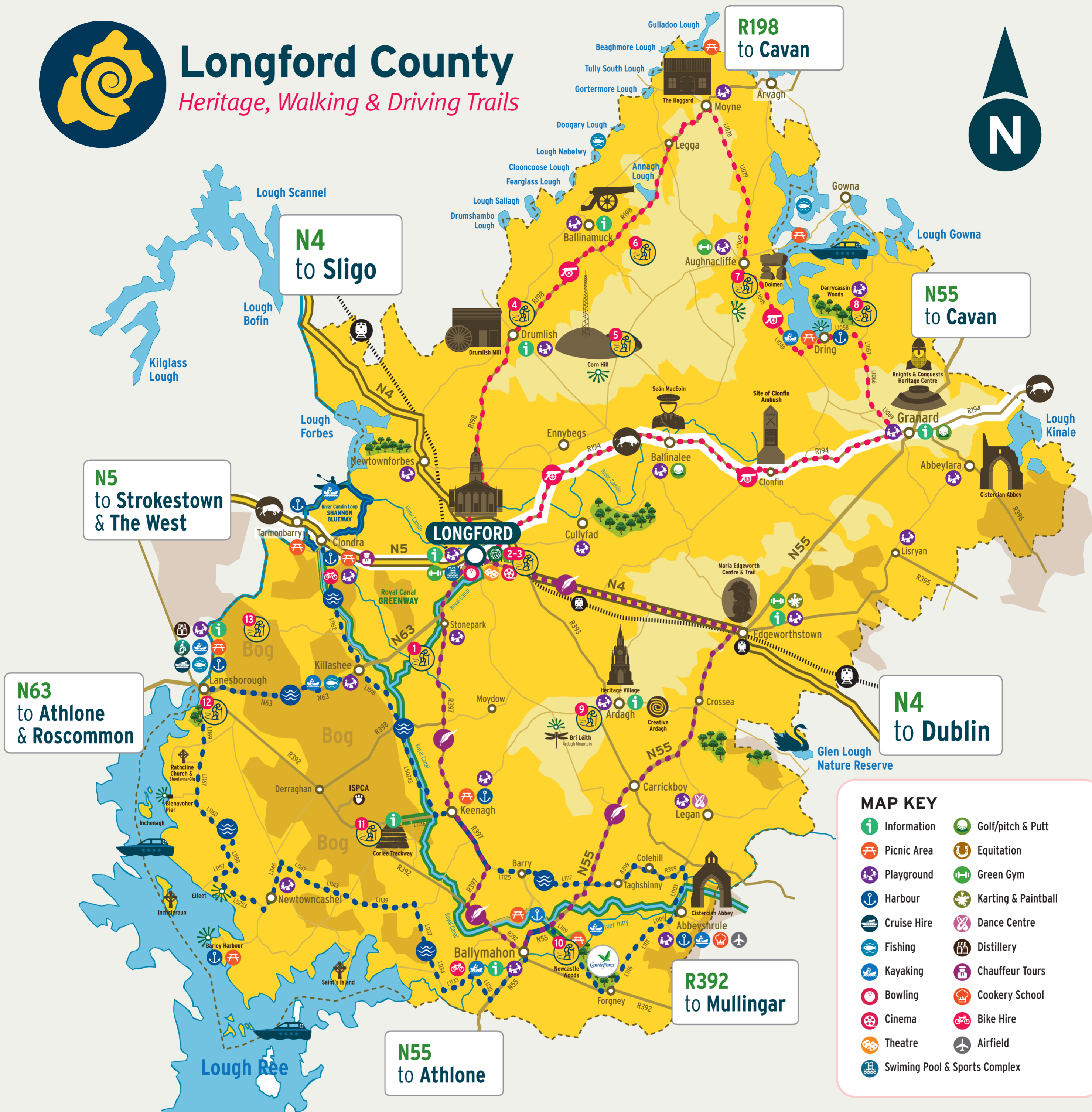




Longford County

Heritage, Walking & Driving Trails



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| Information | Golf/pitch & Putt |
| Picnic Area | Equitation |
| Playground | Green Gym |
| Harbour | Karting & Paintball |
| Cruise Hire | Dance Centre |
| Fishing | Distillery |
| Kayaking | Chauffeur Tours |
| Bowling | Cookery School |
| Cinema | Bike Hire |
| Theatre | Airfield |
| Swimming Pool & Sports Complex | |



