



Trailhead	Bun na Mucaise (Foot of Muckish Mt.), Co. Donegal
Services	Creeslough (8km), Dunfanaghy (12km), Co. Donegal
Dist/Time	9km / 2hrs – 2hrs 30mins
Ascent	150m
Difficulty	Moderate
Terrain	Minor roads, rough bog roads, old railway line
To Suit	Average levels of fitness
Start/Finish Point	Bun na Mucaise Trailhead, Carrownamaddy, Dunfanaghy
Minimum Gear	Trekking shoes, raingear, fluid, mobile phone
Map/Grid Ref	OSI Discovery series Sheet 2 / C 009 309

Directions to Trailhead

The town of Dunfanaghy is situated on the N56 in North Donegal. From Dunfanaghy follow the N56 in the direction of Creeslough. After approx 4km pass the entrance to Ards Forest Park on your left. Shortly afterwards pass a sign for Derryharriff on your right, then a sign for Ards Friary on your left before reaching a large cemetery on your left. Take the right turn here, signposted Derryharriff. Follow this minor road for ca. 4km to reach a sharp right bend where a narrow roadway continues straight. Take the narrow road, cross a cattle grid, and reach the trailhead and a small informal car park on your left after ca. 1km on your left.

Walk Direction

A-B. Leaving the trailhead **turn right** and follow the green, blue and purple arrows along the road. The green arrows are for the Railway Loop, the blue arrows are for the Loch na Boll Loop- both are shorter. After **1km** you cross a cattle grid and a 3-way junction where you **continue straight**. After only 50m cross Stranamagh Bridge and 30m later watch for a stile on your right - **turn right** and **cross the stile**.



B-C. Follow the green, blue, and purple arrows as they take you **along** the old bog road to join the disused railway line where you **turn right**. Continue to follow the old railway line as it takes you back toward the trailhead again - just before you reach it, **take a sharp left** onto an old bog road. Now follow the blue and purple arrows as this bog road ascends very gently to give you a close-up view of Lough na Boll. The loop **swings right**, leaving the bog road and skirting the lake on its northern shore for **ca. 200m** before swinging **right again** and taking you back to join a surfaced road. Here, the shorter Loch na Boll Loop turns right, but you **turn left**.

C-D. Follow the purple arrows along the road for **600m** until the road turns sharp left. **Continue straight ahead** on to an old bog road. After ca. **1km** pass another road joining from the left before you reach the **T-junction** with the surfaced Loch Achair road where you **turn right**.

D-A. Stay on this surfaced road for ca.**300m** when you **turn right** and join the old railway line along the southern shore of Loch Achair. After passing the lake, the trail **crosses a sandy road** and **sweeps right** through another railway cutting - enjoy these last **600m** back to the trailhead.

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www.coillte.ie - www.dldc.org/recreation



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Trailhead 153

Loop 153C

Lúb Loch Achair

9 km, Moderate
Minor roads, Bog
roads, Old railway

- A - Trailhead
- B - Bogroad start/ Stile
- C - 3-way junction
- D - Loch Achair rd junction

