




GREAT WESTERN GREENWAY


ACHILL LOOPS





DOOAGH LOOP WALK


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-  **Waymarking – Purple Arrows**


-  **Distance**
4.3 km


-  **Difficulty**
Easy


-  **Ascent**
56m

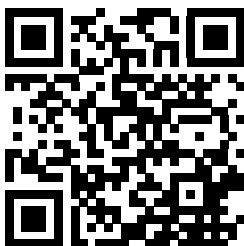
-  **Trailhead**
Dooagh – GPS 53.9749638, -10.1266688

-  **Terrain**
Country Lanes

-  **Duration**
1 hr – 1 hr 30mins


-  **Minimum Gear**
Walking shoes & raingear

-  **Services**
Services such as accommodation, shops, restaurants are available locally throughout Achill Island



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A-B Facing the mapboard, turn right and follow the purple arrow as the loop skirts around the back of some houses to exit onto the main road (R319) at the memorial stone to Don Allum. Cross the road, turn left and, almost immediately, turn right onto a minor roadway. As you continue to follow this roadway along the Owenavalley River (Abhainn Bhaile in Irish) it changes from a surfaced road to sandy roadway. As you pass a second track on your left the roadway veers right and away from the river.

B-C Continue along the roadway for nearly 2km as it passes through bogland and crosses a stream (midway) to reach a sharp right bend. After another 200m you reach a junction with a sand roadway from your left. Veer right here.

C-A Now the loop begins the descent back to Dooagh Village along the Tonragee River (Abhainn Toin re Gaoithe in Irish). At midway the roadway changes to surfaced road and on the final section you pass a number of bridges on your left. At the junction with the main road cross to the other side and the trailhead is 30m away.

