



Along the trail — Spinc Waterfall, Ireland

Wicklow Way 6 Day Walking Holiday

Four classic walking days. The best of the Wicklow Way, uncompressed.

DURATION

6 days

WALKING DAYS

4

TOTAL DISTANCE

60.8 km

GRADE

Moderate

From

€840

per person

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About This Tour

Six days in the heart of Wicklow with three nights in Laragh as your village base, an arrival night in dramatic Glenmalure, and a final night in Enniskerry. Four superb walking days including the iconic Spinc ridge above Glendalough, the Mullacor crossing from Glenmalure, and the big climb over Djouce to the Dublin Bay viewpoint.

Tour Highlights

● The Spinc boardwalk above Glendalough's Upper Lake

Day 4's classic Spinc and Upper Lake loop is one of the most photographed walks in Ireland — and rightly so.

● Mullacor Ridge — the quiet Wicklow

Day 2's crossing from Glenmalure to Glendalough climbs straight out of Ireland's wildest glacial valley and onto the open shoulder of Mullacor.

● The Djouce climb and the Dublin Bay panorama

Your last walking day (Day 5) takes you up and over Djouce Mountain at 725 m. The moment the summit opens up — Dublin Bay glittering to the north, the Sugar Loaf rising to the east, Glendalough hidden somewhere behind you in the ridges —...

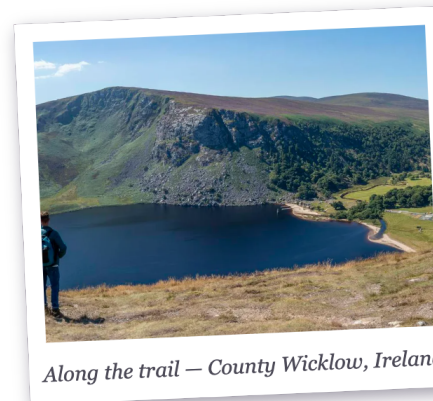
Who Is It For?

Your fitness level

This tour suits walkers with a reasonable level of hill fitness who are comfortable on uneven ground for 4–6 hours a day. You don't need previous mountain experience — the route is well-waymarked and we supply detailed notes, GPS tracks and offline maps — but having walked a few hours at a stretch before will help, and you'll enjoy it more if a long climb doesn't intimidate you.

Who loves this tour

Walkers who want the Wicklow Way highlights without packing and unpacking every night. Couples and small groups of friends in their 40s–70s make up most of our guests on this route.



Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrive in Glenmalure

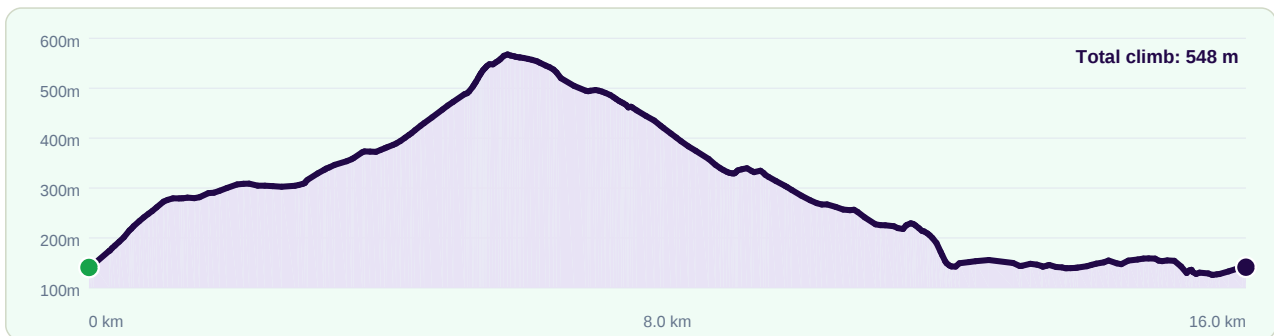
Your Wicklow week begins here. Settle in slowly. Make your way to Glenmalure — one of Wicklow's wildest and most dramatic glacial valleys, and your home for the first night. A long U-shaped valley carved by ancient ice, the Avonmore River threading along its floor and steep mountain escarpments rising sharply on either side. We send detailed travel instructions in your pre-departure pack. The easiest way in is a private transfer from Dublin or Dublin Airport, which we can arrange as an optional extra — just ask when you book. Alternatively, the train from Dublin Connolly to Rathdrum (about 70 minutes) combined with a short taxi ride up into the valley works well. Glenmalure is remote by Wicklow standards — there is no village here in the usual sense, just the valley, the mountains, and the lodge. Your accommodation is waiting, your welcome pack is on the table, and the rest of the day is yours. Use the afternoon to stretch your legs along the valley floor — a gentle stroll upstream along the river needs no navigation, just follow...

