

4 ACHILL SOUND TO CASHEL



Overview

The World Class Great Western Greenway (Westport – Achill Sound - Cashel) is mainly a 48.5km traffic free cycling and walking facility which primarily follows the line of the famous Great Western Midlands Railway, which closed in 1937. Its development has been made possible by agreement of local landowners who have allowed permissive access to users to pass through their lands. This route offers gentle gradients and some of the most idyllic scenery in the west of Ireland.

Information

- Strictly No Dogs Allowed
- Help to Maintain this Greenway
- Please report any dangerous obstacles or missing / damaged signs to:
Mayo County Council 094 9046000
Email: visit@mayococo.ie
- For more information on walking and cycling in Mayo, please log on to the following websites;
www.greenway.ie
www.mayotrails.com
www.discoverireland/cycling.ie
- In the event of an emergency contact 112 or 999

Leave No Trace

Principles of Outdoor Ethics
Please adhere to this code in any trips to the outdoors

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Be Considerate of Others
3. Respect Farm Animals and Wildlife
4. Travel and Camp on Durable Ground
5. Leave What You Find
6. Dispose of Waste Properly
7. Minimise the Effects of Fire

1 WESTPORT TO NEWPORT

Start/Trailhead: In Westport an official access point is located to the right just off the N59 traveling in the direction of Newport approximately 500m from Westport town centre. Follow the directional fingerpost signs on to the Greenway. In Newport an official access point is located to the left just off the N59 traveling in the direction of Westport located approximately 2km from Newport town.

Distance: 12.5 km

Level of Difficulty: Multi-use

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Estimated Time: **Cycling:** 1 to 1.5 hrs **Walking:** 3 to 3.5 hrs

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Waymarking: Trail is waymarked using the National Greenway Network symbol on a white background with a blue directional travel arrow.

To Suit: Suitable for people with moderate levels of fitness.

Minimum Gear: Helmet, Bike, Mobile Phone, Snacks, Fluid and waterproofs.

Services: Services available Westport and Newport.

2 NEWPORT TO MALLARANNY

Start/Trailhead: In Newport an official access point is located to the left just off the N59 travelling to Mallaranny. In Mallaranny an official access point is located to the right just off the N59 travelling to Bangor. Access point is also located to the rear of the Mulranny Park Hotel.

Distance: 18 km **Ascent:** 82m

Level of Difficulty: Multi-use

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Estimated Time: **Cycling:** 2 to 2.5 hrs **Walking:** 5 to 5.5 hrs

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Waymarking: Trail is waymarked using the National Greenway Network symbol on a white background with a blue directional travel arrow.

To Suit: Suitable for people with moderate levels of fitness.

Minimum Gear: Helmet, Bike, Mobile Phone, Snacks, Fluid and waterproofs.

Services: Services available at Newport, Mallaranny and Tiernaur.

3 MALLARANNY TO ACHILL

Start/Trailhead: In Mallaranny an official access point is located to the right just off the N59 travelling to Bangor. An access point is also located to the rear of the Mulranny Park Hotel. On Achill Sound an official access point is located at Óstán Oileán Acla / Achill Island Hotel at the gateway to Achill Island.

Distance: 13 km

Level of Difficulty: Multi-use

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Estimated Time: **Cycling:** 1 to 1.5 hrs **Walking:** 4 to 4.5 hrs

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Waymarking: Trail is waymarked using the National Greenway Network symbol on a white background with a blue directional travel arrow.

To Suit: Suitable for people with moderate levels of fitness.

Minimum Gear: Helmet, Bike, Mobile Phone, Snacks, Fluid and waterproofs.

Services: Services available on Achill Island and Mallaranny.

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Start/Trailhead: On Achill Sound an official access point /trailhead at the designated Greenway carpark, located across the road from the church.

GPS: 53.93048, -9.92915

Distance: 5 km **Ascent:** 36 m

Level of Difficulty: Multi-use

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail and 400 metres of boardwalk.

Estimated Time: **Cycling:** 1 hr **Walking:** 1.5 to 2 hrs

Terrain: Greenway off road cycle and walking trail.

Waymarking: Trail is waymarked using the National Greenway Network symbol on a white background with a blue directional travel arrow.

To Suit: Suitable for people with moderate levels of fitness.

Minimum Gear: Helmet, Bike, Mobile Phone, Snacks, Fluid and waterproofs.

Services: Services available on Achill Sound & Cashel.