



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.

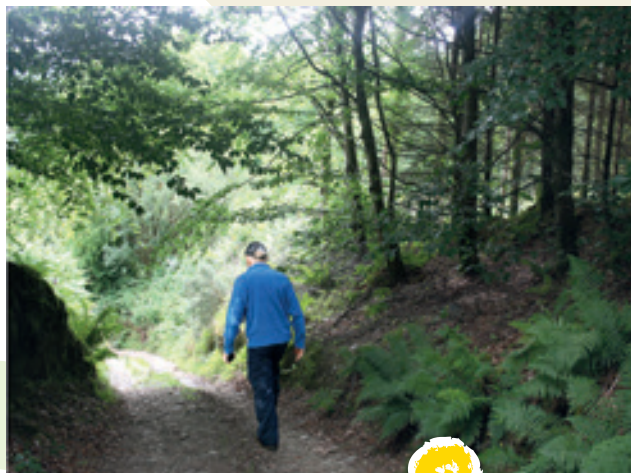
Specific map brochures are available locally or to download at www.walkbroadfordashford.com

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.

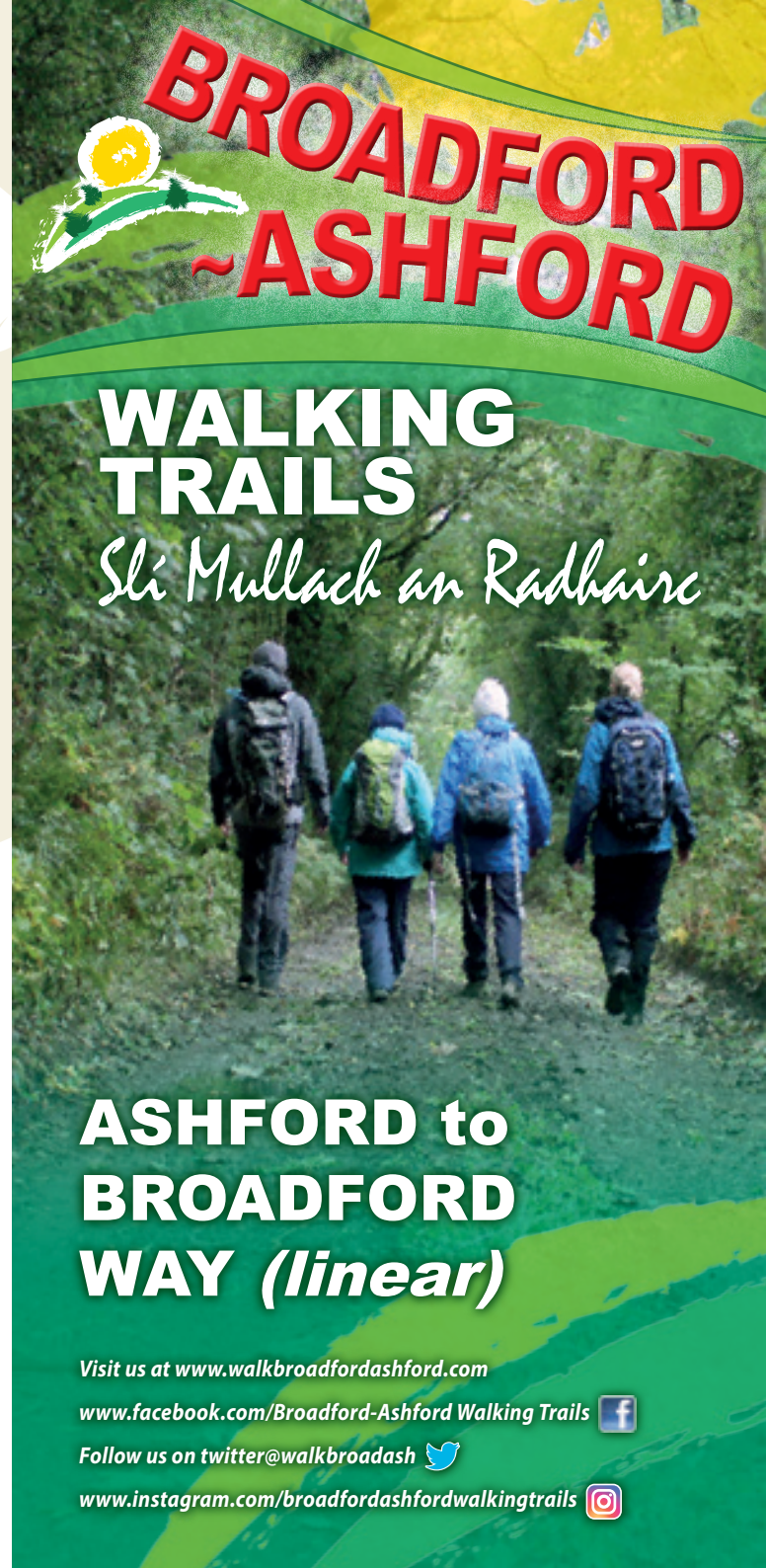


BROADFORD~ASHFORD WALKING TRAILS *Sli Mullach an Radhairc.*



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Supported by Project 2040 - Department of Rural and Community Development / Government of Ireland and Fáilte Ireland.



ASHFORD to BROADFORD WAY (linear)

Visit us at www.walkbroadfordashford.com

[www.facebook.com/Broadford-Ashford Walking Trails](https://www.facebook.com/Broadford-Ashford-Walking-Trails)

Follow us on twitter@walkbroadash

www.instagram.com/broadfordashfordwalkingtrails

Walk Directions ASHFORD to BROADFORD WAY (linear)

Follow the yellow arrows

A – B. From the trailhead in Ashford with your back to the Church turn right. At the grotto turn right following the yellow arrows for 300m. Climb steeply up the Cob's Road or for an easier gradient turn right following the pink arrows which will link you back again with the yellow Ashford to Broadford Way. Continue for 700m until you reach the main road enjoying the displays and storyboards installed by The Ashford Cobb Road Bird and Animal View committee. On reaching the main road turn left.

B – C. Walk along the roadway for 180m. Go left at the entrance to a farm passageway. Walk along this laneway for 1.35km until you meet a T junction, then turn right and walk between the rows of sitka spruce for 2 km. On reaching the main road walk to the left for 350m and turn right onto the forestry road (Lough Ghé is 300m further up on the main public road if you wish to visit a wildfowl sanctuary within a National Heritage Area of blanket bog) Having visited Lough Ghé rejoin the route at point C.

C – D. Continue on the forestry road for 1200m. Take time out to read the Duhallow Trails storyboard at the highest point on the Mullaghareirk Mountains, known locally as The Steeple. Take the exit to the left after the storyboard following the yellow arrows. After 1 km at the 4 cross roads turn left and continue on this route for 4km until you reach the main road. Walk to the left.

