

Walk
No. 2



Trailhead	St. Catherine's Church, Legland, Rathmullan
Services	Full Service at Rathmullan Village, (ca. 4km)
Distance / Time	6km / 1hr 15 min - 2hrs
Ascent / Descent	120m / 139m
Difficulty	Moderate - To suit average levels of fitness
Terrain	Public roads
Theme of Trail	Country walk
Start / Finish Point	St. Catherine's Church, Legland, Rathmullan
Minimum Gear	Outdoor shoes, raingear, fluid, mobile phone
Map / Grid Ref	OS Discovery Sheet 2 / C 274 298

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD

St. Catherine's Church is situated in the townland of Legland, ca.4km NE of the beach car park at Rathmullan Pier. Exit left from car park (at Putting Green) and travel along Main Street for ca.500m, passing The Abbey, the Antique shop and finally the junction with Pound Street. Just past that junction veer right uphill off the main road, turning sharp right immediately onto a minor road, passing St. Columb's Church and shortly after St. Joseph's National School, both on your right. Continue on this undulating narrow road passing a water tower on your right after ca.3km, and travel downhill for the last 300m arriving at St. Catherine's Church. The trailhead board is located in the unmarked, gravelled car park on the wall surrounding the Church property.

This trail traverses an exceptionally tranquil and sparsely populated area with far-reaching views of the countryside as you walk in a clock-wise direction. It is rich with wild flowers and leads through Carradoan Wood, part of the protected Special Area of Conservation included in the Lough Swilly SAC. Look out for native birds and wildlife on the trail.

WALK DIRECTION **Please take care on these trafficked public roads**

A-B. Exiting the car park proceed downhill to **right** (east) of the church and **turn left**. The lane on your right is the route you will return on. Enjoy the indigenous forest on the minor road. After ca. **1.2km** the road forks. **Veer left** and continue for another ca. **1.2km**, passing the neolithic Drumhallagh Court Tomb on your left. After another **200m** you reach a cross roads. **Turn right** on to Kerrykeel road R247 **being mindful of the heavier traffic**.

B-C. Continue along the road for ca.**1km**, taking in views of Lough Swilly and Inishowen in the distance and wide country vistas. Take the **second turn right** on to the local L54426 road.

C-D. Proceed for ca. **1km** towards Crocknaglaggan Hill until you reach a T-junction. **Turn right** at the junction.

D-A. Follow this narrow minor road for ca. **1.5km** as it tracks the contour of the hill on your left. It leads you through indigenous ancient woodland, with its self-generating stand of Oak, Hazel, Birch and Holly. The road leads you **uphill** to reveal your starting point at St Catherine's Church ahead of you.



For more information on the area and Donegal walking trails please see: www.rathmullan.ie
www.irishtrails.ie - www.letswalkdonegal.com - www.discoverireland.ie/things-to-do - www.coillte.ie



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For comments and suggestions about the trail please contact: Rathmullan The Way Forward Group, rathmullanthewayforward@gmail.com - phone 085 8860505 or Inga Bock, Rural Recreation Officer, ibock@dldc.org - phone 087 9318077



6 km
Moderate
Regional & Minor Roads

- A** - St. Catherine's Church
- B** - Kerrykeel road R247 crossroads
- C** - Minor road junction L54426
- D** - Crocknaglaggan T-junction

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KERANSTOWN LOOP

