

# WALKING GUIDE



## A Breath of Fresh Air at the Brook Lane Hotel

At the Brook Lane Hotel, we pride ourselves on looking after the customer. Whether it's a fresh cup of tea delivered to your room or a smile and a chat when we meet throughout your stay, your pleasure is our business.

However, while you could easily spend your time sitting in front of the open fire with a refreshing beverage or unwinding with a relaxing treatment, it would be a shame not to visit the great outdoors whilst in Kenmare.

The Irish name for Kenmare is "An Neidín" which means 'Little Nest' and it is easy to see why as you approach the town. This pretty little town is nestled between the surrounding hills and mountains and therefore is an idyllic location for escaping into the Kerry hillside. Kenmare is a place of natural beauty, a place where the mountains, woodlands, green fields, rivers, lakes, the sea and wildlife combine to give a unique setting.

Whether it's a gentle stroll to see the points of interest in the town itself, a more adventurous ramble off the beaten track or a guided trip up Carruntuohill (Ireland's Highest Mountain), the Brook Lane Hotel has it all on it's doorstep. Whatever your interest or ability we are sure to have an option for you (some of which can be seen overleaf).

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## The Kenmare Historical Stroll

**Duration:** 1-3 Hours

Pick up an information map at reception and head off at your own pace to see the many interesting sights within easy access of the town. Kenmare, Ireland's Best Kept Town in 2008 has many hidden gems awaiting your visit from the Ancient Druids Circle to Cromwell's Bridge or the rich Coastal Woodlands of Reennagross Park. If you are lucky enough to visit Kenmare on a Wednesday morning, stop off at the street market with the finest produce available.

## The Kerry Way (Gortamullen Hill)

**Duration:** 2-3 Hour Options

Let us drop you to the start of this fabulous walk and you find your own way back to the Hotel along the well marked The Kerry Way. For very little effort, the views of Kenmare Bay and its many islands is spectacular and very rewarding indeed. For the final descent towards the hotel, you look down into the quaint 'little nest' that is Kenmare. This walk can be shortened to 2 hour duration if necessary.

## Gleninchaquin Park

**Duration:** 3 Hours. 1 Hour Scenic Drive, 2 Hour Walk

Just a few miles from Kenmare is the well kept secret of Gleninchaquin Park. This family run park is located in at the end of the stunningly beautiful Gleninchaquin Valley. The car journey alone along the valley floor winding around the peaceful lakes, streams and rugged countryside is the perfect build up to the reward at the end that is Gleninchaquin Park.

The Corkery family has worked very hard to create and maintain this fabulous attraction which comprises of a stunning cascade, a river pool walk and a number of marked walks of varying lengths. However it is the remote enchanting setting of this attraction that makes it so special and well worth the visit.

## The Old Kenmare / Killarney Road

**Duration:** 4.5-5 Hours (Can be Shortened)

This 'Old Road' is teeming with History, scenery, birds and wildlife including the native Red deer. Along the route can be seen the remains of famine settlements abandoned in 1840's and also lazy beds ('undug' potato furrows from the famine times which are now covered with grass). You will also come across an area where the tenants' houses were broken down to create large stone piles or cairns. These cairns were used as resting places for the muskets used by the landlord at the time (Lord Kenmare) and friends to shoot the deer for sport.

As you stroll along this rough track, it is hard to believe that horse drawn coaches once travelled along this route especially when you come past Corrs Cascade and reach the enchanting area known as Esknamucky Glen. Here in this narrow ravine you will come across some writing on a stone slab written by a member of the Irish army in the 1800's. 'James Neill Tippy' may have been stationed here to watch out for smugglers on the route smuggling the likes of butter, whiskey or even sheep.....

So there is just a sample of the walks which are on offer for our customers. Most of the walks can be easily completed without a guide accompanying, by following the well marked Kerry Way. However local guides are available on request if required. The hotel will also take much of the hassle out of the preparations by providing a packed lunch; arranging transfers if required and drying your walking gear for you afterwards, should the weather be unkind!!!!!!

So if walking is your passion, or even if it's not, we are sure to have something that will suit your needs. As we see it, it's 'one small step for the Hotel, one giant leap for our customers'.