

# Kinnitty Castle Loop





<b>Trailhead</b>	Kinnitty Forest entrance, Kinnitty, Offaly
<b>Services</b>	Kinnitty Village (3km)
<b>Dist/Time</b>	4km/1hr-1hr 30mins
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy
<b>Terrain</b>	Forestry tracks
<b>To Suit</b>	All levels of fitness (also wheelchair friendly)
<b>Min. Gear</b>	Walking shoes, fluid



#### Directions to Trailhead

From Kinnitty Village, take the R421 following the signposts for Mountmellick and Clonaslee. 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**. After 30m keep left at the Y-junction of forestry roads following the green and blue 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 and blue loops.

**C-D.** After 500m the blue loop and Slieve Bloom Way turn left onto an uphill **woodland trail**. You continue straight on here.

**D-E** Continue to follow the forest track for a further 400m to reach a **3-way junction**. Veer right here.

**E-A** It is 200m to the **trailhead**.

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