

Walk 2. Glencree – Lower Lough Bray

(3.5 km – 50 minutes)



The walk starts at the Glencree Peace Centre. On exiting the Centre, walk up the Main Avenue to the roadway and turn left. For your own safety, walk on the right-hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic. Proceed forward along the roadway which rises gently to the junction of with the Military

Road. A small icon cross mounted on a rock at this junction was erected by the Oblates in 1939. Continue straight forward at this junction. From here to Lough Bray the road is generally level. Walk straight forward past the next junction on the left. This stretch of road provides a magnificent view of the Glencree valley. On the left, in the distance, at the far end of the glen, the Sugarloaf Mountain can be clearly seen with its distinctive peaked summit. On a clear day the Irish Sea can also be seen beyond the Sugarloaf Mountain.

Soon the road bends to the right and a picturesque stone cottage comes into view. For many generations, until its closure in 1998, this cottage was a tea rooms run by the McGuirk family for travellers on the military road. Immediately after the cottage a dirt track leads off to the right beside a stream. Follow this track for 200 metres to arrive at the shore of Lower Lough Bray (Loch Breach – Lake of the Hill) which sits high up above the glen at the base of magnificent cliffs. Return to the Peace Centre by the same route.