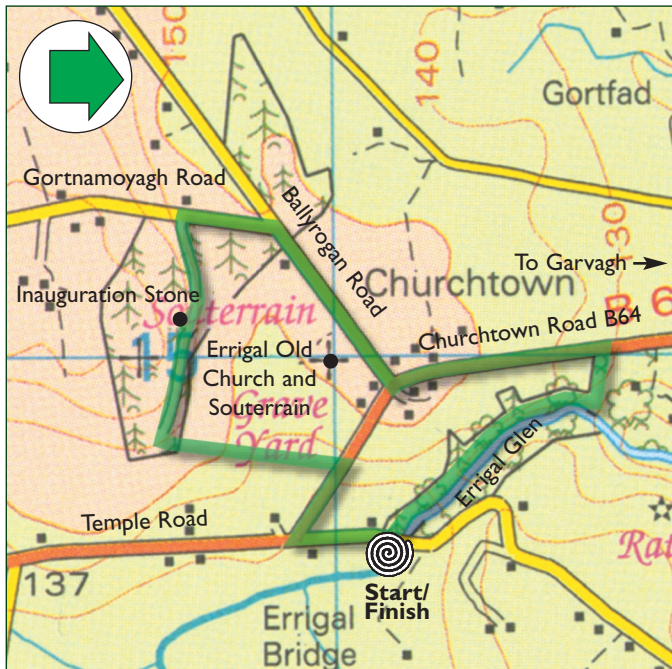


Errigal Glen Trail (follow green waymarkers)

Length: 4km (2.5 miles)
 Terrain: Woodland trail, country roads, forest road and open hillside
 Start/Finish: Errigal Bridge, Temple Road
 (Grid Ref: C 812 145
 Discoverer Series Sheet 8)



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Advice: The off-road access is by kind permission of the landowner along the waymarked trail only. Stiles along route. Walking boots recommended. Due to risk of falling trees and branches, public access is not encouraged through Errigal Glen during stormy weather. Take extra care when walking on roads.

This trail starts and finishes at the Errigal Bridge entrance to Errigal Glen on Temple Road. The route follows the fast flowing Agivey River through the steep-sided and well-wooded Glen. For safety reasons, please keep to the waymarked track through the Glen.



Having passed Ballintemple House, exit the Glen on to Churchtown Road, turn left and proceed with care along this road. On reaching the junction at Ballintemple, turn right on to Ballyroan Road, observing the ancient remains of Errigal Old Church and souterrain on the left.

Proceed along this road and turn left on to Gortnamoyagh Road before entering Gortnamoyagh Forest on the left. Within the forest section it is possible to visit the inauguration stone known as the Saint's Track or Shane's Leap.

From the forest the route crosses open hillside recently planted in trees and follows the remnants of an old laneway to join Churchtown Road. Turn right and then left at the next junction on to Temple Road returning to the starting point at Errigal Bridge.

Points of interest along the route

Errigal Glen

The Glen, which is home to a wide variety of species of flora and fauna, displays many characteristics of a traditional ancient woodland and it is believed many of the beech trees are in excess of 200 years old.



Ballintemple House

This Grade II listed building is a fine example of a late 18th Century farmhouse, originally home to the Heyland family, who were among the first of the original 'Planters' in the Province.

Errigal Old Church and Souterrain

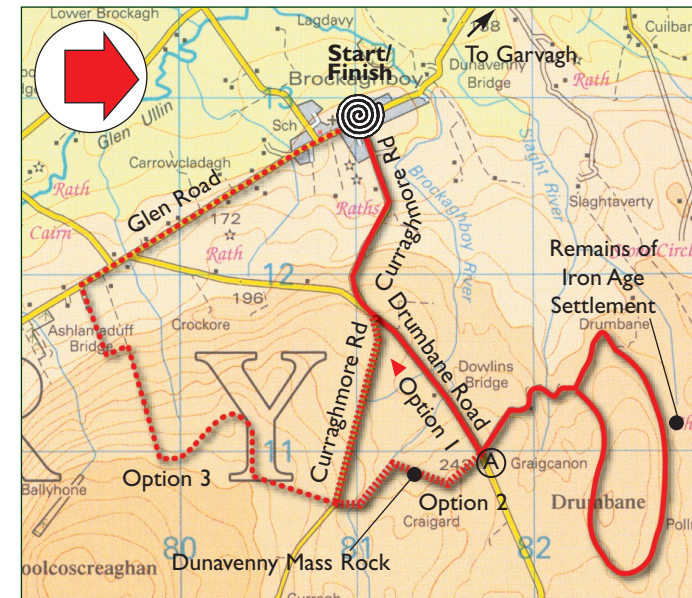
Errigal Old Church was founded by St. Adamnan in the mid 7th Century. Adamnan (c625 - 704) was Abbot of Iona after St. Colmcille (Colomba) and wrote a biography of the Saint. Before the church was built it is believed this site may have been used as a pagan ritual site during the Iron Age. The presence of a ballaun stone, souterrain and nearby inauguration stone would support this theory.

Gortnamoyagh Inauguration Stone

It is believed this stone was used during inauguration ceremonies up until the 16th Century. The local chieftain or Gaelic ruler stood in the footprints with his spear resting in one of the circular hollows as part of his inauguration ceremony, symbolising his right to follow in the footsteps of his forefathers.

Drumbane Trail (follow red waymarkers)

(Variety of options - see below)
 Length: 10km - 13km (6 - 8 miles)
 Terrain: Country roads, farm laneways and open moorland
 Start/Finish: Glenullin Chapel Car Park, Glen Road (Grid Ref: C 810 129 Sheet 8)



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Leave the car park at the opposite end to the interpretation panel, turning right on to Curraghmore Road. Follow this road as it rises steadily towards Drumbane Hill. On reaching the junction turn left on to Drumbane Road and continue for approximately 1km until reaching a stone townland boundary marker (Point A). At this point turn left down a farm laneway, turn left in the farmyard and proceed on to the open hill.

From the summit of Drumbane Hill (250m) in good visibility there are fine panoramic views of the Antrim Hills, Bann Valley, Donegal and even the Mourne. Follow the waymarkers around the hillside, observing the remains of an Iron Age Settlement on the eastern slopes and retrace your steps through the farmyard on to Drumbane Road again (Point A). At this point you have three options.