of Interest Rich diversity of species, particularly on the raised bog

Location

An Creagán Centre is located on the main road between Omagh and Cookstown.

Distance 0.25 miles / 3.4 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, riverside

Facilities Café, shop, visitors centre and toilets are on site.

Grade of Walk







Ballintempo Forest: Aghanaglack Walk





Aghanaglack Walk takes you through one of the largest continuous forestry tracts in Northern Ireland, mostly along forest tracks and with few gradients. This lengthy, yet comfortable walk offers impressive views across Lough MacNean to Cuilcagh Mountain. The most significant feature of this walk is the Aghanaglack Dual Court Tomb.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest The dual court tomb at Aghanaglack - this ritual burial site dates from the Neolithic period between 4,000 and 2,000 years B.C.

Location

Access to the small carpark at Aghanaglack from Belcoo is five miles via the Aughrim Road and Gaedrum Road following signage to the chambered cairn Distance 7 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, woodland

Facilities Car parking available, nearest amenities Belcoo

Grade of Walk

Moderate



Bellanaleck Loughshore Walk





The natural habitats of Bellanaleck are home to a rich array of native biodiversity which can be viewed along this walk; majestic oak trees, species rich grassland and open water to name a few.

During the summer an impressive explosion of commonspotted orchids can be viewed along the road verge.

This walk is also close to Bellanaleck ASSI, noted for its geological importance.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Bellanaleck

Route Shape

Points of Interest

Bellanaleck ASSI, range of Biodiversity

Location

The entrance to Waterhen Lane will be on your left handside, just after the 30 mph speed zone upon entering Bellanaleck from **Enniskillen**

Circular

Route Type Lakeland, urban

Facilities

Public toilets are on the route. Play park for children. Bellanaleck village is a few 100meters away. Shop and tea rooms are available in town

Grade of Walk

Distance 1.6 miles

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Belmore Forest: Pollnagollum Cave Walk



The Pollnagollum/Coolarkan Cave Walk through Belmore Forest is at the heart of Fermanagh's Boho cave country. The walking route is mostly along forest tracks and offers stunning landscapes and views of Belmore Mountain. The highlight of the walk is Pollnagollum Cave - meaning 'hole of the doves', which was recently used in filming the popular television series 'Game of Thrones'.

A viewing platform at the caves provides a great vantage point to see the impressive cave entrance which is fed by a cascading waterfall toppling down a 12 metre limestone cliff to disappear into the depths of darkness.

(Part of Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark)

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Pollnagollum Cave, waterfall

Location Belmore Forest Car Park

Distance 4.3 miles

Route Shape Circular

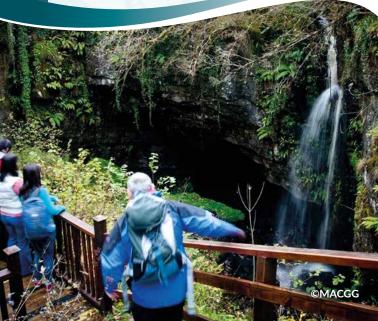
Route Type Forest, woodland

Facilities

Information panel and car parking available, nearest amenities Boho

Grade of Walk





Bessy Bell





Bessy Bell is a pleasant and interesting walk showcasing the beautiful and unique terrain of the Sperrins landscape. Starting at the Mellon Country Inn the track travels along the main road before turning uphill on a country lane. The linear track ascends the summit through a variety of tarmac, rough grassland and heather, where walkers will be rewarded with panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Omagh / Newtownstewart

Points of Interest Holy well, wind farm

Location

Car park is situated at the Mellon Country Inn (A5 between Omagh and Newtownstewart)

Distance 2.8 miles (one way)

Route Shape Linear

Route Type Road, gravel track and open grassland

Facilities

Facilities are available at the Mellon Country Inn or nearest towns in Omagh or Newtownstewart

Grade of Walk

Difficult





Big Dog Forest: Big Dog Walk





Big Dog Forest gets its name from the larger of the two small hills that dominate the skyline, known as Big Dog and Little Dog. Their names originate from Irish folklore as they are named after Bran and Skeola (Sceolan), two favourite Irish wolfhounds belonging to the legendary giant Finn McCool. One day while out hunting, the dogs picked up the scent of a witch and gave chase. To aid her escape the witch changed herself into a deer but the two dogs still gained ground on her, so in desperation she cast a spell turning them both into solid rock.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly

Points of Interest

Possibly the most intriguing features along the walk are the two hills Big Dog and Little Dog

Location

The car park is adjacent to the Knockmore Road approximately eight miles from Derrygonnelly village, at the south side of the Doagh Road between Derrygonnelly and Garrison Distance 2.5 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, lakeland, woodland

Facilities

Car parking and picnic area available, nearest amenities Derrygonnelly

Grade of Walk



Carrigan Forest: Lough Formal Walk





Carrigan Forest is situated approximately 12km outside the village of Derrygonnelly. It is the gateway between two significant expanses of upland forest, tucked between Big Dog Forest and Ballintempo Forest. Carrigan Forest showcases a landscape rich in limestone features.

