



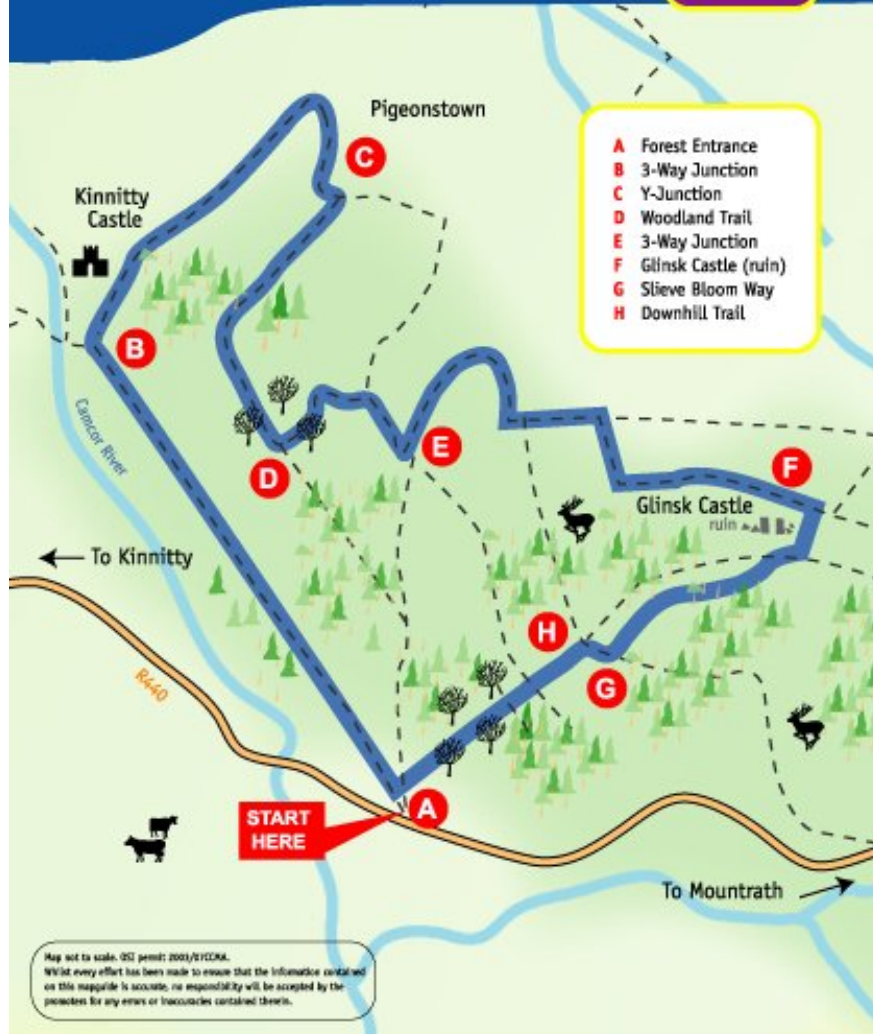
Kinnitty Forest Trailhead

# Glinsk Castle Loop

8km

Moderate

Mix of forestry tracks and woodland trails



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<b>Trailhead</b>	Kinnitty Forest entrance, Kinnitty, Offaly
<b>Services</b>	Kinnitty Village (3km)
<b>Dist/Time</b>	8km / 2hrs - 3hrs
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate
<b>Terrain</b>	Mix of forestry tracks and woodland trails
<b>To Suit</b>	Medium level of fitness
<b>Min. Gear</b>	Walking boots, fluid, snack

### Directions to Trailhead

From Kinnitty Village, take the R421 following the signposts for Mountmellick. After 200m veer right onto the R440 (signposted Mountrath). Continue along this road for 3km to reach to the entrance to Kinnitty Forest on your left.

Note: The trailhead is signposted from Kinnitty.

**A-B.** Start from Kinnitty Forest entrance 3km from the village. After 30m keep left at the Y-junction of forestry roads following the blue and green arrows. You are also on the Slieve Bloom Way marked with yellow arrows and trekking man logo. After a little more than 1km you reach a 3-way junction with a wooden gate on your left. Through the wooden gate will take you into the spectacular grounds of Kinnitty Castle - well worth a visit.

**B-C.** Your loop turns right (uphill) here, and continues to ascend along a forest track for almost 1km before rounding a right bend and reaching a Y-junction. Veer to the right here - still following the Slieve Bloom Way and the green arrows.

**C-D.** After 500m turn left onto an uphill woodland trail following the Slieve Bloom Way. The green (easy) loop continues straight on here.

**D-E.** This path takes you through mature woodlands to exit on a forestry track where you turn right. About 200m afterwards you turn left at a 3-way junction and, almost immediately, veer left again at another junction. You are still on the Slieve Bloom Way.

**E-F.** Climb the hill and, after 500m take a right at a track junction (still following the Slieve Bloom Way). After 600m you leave the Slieve Bloom Way - taking a right turn onto a faint woodland trail to the ruins of Glinsk Castle (stone pillars and walls).

**F-G.** Follow the trail through the pillars, over the brow of the hill, and downhill through trees to rejoin the Slieve Bloom Way at a forest track. Turn right here.

**G-H.** After 200m turn left onto a downhill forestry trail.

**H-A.** Continue to follow the loop on its downhill journey through magnificent mature trees. Cross two forestry tracks to exit at the trailhead.

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