

WALK 14



TERRAIN



Unsurfaced paths
/uneven and
muddy.

NEAREST TOWN



Garvagh –
approx. 2 miles
to the east.

FACILITIES



Layby carpark.
Refreshments
& toilets in
Garvagh.

OS MAP REF

Discoverer
Series Sheet 8
(1:50,000).

GRID REF

C812145

GRADE



MEDIUM

DISTANCE



2.5 Miles /
4 KM

DURATION



1.5 Hrs
(approx)

CAUTION



Unprotected
edges and section
of road walking.

DOGS



Allowed



Errigal Glen Trail

STARTING POINT

Errigal Bridge entrance to Errigal Glen, Temple Road, Glenullin approx. 2 miles west of Garvagh.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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 Ballyrogan 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 passes through native woodland, picking up 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.

Interpretation panels, trail furniture and waymarkers have been placed at strategic points along the route.



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POINTS OF INTEREST

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.



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