

## Famine Pot Walk – Lough Eske

1.2km / 45 min

Easy

Forest track &

Forest road

A Famine Pot car park

B 1<sup>st</sup> T-junction

C 2<sup>nd</sup> T-junction

D Farm Gate

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This short 1.2km Coillte looped walk takes you through a diverse plantation. Recently replanted species include Ash, Birch, Larch and Spruce. Naturally regenerated species include Birch, Alder, Holly, Sycamore and Hazel. The area's diverse undergrowth makes it rich in biodiversity. Mature conifers include Douglas Fir and Japanese Larch. On the return part you will see beautiful views of Lough Eske and some large trees including Redwood, Douglas Fir and Sitka Spruce which were originally planted as part of the Ard na Mona estate.

There are a number of information boards, benches and tables for picnics and rest stops.

Bird enthusiasts watch and listen out for abundant Jay, and also Woodpecker who have made the area their home lately!

### Walk Directions

Leave the Famine Pot car park **A** and walk up past the shed on your right where the Famine Pot is located, and a picnic table and information board on your left. At the 1<sup>st</sup> T-junction **B** follow the white arrows on blue background **taking a left**. You will be coming back to this point on your return. Follow the path as it **winds downhill** for ca. 230m, past a little waterfall on your left before **climbing up** for ca. 100m to bring you to an open shelter with an inviting bench to rest. Walking on, you get to the 2<sup>nd</sup> T-junction at **C** where you **turn right**, follow the arrow and join the road as it swings up to the right following a farming fence on your left for ca. **350m** where the road swings right again and descends down to face the Farm Gate **D**. **Turn right** before the gate and follow the track parallel to the road back to point **B**, where you turned left at the start of your walk. **Turn left here** and descend back past the Famine Pot and back to the car park at **A**.

