



Wicklow Way Walking Holiday — 9 Days (Moderate, Full Trail)

The entire Wicklow Way in a single tour — Clonegal to Marlay Park, with a premium finish.

DURATION

9 days

WALKING DAYS

7

TOTAL DISTANCE

138.2 km

GRADE

Challenging

From

€1,295

per person

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About This Tour

Walk the entire 138km Wicklow Way from Clonegal to Marlay Park in 9 days. Premium finish included (Coachhouse Roundwood + Ariel House Dublin). Seven walking days, moderate grade with 3 challenging stages.

Tour Highlights

- **The Complete Wicklow Way, End to End**

Every kilometre of the official Wicklow Way walked at a real walking pace — from the southern trail marker at Clonegal to the northern finish at Marlay Park in south Dublin. 138 km covered on foot.

- **Premium Finish Nights Included**

The Coachhouse in Roundwood (Ireland's highest village, walker-classic overnight) on Day 6 and Ariel House in Ballsbridge on Day 8 are both included in the tour price — a proper high-end finish to a working walker's tour.

- **The Southern Trail Villages**

Shillelagh and Moyne — small trail villages in the sparsely populated southern section — become your overnight bases for Days 2 and 3.

- **Djouce Mountain and Powerscourt Waterfall**

Day 7 climbs onto the Djouce boardwalk with the extraordinary view down onto Lough Tay. Day 8 passes Powerscourt Waterfall — Ireland's highest at 121 m — before the long climb over Fairy Castle to the Dublin finish.

Who Is It For?

Regular walkers who want the whole trail

This tour is for regular walkers comfortable with 16–26 km per day on rolling-to-mountain terrain over seven consecutive walking days. Three of the seven walking days are Challenging grade — Day 2 (Clonegal to Tallon's Pub is 25.7 km with 708 m of climb), Day 3, Day 7 (Djouce Mountain), and Day 8 (over Fairy Castle into Marlay Park). You should be happy on uneven ground, in open country without waymarked pavement, and on sustained climbs and descents.

Walkers who don't want the extra rest day

This is the trail-focused version of the full Wicklow Way. If you'd rather have a rest day built in, the 10-Day version gives you a full pause in Laragh mid-trip and a slightly gentler pace throughout.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Bunclody

Overnight: Bunclody

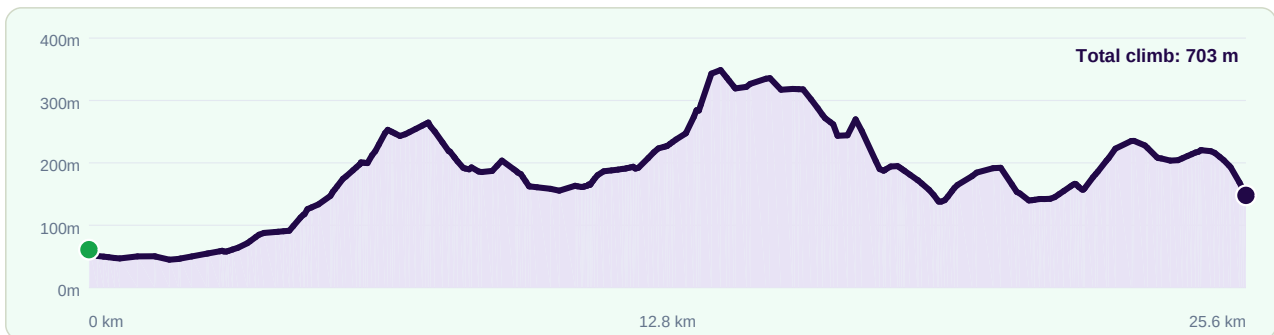
Travel to Bunclody — a small county town in Co. Wexford at the natural gateway to the southern Wicklow Way. Bus Éireann Route 5 runs direct from Dublin airport in about 90 minutes. Evening to settle in. Light dinner options include Kavanagh's or Fisher's on Main Street.

DAY
2

Clonegal to Tallon's Pub

Walk: WW Clonegal to Tallons Pub (25.7 km) · Overnight: Shillelagh

ROUTE 25.7 km · 708 m ascent · Challenging · Clonegal to Tallons Pub



25.7 km · 708 m climb · Challenging

Morning transfer Bunclody — Clonegal, the southern terminus of the Wicklow Way. The trail heads north through the Wexford–Wicklow border country: farm tracks, forest paths and the first proper Wicklow uplands. The walk finishes at Tallon's Pub on the Shillelagh road — a traditional roadside pub, cold pint waiting.

