Principles of Outdoor Ethics

Please adhere to this code in any trip to the outdoors

- Plan ahead and prepare
- · Dispose of waste properly
- · Leave what you find
- Be considerate of others
- Travel on durable surfaces
- · Minimise the effects of fire
- Respect wildlife and farm stock



Think Safety!

- A section of this route is shared with vehicles be aware!
- · Keep children under close supervision.
- · Take adequate clothing, food and fluid.
- If you encounter any emergency difficulties, contact emergency services on 999

Waymarkers

The trail is waymarked using black posts, about 1 metre high, with a direction of travel arrow (Purple)

Disclaimer

Walkers use this route entirely at their own risk. No responsibility can be accepted by the landowners or by the publishers and authors of this information leaflet, for any loss, damage or injury caused or sustained during the walk.

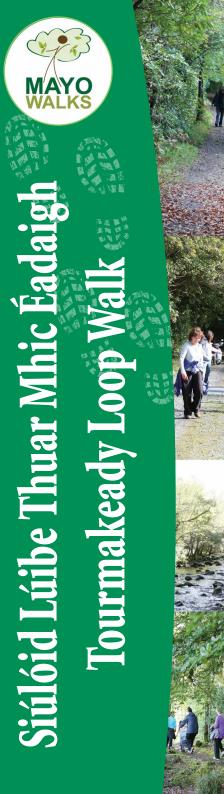
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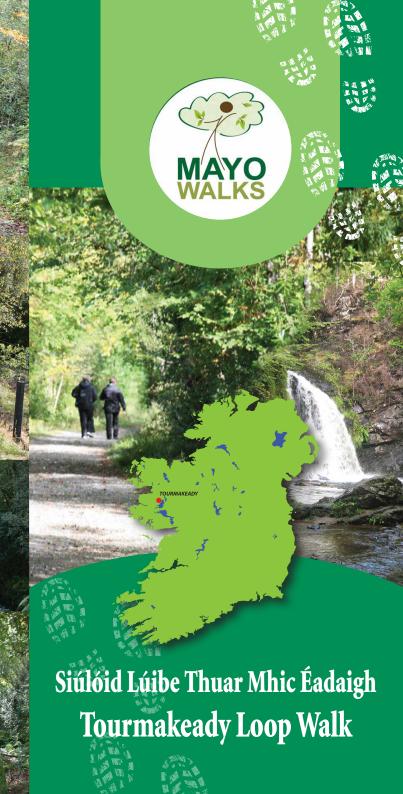
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Information

Further information relating to Mayo trails is available from the following websites: www.mayotrails.ie websites: www.mayowalks.ie







Tourmakeady Loop Walks

Overview

Trailhead:

Community Centre, Tourmakeady, Co Mayo

Distance:

5km

Estimated Time:

hr30mins - 2hrs

Grade:

Easy

Ascent:

80m/30m

Minimum Gear:

Trekking shoes, raingear, fluid, mobile phone Services:

Tourmakeady, Westport (12km), Ballinrobe (10km) Terrain:

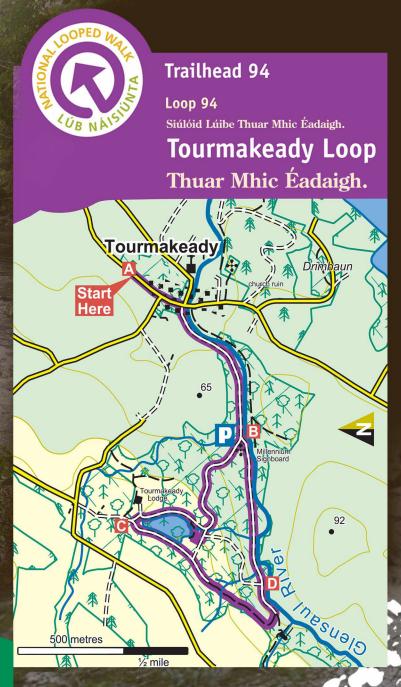
Minor roads, forestry roadway, woodland paths.

Directions to Trailhead:

The town of Westport is located to the south west of tourmakeady village. From Westport take the R330 in the direction of Ballinrobe. After 18km (look out for signpost Tourmakeady) you will reach a junction, where you will turn right to head in the direction of Tourmakeady. The village is a further 8km on this road which passes along the shores of Lough Mask – the Community Centre is located on the left in the village.

The town of Ballinrobe is located on the N84 (the main Galway to Castlebar road). From Ballinrobe take the N84 in the direction Castlebar. After 10km you reach the village of Partry where you turn left onto the R330 – following the signs for Westport. After 4km turn left onto the R300, signposted Tourmakeady. The village is a further 8km on this road which passes along the shores of Lough Mask – the Community Centre is located on the left in the village.

Siúlóid Lúibe Thuar Mhic Éadaigh Tourmakeady Loop Walk



Description

A-B. With your back to the Community Centre turn left and follow the purple arrows along main road for 300m (passing O'Tooles shop) to reach the entrance to the Millenium Forest. Turn right (into the forestry) and follow the surfaced roadway for almost 1km to reach the car park. At the main Information Board veer right.

B-C. After 20m pass through a wooden gateway and follow the forestry roadway for 500m to reach a 3-way junction on a right bend. Turn left here and (after passing through the metal barrier) continue straight for 100m to reach a woodland track on your right. Turn right here and follow the path along the lakeshore. This short section rejoins a forestry roadway where you turn left. After 200m the loop swings left at a 3-way junction, and after another 200m turns left again and passes through a metal barrier.

C-D. Continue to follow the purple arrows as the forestry roadway takes you along the other side of the lake. After 500m continue straight on at a 3-way junction and after another 200m reach the end of the sanded roadway. Here the loop passes through a wooden gateway and joins a woodland path for a very pleasant section through some broadleaf woodland. After 500m the woodland path ends at a wonderful waterfall. Enjoy the scene before joining a sanded forestry roadway.

D-A. Follow the forestry roadway for 1km to regain the car park from where you began the loop. This time turn right at the main Information Board and enjoy the last 1km back to the trailhead.

