The Shannon-Erne Blueway is a 70km paddling trail from Leitrim Village in Co Leitrim to Belturbet in Co Cavan, linking with the Erne System at Crom in Co Fermanagh. It comprises a series of 15 individual trails varying in distance and character. This guide presents the Shannon-Erne Blueway in three sections: Leitrim Village to Ballinamore; Ballinamore to Ballyconnell; Ballyconnell to Belturbet and Crom Estate. Trail heads, access points and services are all shown on the maps. With endless paddling possibilities, pick your journey and do the Shannon-Erne Blueway your way!

In the unlikely event of an emergency dial 999 or 112 to contact emergency services. Use VHF channel 16 to contact the coast guard.

We welcome feedback about your paddling experience. Please contact us at info@bluewaysireland.org

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Users of this trail do so at their own judgement and risk. If you are new to paddling, book a guide with a local provider or club. Find local providers at www.bluewaysireland.org

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PADDLING ADVICE
Please note, access to all weirs is forbidden. All trails can be taken in either direction, apart from Ballyconnell moving water section.

Be careful when using open water crossings, avoid getting stranded far from shore. Be aware that wind and visibility can change, especially in open water sections, so take care.

Canoeing is an adventure sport. When you go canoeing follow the five points below to stay safe:

Planning - Plan your trip well in advance by consulting with the trail website and local providers.

Experience - Ensure the trail is a suitable match for your group’s experience. If you are inexperienced use a local guide.

Conditions - Consult the weather forecast and the water level gauges in advance of your trip and only go canoeing in favourable conditions.

Equipment - Always wear an approved buoyancy aid. Wear a helmet on Grade 2 and 3 trails. Bring extra and suitable clothing - preferably a wetsuit - as well as equipment to deal with an emergency.

Emergencies - Ensure everyone in your group can swim to the bank or shore in the event of a capsize. Be ready and equipped to help one another if someone should get into trouble.
Leitrim to Ballinamore Section

1. Leitrim Village Marina to Keshcarrigan Marina
   - Five locks to portage (lock 16 to lock 12), then portage around the three locks at Kilclare (locks 11 to 9). Access and car park in Leitrim Village and Kilclare.
   - **Distance**: 5.2km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 45 min
   - **Description**: Canal with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water. Be aware of fast flowing water from the back channel during periods of high water levels or flash floods.

2. Kilclare Locks to Keshcarrigan Marina
   - Access and car park at Kilclare and Keshcarrigan.
   - **Distance**: 4.8km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 35 min
   - **Description**: Canal and lake with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water. Trail crosses Lough Scur. Consult weather forecast and wind flags on site. