



## Fáilte-Welcome

The Broadford Ashford Walking Trails are located in rural West Limerick, nestled into the Mullaghareirk mountain range. The majestic landscape of rolling hills, open farmland and forest paths is ideal walking terrain. Each of the 6 routes varying in distance from 6km to 20km have been carefully selected to provide spectacular views over County Limerick. All walks are fully waymarked and have illustrated storyboards in the picturesque villages of Broadford and Ashford.

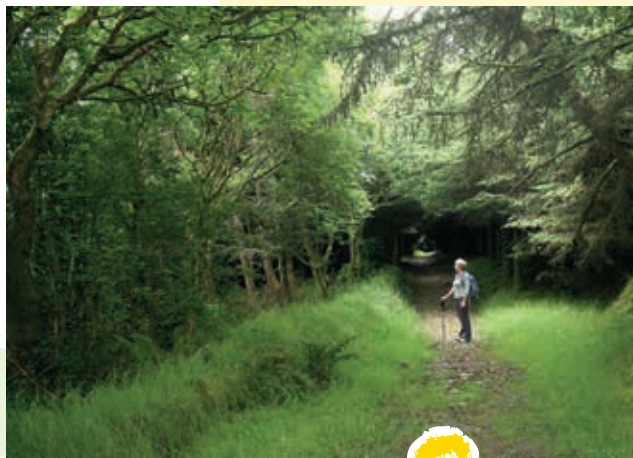
Specific map brochures are available locally or to download at [www.walkbroadfordashford.com](http://www.walkbroadfordashford.com)

The perfect mix that you seek from an Irish holiday-people, history, scenery and activity - is to be found in this one small corner of Ireland.

**LIMERICK TO ASHFORD:** Take N21 from Limerick signposted Tralee/ Killarney. Enter Adare. Entering Newcastle West at the first roundabout take 1st exit, at the second roundabout take 2nd exit onto R522 signposted Dromcollogher. After 7km turn right signposted for Broadford. Enter Broadford. Turn right on entering Broadford and go to the end of the village and take the Abbeyfeale road R515. Enter Ashford after 6km.  
GPS: 52,360564N -9.059633W

**CORK TO ASHFORD:** Take N20 from Cork signposted Mallow. Approaching Mallow at roundabout take 1st exit onto N72 signposted Killarney. After 13km turn right onto R576 signposted Kanturk. Enter Kanturk and take R579 road signposted Newcastle West. Continue for 23km and enter Broadford. Turn left on entering Broadford and take the Abbeyfeale road R515. Enter Ashford after 6km. GPS: 52,360564N -9.059633W

**LEAVE NO TRACE ON THE TRAILS:** Plan Ahead – Be considerate of others – Respect farm animals and wildlife – No dogs allowed except on tarred public roads – Leave what you find – Dispose of waste properly – No fires permitted.



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## GORTNACLOHY LOOP

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## Walk Directions GORTNACLOHY LOOP

**A – B.** From the trailhead in Ashford (outside the Church) with your back to the Church turn right and walk past the primary school. At the grotto turn right, following the green arrows. Follow the trail along this passageway veering right and climbing steeply up the 'Cobs Road'. Continue for 1km (leaving the private dwelling on your right) and climb the last section until you reach the main road. Take a rest on the seat and enjoy the view before you turn right and resume your walk.

**B – C.** Walk downhill through the acute bends until you come to the Mass rock with picturesque views of Limerick, Clare and Cork. Following the green arrows continue downhill until you reach a forestry entrance to the left. There is a stiff climb for 1km. The trail continues onto a pathway between rows of sitka spruce. Cross over the timber bridge that leads you onto a farmland passageway. Cross the next stile, continue past the private dwelling until you reach the junction with the road. Turn right.

**C – A.** Walk 280m until you reach the entrance to the 'Cobs Road' on your left. Return on the same route following the green arrows. This will bring you back to the village of Ashford. Turn left returning to the trailhead.

**TRAILHEAD:** Ashford Village, Co Limerick. OS Map 72

**GPS:** 52,360564N -9.059633W

**SERVICES:** Pub

**DISTANCE/TIME:** 5.5km/1.5 - 2hrs.

**WAYMARKING:** Green

**DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous (suit experienced walkers)

**TERRAIN:** Forest tracks, minor roads, steep hills which are slippery when wet.

**HIGH POINT/ASCENT:** 270m/150m

**MAP SCALE:** 1:17,000 (60mm = 1km).

**MINIMUM GEAR:** Hiking boots, raingear, liquids and phone.

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*Hill walking is a risk activity, walkers walk at own risk. In case of emergency ring 999*

1Km