The Lough Formal walk is almost all on forestry tracks and features a short path through the heather to the summit of Formal More.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly

Points of Interest Lough Formal

Location

Coming from Enniskillen, approximately 10km from Derrygonnelly, take the lane on the right signed for Big Dog car park

Distance 7 miles

Route Shape Circular Route Type Forest, lakeland, woodland

Facilities

Information panel. Car parking available in car park for Big Dog Forest, nearest amenities Derrygonnelly

Grade of Walk

Moderate





Castle Archdale Forest: Woodland Riverside Walk





Castle Archdale Forest is a 520 hectare mixed broadleaved and coniferous lowland forest located on the eastern shores of Lower Lough Erne. The forest is a richly varied one in terms of views and features and includes ruined castles, WWII docks & buildings, ancient woodland and views over Lower Lough Erne to White Island, Davy's Island and further afield.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Kesh/Irvinestown

Points of Interest

The forest is a richly varied one in terms of views and features and includes ruined castles and ancient woodland

Location

Take the B82 from Enniskillen to Kesh, follow signposts to Castle Archdale Country Park

Distance 0.5 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, riverside, woodland

Facilities

Picnic facilities and information panel. Additional facilities are located at the Countryside Centre within Castle Archdale Forest which include parking, information centre, toilets and restaurant

Grade of Walk



Castle Archdale Forest: Tom's Island Walk

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Tom's Island trail in Castle Archdale is one of the finest spots to appreciate the stunning beauty of Lower Lough Erne. Start off by exploring the ruins of Old Castle Archdale, an impressive fortification built in 1612 when the Archdale family arrived in Ireland from Suffolk, England. The path then leads you along the river before the wide expanse of Lower Lough Erne opens up in front of you. You'll then skirt the lough shore through dense woodland with incredible views of White Island and Davy's Island. You will notice Tom's Island is not actually an island however, before the lough was lowered many years ago it was cut off from the mainland by a shallow strip of water.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Kesh/Irvinestown

Points of Interest Lough Erne

Location Take the B82 from Enniskillen to Kesh, follow signposts to Castle Archdale Country Park

Distance 1.8 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, loughshore

Facilities

Picnic facilities and information panel. Additional facilities are located at the Countryside Centre within Castle Archdale Forest which include parking, information centre, toilets and restaurant

Grade of Walk



Castle Caldwell Forest: Beechwood Walk

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The Beechwood Walk is part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark and encompasses both lough shore and woodland paths. The walk takes in man-made and natural wonders, including a lime-kiln which hints at the association of the Caldwell estate with the nearby Belleek Pottery, a half-moon limestone bench along the shoreline and the eerie ruins of Castle Caldwell.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Belleek

Points of Interest Castle Caldwell ruins

Location Turn off Kesh – Belleek A47 road about 8km from Belleek into Castle Caldwell Forest

Distance 1.2 miles

Route Shape Circular Route Type Forest

Facilities Car parking and picnic facilities. Amenities available in Belleek village, approximately 5mile away.

Grade of Walk

Easy



Castle Caldwell Forest: Castle Scenic Walk



The Castle Scenic Walk offers a gentle and appealing introduction to the Castle Caldwell estate. A series of forest tracks zig-zag through this ancient woodland area where views are dominated by the castle ruins. After passing through a section of walled garden, you will reach a gravel track leading to the foot of the ivy clad ruins of the old castle. Although the castle was eventually abandoned in the 1900's, if local ghost stories are to be believed, the ruins are still haunted by Dennis McCabe, a fiddler who drowned after falling off the Caldwell family barge. A copy of the fiddler's grave stone with its amusing inscription can be seen at the main entrance to the forest park.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Belleek

Points of Interest Castle Caldwell ruins

Location Turn off Kesh – Belleek A47 road about 8km from Belleek into Castle Caldwell Forest

Distance

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest

Facilities

Car parking and picnic facilities. Amenities available in Belleek village, approximately 5mile away

Grade of Walk

Easy

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Castle Caldwell Forest: Rossergole Point Walk



This popular path takes in the remnants of the estate's castle, forts, defence walls, jetties and lime kiln. Walkers who take time to explore the area will find the industrialscale lime kiln highlighting the importance of the local limestone, once frequently fired in the kiln to produce quicklime, and taken by barge to the nearby town of Belleek. Another interesting feature which may be found at the eastern tip of the peninsula, are the walls of the old strategic defence fort of Rossergole Point. This fortification no doubt played a vital role in protecting and controlling trade along this route. Today the old ruins offer walkers a vantage point for breathtaking views over Lower Lough Erne.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Belleek

Points of Interest Castle Caldwell ruins, Lime Kiln

Location

Turn off Kesh – Belleek A47 road about 8km from Belleek into Castle Caldwell Forest

Distance 2.5 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, lakeland

Facilities

Car parking and picnic facilities. Amenities available in Belleek village, approximately 5mile away

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Grade of Walk



Castle Coole: Beech Walk

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The Beech wood forms a backdrop to the Neoclassical mansion and contains a tranquil walk through unspoilt nature. The wood was planted around 1709 with a mixed group of beech, oak and scots pine. The wood still has oak trees dating back to the early 18th century and contains the oldest trees in the park. Visit in spring to see a carpet of bluebells amongst the trees, and make sure to visit the 18th century Ice House. For a longer walk, take the adjoining Gortgonnell path.

National Trust entrance pricing applies for this walk

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-coole

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Ice House, Castle Coole House

Location

Castle Coole is located off the A4 road to Belfast 1.5 miles South East of Enniskillen. Parking is located beside the reception and tea room area

Distance 0.5 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Woodland

Facilities

Car park, picnic area, Tallow House Tea-room, shop and toilets (disabled access) and children's play area

Grade of Walk

Easy

Castle Coole: Lake Walk

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The Lake Walk forms part of the original historic track around the lake, which was created by the 1st Earl of Belmore in the late 18th century. It provides a number of beautiful vistas across the lake - keep an eye out for the resident swans! This part of the estate is a protected conservation site, so please keep dogs on leads where signage suggests. Make a detour to the lake edge to take in views of the house and surrounding countryside.