County Heritage

For more information on our county heritage...
Please visit: www.longford.ie

St. Mel's Cathedral—Longford
19th Century cathedral church of the Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise—dedicated to Saint Mael (died 488). Destroyed by a fire in 2009, the restored cathedral re-opened in December 2014.

Táin Trail—Clonsilla to Granard
Longford section of the 365 mile cattle raid trail of Queen Maeve—from Rathcroghan, Co. Roscommon to the Cooley Peninsula in Louth.

Drumlish Mill
200-year-old corn mill was powered by a stream from Corn Hill. No longer in use, it has been preserved as an example of local building skill.

Ballinamuck Visitor Centre
Built in 1846, this former RIC barracks houses an exhibition detailing the famous Battle of Ballinamuck against the British in 1798.

Portal Tombs/Dolmens
The Aughnaclyffe Dolmen is one of four tombs in the county, along with nearby Cleenrath, Birrinagh (Moyné) and Melkagh (Drumlish).

Knights & Conquests—Granard
Visitor Centre situated beside Ireland's tallest Norman Motte at 544 feet high, built in 1199 by Richard de Tuile. The birth place of Kitty Kiernan, Granard has strong ties to Michael Collins.

Gen. Séan MacEoin—Ballinalee
The town is named after the Georgian military hero of Longford's most celebrated military hero of the Irish War of Independence.

Maria Edgeworth—Edgeworthstown
The town is named after the Georgian feminist and writer of 'Castle Rackrent'. For an insight into her life visit the Maria Edgeworth Centre and Edgeworth Heritage & Literary Trail.

Ardagh Heritage Village
Features Ardagh House built in the 1700s. Ardagh Heritage & Creativity Centre is home to Creative Ardagh facilitating workshops and showcasing local history, myths and legends.

Corlea Trackway—Keenagh
The Visitor Centre interprets the significance of an Iron Age bog road dated to the year 1486, the largest prehistoric road found in Europe.

Monastic Sites
St. Diarmuid's on Inchcleraun, Lough Ree and St. Columba's on Inchmore, Lough Gowna both date from the 6th century. There are early medieval sites dotted across the county—Saint's Island, Rathcline Church (Lanesboro), Ardagh, Abbeyshrule, Abbeylara, Abbeyderg, Ballinakill (Killashee) and Old Clonbroney near Ballinalee.



Walking Trails

These amenity walks showcase the diversity of the landscape—hill, bog, lake and woodland. Surfaces vary. **All have parking available.**

- 1 Royal Canal Greenway**
Clonsilla—Abbeyshrule: **Multi-access** canal-side walk, traffic-free, ideal for run or family outing. **Distance:** 35km; **Longford Branch:** 8km • **Duration:** 7hr total.
- 2 Longford Town Walking Trail**
Longford Town: **Multi-access** town walk, highlighting history and heritage. **Distance:** 2km • **Duration:** 20min.
- 3 Mail Walk**—Albert Reynolds Peace Park
Longford Town: **Multi-access** Slí na Sláinte park looped trail on gravel paths, with 2 playgrounds. **Distance:** 2.6km • **Duration:** 30min approx.
- 4 Barraghbeg/O'Higgins Heritage Trail**
Drumlish: **Moderate** walk passing through farmland which might be wet in winter months. **Distance:** 4.3km • **Duration:** 50mins to 1hr.
- 5 Corn Hill Walking Trail**
Dernacross: **Moderate** hill walk, short but steep and

rough in places with spectacular panoramic views. **Distance:** 2.3km out & back • **Duration:** 30min to 1hr.