Transfer at the finish to your overnight in Shillelagh (Tinahely as a fallback if Shillelagh is unavailable).

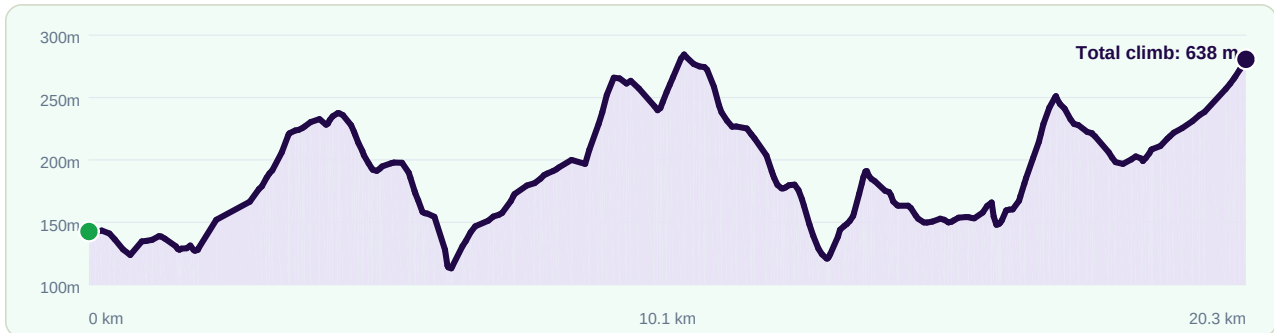
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Tallon's Pub to Shielstown

Walk: WW Tallons to Shielstown (Moyne) (20.3 km) · Overnight: Moyne

ROUTE 20.3 km · 639 m ascent · Challenging · Shillelagh to Moyne



20.3 km · 639 m climb · Challenging

Morning transfer from Shillelagh back to Tallon's Pub — walk from where you finished yesterday. The route climbs into the Iron Mountains country past Tinahely and Muskeagh Hill, finishing at Shielstown Forest on the ridge — one of the loneliest and quietest stretches of the whole trail.

Transfer at the finish to your overnight in Moyne (Tinahely as fallback).

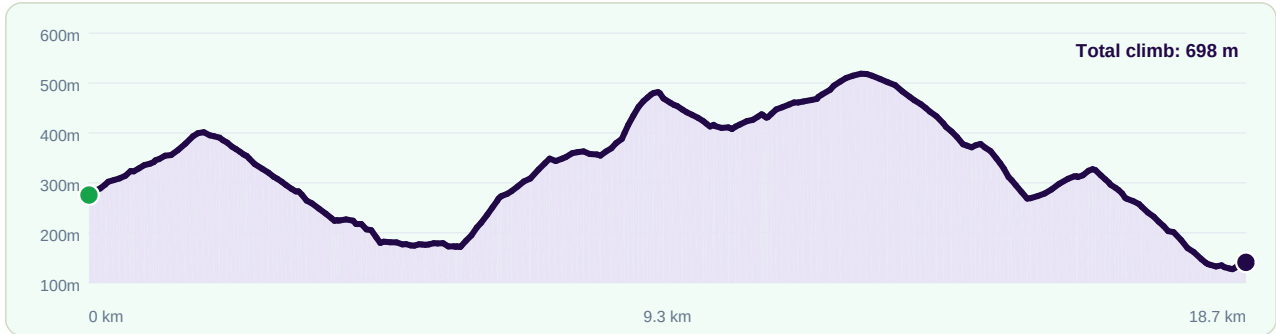
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Shielstown to Glenmalure

Walk: WW Shielstown (Moyne) to Glenmalure (18.7 km) · Overnight: Glenmalure

ROUTE 18.7 km · 706 m ascent · Moderate · Ballycurragh Hill (Moyne) to Glenmalure



18.7 km · 706 m climb · Moderate

Morning transfer to Shielstown. The trail rises up onto the shoulder of Slieve Maan (trail on the flank, not the summit) with wide views back over the country you've walked. The long descent brings you into the Avonbeg Valley and Glenmalure — the deepest glacial valley in Ireland, steep-sided and wooded.

