

STRADBALLY COPPER COAST GEOPARK LOOP

The Copper Coast Geopark is a UNESCO designated area comprised of spectacular landscape, fascinating geological features and a long standing and living cultural heritage.

The "Copper Coast" is so named because of the past history of the area as the setting for large scale Copper mining during the Victorian era. Thousands of tonnes of Copper were mined from the cliffs along the coast here and exported abroad between 1825 and 1875, when the population of this area was many times larger on account of this industry.

The copper itself was the product of the areas dramatic geological past in which it was once the site of several undersea volcanoes whose eruptions produced the minerals which were found in the rocks of the coast.



THE ROUTE

START / TRAILHEAD:
Durrow Car Park

DISTANCE:
11 km

ESTIMATE TIME:
50 minutes

TERRAIN:
All on public roads.
Sections of regional and local roads.

TRAFFIC:
Sections of R675 can be busy at times e.g. holiday periods etc. As route is on public roads due care and attention is required at all times.

TO SUIT:
Suitable for people with medium levels of fitness.

MINIMUM GEAR:
Helmet, Bike, Mobile phone, fluid, snacks & waterproofs.

This Cycle route brings you in a loop along a section of the Copper Coast Geopark and takes in the picturesque and historical village of Stradbally, the secluded and dramatic cove of Stradbally beach, the woodlands of the river Tay and the edges of Dungarvan valley.

This cycle is entirely on road along mostly quiet and gently undulating local roads and is an introduction to the beautiful landscapes and villages found in this part of Waterford beyond the Greenway itself.

GRADING — MODERATE

Some sections of the route or junctions on the route may be on regional roads. The roads on the route are undulating with some slopes requiring a reasonable level of effort to climb. Suitable for cyclists with a moderate level of fitness and experience cycling on public roads. Any sort of bike with a selection of gears would be suitable.

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COPPER COAST GEOPARK

To find out more about the Copper Coast Geopark pop into the Copper Coast Geopark visitor centre in Bunmahon which is located 10km west of here along the coast and is home to spectacular scenery in its own right.



STRADBALLY VILLAGE

YOU ARE HERE

STRADBALLY VILLAGE

Stradbally originated as an Anglo-Norman colony of the early 13th century, set up by Thomas FitzAnthony.

STRADBALLY MEDIEVAL CHURCH

The ruined medieval church, the largest in the county, contains a fortified presbytery which is believed to have been constructed in the 1200s to protect the monks from local disputes.

STRADBALLY COVE

The black rocks in the cove here are mudstones laid down in the ocean about 460 million years. White quartz veins criss-cross all of the rock types.

WOODHOUSE ESTATE AND WOODS

The Woodhouse estate was founded at the end of the 13th century by the Fitzgerald family. To visit the Woodhouse Estate Museum, please contact its curator by email - boudica35@gmail.com.

BALLYVOYLE VIADUCT

LEGEND

- Waterford Greenway
- Cycle Trail
- Regional Road
- Local Road
- Café and Toilets
- River Tay



SCALE: 500m approx.



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GEOPHÁIRC AN CHÓSTA CHOPAIR, LÚB AN tSRÁIDBHAILE

Limistéar ainmnithe ag UNESCO is ea Geopháirc Chósta an Chopair, arna cuimsítear tírdhreach mórthaibhseach, gnéithe geolaíochá an-suimiúil agus oidhreacht chultúrtha ársa atá fós beo.

Tugtar 'Cósta an Chopair' ar an gceantar seo de bharr na staire, mar go raibh mianadóireacht chopair ar siúl sa dúiche seo ar mhórcála le linn an ré Vichteoiriach. Baineadh na mílte tonna de chopair os na hailte feadh an chósta anseo le heasportáil thar sáile idir 1825 agus 1875, uair a raibh daonra an cheantair seo i bhfad níos mó de bharr an tionscail seo.

Tharla copar a bheith ar fáil anseo de bharr stair dhrámatúil gheolaíoch an cheantair, áit a raibh roinnt bholcáin faoi thoinn tráth dá raibh agus is iad brúchtai na mbolcán seo ba chúis le mianraí a fháil sna carraigeacha ar an gcósta.

AN BEALACH

TÚS NA SIÚLÓIDE:
Carrchlós Dharú

FAID:
11 km

AM MEASTA:
50 nóimint

TÍR-RAON

Ar bhóithre poiblí an t-am ar fad. Bóithre réigiúnacha agus áitiúla in áiteanna.

TRÁCHT:

Bionn codanna den R675 gnóthach in amanna m.sh. tréimhsí laethanta saoire srl. De bharr go bhfuil an bealach seo ar bhóithre poiblí, is gá a bheith aireach i gcónaí.

OIRIÚNACH DO:

Oiriúnach do dhaoine le meánleibhéal chorpacmhainne.

TREALAMH AG TEASTÁIL:

Clogad, Rothar, Fón Póca, deoch, sneaiceanna agus éadaí uiscdhíonacha.

Tógann an rian rothair seo tú thimpeall i lúb feadh cuid de Gheopháirc Chósta an Chopair, ag tógaint isteach sráidbhaile pictiúrtha agus stáiriúil An tSráidbhaile; An Cuan Caoch, cuan cúlraideach agus drámatúil; coillte cois Taoi agus imeallacha ghleann Dhún Garbhán.

Beidh tú ag rothaíocht ar-bhóthar an t-am ar fad, ar bhóithre áitiúla atá ciúin agus ag tonnadh go réidh don gcuid is mó, agus is slí iontach é aithne a chur ar an taobh tíre seo agus ar na sráidbhaile álainne atá ar fáil sa taobh seo de Phort Láirge, lastall den Rian Glas é féin.

GRADÁIL – MEASARHA

D'fhéadfadh go mbeadh roinnt codanna den bhealach nó na n-acomhal ar an mbealach ar bhóithre réigiúnacha. Tá na bóithre ar an mbealach scaoilte le roinnt fánaí a bhfuil leibhéal réasúnta de dhíth orthu chun dreapadh. Oiriúnach do rothaithe le leibhéal measartha aclaíochta agus taithí rothaíochta ar bhóithre poiblí. Bheadh aon chineál rothair le rogha de ghíaranna oiriúnach.

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GEOPHÁIRC CHÓSTA AN CHOPAIR

Chun a thuilleadh eolais a fháil amach mar gheall ar Gheopháirc Chósta an Chopair, buail isteach chuig an Ionad Cuairteoirí i mBun Machan, atá lonnaithe ar an gcósta 10km soir ón áit seo, le radharc tíre mórthaibhseach dá chuid féin.



EOCHAIR EOLAIS

- Rian Glas na nDéise
- Raon Rothaíochta
- Bóthair Réigiúnach
- Bóthair Áitiúil
- Caifé & Leithris
- An Taoi

SCÁLA: thart ar 500m



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