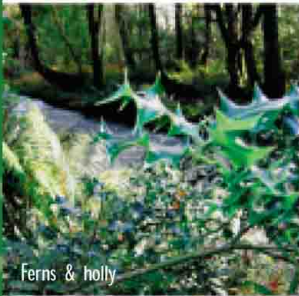


# Aughrim

Aughrim is a picturesque village situated near the meetings of the **Ow** and **Derry Rivers**, surrounded by the wooded hills of south County Wicklow. It has a proud community who have consistently won awards for having such a tidy village over the past ten years. There are a number of charming granite houses throughout this community which enhance the delightful atmosphere of the village.

A plaque on the bridge commemorates **Anne Devlin**, cousin of **Michael Dwyer** (1798 Rebellion) and loyal supporter of **Robert Emmet**. She helped Emmet organise the **1803 Rising** and for her part in it, she endured torture and solitary confinement for three years in **Kilmainham Gaol** but refused to give any information to the authorities.



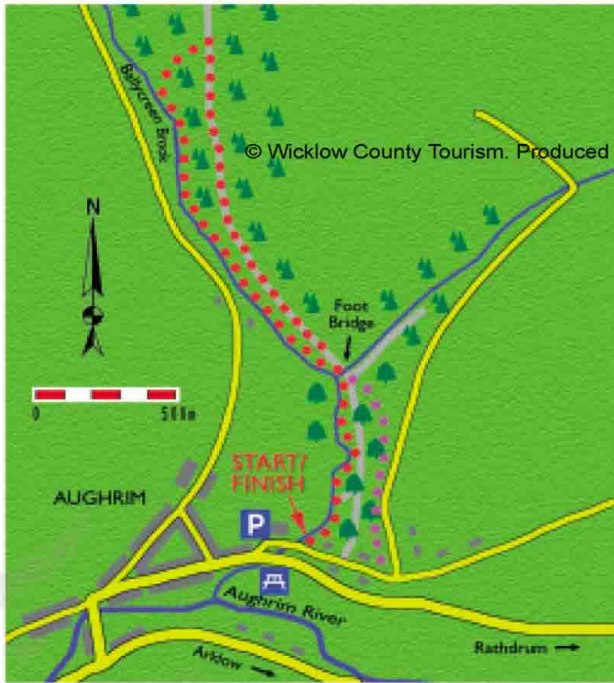
Ferns & holly

### How to find the start/finish point

- **From N81** at Baltinglass, take the Tinahely Road (R747). Continue through Tinahely until you come to a major T-junction. Turn left here and continue on until you reach Aughrim village. The walk starts at the other end of the village at the picnic area by the bridge.



- **From N11** take exit for Rathdrum. From Rathdrum, follow signs for Aughrim. As you enter the village, you will see the start point on your right at the picnic area by the bridge.



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Lots of other plants in this wood are growing on the trees.

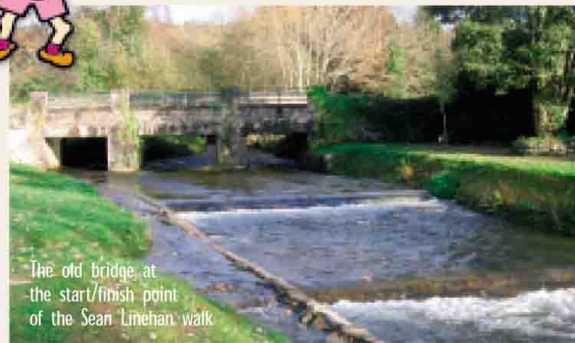
Can you find any? Can you name them?



places on the road you started on. Turn right to lead you back to your starting point.

### Flora & fauna

The fast flowing clear river is a great place to watch **dippers**, stout brown birds with a white bib. They swim underwater and walk on the riverbed dipping for freshwater insects. **Heron**s can be found along the river too feeding on **fish** and **frogs**. Near the start of the walk **alder trees** grace the riverbanks, these deciduous trees favour wet ground and help stabilise the soils. Alder keep their "cones" the fruit, through most of the winter giving a distinctive appearance to the tree. Old walls and ditches provide great shelter for small birds like **wrens** and curious little **stoats**. Planted forests like this are great refuges for **deer**, which take cover in the dense tree cover. **Ferns** proliferate under the conifers being tolerant of the low light environment.



The old bridge at the start/finish point of the Sean Linehan walk

### Route description

At the picnic site, walk over the stone bridge and you will see the start of the **Sean Linehan Walk** through a gap in the stone wall on your left. Follow the trail through **oak, birch and sycamore** trees keeping the river on your left. Continue on to where the rivers meet, over the footbridge and choose the left track. Keep going straight ahead as the deciduous trees give way to **spruce** with some **hawthorn** and **holly**. Unfortunately, although the track

is in good condition, the presence of narrow gateways makes the route somewhat unfriendly for buggies. Staying on the trail will lead you back around through the forestry to the meeting of the rivers. You may opt to go back along the route you came or continue along the wide track you are currently on. If you continue on this wide track, you will soon notice the Sean Linehan trail leading off to the left. You can choose to follow this (purple dotted line) or continue straight ahead (grey line). All routes finish at varying

## Not tired yet?

- For more walks in the area, a useful little booklet called "**Rambles near Aughrim**" is available from Lawless's Hotel
- **National Disabled Angling Facility**. 4-acre lake and wildlife area licensed for year round trout fishing. Car park and toilet facilities
- **Aughrim Festival** (August)
- **GAA County Grounds** hold several important matches throughout the Gaelic Athletic season
- **Maccreddin Village Organic Food Fair** (First Sunday of every month)

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4km / 60mins / easy