DAY
2

Glenmalure to Glendalough over Mullacor

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

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



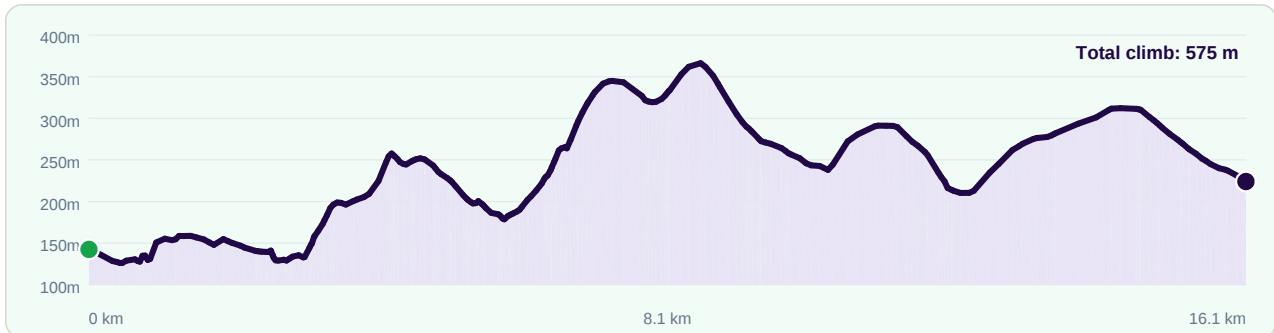
After breakfast, your walk begins right from your doorstep — one of the privileges of starting a week in Glenmalure. The route climbs immediately out of the valley's shelter, up through a pine forest and onto the open flank of Mullacor. This is the quiet Wicklow. For two hours you're on open mountain with nothing but wind, distance and the sound of your own boots — the kind of walking that makes the hills feel enormous. The ridge is broad and well-waymarked, with views north to the ridges you'll be crossing later in the week and east toward the Irish Sea in good visibility. The descent to Glendalough is one of the great arrival moments in Irish hiking. Forest gives way, the Upper Lake appears below, then the Lower Lake, and finally the round tower of the monastic city rising above the trees. You walk the last kilometre through the ruins themselves — twelve centuries of Irish history underfoot — before dropping into Laragh and your B&B. Go back to the monastic site after dinner when the day-visitors have left...

DAY
3

Laragh to Roundwood over Paddock Hill

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

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



Today you walk north on the Wicklow Way itself, leaving from your own doorstep in Laragh. The path climbs steadily out of the valley through oak and birch woodland before breaking onto the open flank of Paddock Hill — heather moorland, granite outcrops, and big sky in every direction.

This stretch is the quiet heart of the Wicklow Mountains — the part walkers talk about when they come home. You'll cross Oldbridge and skirt the edge of Lough Dan below you to the west, its dark waters sitting in their own private bowl of mountain. The descent into Roundwood winds through birch and bracken, with the village appearing as you come round the shoulder of the last hill.

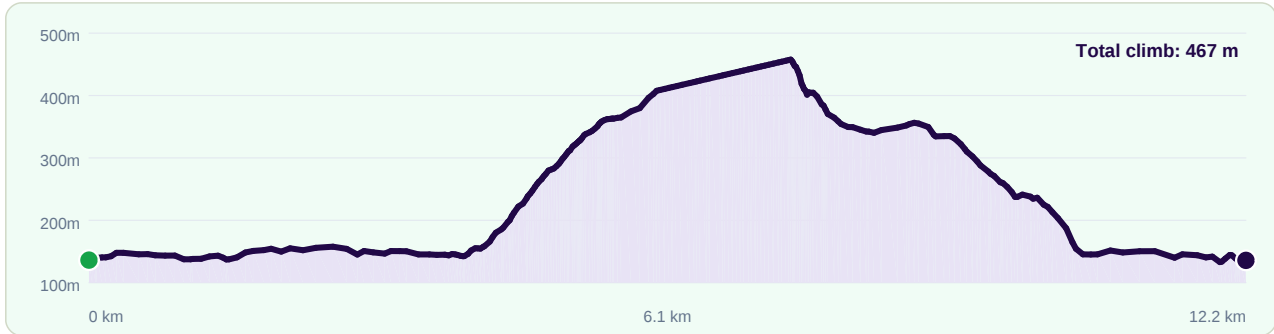
Roundwood claims to be Ireland's highest village — 240 m above sea level, with a decent pub and a famous bakery. We drive you back to Laragh for the night, so you sleep in the same bed and wake to the same Glendalough view you've been getting used to.

