



Royal Canal Greenway

43km of County Longford Walkway • Heritage Sites • Flora & Fauna • Connected Walks

TRAIL CLASS: 2 **TRAIL GRADE:** EASY (Sections are multi-access but seating is limited and there are gates/stiles with slight slopes along the way).

The enchanting Royal Canal Greenway is 130km of level towpath, ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists of all ages and stages. Starting in Maynooth, it follows the 200-year-old canal through Enfield and Mullingar to charming Clondra in County Longford, with cafés, picnic spots and attractions along the way. Rustic and industrial landscapes combine, with rolling fields, pretty waterside villages, working locks and historic landmarks. Walk or cycle between any of the main towns and return by train to where you started. Follow where once horse-drawn barges journeyed and keep an eye out for hidden wildlife wonders along the way.



Mid-Shannon Wilderness Park

A rehabilitation project of local bogs post the cessation of peat harvesting. These bogs span thousands of acres from Lanesborough to Kenagh—Derryaroge Bog, Lough Bannow Bog and Derryadd Bog. It is home to numerous wildlife including some of Ireland's rarest species—the red-listed Lapwing and the amber-listed wintering Whooper Swan. Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre is located within the park. It is planned to develop a network of greenways primarily following the former industrial bog railway routes.



National Famine Way Longford

A self-guided 165km trail—the journey taken by 1,490 famine emigrants on foot from Strokestown Park to ships in Dublin in 1847, at the height of the Irish Famine. The trail is centred around the walk of 12-year-old Daniel Tighe, who remarkably survived the horrific journey to Quebec in Canada—reimagined in vignettes written by award-winning author Marita Conlon-McKenna. These are connected to over 30 pairs of 19th-century bronze children's shoes interspersed along the route. Visit website nationalfamineway.ie

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Longford Town & The Mall Walk

4.6km of Town & Park Walks • Heritage Sites • Playgrounds • Outdoor Gym Equipment



Teal

Swift

Mallard

White-tailed
Bumblebee

Silver Birch

Oak



TRAIL CLASS: 2

TRAIL GRADE: MULTI-ACCESS/EASY

The Mall offers a looped, multi-access gravel path in the Albert Reynolds Peace Park. Home to the sports and leisure complex, the park has outdoor exercising equipment, two playgrounds, basketball courts, outdoor bowls area and all weather pitches. There is limited rest seating, but ample parking. The Longford Town Trail loops around the town centre, past significant Longford landmarks and leads to the start of the Royal Canal Greenway (Longford Branch).

Mall Walk: 2.6km, 28mins

Longford Town Trail: 2km, 20mins

N63 to Athlone

ROYAL CANAL AVENUE

ROYAL CANAL
GREENWAYBackstage Theatre
& Centre for the Arts

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O'Higgins/Barraghbeg Heritage Trail

4.3km of Walkway • Native Flora & Fauna • Playgrounds • Birthplace of Bishop William O'Higgins



TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: EASY

Linear walk through farmland—which can be wet in winter months and alongside the Mill River. The area is rich in biodiversity and is named after William O'Higgins (Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise 1829–1853), born at Barraghbeg in 1794. Parking available in Drumlish.



O'Higgins/Barraghbeg Heritage Trail: 4.3km, 50mins

Starts in historic Drumlish Village opposite 200 year-old Rogers' Mill.

Land War 1901-1902
Commemorative Panels

DRUMLISH VILLAGE



Supermarket

Kelleher Monument

Bishop O'Higgins Monument



Drumlish Library

Rogers' Mill

BALLINALEE

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Access to—
Corn Hill Walking Trail
Mixed Terrain Hill Walk



Corn Hill Walking Trail (278m)

3.2km Mixed Terrain Walk • Great Views from Highest Point in the County



Access to—
O'Higgins/Barraghbeg
Heritage Walking Trail

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DRUMLISH

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Pine Marten

Buzzard

Badger

Corn Hill
278m

Gorse

BALLINALEE

Ling Heather

Chiffchaff

Hare

500m



TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: MODERATE

Hill walk of mixed terrain—both gravel path (first 0.7km) and rough dirt track—which is short but steep in places. Views at the top are spectacular where 9 counties are visible. At 278m it is the highest point in Longford. Parking is available and there are picnic benches on route. There are two cairns on the summit—a stone-age passage tomb with a roofed chamber. The larger cairn was called 'Carn Caille', after an ancient witch 'Cailleach a Bheara'.

