



## PRECAUTIONS

To ensure the continued enjoyment of these walks for other users, please observe the following:

- Guard against all risks of fire
- Fasten all gates
- Keep to assigned paths
- Keep dogs under proper control
- Please keep dogs on lead in the safety of local farm animals
- Avoid damaging fences, hedges & walls by using the stiles provided
- Leave no litter
- Respect the life of the countryside

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## OTHER AVAILABLE LEAFLETS

This is one of a series of walking guides for the Duhallow Region. Other available leaflets include: The Duhallow Way, The Island Wood, Source of the Blackwater, Mount Hillary, and Mullaghareirk Mountains.

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SIGNPOSTED WALKING ROUTES

**CLARAGH LOOP** MILLSTREET



## Claragh Loop

**TRAILHEAD:** St Patrick's Church, Millstreet, Co Cork. [OS Sheet 79,W268 903]

The trailhead is in the car park opposite St Patrick's Church in the village of Millstreet, Co Cork. A full range of services (tea, toilets, etc) is available in the village.

### LOOP DESCRIPTION:

**A-B.** Leaving the trailhead at the church, follow the purple arrows downhill on Clara Road and past the Industrial Estate. You are also following the yellow arrows of the long-distance Duhallow Way in some sections. After 500m the roadway turns right and passes a grotto on your left - immediately afterwards turn sharp left onto a laneway called Singleton's Road. Continue to follow the purple and yellow arrows uphill to reach an entrance to the forestry on your right. Turn right here.

**B-C.** Now follow the forestry roadway as it sweeps uphill. After 500m you exit the forestry over a stile on your left and follow the edge of forestry to reach a 3-way junction where the Duhallow Way turns right (into forestry) but you continue straight. This is the point from which the loop 'proper' begins - you will be returning to this point from the right later.

**C-D.** Another 500m takes you to a gateway - pass through it and join a track which begins to take you more steeply uphill along the edge of a wire fence. Keep close to the fence as the loop sweeps around the shoulder of Claragh. After 1km you reach a small metal gate - here the loop turns left and exits the gate - but you might enjoy taking a detour to the right and climbing to the summit of Claragh Mountain following white arrows. The return journey will take you 20-30mins.

**D-E.** After passing through the small gate, turn right and follow the track for 100m before turning left again and descending to reach a stile where the loop turns right. The next section takes you steeply downhill to rejoin the Duhallow Way at a green laneway where you turn right. Now follow the purple and yellow arrows as the loop swings around the shoulder of Claragh Mountain (on your right). Continue to follow the laneway for almost 2km - watch for a sharp right turn 100m after the second gateway. Eventually the loop rejoins the outward section at the junction mentioned at C above. This time turn left.

**E-A.** Follow the purple and yellow arrows as it descends through forestry, rejoins Singleton's Road and turns left. At the end of Singletons Road turn right and enjoy the last 500m back to the trailhead.

*PLEASE NOTE that sections of the loop walks may be closed at certain times during the year in order to allow Coillte to carry out any necessary work.*



Ascent	360m / 300m
Distance	10km / 2hr30mins – 3hrs
Grade	Moderate
Minimum Gear	Hiking boots, raingear, fluid, snack, & mobile phone
Services	Millstreet
Terrain	Laneways, hillside tracks and paths

