



<b>Trailhead</b>	Pier at Arran Island, Co. Donegal
<b>Services</b>	Burtonport (on mainland), Arran Island
<b>Dist/Time</b>	14km / 4hrs - 5hrs
<b>Ascent</b>	190m/260m
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate
<b>Terrain</b>	Quiet country roads, bog roads, hillside tracks.
<b>To Suit</b>	All levels of fitness
<b>Start/Finish Point</b>	Tory Island Pier
<b>Minimum Gear</b>	Trekking shoes, raingear, snack, fluid and mobile phone.
<b>Grid Ref</b>	OS Sheet 1, B683 158

## Directions to Trailhead

Arranmore Island can be accessed by ferry (car and passenger) from Burtonport, with hourly services operating during the summer months. The crossing takes 25-30 minutes. From the town of Dungloe, take the Carnmore Road (R259) signposted Ailt an Chorrain. Follow this coast road for almost 7km to reach Burtonport.

## Walk Directions

**A-B.** Starting from the pier on arrival on the island, the loop joins the surfaced road and turns left. After approximately 200m the walker reaches a **T-junction** from where the loop 'proper' begins. The mapboard is located at the small Community Centre on the right of the **T-junction** - but the loop turns left. Follow the surfaced roadway for almost 1km (passing the school on the left) and reach a junction where you **turn left**. Continue along this surfaced road as it descends towards the sea but watch for a right turn after 400m.

**B-C.** **Turn right** towards a cluster of houses but, after only 30m, **veer left** onto an old green track which takes you to the graveyard on the south coast. Joining surfaced roadway again, turn right. Follow the surfaced road for almost 1km to reach a crossroads where you **turn left**. The next 3km of roadway runs parallel to the coast before taking a sharp right and climbing steeply across the eastern shoulder of **Cranagarn**. Your surroundings now change significantly as you travel in a northerly direction across this isolated section of the island. There are fine views of the west coast on you left - on your right is a mix of sand/stone quarrying and turf cutting by hand. A 3km walk takes you to the southern slopes of Frenchmans Hill. At a **T-junction, you turn left**

**C-A.** The loop descends now to join the shores of **Lough Shore** and pass a memorial which marks the islands connections with **Beaver Island Canada**. Shortly afterwards the loop leaves the surfaced road and turns right onto a bog road. (The lighthouse at **Binrawros Point** is approximately 2km along the road - if you decide to visit it be careful to leave yourself enough time and to return to this point after your trip.). The bog road crosses Pluchog before joining surfaced roadway and beginning a long descent to the trailhead.



# Trailhead 66

Loop 66

## Arranmore Island Loop

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