



## 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.



# BROADFORD~ASHFORD

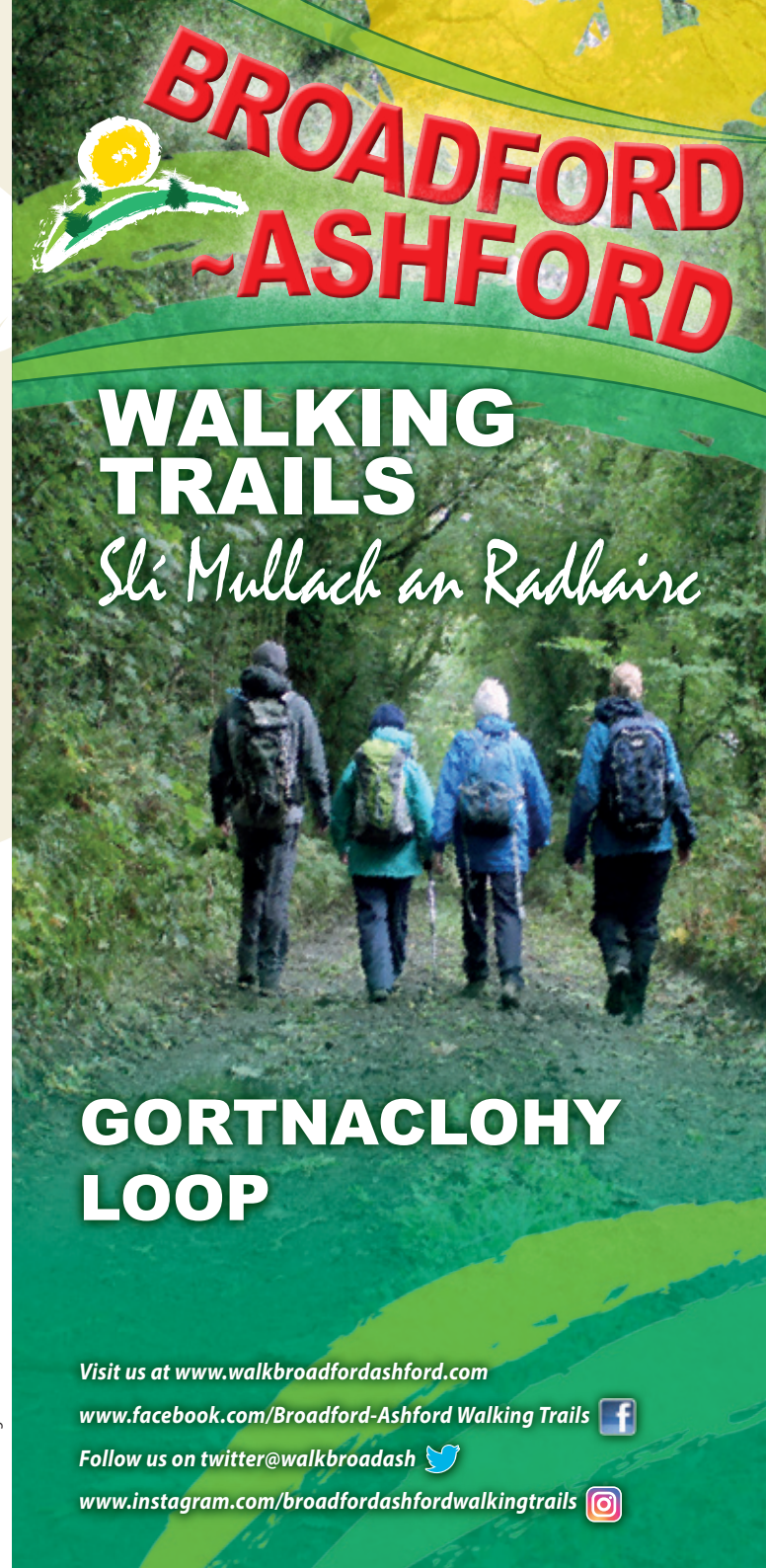
## WALKING TRAILS

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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 Cob's Road or for an easier gradient turn right following the pink arrows which will link you back again with the Green Gortnaclohy Loop. 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 right.

**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.

**C – A** Turn right before the deserted farmhouse and continue on the forestry track until you reach the main road. Turn left and continue for 1 km until you reach a T junction, then turn left following the green arrows. Enjoying the spectacular views walk 1 km until you reach the entrance to the Cob's Road on your right. Follow the green arrows downhill which will lead you once again to the trailhead in Ashford.

**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.*

**TRAILHEAD:** Ashford Village, Co Limerick. OS Map 72.  
**SERVICES:** Ashford: Pub.  
**DISTANCE/TIME:** 8km / 2 - 2hrs.30min.  
**WAYMARKING:** Green.  
**DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous (to suit experienced walkers).  
**TERRAIN:** Forest tracks, minor roads, steep hills which are slippery when wet.  
**MINIMUM GEAR:** Hiking boots, raingear, liquids and phone.  
**GPS:** Ashford Car Park: 52,360564N -9.059633W  
**HIGH POINT/ASCENT:** 270m/150m  
**MAP SCALE:** 1:17,000 (60mm = 1km).   
*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.*

