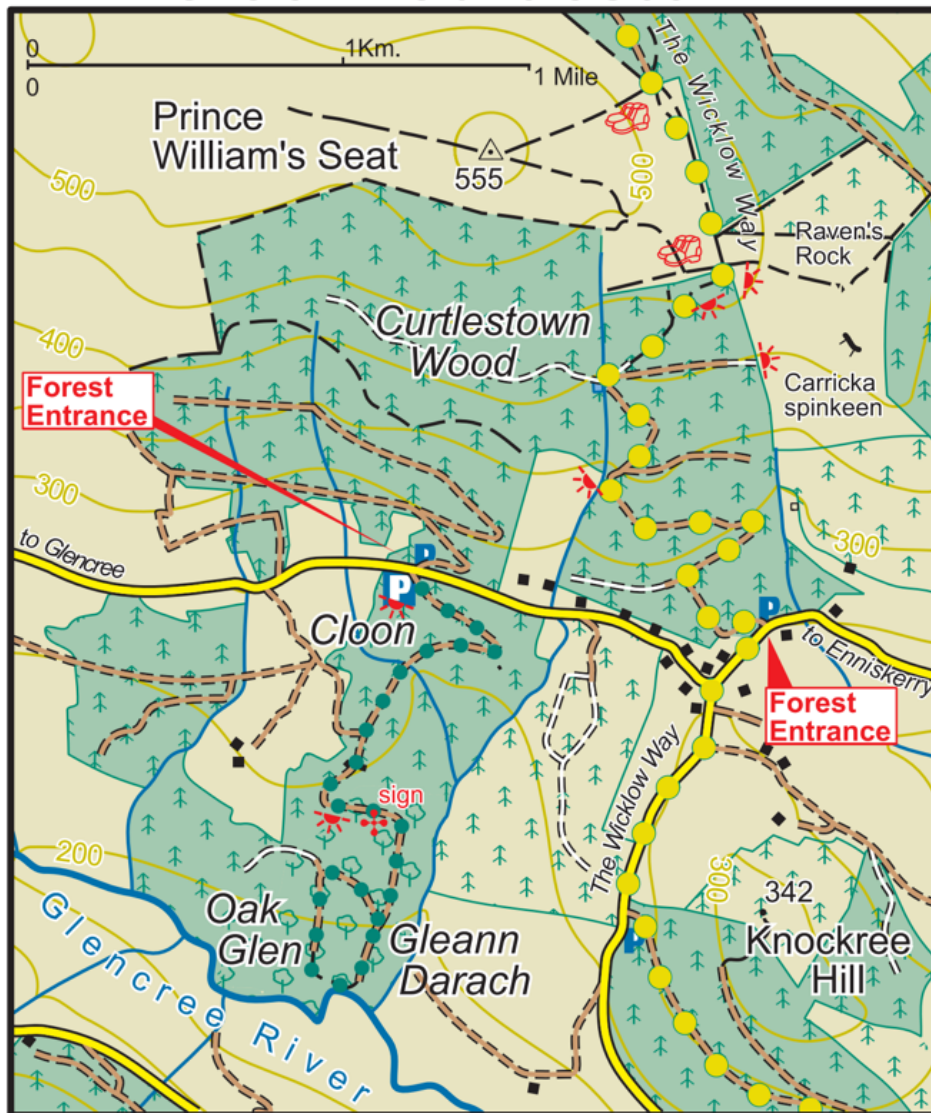















Walk 4. Cloon Oak Glen

(3.5 km – 1 Hour)

Cloon Curtlestown



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|  | Main Road |  | Car Park |  | Coillte Properties |
|  | Minor Road |  | Parking Spot |  | Conifer Forest |
|  | Gravel Road |  | Heritage Site |  | Broadleaf Forest |
|  | Track |  | Picnic Area | | |
|  | Path |  | Refreshments | | |
|  | Viewpoint |  | Hillwalking Access | | |

 Wicklow Way (National Waymarked Way)

 Oak Glen Loop Trail

The representation on the map of roads, tracks and paths outside Coillte property should not be interpreted as conferring a right of way.

The walk starts at Cloon Oak Glen car park about 4km from Glencree on the right-hand side of the Enniskerry to Glencree road. Coillte, the State Forestry Service, in conjunction with Crann, a voluntary organisation that promotes the development of broadleaf woodlands, planted 65 acres of broadleaf trees at Cloon (meaning “meadow in a clearing of the forest”). While the predominant species is oak, other trees include Japanese larch and birch.

From the car park take the forest road downhill into the glen (the walk is way-marked). This stretch of the walk is through newly planted broadleaf trees and provides a magnificent panoramic view of the glen and of the surrounding mountains. Pass a forest road bearing off to the right and continue downward past some old farm outbuildings until a gateway and a sign for the Oak Glen are reached. Continue down through the oak plantation, taking note of the various inscribed commemorative stones. Soon, the road branches to the left and ends at a turning circle. At the turning circle, a narrow way-marked track leads straight into the woods to a nearby stile over a deer fence. Cross this stile and follow the way-marks, turning right and continuing for 150 metres along a track between the deer fence and the Glencree River. On arrival at another stile back into the woods, cross this stile and walk along a way-marked track through the woods for 200 metres arriving at another turning circle. Walk upward along the forest road. Turn right at the first junction and left at the next. To get back to the Car Park at the start point of this walk, return by the same route.