

NATIONAL PARK · IRELAND · COUNTY WICKLOW

Wicklow Mountains

at a glance

Ireland's largest national park, south of Dublin – with the monastic valley of Glendalough and two lakes beneath the Spinc.

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LARAGH TO UPPER LAKE
(1.9 mi) on foot

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BEFORE YOU GO



Almost 23,000 hectares

That is the park's size according to the NPWS – Ireland's largest national park and the only one in the east of the country.



Glendalough

The most visited site in the park: a glacial valley with two lakes, where St Kevin founded a monastery in the sixth century.



Bus 181 from Dublin

The privately owned St Kevin's Bus Company runs route 181 from Dublin city centre to Glendalough.



Avoid weekends

In sunny weather, especially at weekends, traffic and parking at Glendalough become a problem, according to the NPWS.



Dogs on a lead

Dogs are welcome but must stay on a lead; during the breeding season the NPWS suggests leaving them at home if you can.



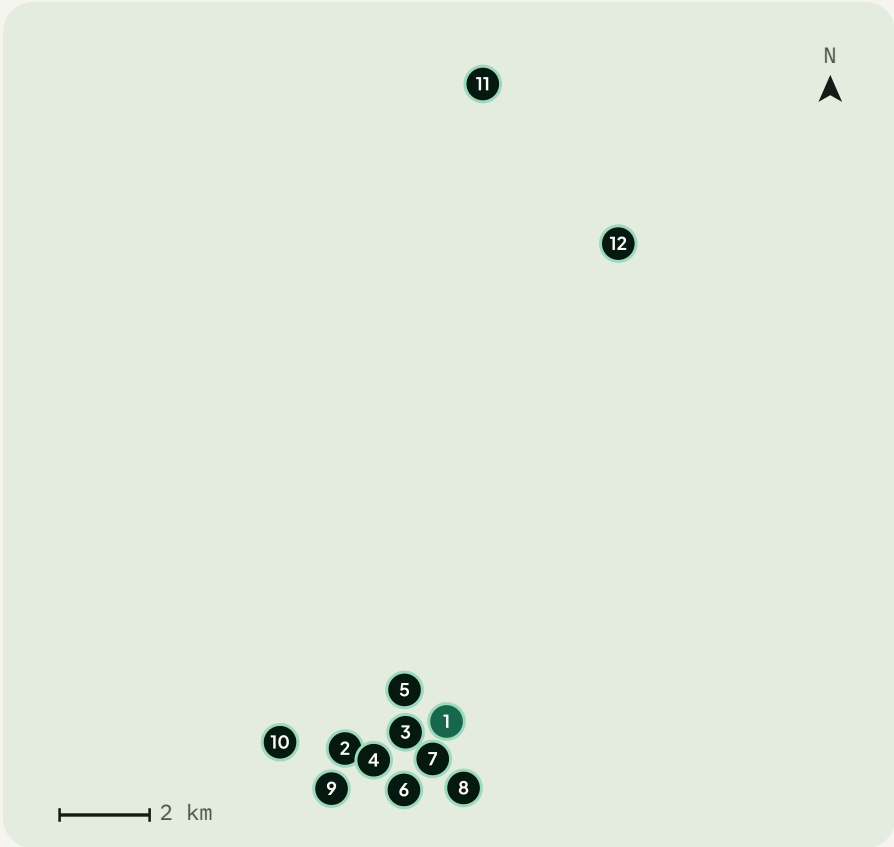
No fires

Fires of any kind are not allowed in Ireland's national parks.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
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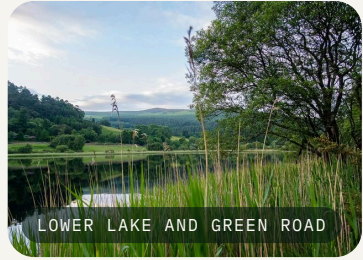
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THE MONASTIC SITE



ST KEVIN'S CHURCH



LOWER LAKE AND GREEN ROAD

THINGS TO DO

Green Road, 3 km

Easy, about 45 minutes: through the oak woods down to the Lower Lake, on the boardwalk with views up the ...

Spinc and Glenealo Valley, 9.5 km

Strenuous, about 3 hours 15 minutes: up past the miners' settlement, along the boardwalk to the Spinc cliffs ...

Long-distance trails

The Wicklow Way (130 km, about seven days) crosses the park at Djouce and Glendalough; St Kevin's Way (30 km) ...

The round tower

About 30 m (98 ft) high, with its entrance 3.5 m (11 ft) above the ground; inside there were once six wooden ...

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Miners' Road, 5 km

Easy, about an hour out and back along the Upper Lake through pine woodland to the Miners' Village; on the ...

Spinc and Wicklow Way, 11.5 km

Strenuous, about 4 hours 15 minutes and 490 m (1,608 ft) of climbing, over the Spinc cliffs towards Lugduff ...

St Kevin and the monastic site

St Kevin came to the valley in the late sixth century and died in 617.

Mining from 1798 to 1963

The ruins of the Miners' Village lie at the western end of the valley; more mine sites are on the Wicklow Gap.

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