



- ▶ **Services:** Clogher Village
- ▶ **Start:** Clogher Heritage Centre
- ▶ **Distance/time:** 3km / 1 hour
- ▶ *Follow Green arrows*
- ▶ **Difficulty:** Easy
- ▶ **To Suit:** All level of fitness
- ▶ **Min Gear:** Walking boots, rainwear
- ▶ **Terrain:** New trail gravel surface, farmland, bog and public road
- ▶ **Views:** Commonage bog, farmland and woodland

## Newtown Forest Trail



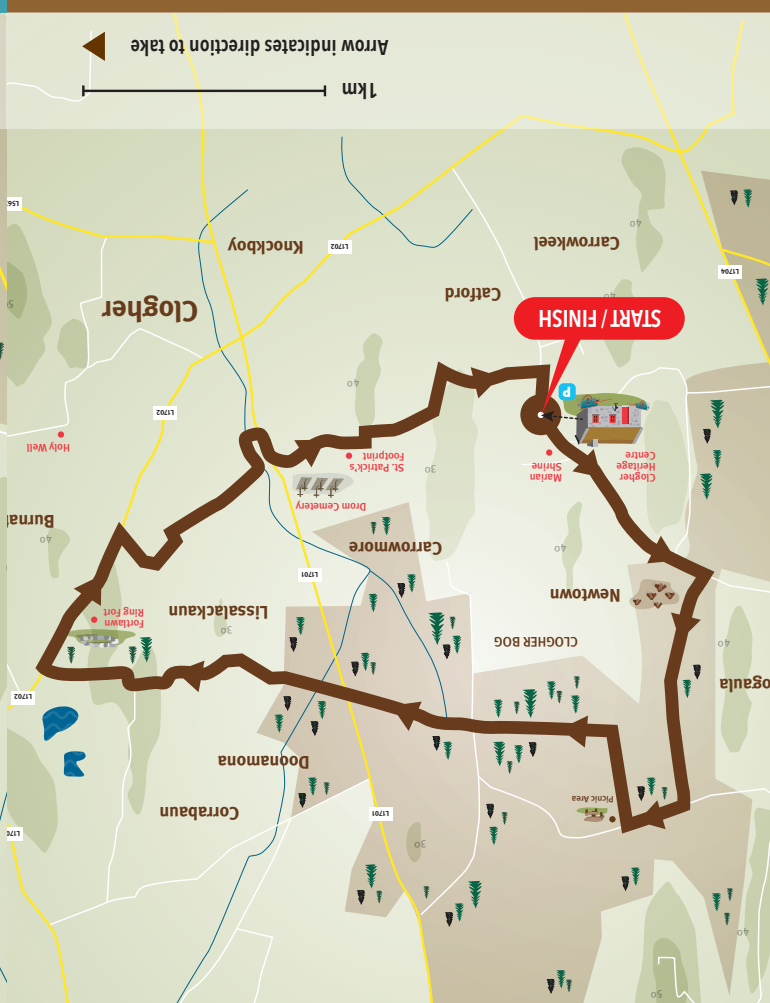
- ▶ **Services:** Clogher Village
- ▶ **Start:** Clogher Heritage Centre
- ▶ **Distance/time:** 6 km / 1 hour 20 mins
- ▶ *Follow Blue arrows*
- ▶ **Difficulty:** Moderate
- ▶ **To Suit:** Medium level of fitness
- ▶ **Min Gear:** Walking boots, rainwear
- ▶ **Terrain:** Mix of woodland, farmland, bog and public road
- ▶ **Views:** Commonage bog, farmland, wood and views to Partry Mountains

# Clojure Loop



- Services:** Clogher Village  
**Start:** Clogher Heritage Centre  
**Distance/time:** 8 km / 1 hour 40 mins  
*Follow Brown arrows*  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**To Suit:** Medium level of fitness  
**Min Gear:** Walking boots, rainwear  
**Terrain:** Woodland, public road, bog, graveyard and farm trail  
**Views:** Commonage bog, farmland, wood and views to Partry Mountains

# Clogher Bog Loop



## Holy Well Walk Tobermacduach



- ▶ **Services:** Clogher Village
- ▶ **Start:** Clogher Community Centre
- ▶ **Distance/time:** 5km / 1+ hours
- ▶ *Follow Purple arrows*
- ▶ **Difficulty:** Easy
- ▶ **To Suit:** All level of fitness
- ▶ **Min Gear:** Comfortable walking shoes, rainwear
- ▶ **Terrain:** Country lanes
- ▶ **Views:** Commonage bog, farmland and woodland



# Clogher Bog Loop Walks

The Clogher Bog complex boasts a number of separate yet interlinked short, looped walks that will take you through some of Mayo's most unspoiled countryside.

