

Great Eastern Greenway

(Omeath / Carlingford)

Carlingford Lough may or may not be a true fjord but everyone, both before and since the Vikings who named it, recognises its scenic beauty and peace. Louth County Council, working in partnership with local farmers, and with funding from the government's Transport 21 programme, has built a new trail, the Great Eastern Greenway, along the lough's southern shore. Built mostly along the old railway line, the Greenway connects Omeath and Carlingford and as an old railway line it's also very level.

It's a great place for a bit of a walk and ideal for novice cyclists, including the wee ones. The Greenway provides great views across the lough to the mountains of Mourne, while Slieve Foy towers over it on the Louth side. The Greenway runs through fields full of grazing sheep, over old level crossings and even a few bridges. There are trees, wildflowers and birds to be seen along most of the way too.

The Greenway provides a safe mainly off road trail but there remains an isolated on-road section of 300 metres approaching Omeath.

This trail was only possible with generous co-operation and permission of each land owner along this section of the trail.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

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- *Plan Ahead & Prepare*
- *Be Considerate of Others*
- *Respect Farm Animals & Wildlife*
- *Dispose of Waste Properly*
- *Minimise the Effects of Fire*

For those with children, please be aware that there are a number of steep embankments alongside the Greenway. Also, there is a short section of walkway along the public road at Omeath.



Trail information

Carlingford Trailhead: Access point is located at Carlingford Marina, just off the R173, traveling to Omeath.

Omeath Trailhead: Access point is in the centre of Omeath next to the pier.

Terrain: Greenway cycle and walking trail with 300m section on public road.

Route Grading:

Route Length: 7 km

Cycling: less than one hour

Walking: 2 to 2.5 Hours

Ascent: Minimal (40m)

To Suit: people with moderate levels of fitness

Minimum Gear: Helmet, Bike, Mobile Phone, Snacks, Fluid and Waterproofs.

Emergency Contact Details: In case of emergency dial 112 or 999 - there are Garda stations in Carlingford & Omeath.

Services available in Carlingford and Omeath.

Bicycle Hire: available in Carlingford.

Waymarking: Trail is marked by marker posts.



What did /do you think of the Greenway?

Email comments to info@louthcoco.ie

Map /brochure download available at:

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Fáilte chuig an Bealach Glas Mór an Oirthir Welcome to the Great Eastern Greenway

Marina – seolta agus gal

Fáilte go Bealach Glas Mór an Oirthir, ina bhfeicear an chonair stairiúil seo á húsáid le haghaidh cuspóir nua. As seo is féidir leat taisteal fad le hÓ Méith, agus an chaid is mó den áitear a dhéanamh ar leaba tar-bhóthar Iarainn Dhúin Dealgan, an Ióir agus an Ghrianfort.

Ba é an comhlachas tionscail London and North-Western Railway a thóg an t-áiríod seo, chun pasáidís agus carraí a iompair idir stáisiún na príomhlinne i nDún Dealgan agus san Ióir agus an port nua domhainíse sa Ghrianfort, as a dhéadán an baid tarannoscáta go hÍohead. Oscailt an líne nua an tur agas an Ghrianfort i 1876 agus dhúndh é sa Eanáir 1951. Bí sí cinn d'fíorúil shúbhna táine ag an gcomhlachas, agus ainmníodh oideire cinn díobh as áiteanna sa cheantar (Carling, Dún Dealgan, An Ghrianfort agus an tÍo).
Ba é an loch an phríomhshuí tuaisí idir lír Chloige Iúidh agus Muir Éireann ar feadh na gcéadta bliain. Forbairtí Cairlín, an tÍo, an Ghrianfort agus An Pointe ina bpoint, ceann i ndiaidh a chéile, agus forbairtí calafort bheaga Cú Greer agus Pára Ó Méith, ar an taobh thall den Bhealach Glas.



Marina – sail and steam

Welcome to the Great Eastern Greenway, a new use of a historic route. From here you can travel to Omeath, mostly along the trackbed of the former Dundalk, Newry and Greenore Railway.

The railway was built by the London and North - Western Railway to carry passengers and freight between mainline connections in Dundalk and Newry and its new deep-water port at Greenore, with its ferry to Holyhead. The Greenore to Newry line opened in August 1876 and closed at the end of January 1951. The company had six black tank engines, four of them named after local places (Carlingford, Dundalk, Greenore and Newry).

The lough has been the main route between mid-Ireland and the Irish Sea for centuries. One after another Carlingford, Newry, Greenore and Waterpoint have all been developed as ports, as well as smaller harbours like Greer's Quay and Omeath Pier, at the other end of the Greenway.



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Dundalk, Newry & Greenore Railway train at Carlingford station

Railway bridge and level crossing at King John's castle, Carlingford

Carlingford before the Railway (from a painting by John J. Conboy)

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