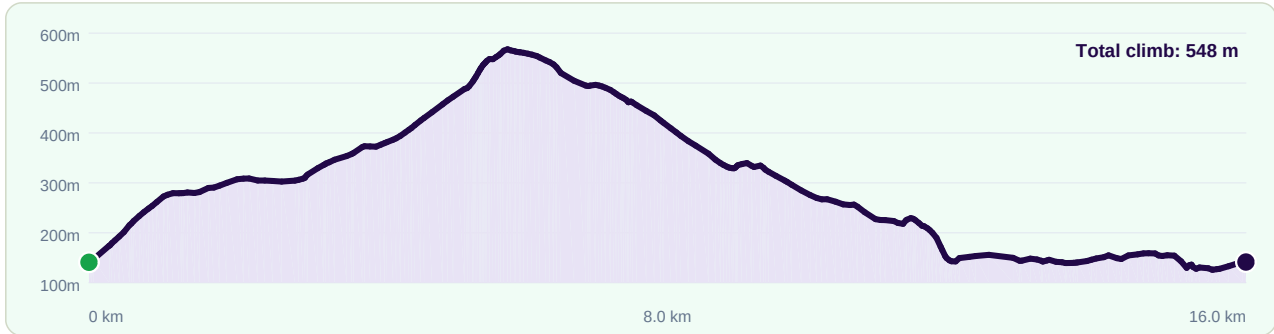
Overnight: Glenmalure Lodge, at the head of the valley.

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Glenmalure to Laragh over Mullacor

Walk: WW Glenmalure to Laragh (16 km) · Overnight: Laragh

ROUTE 16 km · 554 m ascent · Moderate · Glenmalure to Laragh



16 km · 554 m climb · Moderate

The big Wicklow ridge crossing. The trail climbs steeply out of Glenmalure onto the Mullacor ridge with sweeping views west to the Comeragh Mountains and east to the sea. The descent drops through Glendalough — Kevin's 6th-century monastic city, with round tower, cathedral ruins, and the two glacial lakes — before the final stroll into Laragh village.

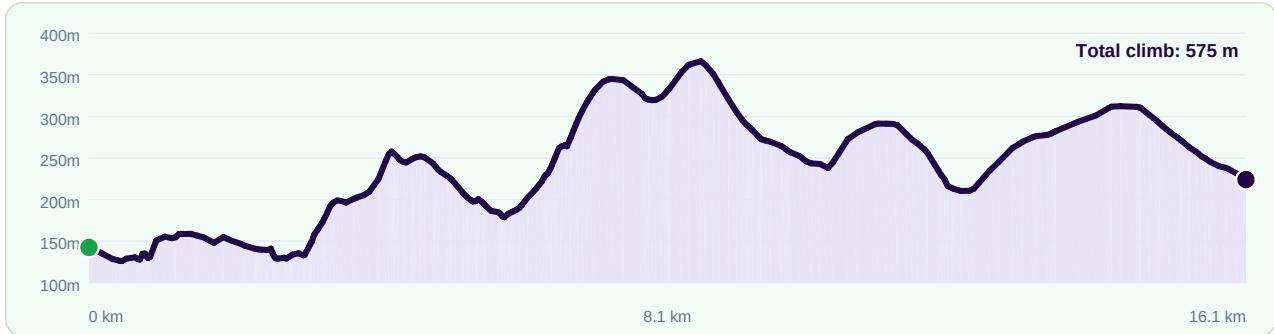
Overnight: Laragh (Lynhams or similar walker B&B).

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Laragh to Roundwood over Paddock Hill

Walk: WW Laragh Village to Roundwood (16.2 km) · Overnight: Roundwood

ROUTE 16.2 km · 576 m ascent · Moderate · Laragh Village to Roundwood



16.2 km · 576 m climb · Moderate

North from Laragh through the Vartry catchment — forest tracks, open moorland on Paddock Hill, and the first proper views of the Wicklow reservoirs and Roundwood village below. Roundwood is Ireland's highest village and a walker's classic overnight.

Overnight: The Coachhouse, Roundwood — premium accommodation included in the tour price. If The Coachhouse is unavailable on your dates we shift you to Lynhams in Laragh and arrange a Glendalough Minibus transfer at no extra cost.

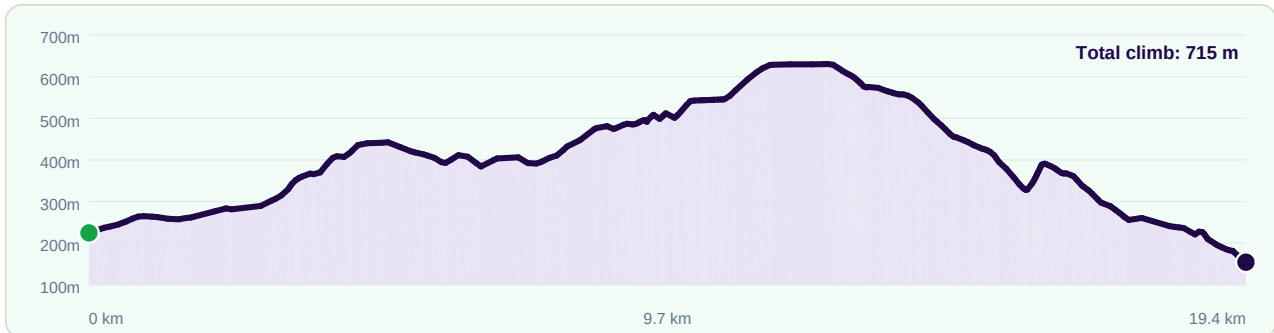
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Roundwood to Crone Wood over Djouce