Individual loops can be completed in as little as one hour or take up to three hours. Yet such are the number of interesting diversions it would be possible to spend an entire day enjoying the wildlife and scenery and only discover a fraction of what is on offer. The well-kept lanes and trackways host an abundance of wildflowers, including a wide range of wild orchids, with rarities like lesser butterfly and frog orchids accompanied by twayblade, common spotted, early marsh, pyramidal, and the beautifully scented fragrant orchid species.

From early summer through autumn, a butterfly hunt will show you green hairstreak, brimstone, orange tip, dingy skipper, wall copper, peacock, red admiral and more, as well as a wide range of moths including the impressive, day-flying emperor moth. Dragonflies and damselflies hunt over boggy pools in large numbers and the diversity of bumblebees, cuckoo bees, honeybees and solitary bees will keep you enthralled for hours.

An evening walk might reveal a rare pine marten or even an otter or two hunting frogs over the mosaic of wetland and peat banks. Long-eared owls search for rodents while scarce hen harriers glide low over the reeds on the lookout for smaller birds.

The dawn and evening chorus of birdsong can only be described as enveloping. Resident songbirds such as blackbird, song thrush and robin are joined from April on by blackcap, willow warbler and a multitude of singing finches. To experience this at its best, be on the bog at first or last light.

Birdlife can be found in abundance even through the day. Common buzzard, sparrowhawk and kestrel are commonly encountered. Sand martins nest in colonies on the cutaway bog, snipe breed in out-of-the-way corners and a multitude of other birds, including the long-tailed tit and the goldcrest, Ireland's smallest birds, together with mute swan, grey heron and various species of geese, which are among the largest, will keep any with an interest busy.

The level of interest in preserving the Clogher Bog is rapidly increasing. As you soak up the quiet peace of our local walks we really hope you enjoy exploring, and that you will share what you find with others.

# CLOGHER BOG LOOP WALKS



**Looped walks through some of Mayo's most unspoiled countryside**



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Clogher Bog Loop



Clooncundra Loop



Newtown Forest Trail



Holy Well Walk Tobermacduagh



## GRADING LEVELS FOR WALKING TRAILS

### Multi-access

Flat smooth trails, suitable for all users including people with reduced mobility, wheelchair users, people with a vision impairment, using crutches, with a buggy, with small children, older people and so on. Normal outdoor footwear can be worn.

### Easy

Generally flat trails with a smooth surface and some gentle slopes or shallow steps. These trails are generally suitable for family groups including children and older people. Normal outdoor footwear can be worn.

### Moderate

These trails may have some climbs and may have an uneven surface where the going is rough underfoot with some obstacles such as protruding roots, rocks, etc. The routes are appropriate for people with a moderate level of fitness and some walking experience. Specific outdoor walking footwear and clothing is recommended.

### 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.

### Very Difficult

These routes are predominantly in remote upland areas. They will typically include steep slopes and very variable and rough underfoot conditions on sometimes indistinct trails. They may be unmarked so the use of a map and navigational skills will be required. Suitable only for the very fit and competent mountain walkers with a high level of experience. Specific outdoor walking footwear and clothing required.

## NOTICE

Part of the Clogher Bog Loop Walks are developed on active farms with the permission and co-operation of the Landowner. The trails may pass through land where livestock are grazing. It is important that walkers be respectful and conduct themselves appropriately when walking on a trail with livestock. Leave gates as you find them (open or closed).

## LEAVE NO TRACE

### PRINCIPLES

- 1 Plan Ahead and Prepare
- 2 Be Considerate of Others
- 3 Respect Farm Animals and Wildlife
- 4 Leave What You Find
- 5 Dispose of Waste Properly

Please adhere to this code in any trip outdoors

## SAFETY

Good hiking footwear, rain gear, take care when rock surface is wet. Carry a mobile phone.

Your Safety is your own responsibility. No liability can be accepted by the producers of this walks programme, for any loss, injury or damage to or in respect of any property or persons in connection with these trails.

Emergency Contact: In the event of an emergency call 999



NO DOGS ALLOWED  
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KEEP DOGS ON LEADS  
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## Clogher Heritage Centre

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