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## Disclaimer

Maps in this guide are for illustrative purposes only. For those moderate and difficult walks it is advised that you obtain detailed maps before walking. Please ensure you are correctly equipped with suitable clothing and footwear. Some of these walks are in truly natural surroundings, including steep ground, rocky scree, uneven surfaces and boggy sections – you are responsible for your own safety.

## Plan ahead and prepare

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

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

## Seven Principles of Leave No Trace:

## Leave No Trace

Easy	Short walks generally fairly level going on well surfaced routes
Moderate	Longer walks with some gradients and generally on well surfaced routes
Difficult	Longer walks only suitable for more experienced walkers correctly equipped with waterproof clothing and strong walking boots

The walks have been graded into three categories:

## Additional Information...

## Other walks in the area...

There are many way-marked walks across the Council area. Information on each walk can be downloaded from [www.walkingni.com](http://www.walkingni.com).

### An Creagán Trails

• Bellanaleck Loughshore Walk

• Bessy Bell

• Crocknagrally Forest

• Gortin Lakes

• Jenkin Forest and Lakes

• Killifole Lough

• Robbers Table

• Sloughan Glen

• Topped Mountain

• Vinegar Hill Loop

• Aghanaglack Walk, Ballintempo Forest

• Belmore Forest: Pollnagollum Cave Walk

• Big Dog Forest: Big Dog Walk

• Carrigan Forest: Lough Formal Walk

• Castle Archdale Forest: Woodland Riverside Walk

• Castle Archdale Forest: Tom's Island Walk

• Castle Caldwell Forest: Beechwood Walk

• Castle Caldwell Forest: Castle Scenic Walk

• Castle Caldwell Forest: Rossergole Point Walk

• Cuilicagh Way: Walk 1 Cladagh Glen Walk

• Cuilicagh Way: Walk 2 Cuilicagh Legnabrocky Trail

• Cuilicagh Way: Walk 3 Cuilicagh Hiker's Trail

• Ely Lodge Forest: Carrickreagh Jetty Walk

• Ely Lodge Forest: Carrickreagh Viewpoint Walk

• Ely Lodge Forest: Loughshore Walk

• Gortmacconnell Viewpoint Walk

• Lough Navar Forest: Blackstee Waterfall Walk

• Lough Navar Forest: Achork Walk

• Lough Navar Forest: Lough Navar Lakes Walk

• Lough Navar Forest: Maghno Cliffs Walk

• Tully Castle

## Walking Trails

A range of trails start from the trailhead. They provide the chance to enjoy the Park's natural habitats at their best. All the trails are colour coded and return to the trailhead.

### Park Trail

**Moderate** | 1.0 km/0.6 miles | 30 minutes

A pleasant trail along the lower reaches of the Pollan Burn. This trail takes walkers past the wildlife area and deer enclosure.

### Nature Trail

**Strenuous** | 2.0 km/1.25 miles | 1 hour

This educational trail provides interest for the whole family by taking in a range and variety of habitats. Information points along the way give a broad insight into the nature of Gortin Glen and the surrounding countryside.

### Pollan Trail

**Moderate** | 2.0 km/1.25 miles | 1 hour

This pleasant and rewarding trail follows the course of the Pollan Burn as it tumbles down the mountainside. Stop for a few minutes at the waterfall and enjoy the beauty that centuries of water have carved out of the solid rock. Continue on through forests of Lodgepole pine and Sitka spruce before returning to the trailhead through Japanese larch planted in 1940.

### Ladies View Trail

**Strenuous** | 3.7 km/2.3 miles | 2 hours

Ladies View Trail was so named after the two nearby Mountains of Bessy Bell and Lady Gray. This 3.7km energetic walk is for those who enjoy a challenge. The route rises to its highest point at 350 metres. Take a rest and enjoy the panoramic views of the countryside. A steady descent leads back to the trailhead along the scenic drive, then through diverse conifer woodland. .

### Mullaghcarn Trail

**Strenuous** | 7.0 km/4.2 miles | 3.5 hours

This more challenging trail to the summit of Mullaghcarn follows the Pollan Trail before breaking off towards the summit of Mullaghcarn. The summit offers spectacular views over the Sperrins and into County Donegal before returning back to the trailhead.

## Gortin Glen Forest Park – A Walker's Code

### Preparation

The weather can change at any minute so take extra warm waterproof clothing, wear sturdy footwear and bring a snack.

### Leave No Trace

Please use refuse bins or, better still, take litter home and only leave footprints.

### Keep to the appropriate Trail

Please keep to the way-marked walking trails and watch out for mountain bikers on their dedicated trails.

### Minimise Fire Risk

Help prevent forest fires by not throwing cigarette butts or glass bottles away as these can cause ignition

### Parking

There is ample parking in the main car park so please don't park in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders.

### Dogs

Dogs are welcome to the Park, preferably on a lead. However, leads must be used on the upper section of Mullaghcarn Trail due to livestock grazing on both sides of the trail.

### Opening Hours

Gortin Glen Forest Park is open from early morning to late evening but may have to close at short notice due to forestry operations or local weather conditions

### Contact Information

There is a Ranger presence on site most days working throughout the forest. If there is an emergency, please call 999. Consider downloading the App what3words to help emergency services find you if you get lost.

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- Park Trail
- Nature Trail
- Pollan Trail
- Ladies View Trail
- Mullaghcarn Trail
- Scenic Drive
- Wildlife Area
- Deer Enclosure
- Toilets
- Parking
- Blue-badge Parking
- Viewpoint
- Campsite
- Walking Trail Head
- Waterfall

