

Trailhead	A Tymeen Football Field / D Garda Station, Glenties
Start/Finish Points	Tymeen Football Field / Garda Station, Glenties
Services	Glenties and limited at Tymeen Football Field
Distance/Time	Main route: 16km / 4-5 hours , Alt. route: 23km / 5-7 hours
Terrain	Tracks, open hill side, bog roads, minor roads, and footpath
Minimum Gear	Hiking Boots, Rain Gear, Fluid, Snacks, Mobile Phone
Difficulty	Moderate, Medium Levels of Fitness required
Map	OSI Discovery Series Sheet 11
Grid Reference	G882 868 / G819 942

Directions to Trailheads

From Donegal Town take the **second exit** off the **Killybegs road roundabout** and follow the signs for **Bluestack Centre**. At the Centre continue for 5km **keeping right** until you see the football field on **your left**. Park here. There are toilet facilities and a picnic area in the car park. Glenties is situated on the N56 between the towns of Ardara and Fintown.

The Bluestack Way is fully marked using Yellow Arrows and Walking Man

Walk Directions

A-B. From the football field, follow the yellow arrow and walking man **left** out of the car park and **turn right** after ca. 150m. Follow the lane through a number of gates and past the entrance to Disert Graveyard. At the T-junction **turn right** and follow the road as it turns into a track and leaves you below Furey's old homestead where the route splits, to give you an alternative route that avoids the open hill climb.

B-C. Alternative Route: Keep on the track until it turns into a paved road. Take the next **turn right**, through a number of gates, and over bog and rough grazing. Use the stiles to get from one field into the next. As you start climbing again the route **turns left** onto a farm track and a rough road. Enjoy the fantastic views over Donegal Bay. Follow the road descending to the R262. **Turn right** onto the road - **beware of busy road traffic!** After ca. 4km **turn right** onto the quiet Doobin road and meet the main route at Doobin School in 2.5km.

B-C. Main Route: **Turn right**, walk up the steps and go along the ruined house. **Cross the stile** into the field. **Cross a small footbridge** and follow the yellow-topped line-of-sight markers on the route as it rises steeply. Keep the fence on your left hand side. **Cross over the stile**. Pick your steps to pass through turf 'hags' that can be wet and boggy. At the top of the hill **cross over the stile** and follow the markers along the top of Cloghmeen Hill, keep the fence on your left. Avoid a wet patch close to the fence by following sheep tracks. Savour the 360 degree views revealing 7 Counties on a clear day! **Cross the stile, turn right**, descend into the Owenroe Valley and **turn left** onto a track that leads along the Owenroe river finishing at Doobin School.

C-D. **Cross** over the Owenroe River, follow the road and **turn left** through a gate onto a farm track that leads you past two old farmhouses. **Cross** a number of stiles as you follow the bog road through the vast uninhabited valley at Meenawannia before descending into the Glen of Glenties via three gates. **Cross** the paved road, the bridge over the Owenea river and **turn left** onto the Glen road that brings you into Glenties.

This is the end of section 2 of the Bluestack Way.

Note: The Bluestack Way forms part of the International Appalachian Trail (IAT) in Ireland from Sliahb Liag to Larne. For information see www.walkni.com/iat/



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