

NATIONAL PARK · IRELAND · COUNTY KERRY

Killarney

at a glance

Ireland's first national park: lakes, oak and yew woods and the country's last native red deer – right on the edge of Killarney town.

about **6** km

LOCATION

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BEFORE YOU GO

**About 10,000 hectares**

Mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls in south-west County Kerry, according to the NPWS.

**Ireland's first national park**

The Muckross Estate was presented to the State in 1932 as the Bourn Vincent Memorial Park; it became Ireland's first national park.

**By train**

Killarney has a railway station on the edge of town; according to the NPWS the park can be reached by train, car and bus.

**24 hours on foot**

Pedestrians can enter the park around the clock all year, except for the gardens of Killarney House and Muckross House, which open daily ...

**Dogs on a lead**

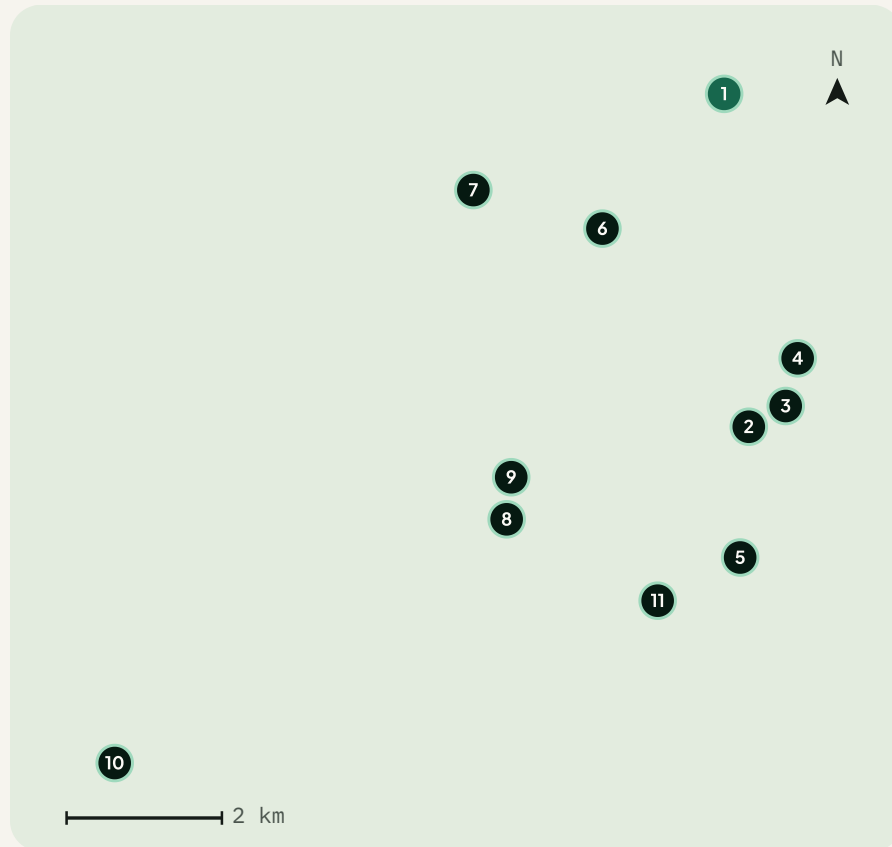
Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times; take dog waste home.

**No drones**

Recreational drones are not permitted in the national park; they disturb nesting birds in particular.

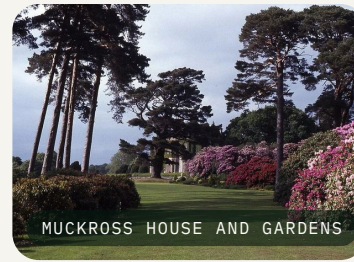
**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/ireland/killarney



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| 1 Killarney House & Gardens | 7 Innisfallen |
| 2 Muckross House | 8 Old Weir Bridge |
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| 5 Torc Waterfall | 11 Torc Mountain |
| 6 Ross Castle | |

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MUCKROSS HOUSE AND GARDENS



ROSS CASTLE



TORC WATERFALL

THINGS TO DO

Trails for everyone

The NPWS lists 14 trails of 1 to 7 km (0.6 to 4.3 mi): easy, for example the Knockreer Circular Walk (5 km) ...

Jaunting cars

According to the NPWS, the traditional horse-drawn jaunting cars run to Ross Castle, Muckross Abbey and ...

Gap of Dunloe

The gap lies outside the park boundary; the classic tour goes through it on foot or by jaunting car and ...

Reenadinna

The largest yew woodland in Western Europe, designated a Special Area of Conservation; the trees are 200 to ...

[More on the park page](#)

Boat trips

Open boats from the Old Boat House near Muckross House, open and covered boats from Ross Castle – across ...

Cycling

A network of surfaced tracks around Muckross, Knockreer and Ross Island; bikes can be hired in town.

Ireland's last native red deer

The herd has lived here since Neolithic times and is the only indigenous one in Ireland; all others descend ...

Kerry cattle

A herd of the rare, almost entirely black Kerry cattle grazes in the park, one of Europe's oldest cattle ...

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TICKET

**Killarney: hop-on hop-off
bus to Killarney National
Park**

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Killarney boat tour**

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