Galway Wind Way

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Galway Wind Park

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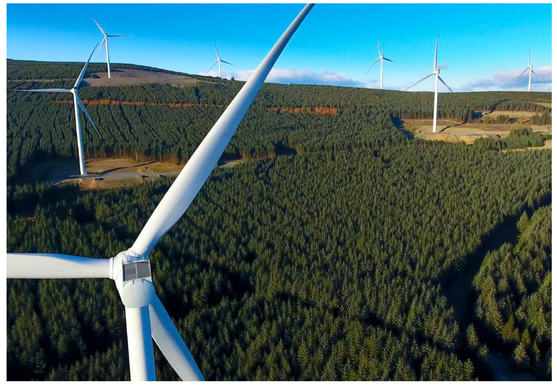
Welcome to the Galway Wind Way, a range of recreational trails at Galway Wind Park.

Our 6 routes along 48km are designed to be fun for the whole family, from the experienced explorer to the Sunday stroller (or roller – check out our buggy and wheelchair-accessible route!). This wild and remote place is rich in local stories. Our ancestors walked these hills as farmers and foresters. They hunted the birds and fish which still thrive today in their native habitats. As you explore our trails, let us tell you how the landscape of the Cloosh Valley has changed over hundreds of years. And how this place we call home has helped meet the evolving needs of local people and wildlife. The impressive wind turbines that you can see along our trails represent the latest chapter in our story. Our engineers are the newest workers on this land. Our need now is for renewable energy to help combat climate change. As Ireland's largest wind farm, Galway Wind Park is playing its part to reduce harmful carbon emissions. Come learn how the 58 turbines here produce enough electricity to power over 140,000 homes. At the same time, they offset harmful fossil fuel emissions. The 169 megawatts of clean energy produced here will help safeguard our landscape – and the planet – for generations to come.

Enjoy your visit to the Galway Wind Way!

Find out more at galwaywindway.com



Connemara View Loop: Starting from car park 2 (P2), take care crossing the road, this walk then travels uphill towards the viewing platform beside Turbine 11. From here you can look across at the spectacular view of Lough Corrib, Lough Mask, Connemara and along the Galway coast.

Split Rock Trail: Starting from car park 4 (P4), this is a short trail with only a slight gradient and a robust surface finish. This trail is suitable for people with restricted mobility, for individuals in wheelchairs and buggies. The trail travels out to the meteorolgical mast and then back to car park 4.

Turbine Trail: Starting from car park 2 (P2), travelling clockwise this trail brings you up close to five wind turbines and a series interpretive panels. There is a viewing point at Turbine 15 with a panorama overlooking the beautiful Uggool valley. The return trail connects onto the Seecon Lough Path which will also bring you back to the car park via Turbine 18.

Seecon Lough Path: Starting from car park 2 (P2), this walk follows the tracks and old trails of the forest to and from Seecon Lough. Travelling clockwise along the trail, there is a beautiful downhill walk between Turbine 18 and the lake which passes a stand of Japanese Larch. From the lake you join the main trail and you turn right and uphill to the viewing point at Turbine 24. From here you can look across to the Aran Islands.

Peak Ridge Path: Starting from car park 2 (P2), this trail travels around the hill and links up all of the trails on this side of the forest. The viewing point at Turbine 24 gives you a view of local lakes, Galway Bay, the Burren and Aran Islands.

Forest Cycleway: Starting from car park 2 (P2), this trail is spacious and includes a winding section through the section of eucalyptus trees which were planted in the late 1950s as an experiment. Pay close attention to the marker posts as there are a number of alternative unused routes in the area.

Why not take a photo of trail map to keep you on track, be aware that there is a very limited mobile phone reception on the trails.

These trails are in a remote and wilderness environment, you take part in trail activities and enter this area at your own risk.