 **Corn Hill Walking Trail:** 3.2km out and back, 40mins

Please note the telecommunications mast on the hill must not be accessed.

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Edenmore Bog Walk

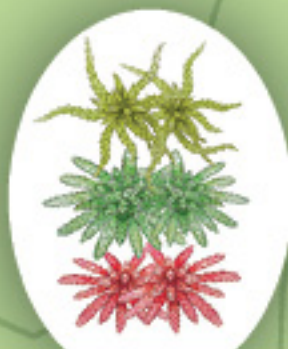
4.5km Looped Bog Walk • Native Flora & Fauna

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BALLINAMUCK

Sphagnum Moss



Common Frog



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Access to—
Leebeen & Aughnaccliffe
Town Park & Waterfall Trails

Ling Heather

Devil's-Bit
Scabious

Marsh Fritillary



Silver Birch



Black Bogrush



Grey Heron



500m

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TRAIL CLASS: 3

Looped walk around pristine bogland habitat, introducing the walker to the biodiversity of bog plants and animals. Bog lane grassy in parts—not all wheel-friendly. Even elevation. Parking available. The edges of the bog support a range of woodland, grassland and wetland habitat.

TRAIL GRADE: MODERATE

Edenmore Bog Walk: 4.5km, 50mins



Leebeen Park & Aughnaccliffe Waterfall Trails

1.5km Leebeen Park Walk with Playground & Boardwalk • 1.4km Aughnaccliffe Waterfall Walk • Megalithic Tombs/Dolmens



TRAIL CLASS: 2 TRAIL GRADE: MULTI-ACCESS/EASY

Leebeen Park offers a multi-access path with a boardwalk over the lake. There is parking, a playground, green gym equipment and picnic benches. The blue branch of Aughnaccliffe Waterfall Trail leads to Pulliness Waterfall and orange loop takes you along the river. Paths are wide with a fine gravel surface, elevation is even. Two megalithic tombs or dolmens can be found nearby.

- Leebeen Park Loop:** 1.5km, 16mins. Multi-access path
- Blue Branch:** 0.4km, 4mins
- Orange Loop:** 1.4km, 15mins

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Derrycassin Woodland Trail

1.25km — 3.5km Woodland Walks • Nature Trail • Walled Garden • Beautiful Views

MULLINALAGHTA



Beech

Rath

Walled Garden

DERRYCASSIN WOODS



Red Squirrel



Ash



Oak



Kingfisher



Bluebell

Mullinaghta's St. Columba's GAA

500m

ST. COLMCILLE'S 6th CENTURY MONASTIC RUINS—INCHMORE ISLAND

LOUGH GOWNA

1km approx.



Pike

Boat Slip & Jetty

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Access to—
Leebeen & Aughnaccliffe
Town Park & Waterfall Trails

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TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: MODERATE

The woods, once part of an estate belonging to the Dopping Heppenstall family, offer stunning views of Lough Gowna and the remains of a rath and a walled garden. Picnic benches and a playground make it ideal for a family spot. Surfaces vary, not all wheel-friendly, but with a fairly even elevation. Parking at start. The ruins of the 6th century monastery established by St. Columba (or Colmcille) are on Inchmore in Lough Gowna.

Main Avenue: 3.5km, 45mins

Walled Garden: 2km, 20mins

Nature Trail: 1.25km, 15mins

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Brí Leith Walk (200m) Ardagh Village

4.3km of Hill Walkway • Native Flora & Fauna • Close to Ardagh Heritage Village

LONGFORD

L1101

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Fieldmouse

Gorse

Leisler's Bat

ARDAGH
HERITAGE
VILLAGEArdagh Heritage &
Creativity Centre

EDGEWORTHSTOWN

L1098

Pine Marten

Sparrowhawk

Bilberry

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R393

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Hare

500m

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150

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180

170

160

CARRICKBOY



TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: MODERATE

Hill walk on a resurfaced old walkway, associated with the legend of Midir & Etain. There are spectacular views from the top of Brí Leith (200m). Ardagh Village features Tudor-Gothic cottages. Learn about Irish mythology and early Christianity at nearby Ardagh Heritage & Creativity Centre.



Brí Leith Walk: 4.3km, 1hour

Considerable elevation over short distance with no seating. Limited parking.