D – E. Continue 1.3km to a T junction, turn right. Fine views open up before you as you walk downhill. Continue on main road for 600m then turn right at the junction. Walk along this roadway for 1.8km until you come to a junction, turn left and continue. Ignoring the stile in front of you, veer right and continue on the main road for 1.2km until you come to a farm entrance on the left marked by a yellow arrow.

E – F. Continue along a passageway, over a stile into a field. Walk through the fields inside the farm fence admiring the views as you walk. Enjoy the fairy village on the trail as you descend. Visit the church ruins of Killaghohane Church on your right. Return to the trail and follow the yellow arrows for 1km until you reach the road junction. Turn right and walk for 100m. Go left and continue to the next junction where you turn right leading you into Broadford village and the Trailhead opposite the Church.

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

SERVICES: Ashford: Pub. Broadford: Pubs, post office, shops and restaurant.

DISTANCE/TIME: 20km / 5 - 6hrs.

WAYMARKING: Yellow.

HIGH POINT/ASCENT: 400m / 282m.

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous (to suit experienced walkers).

TERRAIN: Green Roads, forestry tracks, fields, steep climbs, minor roads.

MINIMUM GEAR: Hiking boots, rain gear, liquids and phone.

MAP SCALE: 1 : 44,900 (22mm = 1km).

GPS: Ashford Car Park: 52.360564N -9.059633W Broadford Car Park: 52.346003N -8.972707W

No dogs allowed except on tarred public roads. Hill walking is a risk activity, walkers walk at own risk. In case of emergency ring 999.

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous

These are physically demanding trails, which will typically have some sections with steep climbs for long periods and the going underfoot can be extremely rough including many obstacles. Suitable for users accustomed to walking on rough ground and with a high level of fitness. Specific outdoor walking footwear and clothing required.