

# GLIN HERITAGE WALKING TRAILS



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**Trailhead:** St Pauls Heritage Centre on Church St with ample, safe parking  
**Services:** Glin town  
**Distance:** 10KM  
**Time:** 3hrs 30mins  
**Difficulty:** A-B-C: Moderate. A-D-E-F: Easy.

**Terrain:** A-B-C Open countryside and woodland trails with an elevation of 130 metres. A-D-E-F Coastal paths along Shannon Estuary.

**To suit:** A-B-C Medium Level Fitness. A-D-E-F Beginner Level Fitness. Casual walkers.

**Minimum gear:** A-B-C Sturdy walking boots, waterproofs, rucksack, fluid, snack, mobile phone. A-D-E-F walking shoes, waterproofs.

**Note:** This trail may be undertaken as one long walk or three separate walks.  
 OS Map: 64

### Glin Heritage Walking Trails Walks

Glin is home to a diverse range of built, natural and cultural heritage. The old castle (C13th) was the stronghold of the Knights of Glin. There have been 29 Knights of Glin and the 'new' Glin castle is still home to the FitzGerald family. Glin Castle and Demesne is a fine example of formal gardens and parklands. The Georgian style town square layout and civic stone buildings date from C18th and the Shannon Estuary is a critical habitat for bottlenose dolphins.

### KNIGHTS WALK

A-B. From St Pauls Heritage Centre the trail heads south through farmland to the first wooded area. This is the Race Field and was home to many important race meetings. On exiting the wood follow the trail into the next field and turn right along the boundary of the field - sweeping views of the Glin town and the Shannon Estuary unfold. Turn left at the end of this field.

B-C. Follow to the second wooded area, the Beech Walk. Upon leaving the wood the pinnacle of the trail reaches 130 metres with a viewing platform affording panoramic views of Counties Limerick, Clare, Galway, Kerry, Cork and Tipperary. To the north is Scatterry Island and Galway Bay. To the west is Loop Head (Clare), Ballybusion (Kerry). C-B. Continue from the viewing platform in a northerly direction and to enter the third wooded area, Rook Hall, home to a rookery and the flock are said to fly to Clare every morning and return to Glin before nightfall. Join the original trail at B and return to St Pauls Heritage Centre.

### KNOCKERANNA WAY & THE PATH

A-D-E and/or A-D-F Leaving the trail head move north. Turn right onto the N69 and cross to the town park at the pedestrian crossing.

### THE PATH

D-E Head west along the N69 to the end of the path and witness panoramic views of the Shannon Estuary. It was along here that Elias Hanly, the Cailin Ban, was murdered by John Scanlon and Stephen Sullivan who, despite being defended by none other than Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, were later hanged.

### KNOCKERANNA WAY

Knockeranna Way & D-F Head east along the N69. Hamilton Tower to your left, built in C19th was a viewing tower for yacht racing on the estuary. The annual Glin Castle Yacht Race is still held every autumn. On the right Hamilton Terrace is a fine example of Georgian architecture. Continue over the bridge to the ruin of the 'old' Glin castle; past the Pier Road and look back for a view of Glin Pier where Constable Maggie Moloney was the world's first female harbour master. Return to the trailhead by the same route.

## Leave No Trace

- Principles of Outdoor Ethics
- Plan ahead and be prepared for the level of walk you are about to undertake.
  - Dispose of waste properly and take home litter.
  - Leave what you find.
  - Respect Property.
  - Preserve the Past.
  - Conserve the Present.
  - Respect farm stock and wildlife - NO DOGS ALLOWED.
  - Only walk on approved marked routes.
  - NO FIRES.

## Cód tuaithe

- Koimise ar an tsiar  
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 Díreáil agus úrnuáil  
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 Ná déan áit nua

- Car Park
- Public Road
- Private Road
- Knight's Walk
- Link Trail
- The Path
- Knockeranna Way
- Picnic Area
- Heritage Site

