

9 THE BURREN WAY

The Burren Way is a 123km linear walking trail (including East Burren Loop and links to Lisdoonvarna and Ballyvaghan) located in the Burren area of North Clare. The Way brings you inland from Lahinch on the Western side of the Burren to Doolin on the coast and via the town of Lisdoonvarna on to Ballyvaghan to the north. It then crosses the heartland of the Burren through the villages of Carran, and Corrofin on the eastern side of the Burren. The Way follows a mix of mainly Green Roads, pathway, old roadway and minor roads.

Directions to trail

The Burren Way is best accessed at one of six key trailheads, which provide information map boards and car parking. These are located reasonably close to other services and facilities, such as shops, accommodation, restaurants and public transport. The trailheads are located as follows:

Trailhead 1 – Lahinch

Located on the coast, Lahinch is 3km west of Ennistymon on the N67.

Trailhead 2 – Doolin

Doolin village is located on the R479, off the N67, and 8km from the Cliffs of Moher.

Trailhead 3 – Lisdoonvarna

The town of Lisdoonvarna is located approximately 34km north of Ennis on the N67.

Trailhead 4 – Ballyvaghan

The village of Ballyvaghan is located on the N67 and is 39km from Ennis.

Trailhead 5 – Carran

The village of Carran is located between Ballyvaghan and Corrofin approximately 3km to the East of the R480.

Trailhead 6 – Corrofin

The village of Corrofin is located on the R476 between Ennis and Lisdoonvarna and is approximately 13km from Ennis.

Trailhead 7 – Tubber

Trailheads: Lahinch, Doolin, Lisdoonvarna, Ballyvaghan, Carran, Corrofin and Tubber.

Services: Available at each trailhead

Distance: 112km approximately (including East Burren Loop and links to Lisdoonvarna and Ballyvaghan)

Time: 5 days. Each section represents approximately a full days walking (Lehinch-Doolin/ Doolin Ballyvaugan/ Ballyvaughan Carran/ Carran-Corrofin/ Carran Tubber).

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult

Terrain: The Way follows a mix of green road, pathway, minor roadway, and grassy/ rocky track, with an initial steep climb out of the Caher Valley and steep descent to Feenagh Valley

To Suit: Medium to High Fitness levels

Minimum Gear: Sturdy walking boots, waterproofs. Rucksack, fluid, snacks, mobile phone.