

## Walk 3. Glencree – Old Boleys

(6km – 1 hour 30 mins)



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. Turn sharp right at this junction. The road gradually rises with magnificent views of the Glencree valley. In the distance, the peaked summit of the Sugarloaf Mountain can be seen. Shortly, the road bends to the right. Watch out for the remnant of a stone pedestal on the right side of the road. This was originally the pedestal for a statue of the Good Shepherd, erected by the Oblates, and on which an inscription in old Gaelic script can still be seen.

Continue forward past a plantation of trees within which can be seen an old water reservoir. A short distance further on the road bends sharply to the left and an untarred forestry road leads off to the right. Turn right on the forestry road. You are now in an area called Old Boleys. (A boley was a mountain pasture to which livestock were moved in summer months). The forestry road passes over the Glencree River as it cascades sharply down into the glen. Continue forward to a point where the road splits. Bear left along the narrower track. Walk along this track until an old quarry is reached on the left. At this point the treeline on the right ends. Walk forward 50 metres and a panoramic view of the glen unfolds. Having taken in the view, turn around and return by the same route to the Peace Centre.