- 6 Edenmore Bog Walk**
Ballinamuck: **Moderate** in wet weather, looped natural bogland walk. Parking available. **Distance:** 4.5km • **Duration:** 50mins to 1hr.
- 7 Leebeen Park & Aughnaclyffe Waterfall Trails**
Aughnaclyffe: **Multi-access** short looped park walk and riverside walk leading to Pulliness waterfall. **Distance:** 1.5km & 1.4km • **Duration:** 15 to 30min.
- 8 Derrycassin Woodland Trail**
Dring: **Easy/Moderate** looped woodland walk with beautiful lake views and choice of 3 routes. **Distance:** 1.25km–3km • **Duration:** 30min to 1hr.
- 9 Brí Leith Walk**
Ardagh: **Moderate** hill walk on a resurfaced old

way, associated with the legend of Midir & Etain. **Parking limited. Distance:** 4.5km • **Duration:** 1hr approx.

- 10 Newcastle Woodland Trail**
Near Ballymahon: **Easy** and accessible woodland walk, choice of 4 routes, ideal for family outing. **Distance:** 1.2km–5.6km • **Duration:** 15min to 2hr.
- 11 Corlea Bog Amenity Walk**
Corlea Centre: **Easy** choice of well-surfaced bog walks with close to Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre. **Distance:** 2.5km–4.6km • **Duration:** 30min to 1hr.
- 12 Commons Woodland Trail**
Lanesborough: **Easy/Moderate** looped woodland walk, paths are narrow in parts and not all surfaced. **Distance:** 4km • **Duration:** 40min to 1hr.
- 13 Derraroge Bog Walk**
Lanesborough: **Easy** well-surfaced bog walk. **Distance:** 5km out and back • **Duration:** 1hr approx.



Driving Trails

Explore the country through three themed drives which offer a glimpse of its ancient, early Christian, military and literary heritage.

- Longford Rebel Trail**
Identifying the important locations of rebellions from the Normans to the War of Independence. You can join the trail at any of towns located on the trail. **Distance:** 71km • **Duration:** 70mins non-stop.

- Longford Literary Trail**
Celebrating Longford's literary roots: Oliver Goldsmith (1728-1774), Maria Edgeworth (1767-1849), Padraic Colum (1881-1972) and John Keegan Casey (1846-1870). **Distance:** 73km • **Duration:** 80mins non-stop.

- Mid Shannon Trail**
Explore the south of the county, taking in the Royal Canal, the Shannon and beautiful views of Lough Ree from Saint's Island and Barley Harbour, and visit Corlea Trackway. **Distance:** 98km • **Duration:** 110mins non-stop.

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Walking Trail Classification

Multi-access: Flat smooth trails, suitable for all users including those with reduced mobility, wheelchairs, vision impairment, using crutches, with a buggy, with small children and older people. Normal outdoor footwear suitable.

Easy: Generally flat trails with a smooth surface and some gentle slopes or shallow steps. Suitable for family groups including children and the elderly. Normal outdoor footwear suitable.

Moderate: Trails with some climbs and some uneven surface where the going is rough underfoot or obstacles such as protruding roots, rocks etc. Appropriate for a moderate level of fitness and some walking experience. Specific outdoor footwear and clothing recommended.

Strenuous: Physically demanding trails, with some sections having steep climbs for long periods and the going underfoot can be extremely rough including many obstacles. Suitable for users accustomed to walking on rough ground and with a high level of fitness. Specific walking footwear and clothing required.

Very Difficult: Mainly in remote upland areas, with steep slopes, very variable and rough underfoot on indistinct trails. Use of a map and navigational skills will be required. Suitable for experienced, fit and competent mountain walkers. Specific walking footwear and clothing required.

