

## Clare Island Loop Walk

### Trailhead

Pier on Clare Island – parking is at Roonagh Pier approximately 10km from Louisburgh, Co Mayo. Services are available on the Island.



## Ferry Services

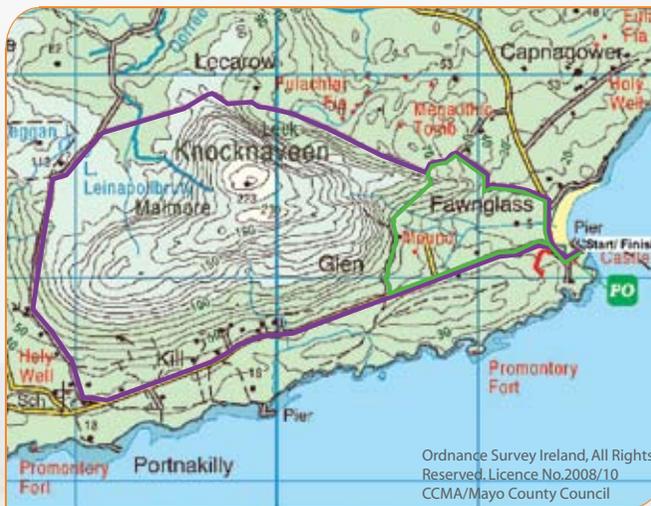
Clare Island is serviced daily by two Ferry Companies which depart from Roonagh Pier, just west of Louisburgh. Details relating to ferry times can be obtained by contacting Clare Island Community Development Office, Tel: 098 26525.



## Loop / Trail Grade Definitions

### Multi-Access

Generally flat trails with good surfaces, suitable for less able users, including wheelchair users, blind or partially sighted, some elderly users, parents with buggies or very young children. Typical duration up to one hour.



- Green** Easy, short (1-2hrs), suitable for all levels of fitness
- Blue** Moderate difficulty, 2-3 hrs duration, suitable for medium levels of fitness
- Red** Hard, (3-5 hrs), suited to walkers with higher than average levels of fitness
- Purple** Difficult terrain, more high level.

## At a Glance

### Loop Overview

#### Theme

#### Terrain

#### Distance/Difficulty

#### Ascent

#### Duration

#### Minimum Gear

### Fawnglass Loop (Green Loop)

Island

Surfaced roadways & green tracks

3km/ Easy

90m / 90m

1 hr – 1hr30mins

Trekking shoes, raingear.

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### Knocknaveena Loop (Purple Loop)

Island

Surfaced roadways & green tracks

8km/ Moderate

110m / 140m

2 hr – 2hr30mins

Hiking Boots, raingear, snacks & fluid.

## Loop Description

The trailhead is located at a gable wall 50m from pier. Veering right at the first Junction and passing the Granuaile House both loops reach a Y-junction at O Grady's Guesthouse. Veer left here – following the signpost for 'All Routes'- and continue along the surfaced roadway for 1km to reach the second 'bohereen' on the right. The Fawnglass Loop (green arrows) turns right here – the Knocknaveen Loop continues straight. Following the bohereen uphill and through a series of three gates the Fawnglass Loop reaches q junction with a green track (where it rejoins the Knocknaveen Loop on its return) and turns sharply to the right to begin the descent to the pier again.



The Knocknaveen Loop follows the surfaced road for 1.5km to reach a Y-junction where it veers right onto a minor roadway in the direction of the Abbey. Passing the abbey the loop follows the roadway for 1.5km where it turns right onto a grassy track and around the northern side of Knocknaveen Mountain. The green track continues for 2km and rejoins the Fawnglass Loop at a metal gate at the 3 way junction mentioned above. Passing through the gate, both loop descend for 200m to reach another gate which takes the walker onto a surfaced 'bohereen' beside the old schoolhouse. Turning right, both loops continue the descent to Capnagower – passing the Gaelic Football pitch on the way. Turning right again the loops follow the road alongside the small beach to reach the trailhead.

