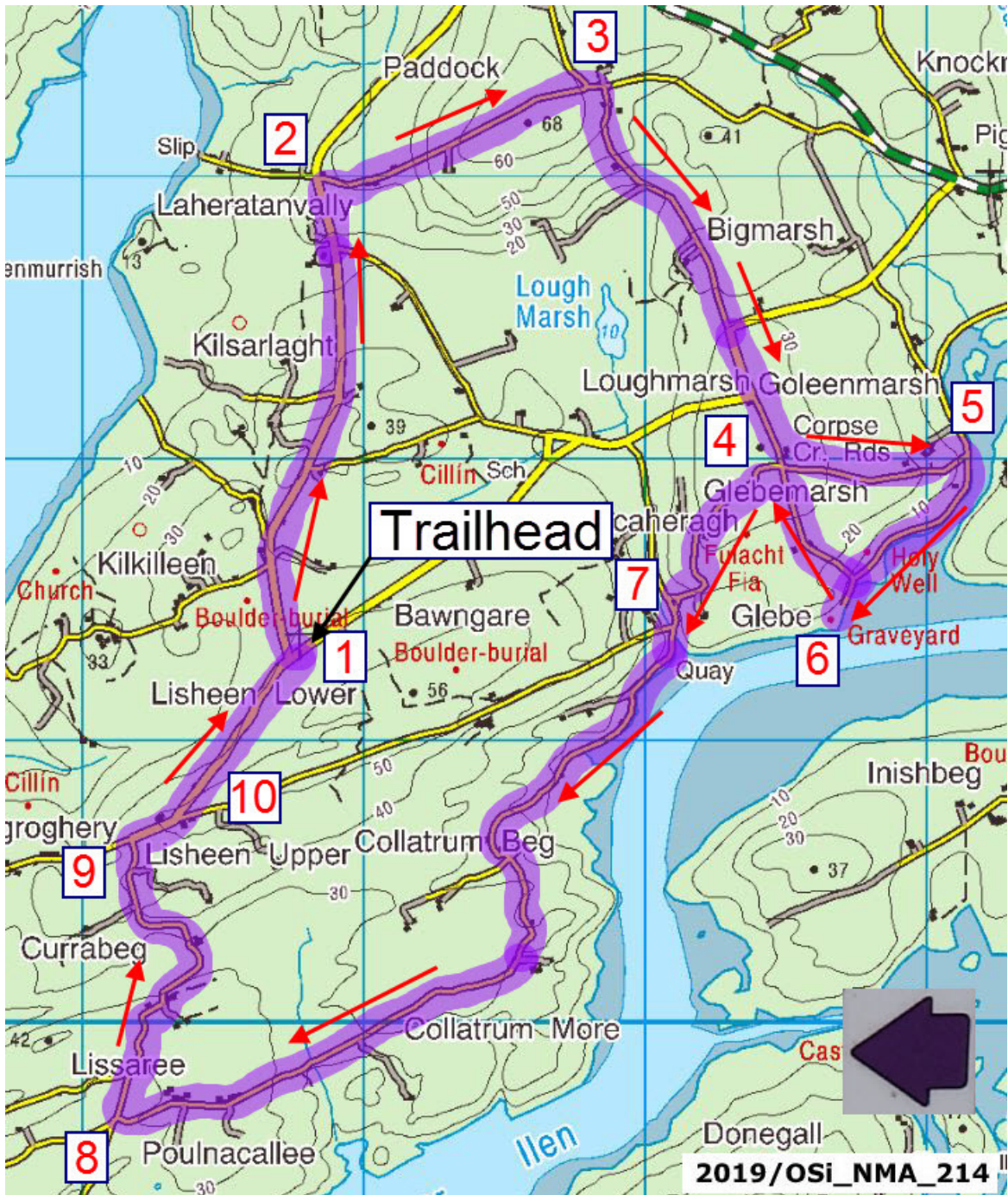




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Becher's Loop Walk - 13km

Map of the Becher's Loop Walk



This walk is mostly along quiet country roads. It is about 13km long and takes about 3-4 hours depending on how long you linger over the scenery.

It is highly recommended that you wear a hi-viz vest for safety reasons and good footwear for comfort reasons.

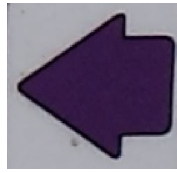


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Walk Guide

Read this Walk Guide in conjunction with the map above for best results. The route is marked with purple arrows which you need to look out for.



Starting from the car park opposite Lisheen Church (1) proceed west to the nearby junction and turn RIGHT alongside the burial ground. Heading north, gently downhill, you pass a few side roads, the road rises and falls until after 1.5km you pass an old creamery on the left and reach a cross roads (2) just before a right hand bend.

To the left would take you down to the quay where mussel farming operations are based. You need to turn RIGHT here, past a white house with a stone wall, and head uphill steadily for nearly one kilometre. The road levels out and to the right you might see the remnants of a gazebo built by the Becher family for enjoying the splendid views. Next is a left turn which you ignore and soon take a RIGHT turn (3) opposite a fine house entrance.

Descend the hill heading SE and soon the road levels out as you enter the townland of Bigmarsh and you join a bigger road, carrying STRAIGHT ON. After a few hundred metres the road swings sharp right (to Turk Head, Hare Island etc) but you carry STRAIGHT ON down a smaller road with houses on your right. Soon you reach walls and high hedges at a junction known as Corpse Cross Roads (4). Beware of the blue arrows which indicate a cycle route.

The Becher Loop route goes LEFT down a small road which descends to a junction (5) at the river. Turn RIGHT here and follow the river down until you reach the ivy covered church at Aughadown old burial ground (6). After exploring, return about 100m back up the road and turn LEFT uphill, climbing steadily to reach the Corpse Cross Roads again (4).

Turn LEFT here and follow the winding road past new houses and old farmyards until the road descends sharply to a junction (7) where you need to turn

LEFT. After a very short distance you are on Reenadonagh Pier with fine views over the river Ilen.

Follow this road as it winds its way alongside the water then up and down a few small hills, round bends and through farms. You may be able to see the islands of Innisbeg and Reengaroga in the river estuary and Sherkin further out to sea, and finally the road descends after 3 km to a junction (8).

Here you need to turn RIGHT again and the road will slowly rise ahead of you round more bends. Take care along this stretch as it can be busy at times. Finally the road takes a huge horseshoe bend and climbs to another junction (9) where you go RIGHT.

A short stroll brings you to Minihan's Pub on the left and this is most surely time for refreshments.

Leaving Minihan's behind you the road forks (10) and you follow the LEFT branch which drops gently downhill and brings you back to the Church at Lisheen and your vehicle.



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