

Derrigimlagh Discovery Point – Fact Sheet



Overview of Derrigimlagh

The Derrigimlagh Discovery Point is a 5km signposted looped walk through the boglands at Derrigimlagh located on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way and close to the town of Clifden in Connemara, Co. Galway. The site is of major historical significance with two early 20th century events taking place at the location; the first being the transmission of the first commercial transatlantic message; the second being the landing of first non-stop transatlantic flight.

Quick Facts

- A 5km signposted looped walk
- In 1907, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first commercial transatlantic wireless message
- After taking off from Newfoundland, John Alcock and Arthur Whitten-Brown landed here in 1919 completing the first non-stop transatlantic flight
- The first commercial transatlantic wireless transmission was sent from Derrigimlagh in 1907
- On the 15th June 1919, the first non-stop transatlantic flight landed here
- In September 2016, the site was opened to the public as a 5km signposted looped walk
- Derrigimlagh is part of one of the most magnificent wetland environments in Europe as it has a blanket bog (peatlands) providing a rich biodiversity of species
- The site has archaeology, dating back over 6,000 years
- Derrigimlagh is one of 15 "Signature Discovery Points" of the Wild Atlantic Way and is must-see sights along Ireland's west coast.

Opening Hours

Open 24 hours a day / 365 days per year

On-site facilities/amenities

- Parking
- Information points along the route incorporating weather shelters

Accessibility

- On foot
- On bikes
- Vehicle parking in the main carpark only.

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Location & Directions

Directions: Derrigimlagh is located 4.3 kilometres south of Clifden on the R341. From Clifden take Ballyconneely Road. Go over 3 bridges and it is on your left.

GPS: 53.461723,-10.0235235

Address: Derrigimlagh, Clifden, Connemara, Co. Galway, Ireland

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/AGff6rR9tAM2>

Marketing

Brochure <https://www.connemarachamber.ie/derrigimlagh>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyLvfe1P2nI&t=5s>

Images <https://www.connemarachamber.ie/derrigimlagh>

Websites: <https://www.connemarachamber.ie/derrigimlagh>
<http://www.wildatlanticway.com/directory/signature/derrigimlagh-bog/342/>

Contact

<https://www.connemarachamber.ie/derrigimlagh>

Other information

Close-by on the Errislannan Peninsula is an aeroplane wing shaped memorial to Alcock and Brown. Location: 53.467146 N 10.032487 W <https://goo.gl/maps/A4BRGLo81252>

In the press

Revamped Derrigimlagh Discovery Point opened

<http://www.galwayindependent.com/business/topics/articles/2016/08/03/4124263-revamped-derrigimlagh-discovery-point-opened/>

Wild Atlantic Way 'just starting', as €2.3 million attractions announced

<http://www.independent.ie/life/travel/ireland/wild-atlantic-way-just-starting-as-23-million-attractions-announced-34922206.html>

Minister Officially Opens Revamped Derrigimlagh Discovery Point

<http://www.failteireland.ie/Footer/Media-Centre/Minister-Officially-Opens-Revamped-Derrigimlagh-Di.aspx>

Hard work pays off as Marconi site opens

<http://connemarajournal.ie/hard-work-pays-off-marconi-site-opens/>

Boost for Connemara tourism following launch of Wild Atlantic Way discovery point

<http://connachttribune.ie/boost-for-connemara-tourism-following-launch-of-wild-atlantic-way-discovery-point/>

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