National Trust entrance pricing applies for this walk

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-coole

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Castle Coole House, Boathouse

Location

Castle Coole is located off the A4 road to Belfast 1.5 miles South East of Enniskillen. Parking is located beside the reception and tea room area

Distance Just over 1 mile long Route Shape Circular

Route Type Woodland, lakeland

Facilities

Car park, picnic area, Tallow House Tea-room, shop and toilets (disabled access) and children's play area

Grade of Walk

Easy

Correl Glen

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The Correl Glen is a designated nature reserve containing a delightful nature trail just across the road from the entrance to Lough Navar Forest. The glen is dominated by native woodland where a combination of birch, oak, ash and holly trees cloak a ravine that has been carved by the fast flowing Sillees River, which is home to freshwater crayfish. A variety of species of butterfly and damselfly, most notably the silver-washed fritillary, the largest butterfly on the island of Ireland, can be seen here during the spring and summer months.

Contact: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/northern-irelandenvironment-agency

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly

Points of Interest Large silverwashed fritillary, Lough views

Location

Follow signs for Lough Navar Forest Drive signposted from A46 and B82 Route Shape Circular

Route Type Woodland

Facilities Car park, interpretation. Nearest amenities in Derrygonnelly

Grade of Walk

Easy

Distance

Crocknagrally Forest

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This circular walk is all on hard surface forest tracks through Crocknagrally Forest. Crocknagrally is an upland predominantly coniferous forest that lies between Brookeborough and Fivemiletown. This 630 hectare forest forms part of a larger connected mass of forests that includes Doon, Jenkin, Knocks, Tully, Mullaghfad, Carnmore, Grogey and Fardross Forests which cover 8,000 hectares spilling down from the Slieve Beagh plateau.

This walk was developed as part of the Clones Erne East Blackwater (CEEB) Rural Regeneration project.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Fivemiletown

Points of Interest Colebrooke River

Location

The start of the walk is at the entrance to Crocknagrally Forest located on the Mullaghfad Road approximately one mile from the Mullaghfad/ Alderwood Road junction

Distance 4.2 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest

Facilities Carparking on site. Nearest amenities in Fivemiletown (approximately 5 mile)

Grade of Walk

Moderate



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Crom is one of Ireland's most important conservation sites and possesses the largest area of oak woodland in Northern Ireland. Try spotting a range of wildlife including deer, bats, wading birds, pine martens, red squirrels and a thriving otter population. A figure-ofeight takes you from the shores of Upper Lough Erne past the Old Castle Ruins and on a loop around Inisherk Island. Return via the deer park along the edge of Lough Nalughoge. Appropriate footwear is necessary as parts of the route can be on soft ground.

National Trust entrance pricing applies for this walk

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/crom

Newtownbutler

Points of Interest Crom Old Castle, boat house, summer house, ancient Crom yew trees

Location

On Newtownbutler to Crom road, or follow signs from Lisnaskea (7 miles). Crom is next to the Shannon to Erne waterway

Distance 4.2 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Woodland, parkland, lakeside

Facilities Picnic area, car park, toilets, family activity packs and childrens play area

Grade of Walk

Easy

Cuilcagh Way: Walk 1 Cladagh Glen Walk





The Cladagh Glen Walk is a way marked linear route through the striking landscape of the Cladagh River gorge. Following the course of the river, this walking route takes you through a steep limestone gorge that is thickly covered by an ancient ash woodland. Though it was once widespread, this sort of damp ash woodland is now rare in Ireland and the entire gorge is protected as part of the Marble Arch National Nature Reserve. There are many features of interest along the route - steep limestone cliffs, cascading waterfalls, cave springs, a turbulent river and a rich treasury of wild flowers. The most important feature to visit is the Marble Arch, an impressive natural archway that spans over the river, it is here that the Marble Arch Caves take its name.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen / Belcoo

Points of Interest Caves, the Folly, the Cascade

Location The Cladagh Glen car park is signposted on the Blacklion to Florencecourt Road

Distance 1.5 miles

Route Shape

Route Type Riverside, woodland

Facilities Car park. The Visitor Centre at the Marble Arch is open from late March to September, from 10.00 am-4.30/5.00 pm, with toilets, café, shop

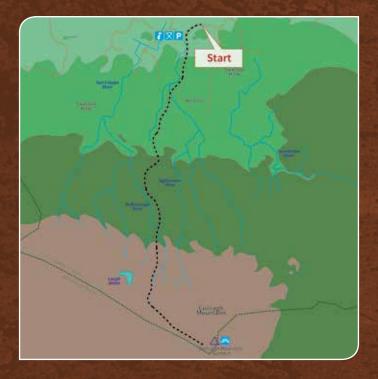
Grade of Walk



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Cuilcagh Way: Walk 2 Cuilcagh Legnabrocky Trail

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The Cuilcagh Legnabrocky Trail is a linear route which will appeal to walkers with some experience walking in the hills. The route is quite isolated and showcases the scenic wilderness of Cuilcagh Mountain. The trail meanders along a quiet farmland track before traversing a wooden boardwalk that consists of a steady climb to the mountain face. Here a stepped boardwalk climbs through steep terrain and boulders fields before reaching the summit plateau. A rough mountain path negotiates the wild summit plateau for a few kilometres before reaching an ancient cairn (the remains of a burial mound dating from the Bronze Age 2,500 – 500 BC) that stands at 666 metres above sea level.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Belcoo

Points of Interest Cuilcagh Mountain, Cuilcagh Boardwalk

Location

Follow the signs for the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre from Enniskillen. After the Marble Arch Caves there will be a sign on your left handside for the Cuilcagh Mountain Park

Distance 4.5 miles Route Shape Linear

Route Type Mountain

Facilities

Car park. The Visitor Centre at the Marble Arch is open from late March to September, from 10.00 am-4.30/5.00 pm, with toilets, café, shop

Grade of Walk

Difficult

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Cuilcagh Way: Walk 3 Cuilcagh Hiker's Trail





The Cuilcagh Hiker's Trail is a way marked linear route that will appeal to experienced walkers who enjoy spectacular views and are interested in undertaking a vigorous, challenging walk in the wilderness. The terrain consists of a mountain path so some parts of the route can be very wet and boggy, particularly after a rainy period. Due to the often challenging weather conditions on Cuilcagh Mountain, careful planning, constant vigilance and good navigation are required all year round. The trail is a richly varied one in terms of topography and features, and includes walking over a glacial landscape in a mountainous environment passing by dry valleys, limestone pavement, mountain rivers and sandstone outcrops. This area is also managed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds so keep alert for signs of the rare golden plover nesting in the area.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Swanlinbar

Points of Interest Summit of Cuilcagh Mountain

Location

Follow the A32 out of Enniskillen; Start point at Gortalaughney Viewpoint is signposted from the road

Distance 5.5 miles Route Shape Linear

Route Type Mountain

Facilities

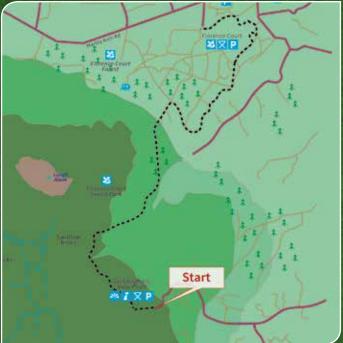
Facilities are available at the nearby Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre and Florencecourt House

Grade of Walk

Difficult

Cuilcagh Way: Walk 4 Legacurragh Valley Trail





The Legacurragh Valley Trail is a way marked linear route through some of Fermanagh's finest scenery, showcasing its wilderness, mountains, valleys, forests and rivers. The terrain consists of a blanket bog path, forestry tracks and tarmac lane, very much away from the hustle and bustle of roads. The route has a wealth of interest in terms of landscapes and heritage, and involves walking through open moorland which is buzzing with nature as well as long stretches along shady woodland paths to discover tranquil rivers, a diversity of flowers and rustic farm ruins.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Legacurragh Dry Valley, Florence Court House, Benaughlin Mountain

Location

Follow the A32 out of Enniskillen; Start point at Gortalaughney View point is signposted from the road

Distance 4.2 miles

Route Shape Linear

Route Type Forest, mountain

Facilities

Tea rooms, shop, picnic area, playground, and toilets all available in nearby Florence Court House

Grade of Walk

Difficult

Cuilcagh Way: Walk 5 Florence Court Forest Trail





When starting your walk from the carpark follow the Florence Court waymarked red trail, for the next few kilometres it takes you along narrow tracks which twist and turn an undulating course past mixed deciduous woodland crossing the Larganess River in several places. As you reach the edge of the forest you will pick up the trail sign for the Cuilcagh Way (Florence Court Forest Trail). It weaves its way through forests alive with a wide variety of wildlife, birds and plants before sauntering around the foothills of the Marlbank karst region.

Added to these surroundings are corridors of lofty trees, dynamic rivers, rambling stone field walls, a rich treasury of wild flowers and a unique density of rustic farmsteads.

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Note: Start is within the National Trust car park, entrance pricing applies

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Florence Court House, Gortmaconnell Rock

Location

Follow the A32 from Enniskillen. Florence Court is fully signposted from the road

Distance 4.5 miles

Route Shape Linear Route Type Forest, woodland

Facilities Tea rooms, shop, picnic area, playground, and toilets all available in nearby Florence Court House

Grade of Walk



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Ely Lodge Forest: Carrickreagh Jetty Walk

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The Carrickreagh Jetty Walk is a blue waymarked linear route through a woodland landscape skirting the shoreline of Lower Lough Erne. The path meanders through the forest which is alive with green foliage and the undergrowth glows a vibrant green with moss, wood sorrel and ferns carpeting the ground beneath the trees. Added to these surroundings are areas where the forest opens to provide glimpses of Lower Lough Erne and its surroundings. Take a moment to look at the Crannog, Inish Lougher and Inish Fovar Islands, which are directly opposite the shoreline. These islands and the surrounding shore, are an important area for a variety of wild fowl and water birds. You can proceed to the jetty and take the opportunity to enjoy the panoramic views from the lake.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Lower Lough Erne

Location

From Enniskillen, travel north along the A46 Shore road towards Belleek. Approximately 10km from Enniskillen, Ely Lodge Forest car park is signed and located on the right

Distance 1.3 miles Route Shape

Route Type Lakeland, woodland

Facilities

Car park and picnic tables. Nearest amenities in Enniskillen

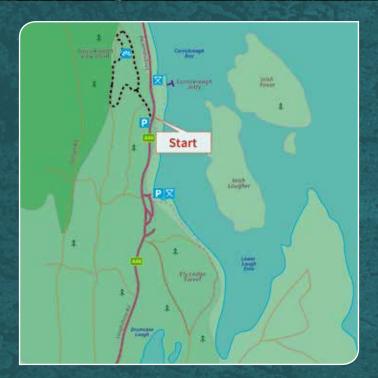
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Ely Lodge Forest: Carrickreagh Viewpoint Walk

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Ely Lodge Forest was once part of the demesne of the Marquis of Ely, Nicholas Loftus. The lodge was one of two gatehouses to the Ely Estate, which was the largest in County Fermanagh during Victorian times. This walking route is mostly along forest tracks and offers stunning landscapes and views of Lower Lough Erne.

