# EXPLORE THE BURREN DISCOVERY TRAIL



# Looped Walks/Trails

A Blackhead Loop: 26km, Strenuous (GPS 53.11837, -9.28206)

(www.w3w.co/infinite.tasty.thawed)

B Ballyvaughan Wood Loop: 8km, Moderate (GPS 53.11682, -9.15159)

(www.w3w.co/ashamed.cooperation.bleakly) Caher Valley Loop: 14.5km, Moderate

(GPS 53.11685, -9.28526) (www.w3w.co/asparagus.institutions.cheapen)

D Carron Loop: 9km, Strenuous (GPS 53.03564, -9.07609) (www.w3w.co/burgundy.mercury.thinly)

E Templecronan Loop: 5km, Easy (GPS 53.03564, -9.07609)

(www.w3w.co/burgundy.mercury.thinly) Lough Avalla, Farm Loop\*: 8km, Moderate

(GPS 52.996638, -9.036644) (www.w3w.co/birdhouse.seriously.selections)

G Fanore Ballyvaughan Trek: 21km, Strenuous (GPS 53.1187, -9.28264 / 53.11697, -9.15226) (www.w3w.co/blitz.chives.shed)

H Flaggy Shore: 6.5km, Easy (GPS 54.662884, -8.771174) (www.w3w.co/ribbing.galas.pacers)

River Walk Ennistimon (see No7 overleaf)

**Dromore Woods**: A number of Easy walks (GPS 52.92295, -8.96132)

(www.w3w.co/wiggle.begin.roadsides)

K Cliffs of Moher Coastal Path: Options 6km, Moderate (GPS 52.938468, -9.4487277)

(www.w3w.co/swear.tipple.slamming)

8km, Moderate (GPS 53.022221, -9.3693879) (www.w3w.co/appointment.biked.troubles

The Burren Way: 114km: Options

Lahinch: Moderate (GPS 52.934087, -9.3486343) (www.w3w.co/brainstorm.doves.sudden)

Corofin: Moderate (GPS 52.947041, -9.0682630

(www.w3w.co/trips.mascots.hallways) Tubber: Moderate

(GPS 52.989816, -8.8939825) (www.w3w.co/decorators.offices.decking)

www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/find-your-trails

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# Burren National Park Trails

(GPS 52.996558, -9.037868) (w3w.co/splash.runs.enemies)

- Burren National Park Nature Trail\*
- (1.5km, Moderate) White Route Burren National Park Knockaunroe Turlough (1.3km, Moderate) Orange Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Traverse (6km, Strenuous) Red Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Loop (75.km, Strenuous) Blue Route
- Burren National Park Mullaghmore Return (6.5km, Strenuous) Green Route
- \* No parking available on site. Park & Ride from

# Local Playgrounds

Corofin available May – August

# Lisdoonvarna Playground (GPS 53.025483, -9.291228)

Doolin Playground

(small, GPS 53.022313, -9.369270)

Lehinch Playground (GPS.9341, -9.34799)

Ballyvaughan Playground

**Gort Community Playground** (GPS 53.0612, -8.8149)

Corofin Playground (GPS 52.94524, -9.068452)

Crusheen Playground (GPS 52.93939, -8.896307)



# OI Dysert O'Dea Castle

See map for location of each attraction.

\* Denotes by appointment only

The authentically restored 15th century castle, the stronghold of the O'Dea clan. Standing on the site of an early Christian monastery that is home to the Clare Archaeology

dysertcastle.com

#### Clare Heritage & **Genealogy Centre**

For those wishing to experience a truly authentic portrayal of 18th and 19th century Clare and, by extension, that of Ireland in general and its remarkable emigration story. clareroots.com

#### **O3** Burren Experience **Walking Tours**

Experience guided walks on Mullaghmore mountain – the sublimely beautiful heart of the Burren, rich in heritage and natural beauty and famous for its flora and

mullaghmore-burren.com

#### **04** E-Whizz Electric Bike **Tours & Hire**

The Burren Electric Bike Tour takes you off the beaten track to some stunning locations in the magical Burren region. e-whizz.com

#### **O5** The Burren Centre

A multimedia exhibition centre where you can explore life in the Burren, its flora, fauna, archaeology, geology & architecture which learning of the music and history that is the Kilfenora Ceili Band. theburrencentre.ie

#### **66** Kilfenora Timeline

Kilfenora Timeline traces the history of the village and surrounding area, from the establishment of a monastic settlement in the 6th century, right up to the present day. Find us on Facebook

#### **OT River Walk Ennistimon**

Relax and refresh yourself to the healing sounds as you stroll down the Inagh Glen as you hear the Inagh River rushing by.



# Did you know...

28 of Irelands 30 butterfly species are found here, with two more limited to this area – the pearl bordered fritillary and the brown hairstreak.

# 13 Burren College of Art

Located in Ballyvaughan, a region famous for its natural beauty and unique ecosystem that instils creativity in all that visit. burrencollege.ie

#### 14 Aillwee Burren Experience

Take a short walk to visit a growing

number of galleries and exhibitions

99 St. Tola's Goats Cheese

personal guided tour of St Tola Irish

near Inagh. Get up close with their

friendly nanny goats and beautiful

<sup>10</sup> Cliffs of Moher Visitor

Cliffs of Moher Experience, visit

the world-famous Cliffs of Moher.

Home to over 30 species of seabirds,

visit O'Brien's Tower and savour the

magical views. Online booking only

cliffsofmoher.ie, download the free

Cliffs of Moher App & Audio Guide.

