

4.7/5 · 123 walker reviews



The Wicklow Way

A self-guided walking holiday

TOURS AVAILABLE

7

DURATION

5-10

DISTANCE

51.7-138.2 km

GRADE

Moderate/Challenging

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About This Walking Area

Ireland's first long-distance trail: 127km through granite mountains, glacial valleys and ancient monasteries, crossing one of Europe's largest upland national parks before finishing in Dublin.

Granite mountains rise from deep glacial valleys carved over 10,000 years of ice retreat. Upper ridges above 600 meters are open to blanket bogs and exposed rock, with views on clear days stretching east across the Irish Sea to Wales.

Lower slopes are covered in oak, beech, and birch woodlands that turn golden in autumn. Ribbon lakes fill the valley floors, their dark, peat-stained water reflecting the mountain walls above.

Sika deer cross the moorland at dawn. Peregrine falcons hunt the cliff faces. Red squirrels are returning to the native woodlands.

BEST MONTHS

April

May

June

September

October

Why Walk Here

Glendalough's 6th-century monastic settlement is one of Ireland's most important early Christian sites. A round tower, seven churches, and two glacial lakes sit together in a valley setting; that explains why St. Kevin chose this place above all others.

The 1798 Rebellion left its mark across these mountains, particularly in Glenmalure, where the landscape itself feels like a last stand.

For food, look out for Wicklow lamb from the mountain farms and artisan cheese produced in the hills along the route. Avoca Handweavers, Ireland's oldest working mill, sits just off the trail and is worth the short detour. Powerscourt Distillery near Enniskerry produces excellent Irish whisky, a fine way to end a long day on the hills.

Who Is It For?

The Wicklow Way suits first-time long-distance walkers as much as experienced trekkers. The main trail is moderate and well waymarked, while side routes offer serious mountain days for those who want more.

Couples and small groups with mixed abilities do well here. There is always an option to match the day with the walk.

Literary and history enthusiasts will find plenty of depth, at Glendalough, in the 1798 Rebellion landscapes of Glenmalure, and in the quiet monastic ruins scattered across the hills. Dublin sits on the doorstep, making logistics straightforward and the journey home easy.

Terrain & Difficulty

The Wicklow Way is moderate, well waymarked and achievable for any reasonably fit walker. Mountain day walks off the main trail range from moderate to challenging, with significant ascent and exposed terrain on the higher ridges.

Not sure whether the Wicklow Way is walking or hiking? We explain the difference [here](#).

Available Walking Holidays

Wicklow Way 5 Day Walking Holiday

5 days · 3 walking days · 51.7 km · Moderate

Hike the stunning Wicklow Way with daily distances of 14–20 km through some of Ireland's most breathtaking mountains, staying in welcoming B&Bs

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From

€785

per person

Wicklow Way 6 Day Walking Holiday

6 days · 4 walking days · 60.8 km · Moderate

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.

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From

€895

per person

Wicklow Way Mountains Walking Tour

7 days · 5 walking days · 77.2 km · Moderate

Walk the mountain heart of the Wicklow Way over seven days — from the gentle farmland around Tinahely, up through Glenmalure and Glendalough,

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From

€1,035

per person

Wicklow Way Full 7 Days

7 days · 5 walking days · 129.7 km · Challenging

Experience the complete Wicklow Way — Ireland's original 130km waymarked trail. Walk 7 unforgettable days from the Carlow border through ancient valleys

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From

€1,075

per person

8 Day Wicklow Way Walking Tour

8 days · 6 walking days · 101.2 km · Moderate

The ultimate "Goldilocks" trek: most of the Wicklow Way at a manageable pace. Mountains, monasteries, lakes, and Dublin's green heart.

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From

€1,095

per person

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

9 days · 7 walking days · 138.2 km · Moderate

Walk the entire 138km Wicklow Way from Clonegal to Marlay Park in 9 days. Premium finish included (Coachhouse Roundwood + Ariel House Dublin).

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From

€1,195

per person

Wicklow Way Full Trail Walking Holiday — 10 Days (Moderate)

From

10 days · 7 walking days · 122.8 km · Moderate

€1,215

per person

The full official Wicklow Way walked south-to-north over 10 days: Clonegal to Marlay Park via Shillelagh, Moyne, Glenmalure, Glendalough, Roundwood and

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Practical Information

Best Time to Visit

The walking season runs April to October. May and June are our top picks, long evenings, wildflowers on the moorland and lighter trail traffic make these months hard to beat.

September brings golden light, quieter trails and easier accommodation booking. July and August are the warmest months, but Glendalough gets busy. Book accommodation well ahead if you are travelling in peak summer.

Time your visit with a festival. Many trails host walking festivals throughout the season — see our complete 2026 walking festivals calendar to plan around one.

Accommodation

We book quality guesthouses and B&Bs at each stop along the route, in Tinahely, Glenmalure, Laragh, Roundwood and Enniskerry. These are family-run properties where hosts understand what walkers need at the end of a long day.

Breakfast is included at every stop. Your bags are transferred ahead each day, so you only carry a light daypack on the trail.

Practical Information

By Air

Dublin Airport (DUB) is the main arrival point, with flights from across Europe and North America

By Bus

Bus Éireann operates services to Kildavin and Clonegal for the southern trailhead

The trail finishes at Marlay Park on Dublin's southern edge, served by Dublin Bus

Plan your full journey at Transport for Ireland

We Handle the Details Full transfer and logistics details are included in your pre-departure pack. You arrive knowing exactly where to go and how to get there.

Your Luggage Transfers

One bag per walker, up to 15 kg. Heavier bags may be refused by the transfer service.

Leave your bag labelled and ready by 08:30. It will be waiting at your next B&B by 16:30 — so keep anything you need during the day in your daypack.

Please don't tie bags together, or strap boots and poles to the outside. Bags like that will not be collected.

Leave valuables, laptops, cameras, breakables and camping gas out of your transferred bag — bags travel stacked in a van.

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