The outlook from the viewpoint within Ely Lodge Forest is spectacular with views over the Bluestack Mountains of County Donegal to the North and Sligo Bay and the Atlantic Ocean to the West.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest

Outlook from Carrickreagh Jetty

Location

From Enniskillen, travel north along the A46 Shore road towards Belleek. Approximately 10km from Enniskillen, Ely Lodge Forest car park is signed and located on the right

Distance 1.5 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, woodland

Facilities

Car park and picnic tables. Nearest amenities in Enniskillen

Grade of Walk

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Ely Lodge Forest: Loughshore Walk

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The Loughshore Walk takes you through 250 hectares of woodland containing a delightful mixture of coniferous and broadleaved trees. The conifers are mainly European larch, which is uncommon as they lose their needles in autumn. The broadleaves are dominated by ash and beech and the understory of the forest includes natives such as hazel, holly, spindle and guilder rose.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Red squirrels

Location

From Enniskillen, travel north along the A46 Shore road towards Belleek. Approximately 10km from Enniskillen, Ely Lodge Forest car park is signed and located on the right

Distance 1.3 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest

Facilities

Car park and picnic tables. Nearest amenities in Enniskillen

Grade of Walk

Easy



Florence Court Forest Park: Blue Trail





There is something for all the family at this warm and welcoming 18th century estate, the former home of the Earls of Enniskillen. Florence Court enjoys a peaceful setting in west Fermanagh against a dramatic backdrop of mountains and forests. The Blue Trail offers an even gradient walk through the Pleasure Grounds and native Irish woodland with historical estate features along the way, including the Florence Court yew tree and waterpowered sawmill.

National Trust entrance pricing applies for this walk

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest Florence Court Yew, House, Walled Garden, Sawmill, Ice House

Location Signposted from the A4 -Enniskillen to Sligo Road

Distance 2.2 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Woodland

Facilities

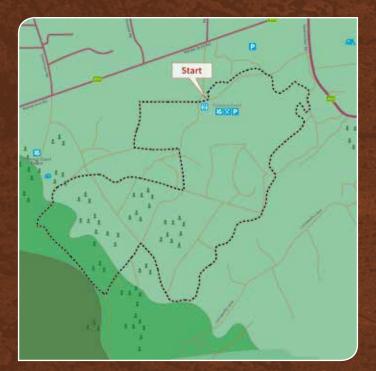
Car park, picnic areas, toilets (disabled access), Stables Tea-room, Visitor Centre, Coach House shop, baby changing facilities, children's play area, guided tours of the house available

Grade of Walk

Easy

Florence Court Forest Park: Red Trail

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The Florence Court Red Trail follows the Claddagh River upstream into the forest park, winding through the forest park with occasional steep climbs and rewarding walkers with views across Fermanagh at its peak. On a clear day you should be able to see across much of Fermanagh, including Upper Lough MacNean, Belmore Mountain, Enniskillen, Brougher Mountain, parts of Upper Lough Erne and Knockninny, amongst others. There is the option to continue your walk onto the Cuilcagh Way and Ulster Way should you so wish.

National Trust entrance pricing applies for this walk

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court

Nearest Town Enniskillen

Points of Interest

Formal walled gardens, Lady's well, Florence Court House, Mother Yew, views across Fermanagh, historic Deer Park

Location

Signposted from the A4 -Enniskillen to Sligo Road

Distance 5.6 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type

Parkland & grassland, riverside, woodland

Facilities

Car park, picnic areas, toilets (disabled access), Stables Tea-room, Visitor Centre, Coach House shop, baby changing facilities, children's play area, guided tours of the house available

Grade of Walk

Moderate



Gortin Forest: Ladies View Trail



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This a strenuous walk following the red trail from the Gortin Glens car park up to the summit of Mullaghcarn. Walkers will be rewarded with magnificent views over the surrounding countryside at the top. A quaint waterfall and the accompanying soundtrack of the quick flowing Pollan Burn running alongside the trail, make this an enjoyable walk that is worth the effort.

Forest Service NI charge may apply.

Contact: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/forestry

Nearest Town Gortin / Omagh

Points of Interest Outstanding views, waterfall

Location

Entrance located and signposted from the Gortin Road, approximately 6 miles from Omagh.

Distance 2.25 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, hill

Facilities

Parking, picnic tables and toilets onsite. Nearest amenities Omagh or Gortin

Grade of Walk

Difficult



Gortin Forest: Nature Trail





This short trail offers walkers the chance to sample the vast array of habitats that the Gortin Glens Forest has to offer. A short stroll past the stream, linking through a small section of forest leads out to a wide expanse of open bog with excellent sweeping views of the surrounding landscape. On the way back down through the forest, quiet and observant visitors may be lucky enough to catch sight of the elusive red squirrels that are resident within the trees.

Forest Service NI charge may apply.

Contact: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/forestry

Nearest Town Gortin / Omagh

Points of Interest Red squirrels, countryside views

Location

Entrance located and signposted from the Gortin Road, approximately 6 miles from Omagh

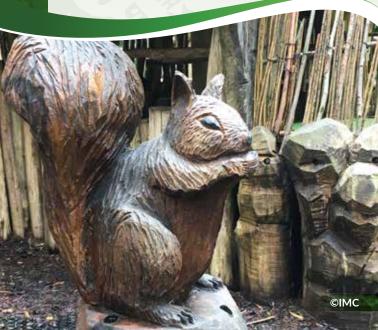
Distance 1.25 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, hill

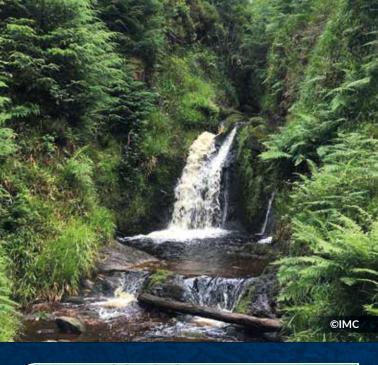
Facilities Parking, picnic tables and toilets onsite. Nearest amenities Omagh or Gortin

Grade of Walk

Easy



Gortin Forest: Pollan Walk





This walk follows the same start as the Ladies View Trail but it offers a shorter alternative. There is a steep incline that follows the Pollan Burn as it weaves and cuts its way though the hillside. A charming waterfall offers walkers a welcome rest to appreciate the natural beauty of the glens.

