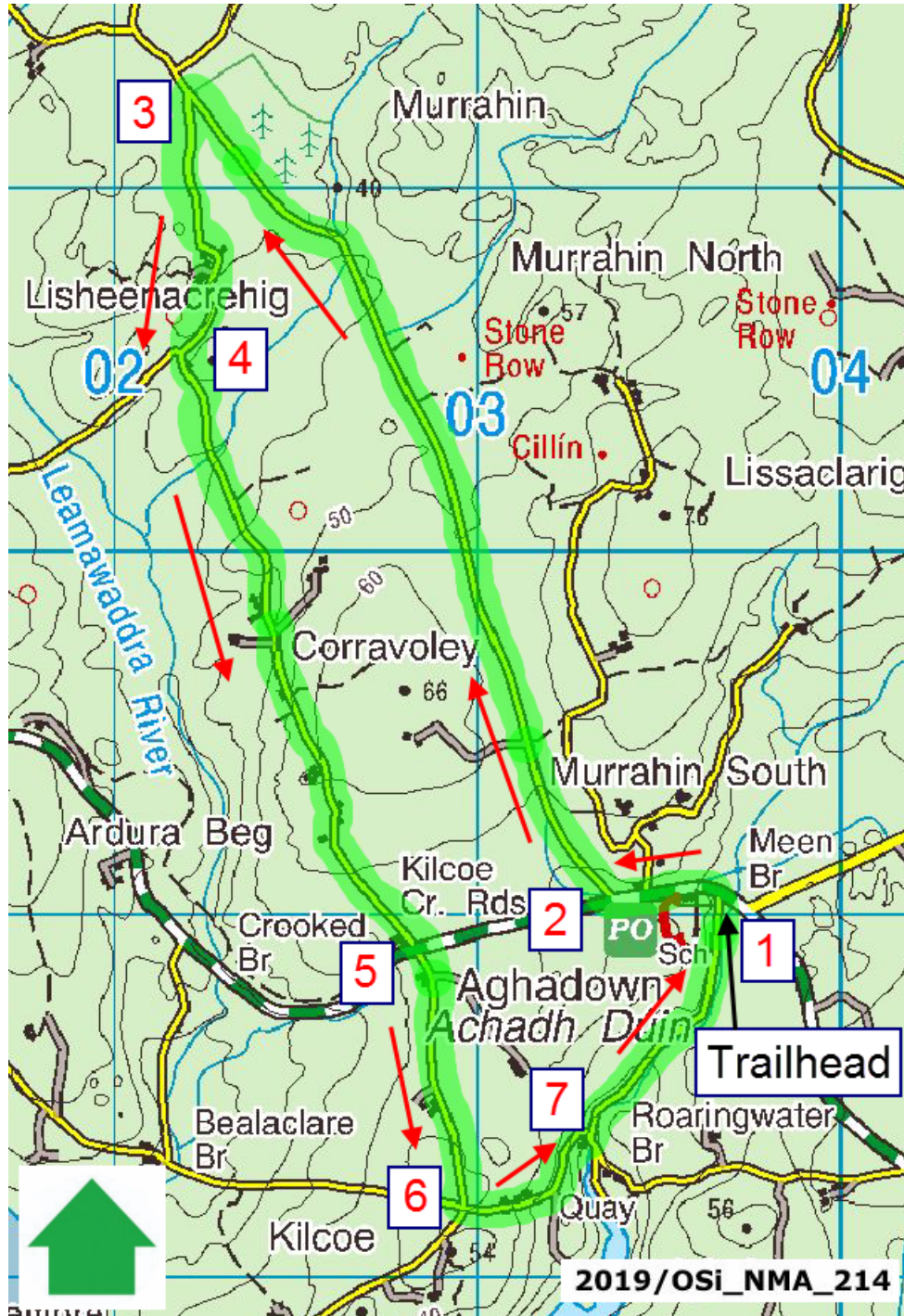




Fastnet Trails

Lisheenacrehig Loop Walk - 8km

Map of the Lisheenacrehig Loop Walk



This 8km walk is mostly along quiet country roads. It is an easy walk which takes about 2 hours depending on the detours you take to explore the Points of Interest.

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 green arrows which you need to look out for.

A pleasant road walk through farmland taking in a number of old church sites and an historical pier.

Starting by the Trailhead (1) follow the footpath alongside the N71 with Kilcoe Church on your left.

After the church you will see a colourful house which was once the Post Office. Now CROSS the N71 and continue up the hill past what was previously a bar called "The Cross House". About 100 metres past the former pub you turn RIGHT (2) off the N71 into the townland of Murrain. You will see a signboard explaining how, long ago, an important battle was fought here.

The road rises gently for a while as it weaves through open countryside then descends again to cross a small stream at a bend. There is a recently replanted forestry area on the right and quite soon you come to a road junction (3) where you need to turn back sharp LEFT.

From here on you are still following the GREEN arrows of the Lisheenacarrig Loop and you will also see the purple arrows of the Dereenard Loop which overlaps for the rest of the route.

Follow the road as it winds through Lisheenacrehig townland. Soon you reach a farm with buildings both sides of the road - keep going and you emerge into open country again, past a bungalow on the left, then reach a road junction (4) where you must turn LEFT.

This next section is about 1.5km and the road rises steadily and levels out until finally you will see the old Kilcoe Church of Ireland burial ground on the right. Take a few minutes to explore and then



proceed south along the road to reach a major junction (5) with a saw mill on your right.

If you are running late you take a short cut back to the Trailhead by walking down the N71 to your left but otherwise CROSS with care and go STRAIGHT ON up the quiet side road, past houses, until you reach a cross roads (6) just after a large house on the left. Here you should turn LEFT and quite soon you come to the pre-famine church remains and old burial ground on the right. Take a few minutes to rest and explore this unique place.

Leaving the church behind follow the road downhill past the old boys' school and round a few bends until you descend steeply to a cross roads (7) with a bridge over the gurgling stream. The route back to the Trailhead goes sharp LEFT up the hill beside the stream. If you have time, take a short detour downstream to explore the beautiful Roaringwater Quay. The pier enabled copper ore to be exported from the nearby mine workings.

From the cross roads you ascend past a boat yard on your left to reach the Kilcoe Church and Trailhead in less than ten minutes.

