



ORANMORE



This Slí consists of both Tarmac Road and Dirt Track.

The Slí route starts in Oranmore Village outside the Church of the Immaculate Conception, built in 1974. Following the footpath to the right, you pass 'Roseville Cottage' a late 18th century private house. Continue to an old traditional thatched cottage on your left. Dating back to the 1800's, a cottage typical of the times was built from clay, mud and stones and thatched by a respected craftsman.

Take the next right crossing over the Tureen Stream. Remains of ancient ring-forts can be seen in this area. A ringfort was a protected enclosure around farmsteads dating back to the early Christian period.

Continue up the lane stopping at intervals to savour the beautiful view of Oranmore Bay with Oranmore Castle in the distance. Cross over the stile into Rinville Park at the North Wood.

Follow left towards Rinville Castle. The Castle dates back to the 16th century when it was owned by Richard McThomas Oge (Burke) and his sons until about 1612. It formed part of the Ardfrý Estate, which was granted to the Blakes at that time. Continue right. Look out for the interesting species of Flora and Fauna including Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Arum

Lily, Grey Herons and Otters. Turn right before reaching the 1819 ruins of Rinville Hall and follow the track around the rear of the ruins. Continue right into the West Wood. Exit the woods following the track ahead.

Turn right following the pathway to the car park. Cross the road and continue walking on the coast lane towards Galway Bay Sailing Club. Take time to look across at the spectacular beauty of Galway Bay and the ruins of 1770 Ardfrý House. Continue onto Rinville Point where you can look across to Galway City and Salthill. Return to the car park, then walk through the park up to the gate lodge entrance. Turn left for Oranmore.

The total distance of the walk from Oranmore to Rinville Point and back is 14.1km. Alternatively you can drive to Rinville Park and park at the lower car park. The walk from the car park to Rinville Park and back is 4km or walk the circuit of Rinville Park which is 4.8km.

Routes can be walked in either direction. Recommended as a daytime walk.



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