

SLIEVE BLOOM

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Monicknew Looped Walks Riverside Walk



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Category
Walking/Hiking Trails

Trailhead 5
Monicknew Forest Car Park
(Grid Ref. N 307 023)

Trail Quality

Terrain
Riverside walk

Format
Circular

Distance (kms)
1.5km

Difficulty
Moderate

Time
30mins

Services
(distance in kms)
Mountrath 11km
Clonaslee 12km

Trail Directions

Exit car park at Monicknew Trailhead. Cross the tar road. The route is clearly marked with blue arrows so you can enjoy this beautiful trail.

Follow the forest road, that meets the Slieve Bloom Way. After 500m turn left and follow the path to the Glen River, which meanders through the forest.

Cross the wooden footbridge and note the scattering of Sweet Chestnut trees. The bank of the pathway rises steeply towards the road, and in springtime it comes alive with bluebells and wood anemones.

Cross the next footbridge and enjoy a picnic by the river bank. Return to path and continue upstream under the Glen bridge.

Follow the path as it swings towards the carpark returning to Monicknew Trailhead.

Directions to Trailhead

Monicknew is about 11.5km south of Clonaslee on the road to Mountrath via the Cut road. Coordinates: 53.0702 -7.5432.



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