

Make your day

Dundrum / Murlough Walk 11



Take in an old railway line and an Anglo-Norman castle, finishing up with a seaside stroll.

Getting to the Start

The walk starts at a lay-by on the Ardilea Road in Dundrum (at Murlough). From Clough village take the A2 onto the Blackstaff Road and then first right onto the Ardilea Road. The lay-by is located 100m (109yd) along the Ardilea Road at a sharp turn in the road. Steps up to the railway line indicate the start of the walk. There is limited car parking at the start. It is suggested that walkers take a short taxi trip to the start from Newcastle.

Follow the Trail

From the lay-by walk up the steps, turn right and continue along this path for approximately 2.5km (1.6 miles), then bear left past several cottages. Continue past the gaelic football pitch until reaching a car park in Dundrum village. Walk through the car park onto Main Street and turn left. Continue until opposite a lane called McMinin's Lane. Cross the road and follow the path uphill. At the next junction turn right again towards the ruins of Dundrum Castle.

Once at the Castle take the public right of way which runs to the left of the Castle and continue until Dromara Road. Turn left, then take the first right onto Moneylane Road and then take the first left onto a public right of way. (**Caution: open water ahead**). At the next junction with another path, keep right until you reach Main Street. Cross Main Street into a wooded area, then turn left and through the gate into Murlough National Nature Reserve. Once over the Downshire Bridge, at the next junction take the right hand path, adjacent to Dundrum Inner Bay, and continue. At the next junction, bear left and follow the boardwalk onto Murlough Beach. Turn right along the beach towards Newcastle. At the first car park join the promenade to finish at Newcastle Visitor Information Centre.

Points of Interest

The route begins on what was the old Belfast and County Down Railway line which once ran from Belfast to Newcastle. This section opened in March 1869 and after operating for almost 100 years, the railway finally closed in 1950. Other points of interest in the village include Dundrum Castle and Murlough Bay.

Essentials



Distance 12.9km (8 miles)

Duration 3-3½ hours

Grade Easy



Terrain

Public right of way, steps, stiles, minor public road, beach. Boots required. Please note there is open unfenced water along a section of this path in Dundrum Village. Linear trail.

Nearest Town/Village
Newcastle; Dundrum

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Grid Ref J420394

Facilities

Cafes & restaurants in Dundrum village. Toilets at Dundrum Inner Bay car park. A full range of facilities are available in Newcastle.



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