

Giant's Grave Loop

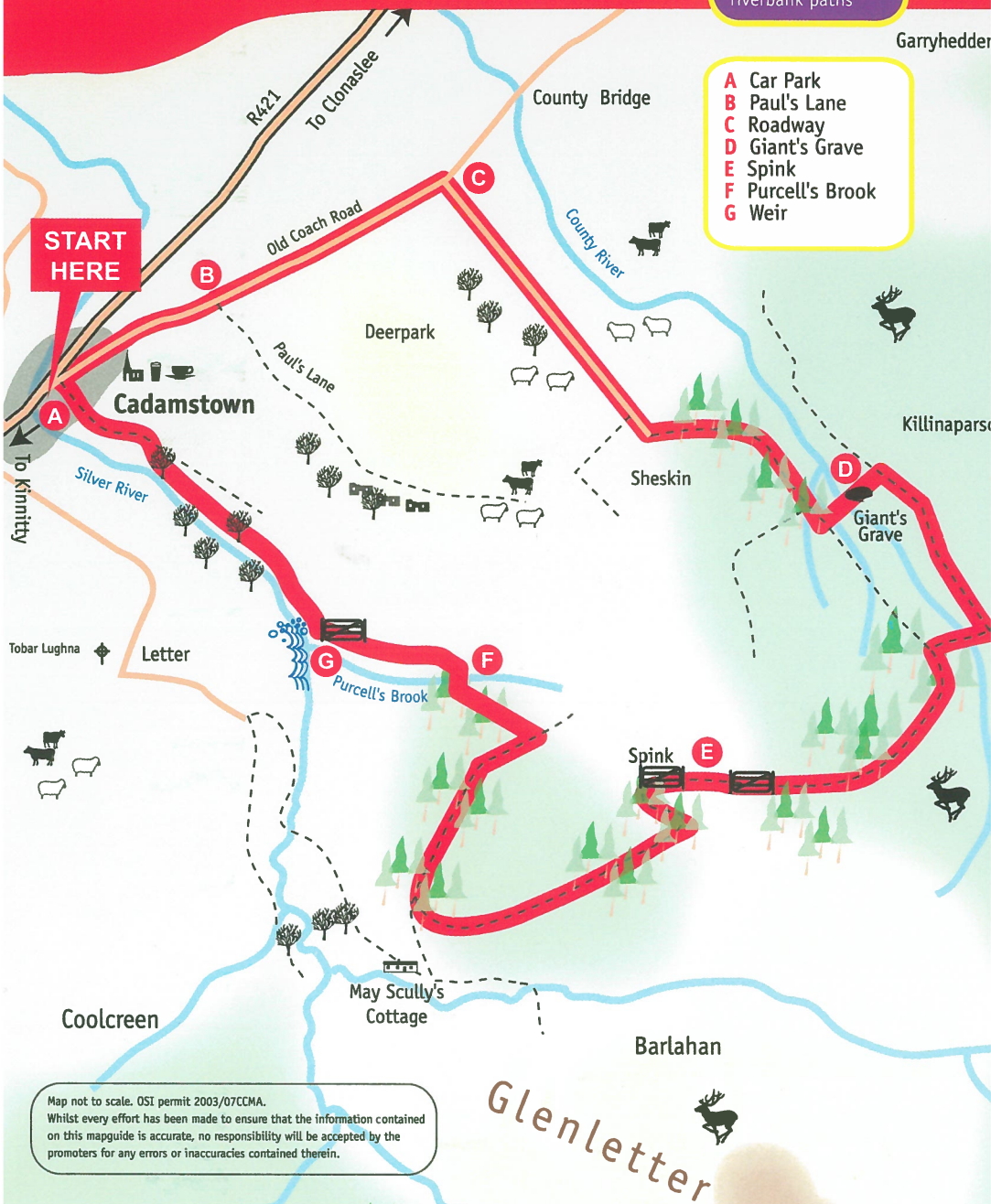
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- A Car Park
- B Paul's Lane
- C Roadway
- D Giant's Grave
- E Spink
- F Purcell's Brook
- G Weir



Map not to scale. OSI permit 2003/07CCMA.

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Trailhead	Cadamstown Village, Co Offaly
Services	Cadamstown, Clonaslee (12km), Kinnitty (8km)
Dist/Time	14km / 2hr30mins-3hrs
Difficulty	Hard
Terrain	Mix of minor road, forestry tracks, old laneways, and riverbank path
To Suit	Higher than average levels of fitness
Min. Gear	Walking boots, fluid, snack, hiking clothing



Directions to Trailhead

In the village of Cadamstown (on the R421 between Clonaslee and Kinnitty), the car park is located beside Dempsey's public house.

A-B Starting from the **Village Car Park** in Cadamstown Village, turn right onto what was the Coach Road that passes on the right of Dempsey's pub. Pass the signpost for the Nature Trail and follow the tarred road for almost 1km to reach an old laneway on your right known locally as **Paul's Lane**. Note that the shorter blue loop turns right here - you continue straight, still following the red arrow and the Slieve Bloom Way (marked with yellow arrows and the familiar trekking man logo).

B-C. Continue to follow the Coach Road for a further 1km to reach a junction with a **roadway to your right**. Turn right here - still following the red arrow and Slieve Bloom Way.

C-D. After 1km you join forestry track, and 600m further on you turn left at a junction with a woodland path which takes you to the **Giant's Grave**.

D-E. Shortly after passing the Giant's Grave, the woodland path joins forestry track again. Turn right and continue for 300m and turn right when you reach a 4-way junction (noting that the Slieve Bloom Way goes left here). After 100m you reach a T-junction and turn left - following the forestry track gently uphill to reach a clearing with superb views between two gateways/stiles on the shoulder of **The Spink** mountain.

E-F. Shortly after passing through the two gateways/stiles you enter forestry again and follow the track downhill to a 3-way junction where you veer right. Note that you have now joined the green loop and Slieve Bloom Way both of which overlap with the red loop on your return to Cadamstown. Follow the forestry road for 500m to a point where it turns left into the forestry. Follow the red, green and yellow arrows through the forestry to exit at a small stream known locally as **Purcell's Brook**.

F-G. Cross Purcell's Brook and turn left onto an old laneway - noting that you have now joined the blue loop on its return journey to Cadamstown. Follow the laneway downhill to reach a gateway at a beautiful **weir on the Silver River**. Turn right here.

G-A. Cross a small stile and join the bank of the spectacular Silver River. Enjoy the special scenery and rushing waters for almost 1km before ascending to a wooden stile and entering farmland. Turn left here onto a farm laneway - follow it downhill for 200m to reach a concrete stile. As you exit the farm, the **trailhead** and village are to your left.

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