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Enjoy this route with impressive views of the Glenshane Pass snaking away in the distance and the ancient woodland and dolmen you pass along the way.

The stoat is known locally as a weasel although there are no weasels in Ireland, this diminutive hunter can readily slay rats and rabbits much bigger than itself.



Points of Interest



St. Lurach's Church, Maghera

The town of Maghera is a site of religious significance from Ancient times. St. Lurach's Church in Maghera dates back to the 10th century and the sculpture of the crucifixion above the doorway is said to be among the earliest in Ireland.

Upperlands

The village of Upperlands is the birthplace of Charles Thompson, the Secretary of The Continental Congress who wrote and delivered the American Declaration of independence in 1776. It is also home of the Clark Linen Factory, where the history of Ulster's Linen industry is unfolded and beetling mills and dames from the 18th century can still be seen in operation.

Swatragh's Old School

In 1826 The Mercers Company from London, built a school in Swatragh. It is on the site of this school that the Granaghan Resource Centre was built in 2000 – up the Old School Lane. Beside the school is the St. Patrick's Well which tradition has it that it has a "cure" for weak eyes.

Drumlamph Wood

A precious ancient woodland located on the outskirts of Maghera town. Take time to look at the millennium centerpiece a clever wooden carving by sculptor, Raymond Watson, reflecting the flora, fauna, folklore and mythology of the area.

Tirnoney Dolmen

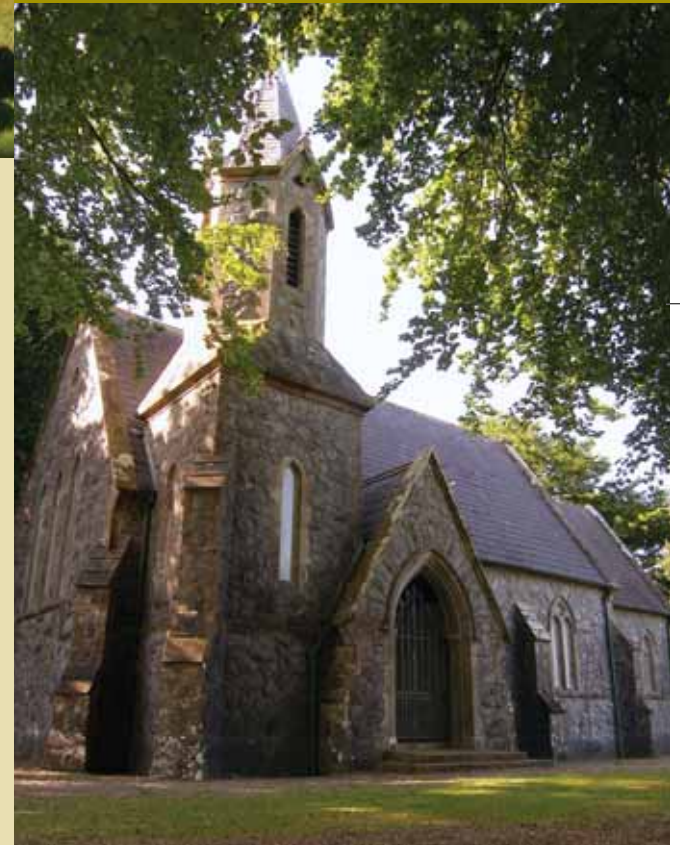
This impressive monument is 4,000 – 6,000 years old. As a megalithic burial tomb it would have been covered by a cairn of small stones. Normally associated with ring forts, these sites were constructed as a refuge in times of danger or as a store for food.

The Swatragh Cycle Route

















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Linen, Dames and Gentle Streams

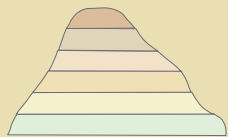


Distance: **24 Km 15 Miles**
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MAP KEY

-  Classified Road
-  Cycle Route On Road
-  Cycle Route Traffic Free
-  National Route (with no.)
-  Church
-  Public House
-  Tourist Information Centre
-  Public Convenience
-  Cafe
-  Post Office
-  Shop
-  Public Telephone
-  Ancient Monument
-  Millennium Signpost

Height Information



Metres
 500-600
 400-500
 300-400
 200-300
 100-200
 0-100



Route Signing:
 The **10** signage will guide you along the Swatragh Cycle Route.

Advice & Recommendations:

- This route has some steep climbs.
- Take care on the A29 in Swatragh.
- Take care on the A42 in Maghera.

Local Tourist Information Points:

- Information Panel located in Maghera Town Centre.
- Nearest Tourist Information Centre, Magherafelt Tel: 028 79631510

Cycle Shop:

- The nearest cycle shops are located in Castledawson and Moneymore.

Ulsterbus Public Transport:

- Magherafelt
 Tel: 028 7963 2218

For information on cycle routes, maps and guides visit:
www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk

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