



Tullahought

# Kilmacoliver Loop



<b>Trailhead</b>	Tullahought, Co. Kilkenny
<b>Services</b>	Kilmaganny (10km)
<b>Dist/Time</b>	6km / 2hrs
<b>High/Ascent</b>	120m / 110m
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate
<b>Terrain</b>	Laneways, fields and woodland trails
<b>To Suit</b>	Above average levels of fitness
<b>Minimum Gear</b>	Walking boots, rain gear, fluids and mobile phone
<b>Grid Ref.</b>	OS Sheet 75 S432 298



## Directions to Trailhead

Start from the village of Kilmaganny on the R701 between Knocktopher and Carrick-on-Suir. Follow the R697 in the direction of Carrick-on-Suir for approximately 5km and then take a left turn in the direction of Tullahought Village. Follow this road for 1km and at the crossroads take a right turn and the trail head is 500 metres on the right hand side.



## Walks Directions

**A-B** Starting from the car park at the Watering Place follow the tarred road for 400m, past a road on your right, to a laneway on your left. Turn left here.

**B-C** Following the laneway (which gives way to a sandy lane) you ascend gently for almost 2km to reach a metal gate entrance to an old homestead at Bregaun. Fine views of the Kilkenny countryside begin to open up on your left - and on your right the outline of the trig pillar atop Kilmacoliver Hill becomes visible. Enter the old farm via the metal stile.

**C-D** Follow the laneway past the old house and farmyard (please do not enter), and shortly afterwards be alert as the loop leaves the laneway to your right and follows a dry ditch on the ascent to the summit of Kilmacoliver Hill.

**D-E** Take time on the summit to enjoy the circular enclosure of stones and (depending on the weather) the views over counties Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford, Carlow and Wexford. The substantial hill in front of you is Carrigadoon Hill. Leaving the stone circle behind, descend downhill following the fence on the border of the field - and enters privately developed woodland of broadleaf trees including oak, beech, birch, larch, ash and cherry. The trip through the young woodlands is a pleasant one which ends at a metal gate as you rejoin the laneway on which you traveled outward.

**E-A** Turning left, you reach a T-junction where you take a right for the final 400m to the trailhead.