Forest Service NI charge may apply.

Contact: www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/forestry

Nearest Town Gortin / Omagh

Points of Interest Rich diversity of flora and fauna, waterfall

Location Entrance located and signposted from the Gortin Road, approximately 6 miles from Omagh

Distance 1.25 miles Route Shape Circular

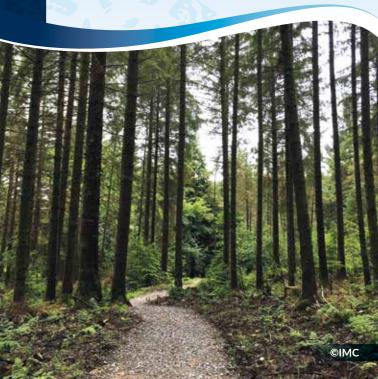
Route Type Forest, riverside

Facilities

Parking, picnic tables and toilets onsite. Nearest amenities Omagh or Gortin

Grade of Walk





Gortin Lakes





The Gortin Lakes walk is a hidden gem; the lakes, known as kettle-holes, were formed from melted blocks of ice abandoned by the retreating ice sheet from the last ice age. The varied array of birdlife makes for wonderful company walking around the short, figure-of-eight path. The lakes are located within Murrin Nature Reserve that is managed by NIEA.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Gortin

Points of Interest Lakes, panoramic views

Location

The car park is signposted and located 0.5 miles off the main A48 Omagh to Gortin Road.

Distance 0.6 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Lakeside

Facilities

Toilets, parking, picnic tables. Nearest amenities Omagh or Gortin

Grade of Walk

Easy

Gortmaconnell Viewpoint Walk





The summit of Gortmaconnell Rock can be reached by a short but rewarding climb contouring around the hill. Walkers will be rewarded with wonderful 360 degree panoramic views of Cuilcagh Mountain, MacNean Valley and the Erne Lowlands. The Owenbrean River can be seen here also, flowing down from Cuilcagh Mountain before sinking underground, eventually reaching the Marble Arch Caves system.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Blacklion

Points of Interest Gortmaconnell Rock, stunning views of Cuilcagh Mountain and the Marlbank area

Location

The start of the walk is located on the Florencecourt to Blacklion Road, 750m before the entrance to the Marble Arch Caves Distance 1.2 miles

Route Shape Linear

Route Type Mountain

Facilities Car park - Please keep one gate free of cars as this is a working farm

Grade of Walk

Moderate

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Jenkin Forest and Lakes





This walk is mostly on forest roads giving walkers the opportunity to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of east Fermanagh. There is a small section of board walk which transverses a section of blanket bog, leading down in to glorious views of Jenkin Lough. It is worth going the extra distance to encompass Lough Nadarra and Lough Cushkerry, hidden among the plantation forests.

This walk was developed as part of the Clones Erne East Blackwater (CEEB) Rural Regeneration Project.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Fivemiletown

Points of Interest Breeding Hen Harriers,

Lough Jenkin

Location

The start of the walk is at the entrance to **Crocknagrally Forest** - located on the Mullaghfad Road. When in Fivemiletown take the left turn sign posted Cooneen. Continue out this road until you cross a stone bridge, there will be a sign to the left saying Mullaghfad and Jenkin Lakes, After about 3km there is a forest road entrance on the left - this car park is for Crocknagrally Forest, but the Jenkin Lough Forest walk can be accessed from here.

Distance 7.4 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Forest, lakeside

Facilities

Small car park at entrance to the walk on the Jenkin Road, off the Mullaghfad Road and approximately one mile from Cooneen Church

Grade of Walk

Moderate



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Killyfole Lough





Where the townlands of Aghadrumsee, Killylackey, Killyfole and Loughgare meet there is a body of water known as a Lough. It is called 'Killyfole Lough', but is often called the 'Mill Lough' by locals, due to there being an old corn mill nearby. This 1.5 mile walkway around Killyfole Lough has been developed by Killyfole Development Association to an excellent standard. Almost 1km of the path is suitable for wheelchairs.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Rosslea

Points of Interest The Lough and countryside surroundings

Location The main entrance is off the B36 road between Lisnaskea and Rosslea

Distance 1.5 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Lakeside

Facilities

Car parking - There are two places to park - one at the old waterworks site where there is more space here or on the Lisnaskea-Rosslea road. There are also fishing stands suitable for wheelchair users. There is a picnic table at the road side car park.

Grade of Walk

Easy

Lough Navar Forest: Blackslee Waterfall Walk





Aghameelan Viewpoint car park is the starting point for the waymarked Blackslee Trail.

This 4 mile walk along forest roads makes its way through the oldest part of the forest and leads to a waterfall at its furthest point.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly / Enniskillen Route Shape Circular

Points of Interest Viewpoint, waterfall, willow sculptures

Location

From Enniskillen take the A46 to Derrygonnelly and then follow the signs for the 'Forest Drive'

Distance 4 miles Route Type Forest

Facilities

Car parking & picnic tables throughout the forest. Nearest amenities in Derrygonnelly.

