

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



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# Slí na Cruagh Gorm - Bluestack Way

Main: 16km - Moderate - 4 to 5 hrs  
Alt.: 23km - Moderate - 5 to 7 hrs  
Part of Linear Long Distance Walk  
Minor roads, tracks & open hill side

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- A** - Tymeen Football Field
- B** - Furey's Homestead
- C** - Doobin School
- D** - Garda Station, Glenties

