

There are 14 trails on the Walks Scheme in Co. Waterford:

- St. Declan's Way
- Anne Valley Walk
- Ardmore Cliff Walk
- Dunmore East to Ballymacaw Cliff Path
- Mt. Melleray Pilgrim Paths:
 - *The Grotto, The Well, The Source, The Cross, Byrne's Bridge*
- Nire Valley Trails:
 - *The Gap, The Sgilloiges, Coumlara, Coumduala*
- Rathgormack Boolas Loop

Walks Scheme



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The Walks Scheme in Co. Waterford

The Walks Scheme in Co. Waterford is **administered by Waterford LEADER Partnership CLG** on behalf of the Department of Community Development, and with assistance from Sport Ireland Outdoors and Fáilte Ireland.

Across the **14 Walks Scheme trails** in Co. Waterford, there are:

- **over 100 landowners** engaging with the Walks Scheme
- **62km of trails** being maintained by landowners

How It Works

The Walks Scheme **works with landowners** to encourage the **development, enhancement and maintenance of trails** approved by Sport Ireland Outdoors and listed on the National Trails Register.

Landowners on the Walks Scheme **undertake maintenance work on sections of priority walks that cross their lands**. The scheme has resulted in the development and enhancement of over **150 trails across the country**, and the negotiation of maintenance contracts with **over 2,500 landowners**.



Benefits for Rural Communities

- an **income stream for rural communities**, with **over €15 million** paid to participants under the Scheme since 2017
- an additional **€1.37m spent in the local economy**
- **additional jobs** in hospitality and outdoor recreation
- **new business ventures** such as bike hire and coffee shops
- social events like **walking clubs** and **walking festivals**