DAY
4

Spinc Ridge and Upper Lake loop from Glendalough

Walk: WW Spinc Loop Glendalough (Miners Village) (12.3 km) · Overnight: Laragh

ROUTE 12.3 km · 505 m ascent · Easy · Glendalough to Glendalough



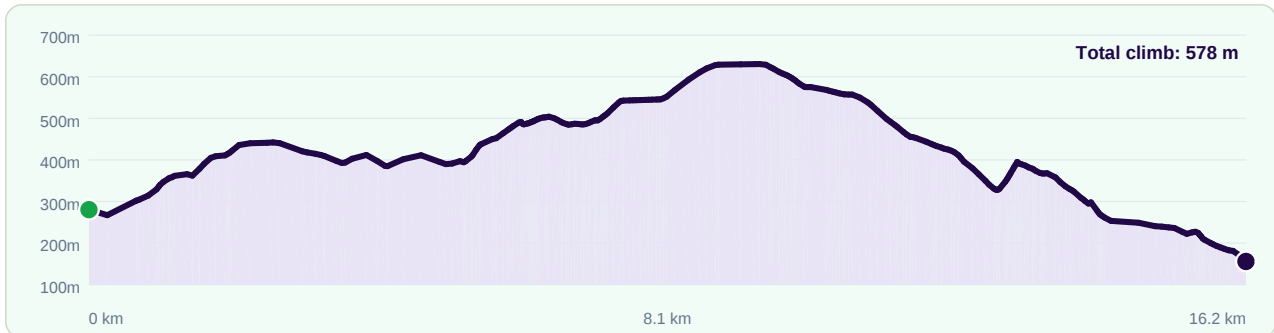
The day most people mark on the calendar. A circular walk from Glendalough — straight up the waterfall at Poulanass, onto the Spinc ridge above the Upper Lake, along the long wooden boardwalk that traces the cliff edge for nearly two kilometres, and then back down the Miners' Road past the ruined miners' village at the head of the valley. The Spinc boardwalk is one of the most photographed trails in Ireland. With the valley falling away to your left — the Upper Lake several hundred metres straight down, the monastic city shrinking to matchstick ruins further out — and the open sky above, it is the kind of walk that makes you stop every few minutes to look. Do that. It earns it. The descent along the Miners' Road is gentle and cooling, following the valley floor back past the lake with the cliff line you've just walked now towering overhead. You'll be back in Laragh for a late lunch, with the rest of the afternoon free for a short stroll, a pint in the garden, or a nap...

DAY
5

Roundwood to Crone Wood over Djouce

Walk: WW Oldbridge / Lough Dan to Crone Wood (M) (16.3 km) · Overnight: Enniskerry

ROUTE 16.3 km · 595 m ascent · Moderate · Lough Dan / Oldbridge to Crone Wood (Enniskerry)



After breakfast we drive you a short way past Roundwood to the Oldbridge / Lough Dan trail crossing — a few kilometres north of the village, where the Wicklow Way leaves the forestry behind and the proper mountain section begins. From there you head north across the open plateau, climbing steadily toward Djouce Mountain (725 m) with Lough Tay — the Guinness Lake — dropping into view below you as you reach the final ridge. Djouce's shoulder is the moment the whole trip comes together. Dublin Bay opens up to the north, the Sugar Loaf stands sharp in the middle distance, Bray Head juts into the sea beyond, and somewhere in the ridges behind you is the Glendalough Valley where you've been sleeping all week. Pause here. Have a biscuit. You earned this. The descent is long but gentle — off Djouce onto White Hill, down the famous long boardwalk across the blanket bog, past Powerscourt Waterfall (Ireland's tallest) viewpoint, and into Crone Wood as the oak and ash close in around you. Enniskerry village appears at the end of...

DAY
6

Departure from Enniskerry

Boots off. Ireland earned.

A leisurely final morning in Enniskerry — no rush, no transfers until you're ready. The village has a great coffee shop for a long breakfast and a wander round Powerscourt Estate is a twenty-minute walk away if you have the time. When you're ready to head back, there are regular buses from Enniskerry to Dublin city centre, and from there an easy connection to the airport; if you'd prefer a private transfer to the airport or your hotel, we're happy to arrange one as an optional add-on — just ask.

Most walkers spend the last hour going back over Day 4's boardwalk and Day 5's summit moment, already making plans for the Dingle Way or the Kerry Way next year. We'll be here when you're ready.

Ready to Walk Ireland?

Every tour is self-guided with hand-picked accommodation, daily luggage transfer, detailed route notes and GPX files, plus our personal local support throughout your walk. Dates and group sizes are flexible — just ask.

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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