Keenan Park
St. Patrick's GAA



Bri Leith
200m

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Newcastle Woodland Trail

14km of Walkways • Native Flora & Fauna • Access to Royal Canal Greenway



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TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: EASY

Once part of Newcastle Demesne, these woodland trails are through the Coillte-managed forest, along the Inny to the Royal Canal Greenway and round the perimeter of Center Parcs. There is plenty of parking and all loops offer varied distances and an excellent opportunity to appreciate the natural flora and fauna. Newcastle Woods is ideal for a family walk or cycle as it is mostly off public roads and on fairly level gravel pathways.

●●●●● **Perimeter Loop:** 5.6km, 1.5hours
 ●●●●● **Wood Loop:** 3.7km, 50mins
●●●●● **Greenway Access:** 2.6km, 28mins
 ●●●●● **Short Loop:** 1.2km, 15mins

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Corlea Amenity Bog Walk

8.6km Bog Walkway • Native Flora & Fauna • Interpretive Visitor Centre



CORLEA
TRACKWAY
VISITOR
CENTRE

18M OF
PRESERVED
IRON AGE
TRACKWAY

Round-leafed
Sundew

Black Bogrush

Bog Cotton

Sphagnum Moss

Orchids

Common Hawker
Dragonfly

Curlew

Common Lizard



TRAIL CLASS: 2

TRAIL GRADE: EASY

Walkway adjacent to Trackway Visitor Centre with a branch leading to the nearby Royal Canal Greenway. Limited seating, otherwise multi-access. Paths are wide with a fine gravel surface, elevation is even. The Visitor Centre is open seasonably from Spring to late Autumn.

Red Loop: 4.6km, 51mins

Canal Branch: 1km, 10mins

Blue Loop: 2.5km, 26mins

Small Branch: 0.5km, 6mins

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Commons Woodland Walk

4km Woodland Walk • Fishing & Watersports • Access-For-All Boat Trips

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Access to—

Derryaroge Bog Walk
Lanesborough to Royal Canal

Roscommon Road

North Harbour

ROSCOMMON

N63

BALLYLEAGUE

Waterways Ireland Marina



Perch

Supermarket

Duck Pond

South Harbour

LANESBOROUGH TOWN

Lanesborough Library

Longford Road

N63

LONGFORD

COUNTY ROSCOMMON

LOUGH REE BAY

Yellow Water Lily



Mute Swan

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1st Quarry
2nd Quarry
Rathcline Road

Athletics Track

Pipistrelle



Ballymahon Road

R392

BALLYMAHON

COUNTY LONGFORD

THE CUT

Water Germander



Hazel



Cuckoo Pint



500m

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TRAIL CLASS: 3

TRAIL GRADE: EASY

Broad, gravel pathway leading to narrow woodland path which is uneven and rough in places. Plenty of parking and a playground at the start. The walk passes the lake edge, two old lime quarries and mixed woodland—offering plenty of biodiversity and information boards.

----- Lead In: 1km one way from car park to woodland entrance, 10mins

----- Yellow Loop: 1.2km, 15mins ----- Brown Loop: 0.8km, 9mins

Silver-washed Fritillary



Cormorant



Pike



Oak



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Derryaroge Bog Walk

5km Woodland & Bog Walk • Access to Royal Canal Greenway



Snipe



Skylark

COUNTY
ROSCOMMON

THE RIVER SHANNON

COUNTY
LONGFORD



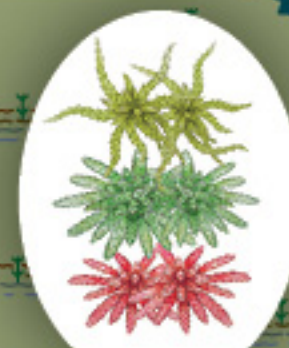
Ling Heather



Silver Birch



Bog Cotton



Sphagnum Moss



Access to-

Royal Canal Greenway
35km Clondra-County Boundary

500m

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Access to-

Commons Woodland Walk
Woodland Walk, Lanesborough

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LANESBOROUGH



Pike

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TRAIL CLASS: 2

TRAIL GRADE: EASY

Walkway passing through woodland and along the edge of a cut bog that has been left to rewild. There is parking for 5 cars at the start. Limited seating, otherwise multi-access. Path is wide with a fine gravel surface, elevation is even all along. It is an ideal family walk and offers access to bog habitat and wildlife. Continuing on the road at the north end leads to the L1162 and the Royal Canal at Ballydrum Bridge—a further 5.5km.



Derryaroge Bog Walk: 2.5km one way, 26mins; 5km out and back, 55mins
Proposed extensions westwards across Shannon and eastwards to Royal Canal.