Grade of Walk

Moderate





Lough Navar Forest: Lough Navar Achork Walk

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A path has been provided which circles this pleasant lake and offers views across the lake and its surrounding rugged hills.

The sheltered location of the lake and fringing woodland with its abundance of food make the area a popular haven for birds, otters, ducks, swans, foxes, deer, hares which can often be spotted feeding, nesting or rearing their young in the area all year round.

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Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly / Enniskillen Route Shape Circular

Points of Interest Lough Achork

Location

From Enniskillen take the A46 to Derrygonnelly and then follow the signs for the 'Forest Drive'

Distance 1.8 miles

Route Type Forest, lakeland

Facilities

Car parking & picnic tables throughout the forest. Nearest amenities in Derrygonnelly.

Grade of Walk

Moderate





Lough Navar Forest: Lough Navar Lakes Walk

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The Lough Navar Lakes walk, which encapsulates all four lakes, starts from Meenameen Lough. This walk skirts the western shore line of Lough Meenameen before disappearing deep into the heart of the forest and passing by Lough Navar and Lough Naman before branching off to loop the shore line of Lough Achork.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly / Enniskillen Route Shape Circular

Points of Interest Views, lakes and stunning landscape

From Enniskillen take the

A46 to Derrygonnelly and

then follow the signs for the 'Forest Drive'.

Location

Distance

7 miles

Route Type

Forest, woodland

Facilities

Car parking & picnic tables throughout the forest. Nearest amenities in Derrygonnelly.

Grade of Walk

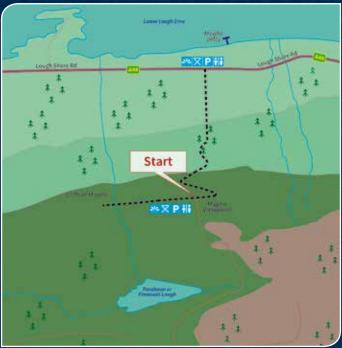
Moderate





Lough Navar Forest: Magho Cliffs Walk





The initial part of the walk takes you across the top of the Magho Cliffs offering great panoramic views of the surrounding area. At the end of this path take a moment to rest on the bench provided and soak in the tranquil atmosphere. The cliffs are an Area of Special Scientific Interest as they support an exceptional range of habitats. The abundance of wildlife is very evident, keep an eye out for the array of butterflies and birds feeding in the area. To continue the walk return back along the cliff top path and follow the black route way markers which will bring you down the cliff twisting and winding its way through the woodland with patches of open area providing great glimpses of the cliff escarpment.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly / Enniskillen

Points of Interest The 300 metre high Magho cliffs

Location

From Enniskillen take the A46 to Derrygonnelly and then follow the signs for the 'Forest Drive'

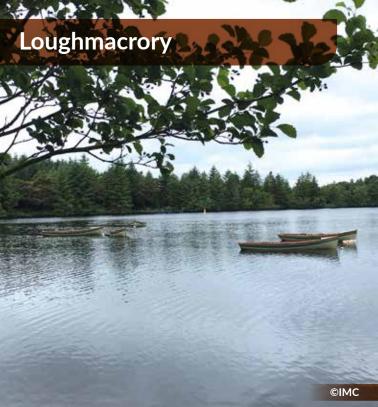
Distance 1.3 miles Route Shape

Route Type Forest, lakeland

 Facilities
Car parking & picnic tables throughout the forest.
Nearest amenities in Derrygonnelly.

Grade of Walk







Loughmacrory is based in beautiful rural surroundings, providing locals and visitors alike with a loughshore path to enjoy the unspoilt environment around this freshwater lake. Visitors may be lucky enough to catch sight of the electric blue kingfishers, or some of the wild duck that have chosen the lough as their nesting grounds.

Contact: www.loughmacrory.com

Nearest Town Loughmacrory village /

Points of Interest

Natural freshwater lough

Location

Omagh

From Loughmacrory village, take the Ballybrack Road. Two large stone pillars signal the entrance to the walk

Distance 1.3 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Lakeside, forest

Facilities

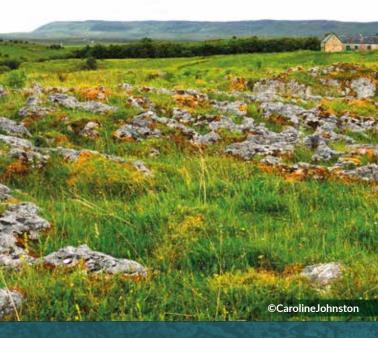
Picnic benches. Toilets at the community centre. Closest amenities in Loughmacrory village or Omagh.







Marlbank (Killykeegan)





This nature reserve's limestone grassland is managed through conservation grazing and is characterized by low growing plants such as thyme and bird's foot trefoil. Bird's foot trefoil is the food plant of the caterpillars of the rare dingy skipper butterfly, which can be found here in early summer together with the common blue and another rarity, the marsh fritillary butterfly.

In places the limestone is overlain by patches of more acidic soils which, in early June are swathed with pink heath-spotted orchids. Scattered lesser butterfly orchids also occur here, their flowers mimicking white moths which are thus lured to pollinate them. Rarities found here include field gentian and the small white mountain orchid. Hazel scrub has found a niche within the nature reserve as well. Here you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a red squirrel, pine martens or Irish stoat. Cuckoos can be heard calling as they seek out meadow pipits' nests in which to lay their egg.

Contact: www.daera-ni.gov.uk

Nearest Town Belcoo

Points of Interest Limestone landscapes, hazel glades

Location Follow signs for Marlbank Scenic loop and Marble Arch Caves/Cuilcagh Geopark. The carpark is situated approximately 1 mile from the Marble Arch Caves entrance.

