EXPLORE THE **BURREN DISCOVERY TRAIL**







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Looped Walks/Trails

A Blackhead Loop: 26km, Strenuous (GPS 53.11837, -9.28206) (www.w3w.co/infinite.tasty.thawed)

B Ballyvaughan Wood Loop: 8km, Moderate (GPS 53.11682, -9.15159) (www.w3w.co/ashamed.cooperation.bleakly)

Caher Valley Loop: 14.5km, Moderate (GPS 53.11685, -9.28526) (www.w3w.co/asparagus.institutions.cheapen)

D Carron Loop: 9km, Strenuous (GPS 53.03564, -9.07609) (www.w3w.co/burgundy.mercury.thinly)

Templecronan Loop: 5km, Easy (GPS 53.03564, -9.07609) (www.w3w.co/burgundy.mercury.thinly)

E Lough Avalla, Farm Loop*: 6km, Moderate (GPS 52.996638, -9.036644)

(www.w3w.co/birdhouse.seriously.selections) G Fanore Ballyvaughan Trek: 21km, Strenuous (GPS 53.1187, -9.28264 / 53.11697, -9.15226)

(www.w3w.co/blitz.chives.shed) H Flaggy Shore: 6.5km, Easy (GPS 54.662884, -8.771174) (www.w3w.co/ribbing.galas.pacers)

River Walk Ennistimon (see No7 overleaf)

Dromore Woods: A number of Easy walks (GPS 52.92295, -8.96132)

(www.w3w.co/wiggle.begin.roadsides)

K Cliffs of Moher Coastal Path: Options 6km, Moderate (GPS 52.938468, -9.4487277) (www.w3w.co/swear.tipple.slamming) 8km, Moderate (GPS 53.022221, -9.3693879)

(www.w3w.co/appointment.biked.troubles)

L The Burren Way: 114km: Options

Lahinch: Moderate (GPS 52.934087, -9.3486343) (www.w3w.co/brainstorm.doves.sudden)

Corofin: Moderate (GPS 52.947041, -9.0682630 (www.w3w.co/trips.mascots.hallways)

Tubber: Moderate (GPS 52.989816, -8.8939825) (www.w3w.co/decorators.offices.decking)

sportireland.ie/outdoors/find-your-trails.ie Download the What3Words app

🚷 Burren National Park Trails

(GPS 52.996558, -9.037868) (w3w.co/splash.runs.enemies)

- Burren National Park Nature Trail* (1.5km, Moderate) White Route
- Burren National Park Knockaunroe Turlough (1.3km, Moderate) Orange Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Traverse (6km, Strenuous) Red Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Loop (75.km, Strenuous) Blue Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Return (6.5km, Strenuous) Green Route
- * No parking available on site. Park & Ride from Corofin available May – August

Local Playgrounds

Lisdoonvarna Playground (GPS 53.025483, -9.291228) **Doolin Playground** (small, GPS 53.022313, -9.369270) Lehinch Playground (GPS.9341, -9.34799) **Ballyvaughan Playground** Gort Community Playground (GPS 53.0612, -8.8149)

Corofin Playground (GPS 52.94524, -9.068452)

Crusheen Playground (GPS 52.93939, -8.896307)

The Burren Discovery Trail

Things to See & Do

See map for location of each attraction. * Denotes by appointment only

⁰¹ Dysert O'Dea Castle The authentically restored 15th century castle, the stronghold of the O'Dea clan. Standing on the site of an early Christian monastery that is home to the Clare Archaeology Centre.

dysertcastle.com

02 Clare Heritage & **Genealogy Centre**

For those wishing to experience a truly authentic portrayal of 18th and 19th century Clare and, by extension, that of Ireland in general and its remarkable emigration story. clareroots.com

03 Burren Experience Walking Tours

Experience guided walks on Mullaghmore mountain – the sublimely beautiful heart of the Burren, rich in heritage and natural beauty and famous for its flora and wildlife.

mullaghmore-burren.com

04 E-Whizz Electric Bike

Tours & Hire The Burren Electric Bike Tour takes you off the beaten track to some stunning locations in the magical Burren region. e-whizz.com

⁰⁵ The Burren Centre

A multimedia exhibition centre where you can explore life in the Burren, its flora, fauna, archaeology, geology & architecture which learning of the music and history that is the Kilfenora Ceili Band. theburrencentre.ie

06 Kilfenora Timeline

Kilfenora Timeline traces the history of the village and surrounding area, from the establishment of a monastic settlement in the 6th century, right up to the present day. Find us on Facebook

07 River Walk Ennistimon

Relax and refresh yourself to the healing sounds as you stroll down the Inagh Glen as you hear the Inagh River rushing by.

OB Art Trail Ennistimon Take a short walk to visit a growing number of galleries and exhibitions located within the village of Ennistimon

ennistymonarttrail.com

⁰⁹ St. Tola's Goats Cheese Join Siobhán Ní Ghairbhith in a personal guided tour of St Tola Irish Goat Cheese farm on her family land near Inagh. Get up close with their friendly nanny goats and beautiful gentle kids. st-tola.ie

¹⁰ Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

Witness the stunning landscape at the Cliffs of Moher, this dramatic cliff face stands 214 meters tall. The Cliffs are home to over 30 species of seabirds that revel in their beautiful home.

cliffsofmoher.ie

11 Burren Smokehouse

Immerse vourself in the story of the Salmon of Knowledge. Learn the secrets of salmon smoking and enjoy the silky, smoky texture of the Burren Smoked Irish Organic Salmon.

burrensmokehouse.com

Did you know...

