

Walking the Wicklow Way

A week-long walk from Dublin to Clonegal

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This guide describes the 130km Wicklow Way through Ireland's beautiful County Wicklow. Easily accessed from Dublin, the route is clearly waymarked and not too strenuous, making it suitable for less experienced long-distance walkers. Natural and historic interest abounds, with highlights including the world-famous Monastic City at Glendalough and Powerscourt Waterfall, Ireland's highest waterfall. The guide also describes a number of scenic variations to the main route, plus detours to access accommodation and facilities.

The route is presented in seven stages of between 9 and 23km, each with clear route description and mapping and summary statistics to give an overview of the day's walk. You will find useful advice on how to get to and from the Wicklow Way, accommodation and what to take, plus background notes on history, plants and wildlife and local points of interest. Appendices list accommodation providers and other useful contacts and also include a glossary of Irish place names.

The route takes in moorland, forest, rolling mountains and attractive pastoral landscapes as it traverses Wicklow from Marlay Park on the outskirts of Dublin to Clonegal, just over the border in neighbouring County Carlow. Accommodation is provided by a mixture of hostels and B&Bs - though camping is also an option. Ireland's longest established long-distance trail, the Wicklow Way is a great way to experience eastern Ireland, with Paddy Dillon's guide an ideal companion to discovering this pleasurable route.

Key marketing points

The Wicklow Way is Ireland's oldest way-marked long-distance walk

About the author

Paddy Dillon is a prolific outdoor writer with over 90 guidebooks to his name, and contributions to 40 other publications. Paddy lives near the Lake District and has walked in every county in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; writing about walks in every one of them. He enjoys simple day walks, challenging long-distance walks, and is a dedicated island-hopper. He has led guided walks and walked extensively in Europe, as well as in Nepal, Tibet, Korea, Africa and the Rocky Mountains of Canada and the United States.

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