**11** Burren Smokehouse

Immerse yourself in the story of

the Salmon of Knowledge. Learn

the secrets of salmon smoking and

enjoy the silky, smoky texture of

the Burren Smoked Irish Organic

burrensmokehouse.com

The Burren is home to

over 1,100 plant species,

about three quarters of

the total flora of 1,400

Doreen Drennan Art

Doreen's relaxing garden and studio

is situated on the edge of the Burren

with views of the dramatic Cliffs

of Moher which has inspired many

fantastic pieces of seascape art.

doreendrennan.com

whole of Ireland.

Studio\*

plant species found in the

Did you know...

Goat Cheese farm on her family land

Join Siobhán Ní Ghairbhith in a

located within the village of

ennistymonarttrail.com

**Ennistimon** 

gentle kids.

Experience

cliffsofmoher.ie

st-tola.ie

Explore the dramatic underworld of the Burren where expert guides take you through the many wonders of the caverns. Experience the Birds of Prey Centre before visiting the farm shop for homemade cheese. aillweeburrenexperience.ie

#### **15** Burren Mountain Tours\*

Travel the route taken by the herdsmen of long ago to winter their cattle in the mountain. This is a unique driving experience over a private mountain farm in the Burren. burrenmountaintours.com

# 16 Caher Bridge Garden\*

A delightful, award-winning garden that nestles around a restored riverside cottage near Fanore is a gardener's haven. Find us on Facebook

#### Poulnabrone Dolmen

This sacred ancient burial site is comprised of three large stones that have been overlooking the karst Burren landscape for over 6000 burrengeopark.ie

#### **18** Caherconnell Stone Fort & Sheep Dog Trials

Explore an ancient Celtic ring fort, learn about prehistoric Irish traditions, and experience the famous sheepdog skills between a Border Collie and his master. caherconnell.com

# 19 Burren Perfumery

The Burren Perfumery creates its artisan range of hand-crafted soaps, organic creams and candles while using natural and organic ingredients sourced from all around the world. burrenperfumery.com

# 20 Michael Cusack's Centre

A visit to the home of Michael Cusack, founder of the GAA, provides an insight into his life and how the history of the GAA has evolved over the years. michaelcusack.ie

#### 21 Hazel Mountain Chocolate

Engage your five senses through touch, taste, smell, sight and sound as expert chocolatiers take you through the chocolate making process with tastings at different stages until you reach the finished product.

#### hazelmountainchocolate.com

22 Corcomroe Abbev This well-preserved abbev is picturesquely situated among the grey hills of the Burren. It is best known for its remote location, lying close to another interesting monastic settlement.

#### Find us on Facebook 23 Russell Gallery

The Russell Gallery overlooking Galway Bay on the beautiful coastline of the Burren Geopark. The Gallery holds regular exhibitions and displays the work of over 20 emerging and established Irish artists. russellgallery.net

#### **24** Irish Fibre Crafters

Located in Ardrahan, learn the art of traditional Spinning and Weaving of Irish Wool (using native Irish Galway sheep fleece), turning yarn into fabric, leaving with your own hank of hand spun yarn. irishfibrecrafters.com

#### **25** Burren Nature Sanctuary

Burren Nature Sanctuary is the interpretive centre for the biodiversity of the Burren. Reconnect with nature on trails, visit the enchanting Disappearing Lake, meet the farm pets and discover the unique flora in Burren Botany Bubble geodome. Playgrounds and café. burrennaturesanctuary.ie

#### **Dunguaire Castle**

Built by the O'Hynes clan in the picturesque town of Kinvara overlooking the shores of Galway Bay, visitors gain insights into the lifestyle of the residents in the 1520's.

dunquairecastle.com

# Did you know...

Remember you are now on a protected landscape .. mind where you walk

#### **Thoorballylee Yeats Tower**

Visit the tower that inspired WB Yeats's greatest books of poetry. Walk the narrow bridge and crossing stones, admire the gardens that he enjoyed during his time there. yeatsthoorballylee.org

#### **28** Kiltartan Gregory Museum

Fadó, Fadó, long, long ago - the old Irish classroom will bring you down Memory Lane. Listen to the students answering the daily roll call or singing Down By The Sally

kiltartangregorymuseum.org

#### **29** Coole Park

This rare and complex nature reserve where wetlands meet woodlands is an ideal location for a peaceful and scenic walk. Coole Park has inspired many writers throughout the years. coolepark.ie

# Did you know...

Burren and Cliffs of Moher is a UNESCO Global Geopark www.burrengeopark.ie

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# Did you know...

The Burren limestone is 780 metres thick in places.

#### 30 Kilmacduagh Round **Tower**

Ireland's tallest round tower stands proudly within an 800-year-old monastery with the tranquillity of the Burren's karst landscape as its unique backdrop. discoverireland.ie

#### 31 Burren Farm Experience<sup>\*</sup>

You will be warmly welcomed on board the family tractor where you will get up close to the animals while hearing stories of life growing up on this farm.

burrenfarmexperience.ie

#### 32 Burren Art Gallery

The former church has been transformed into an area for original, contemporary, art, craft and design venue with performance area located on the edge of the beautiful Burren region. Find us on Facebook

# 33 The Farmyard\*

The Quinn family farm is steeped in tradition and here you can learn some of the old traditions and practices of farming life in an interactive, informative way that is fun for everyone that stops by. thefarmyard.ie

### **34** Attyslaney Woods

Attyslaney contains a wonderful mix of native woodland with ash, hazel, birch, oak, yew and rowan, beech woodland, scrub and limestone pavement. With quiet tracks and trails throughout, Attyslaney is a lovely site to explore!

#### **35** Burren National Park Information Point\*

Park your car, enjoy our complementary bus service to the Park where you can explore this protected landscape. Guided walks available. \*Operates May-August. burrennationalpark.ie