- Distance 0.5 miles
- Route Shape Circular
- Route Type Parkland, grassland, woodland

Facilities

Car park and toilets are open 11.00am-6.00 pm between Easter and September (closed September-Easter). McGrath's cottage holds a small interpretive display on local history (open daily July & August and weekends in May, June & Sept).

Grade of Walk

Easy

Glacial Erratics

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Robbers Table





This off road hill walk is set among a rural landscape, marked with bellowing hedges and stone walls, dividing the surrounding fields. The ruins of Castleroddy National School and the derelict farm sheds, with their distinctive orange tin roofs are marks on the landscape of times gone-by.

On clear days, the Donegal and high Sperrin Mountains can be seen in all their glory. This is an enjoyable and satisfying walk for those who are keen for a longer, off road route.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Omagh / Gortin

Points of Interest

Panoramic views, distinctive rural landscape

Location

Park at the Gortin Glens forest (signposted off the main road between Omagh and Gortin). Start the walk on the Lisnaharney Road

Distance 8.1 miles Route Shape Circular

Route Type Hill, open farmland

Facilities

Car parking, picnic tables and toilets on site at Gortin Glens. Nearest amenities in Omagh or Gortin

Grade of Walk

Moderate



Seskinore Forest





Seskinore Forest is 135 hectares of a mixed coniferous and broadleaved woodland. There are no way marked routes through the forest but there are looped paths throughout. The forest once belonged to the McClintock Estate and remnants of the old farm buildings are still onsite. The area is rich in biodiversity, with each season bringing change within the forest. Look out for the magnificent copper beach located in the open area of the old courtyard.

Contact: www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/seskinore-forest

Nearest Town Seskinore

Points of Interest Copper beech, historic buildings, biodiversity

Location Car park is located on the main Omagh to Seskinore Road.

Distance No specified routes within forest but all paths are suitable for walking Route Shape Circular

Route Type Gravel paths, woodland

Facilities Car park

Grade of Walk





Sloughan Glen





Sloughan Glen is a short walk set within the glen that leads to a splendid waterfall. From the car park, follow the path up to the waterfall. Steep steps ascend to a path that walks on the high side overlooking the waterfall. This walk is a peaceful retreat away from the hustle and bustle of the urban life.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Drumquin

Points of Interest Waterfall

Location

Sloughan Glen is sign posted from B50 (Omagh to Castlederg Road) or B84 (Drumquin to Dromore Road)

Distance 0.3 miles Route Shape

Route Type Gravel path

Facilities

Car park and picnic facilities on site



Easy



Topped Mountain





Topped Mountain, standing at only 277metres is technically a hill, however, a short, sharp climb from the car park leads to the summit which provides extensive 360 degree vistas over Upper and Lower Lough Erne and the west of the province. On a clear day the Sperrins can be seen to the north, Clogher Valley to the east and all of Fermanagh lies before you to the west.

On the summit you will find a 'trig' point and an ancient cairn. The ancient cairn is a protected monument while the trig point was originally erected by Ordnance Survey to assist with the remapping of Britain.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Lisbellaw

Points of Interest 'Trig' Point, cairn, panoramic views

Location

Topped Mountain is signposted from main Enniskillen to Tempo Road. Gravel Car Park is on sharp bend beside small lough.

Distance 0.6 mile return Route Shape Linear

Route Type Gravel track and open grassland

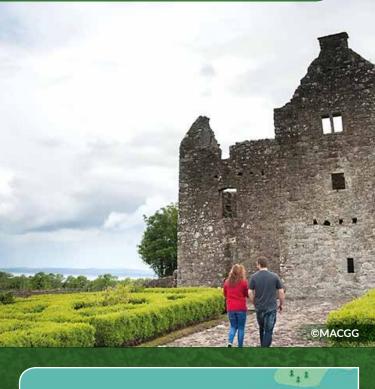
Facilities Car Park. Nearest facilities in nearby Lisbellaw.

Grade of Walk

Moderate



Tully Castle





This charming walk takes in the castle grounds with commanding views of the castle ruins and the surrounding countryside. The walk continues into a mixed woodland area before breaking out into views across Lough Erne; Heron Island, Gay Island and Inishmakill Island can all be seen directly opposite the shoreline. These islands and surrounding shore are important for a variety of wild birds.

(Part of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark).

Contact: www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

Nearest Town Derrygonnelly

Points of Interest Plantation castle Tully Castle built in 1613

Location

From Enniskillen, travel north along the A46 Shore road towards Belleek. Approximately 15km from Enniskillen, Tully Castle is signed and located on the right Route Shape Circular

Route Type

Lakeland, parkland & grassland, riverside

Facilities

Toilets and picnic benches are available on site

Grade of Walk

Easy

Distance 1.2 miles

Vinegar Hill Loop





This walk is based in the dynamic and beautiful landscape of Gorticashel Glen. The start of the walk passes through Barnes Gap – a remarkable landscape formed by the shifting and scraping of the glaciers during the melting of the last Ice Age. Abandoned farmsteads and fields encased by unkempt hedges, the Gorticashel Glen has a certain charm; telling a story of the life and work of family farms, both present and past.

Contact: www.fermanaghomagh.com

Nearest Town Gortin

Points of Interest Panoramic views on a clear day, history and heritage of rural area

Location

Barnes Gap car park is located at the junction of Landahussy Road and Mullaghbane Roads. These roads are accessible from the B47 Glenelly Road that links Plumbridge, Cranagh and Sperrin. Distance 7 miles

Route Shape Circular

Route Type Hill, open countryside

Facilities Car park

Grade of Walk

Moderate

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