



Rathgormack WALKS

Bóithrín an Mhargaidh & Ross Bridge Road Walks

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Trailhead Rathgormack, OSI Map 75, S344172

Services Rathgormack, Carrick-on-Suir 10km

Length 2.5km and 6.5km

Time 45mins and 1.5hrs

Waymarking Green

Grade Easy



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A choice of two looped walks here. Bóithrín an Mhargaidh is a gentle 2.5 kilometre stroll on minor roads with a short section along a grassy path. Ross Bridge is a longer road walk of 6.5 kilometres.

Walk Directions

A-B From Rathgormack Hiking Centre, turn left (east), and pass the church and road to Carrick. 100 metres later turn right towards the mountain and drink in the splendour of Knockanaffrin Ridge and The Comeragh Plateau. After a further 500 metres the Bóithrín an Mhargaidh boreen on your left offers you a short ramble. Otherwise, continue on to the road junction.

B-C Veer left here and soon you get fabulous views of the mountains. The large bite in the ridge is the Gap. To its left lies the brooding hollow of Coum Iarthar (known locally as the Bools), its lower slopes clothed by the woods of Graigavalla. See how the plateau drops gradually to the east (left). Your eye can just make out the dark recess that is Crotty's Lake, supposedly the lair of the 18th century robber, William Crotty, who was

hanged in Waterford in 1742. Straight in front of you, to the left of the road, is Croughaun Hill, believed to have been separated from the main body of the mountain by lateral faulting. At the next junction turn right and 300 metres later take a rest at Ross Bridge.

C-D The Clodiagh from Coumduala and The Douglas from the Bools meet at this serene spot and flow on through Clonea and Portlaw to the Suir. Look out for some interesting birds, notably the colourful kingfisher and dipper. When ready, retrace your steps to the road junction. Turn right and 1.5 km later you reach Feddan's Cross.

D-A Turn left now and make your way back to the village.



View from Crotty's Rock

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