The Burren is home to over 1,100 plant species, about three quarters of the total flora of 1,400 plant species found in the whole of Ireland.

12 Doreen Drennan Art Studio*

Doreen's relaxing garden and studio is situated on the edge of the Burren with views of the dramatic Cliffs of Moher which has inspired many fantastic pieces of seascape art. doreendrennan.com

Did you know...

28 of Irelands 30 butterfly species are found here, with two more limited to this area – the pearl bordered fritillary and the brown hairstreak.

¹³ Burren College of Art

Located in Ballyvaughan, a region famous for its natural beauty and unique ecosystem that instils creativity in all that visit. burrencollege.ie

¹⁴ Aillwee Caves & Birds of Prey Centre

Explore the dramatic underworld of the Burren where expert guides take you through the many wonders of the caverns. Experience the Birds of Prey Centre before visiting the farm

15 Burren Mountain Tours

herdsmen of long ago to winter their cattle in the mountain. This is a unique driving experience over a private mountain farm in the Burren. burrenmountaintours.com

A delightful, award-winning garden that nestles around a restored riverside cottage near Fanore is a gardener's haven.

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17 Poulnabrone Dolmen

This sacred ancient burial site is comprised of three large stones that have been overlooking the karst Burren landscape for over 6000

burrengeopark.ie

¹⁸ Caherconnell Stone

Fort & Sheep Dog Trials famous sheepdog skills between a caherconnell com

¹⁹ Burren Perfumery

The Burren Perfumery creates its artisan range of hand-crafted soaps, organic creams and candles while using natural and organic ingredients sourced from all around the world.



20 Michael Cusack's Centre

A visit to the home of Michael Cusack, founder of the GAA, provides an insight into his life and how the history of the GAA has evolved over the years. michaelcusack.ie

²¹ Hazel Mountain Chocolate

Engage your five senses through touch. taste. smell. sight and sound as expert chocolatiers take you through the chocolate making process with tastings at different stages until you reach the finished product. hazelmountainchocolate.com

²² Corcomroe Abbey

This well-preserved abbev is picturesquely situated among the grey hills of the Burren. It is best known for its remote location, lying close to another interesting monastic settlement. Find us on Facebook

23 Russell Gallery

The Russell Gallery overlooking Galway Bay on the beautiful coastline of the Burren Geopark. The Gallery holds regular exhibitions and displays the work of over 20 emerging and established Irish artists. russellgallery.net



24 Flaggy Shore Oysters Where the foothills of the Burren meet the wild Atlantic waters of Galway Bay. Master the art of oyster shucking and indulge in your fill of Flaggy Shore oysters. redbankfoodco.com

25 Burren Nature Sanctuary

Experience the Burren's flora and fauna in their natural habitats on the interpretive trails, shattered limestone pavement, orchid meadow, disappearing lake and fairy woodlands. burrennaturesanctuary.ie

²⁶ Dunguaire Castle

Built by the O'Hynes clan in the picturesque town of Kinvara overlooking the shores of Galway Bay, visitors gain insights into the lifestyle of the residents in the 1520[']s.

dunguairecastle.com

Did you know.. Remember you are now

on a protected landscape ... mind where you walk

27 Thoorballylee Yeats Tower

Visit the tower that inspired WB Yeats's greatest books of poetry. Walk the narrow bridge and crossing stones, admire the gardens that he enjoyed during his time there. yeatsthoorballylee.org

²⁸ Kiltartan Gregory Museum

Fadó, Fadó, long, long ago – the old Irish classroom will bring you down Memory Lane. Listen to the students answering the daily roll call or singing Down By The Sally Gardens.

kiltartangregorymuseum.org

²⁹ Coole Park

This rare and complex nature reserve where wetlands meet woodlands is an ideal location for a peaceful and scenic walk. Coole Park has inspired many writers throughout the years. coolepark.ie

Did you know...

Burren and Cliffs of Moher is a UNESCO Global Geopark www.burrengeopark.ie







years.

Explore an ancient Celtic ring fort, learn about prehistoric Irish traditions, and experience the Border Collie and his master.

burrenperfumery.com

shop for homemade cheese. aillweecave.ie Travel the route taken by the

¹⁶ Caher Bridge Garden

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Did you know..

The Burren limestone is 780 metres thick in places.

30 Kilmacduagh Round **Tower**

Ireland's tallest round tower stands proudly within an 800-year-old monastery with the tranquillity of the Burren's karst landscape as its unique backdrop. discoverireland.ie

31 Burren Farm Experience

You will be warmly welcomed on board the family tractor where you will get up close to the animals while hearing stories of life growing up on this farm.

burrenfarmexperience.ie

32 Burren Art Gallery

The former church has been transformed into an area for original, contemporary, art, craft and design venue with performance area located on the edge of the beautiful Burren region. Find us on Facebook

33 The Farmyard*

The Ouinn family farm is steeped in tradition and here you can learn some of the old traditions and practices of farming life in an interactive, informative way that is fun for everyone that stops by. thefarmyard.ie

34 Attyslaney Woods

Attyslaney contains a wonderful mix of native woodland with ash, hazel, birch, oak, yew and rowan, beech woodland, scrub and limestone pavement. With quiet tracks and trails throughout, Attyslaney is a lovely site to explore!

35 Burren National Park **Information Point**

Park your car, enjoy our complementary bus service to the Park where you can explore this protected landscape. Guided walks available. *Operates May-August. burrennationalpark.ie

