

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 holidaypeople, history, scenery and activity - is to be found in this one small corner of Ireland. **LIMERICK TO BROADFORD:** 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. GPS: 52.346003N -8.972707W

CORK TO BROADFORD: 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. GPS: 52.346003N -8.972707W

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.

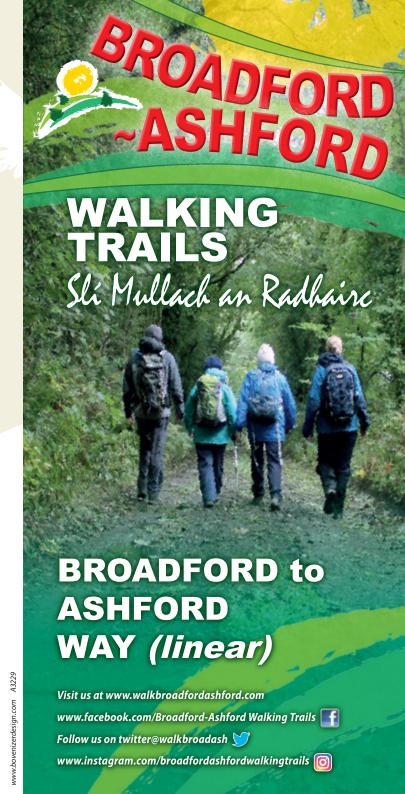






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Walk Directions
BROADFORD to ASHFORD
WAY (linear)

A – B. Walk west from the trailhead through the village of Broadford following the yellow arrows. Take the first turn to the left. Walk past the forge and take the next turn right at the road junction. After 500m rejoin the main road turning left. At the next junction walk right and after 100m enter the laneway on the left. Continuing along the laneway you come to a Y junction. Veer right.

B – C. Follow the yellow arrows walking along the laneway passing the ruins of Curramore House and veering right until you reach a stile on the left leading

you into fields of green pasture. Remaining inside the fence walk through the fields. Follow the trail overlooking Gleann Beag until you cross the stile leading you onto a roadway.

C – D. Walk to the right, following the yellow arrows for 350m until you come to a T junction. Turn right and follow the trail for 2km until you reach another T junction. Walk uphill to the left with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside visible on your right. Go left at the next junction. Following the yellow arrows walk along the quiet roadway until you come to the junction to the right after 1.3km

D – E. Continue along through this quiet country lane, entering the Coillte forestry. Continue to follow the yellow arrows for 4km. On reaching the 4 cross roads turn right and walk along for 1km and then take the forestry road to the right. Take time out to read the Duhallow Trails storyboard at the highest point on the Mullaghareirk Mountains, known locally as The Steeple. Continue on the forestry road for 1200m.

E – F. On reaching the main road walk to the left. If you wish visit Lough Ghé (Lough Ghé is 300m to the right 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 E and continue the route to Ashford following yellow arrows. Walk for 350m and turn right onto the forestry road.

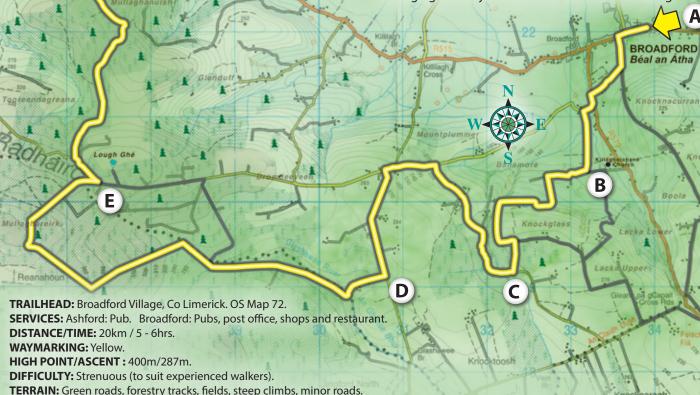
Walk between rows of sitka spruce for 2km. until you reach a junction to the left. Follow the yellow route through the forestry and entering a farm passageway until you reach the public roadway. Turn right and walk for 180m before entering the downhill trail known as The Cob's Road. Enjoy the displays and storyboards installed by The Ashford Cobb Road Bird and Animal View committee.

You can now follow the yellow arrows which will lead you to the trailhead in Ashford village.

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous

Knockawillin

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.



Coolnanoglagh

'An Bealach Cantoghe

ASHFORD

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

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

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

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.

1Km

Ath na Fuinseoige