More information on the Galway Wind Park can be found at galwaywindpark.com. If you wish to know more about the history of the area, why not log onto oughterardheritage.org

Trail Name: Connemara View Loop
Start Point: Car Park 2 (P2)
Length (km): 4.5 km
Time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Metres Climb: 90 m
Loop: Yes
Trail Finish: Car Park 2 (P2)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Orange

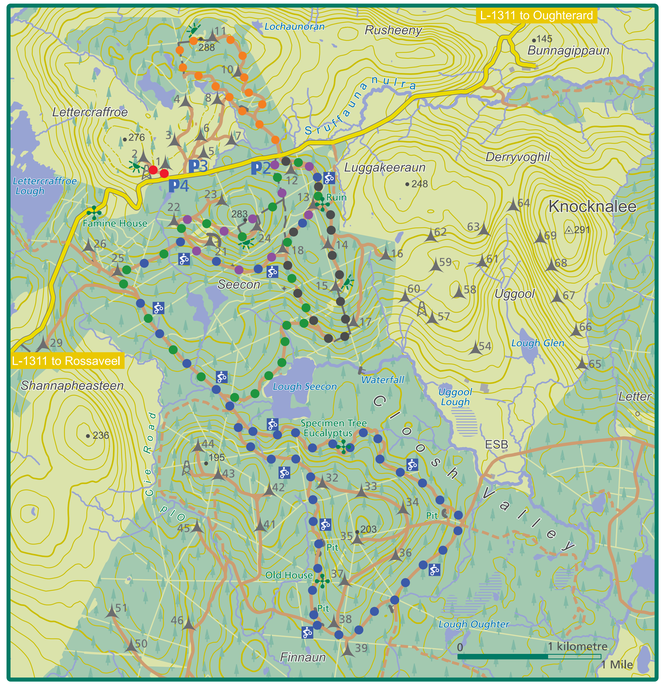
Trail Name: Split Rock Trail
Start Point: Car Park 4 (P4)
Length (km): 200 metres
Time: 5 minutes
Degree of Difficulty: Access for All
Metres Climb: 15 m
Loop: No
Trail Finish: Car Park 4 (P4)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Red

Trail Name: Turbine Trail
Start Point: Car Park 2 (P2)
Length (km): 5 km
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes
Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Metres Climb: 80 m
Loop: Yes
Trail Finish: Car Park 2 (P2)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Black

Trail Name: Seecon Lough Path
Start Point: Car Park 2 (P2)
Length (km): 10 km
Time: 2 hours 20 minutes
Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Metres Climb: 200 m
Loop: Yes
Trail Finish: Car Park 2 (P2)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Green

Trail Name: Peak Ridge Path
Start Point: Car Park 2 (P2)
Length (km): 5.5 km
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes
Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Metres Climb: 80 m
Loop: Yes
Trail Finish: Car Park 2 (P2)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Purple

Trail Name: Forest Cycleway
Start Point: Car Park 2 (P2)
Length (km): 21 km
Time: 4 hours 30 minutes (walking)
Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Metres Climb: 280 m
Loop: Yes
Trail Finish: Car Park 2 (P2)
Trail Way Marking Colour: Blue



Main Road
Minor Road
Forest Road
Forest Track
Path
Wind Turbine
Viewpoint
Heritage Site
Main Car Park
Meteorological Mast
Coillte Properties
Conifer Forest
Connemara View Loop
Peak Ridge Path
Seecon Lough Path
Forest Cycleway
Turbine Trail
Split Rock Trail (Access for All)

The representation on the map of roads, tracks and paths outside Coillte property should not be interpreted as conferring a right of way.

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TRAIL GRADING

'ACCESS FOR ALL' TRAILS
Generally flat, wide and relatively smooth trails, suitable for those with limited mobility, physically and visually impaired, parents with buggies or very young children.

EASY TRAILS
Generally flat trails with some undulations. Surfaces may be a little rough in places (roots, stones, etc) with short steeper sections. Usually of short duration.

MODERATE TRAILS
Trails will have steeper gradients, may have rough underfoot conditions, with protruding roots and natural features. Strong footwear recommended.

STRENUOUS TRAILS
Some significant climbs and descents, with any type of surface including very rough sections to be expected. Of long duration where good physical and safety skills in the outdoors may be needed.

SAFETY NOTICE

- In event of Lightning, Storm, Ice, Snow or Fire please leave Galway Wind Park for your own Safety
- Do not approach turbines
- In case of Emergency Call 112
- Defibrillator at Operations Building (see P3 on Map)
- No shooting

Safety is always our number one priority
"If it's not safe, we don't do it"