

LOUGH GUR i-TRAILS



Magical Lough Gur i-Trail

This short **2.5 kilometre** i-Trail guides you around the lakeside at Lough Gur and brings to life the history, folklore and culture of this enchanting place. Enlivened by **traditional music, song and prose**, this tour enables you to discover Lough Gur's unique archaeological heritage and introduces you to some of the areas most fascinating characters from times past.

Hear about Hemenstall – the wicked hangman known as the **"Walking Gallows"**...Listen to **Sissy O'Brien** recount tales of 19th Century life from the **'Farm by Lough Gur'**...Learn about the **Earls of Desmond**, one of Ireland's greatest noble families, their mighty fortresses at Lough Gur, and how they fell from grace for defying the English crown. And did you know that **President John F. Kennedy's** great-grandfather came from Lough Gur?

The tour also features a short climb revealing spectacular views of the lake. Along the way discover early-Christian dwellings that are over 1,000 years old such as the remains of a farming settlement at **"The Spectacles"** and the **"Crannog"** or ancient lake dwelling at **Bolin Island**.

To explore this captivating area and meet these intriguing characters, download the **Magical Lough Gur i-Trail** for free from www.loughgur.com or www.shannonregiontrails.ie.

Legendary Lough Gur i-Trail

This audio guide reveals more of the wealth of mythology, history and culture to be found at one of Ireland's foremost heritage sites. The i-Trail uncovers **ancient monuments**, unearths **archaeological treasures**, and relates the legends that surround them through **story, poetry and song**. The linear route is about **4.5 km long**, so feel free to walk, cycle or drive as you enjoy this remarkable cultural experience.

Enjoy magnificent views of the **Golden Vale** from the atmospheric, **7th-century stone forts** at **Carraig Aille**...Discover the stories and secrets surrounding ancient monuments such as the **Megalithic Giant's Grave** and **Neolithic dwellings** at **Knockadoon**...Learn about the rich cultural history surrounding **New Church** while taking in musical highlights from the celebrated poet and harpist, **Thomas O'Connellan**.

The i-Trail concludes by delving into the archaeology and mythology of the largest and most complete stone circle in Ireland – **the Great Stone Circle at Grange**. What rituals and ceremonies might have taken place here at one of Ireland's most important Bronze Age monuments?

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i-TRAILS-EXPLORE THE ANCIENT WONDERS OF LOUGH GUR

Discover the history, mythology and culture of this fascinating heritage area through two unique tours.

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- 1 The 'Spectacles' hut sites
- 2 Lough Gur viewpoint
- 3 Carraigcrothera – Hangman's Rock
- 4 Sissy O'Brien and 'The Farm by Lough Gur'
- 5 The Wishing Seat
- 6 The Limekiln
- 7 Archaeologists' commemoration stone
- 8 Car park excavations
- 9 Bourchier's Castle and the Earls of Desmond
- 10 Contemporary Lough Gur
- 11 Bolin Island Crannóg
- 12 The Pigeon House
- 13 Ash Point – The 'Rebel' Earl and Countess Eleanor

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- 1 The Red Cellar Bar
- 2 Carraig Áille Ring Fort I
- 3 Carraig Áille Ring Fort II
- 4 The 'Giant's Grave' Megalithic Tomb
- 5 Neolithic Houses of Knockadoon and Black Castle
- 6 New Church – 'Teampall Nua'
- 7 The Mass Rock
- 8 Grange Stone Circle

Both i-Trails commence at the Lough Gur Visitor Centre. Each tour is of approximately one hour duration.

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