Walk: WW Roundwood Village to Crone Wood (19.5 km) · Overnight: Enniskerry

ROUTE 19.5 km · 718 m ascent · Challenging · Roundwood to Crone Wood



19.5 km · 718 m climb · Challenging

The Djouce Mountain crossing — for many walkers, the single best day on the whole Wicklow Way. The trail climbs onto the Djouce Woodland boardwalk with the extraordinary view down onto Lough Tay ("the Guinness lake") — dark water in a granite bowl, a Guinness family estate on the shore. The high point crosses the shoulder of Djouce Mountain (trail on the flank, not the summit) with the Sugar Loaf ahead. Long forest descent into Crone Wood above Enniskerry.

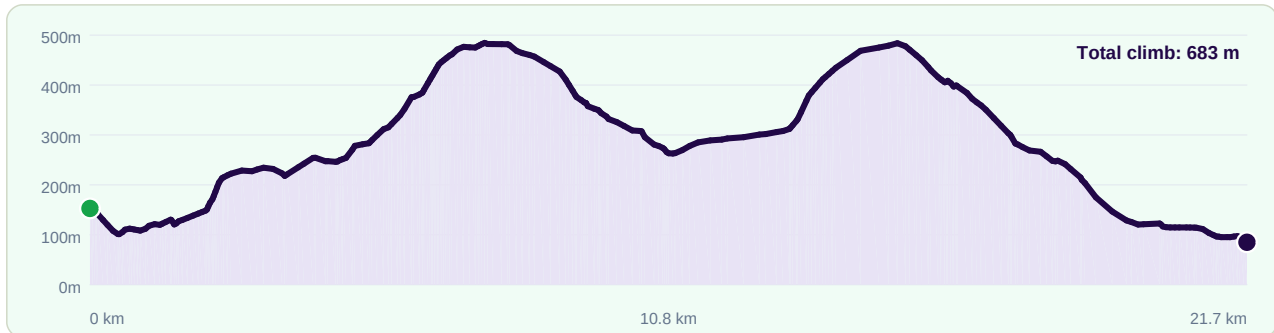
Overnight: Enniskerry area (Coolakay House or similar).

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Crone Wood to Marlay Park · the finish

Walk: WW Crone Wood to Marlay Park (21.8 km) · Overnight: Dublin

ROUTE 21.8 km · 711 m ascent · Challenging · Enniskerry to Dublin



21.8 km · 711 m climb · Challenging

The final walking day — north via the Powerscourt Waterfall (Ireland's highest at 121 m, right on the trail), Knockree Youth Hostel, then the long climb over Fairy Castle and Two Rock Mountain with the whole of Dublin opening below. Descent into Marlay Park — the northern terminus of the Wicklow Way, marked by a stone finish marker.

Transfer from Marlay Park to Dublin city centre and check into Ariel House in Ballsbridge for a well-earned dinner. Premium accommodation included in the tour price.

DAY
9

Departure from Dublin

Ariel House to Dublin Airport (20 min by taxi) or Dublin city rail and bus stations. If your flight allows, an afternoon in Dublin: Trinity College and the Book of Kells are ten minutes from Ariel House, and the National Gallery is around the corner.

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What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: Welcoming en-suite B&B rooms
- ✓ Breakfast: Full Irish breakfast every morning
- ✓ Luggage Transfer: Daily transfer of your main bag between accommodations
- ✓ Personalised Itinerary and route app for your smart phone that keeps you on the trail at all times.
- ✓ Support: 24/7 emergency support throughout your holiday
- ✓ Pre-Departure Pack: Information pack sent before you travel, so you know exactly what to expect

Not Included

- ✗ Flights: Travel to Ireland is not included
- ✗ Insurance: You'll need travel and walking holiday insurance
- ✗ Meals: Lunches and dinners are not included (though we'll recommend great local spots)



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