Walk 2 - Country stroll - about 4.5km

Walk up the hill from the village to the west and passing the turn left to Benvoy Cove and the B&Bs on the right, turn into the boreen (untarred road) on your right shortly after starting to go downhill. This leads atmospherically for over a kilometre, with fine views of coast and Comeraghs. Reaching another public road, turn right and about ½ km further right again return to Annestown. Variations on this are possible by going left for Boaststrand and back along the coast road.

Walk 3 - Country stroll - about 11km (cont.)

After about 3km the road improves and finally ends up on the public road again. Turn left and you will pass Dunhill G.A.A. Sports Centre on the left (Hurling and Gaelic Football) and the Dunhill Enterprise Centre on your right. About an undulating kilometer further on is Dunhill where a pint, a plaster and refreshments can be administered. 2 ½ kilometers to go! Heading left at Dunhill and left again at next cross roads leads to the ruined fortress of Dunhill. This is in community ownership and can be visited along with medieval church. The direction south along a lovely valley back to Annestown is obvious from here.

Cover photo: Anne river valley. Dunhill castle in the background

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Annestown walks begin at the car park.

The castellated structure at the south-eastern end of the car park is the remains of a lime kiln, where limestone was heated until it crumbled and was then used for fertilising the land. Here an information board explains aspects of the local geology. The Copper Coast table is sited to enable the sea views here to be enjoyed and the information board explains the local geology.

Walk 1 - Beaches - about 3km

Walk up the hill from Annestown to the west. Take the first left turn as the road bends left and walk down to the peaceful Benvoy Cove. Returning to the road turn left and walk about a kilometre, enjoying the coastal scenery as far as the little fishing harbour at Dunabrattin/Boatstrand. It is probably nicest to return the same way to Annestown for the other side of the view although variations are possible taking the inland road and bearing right each time.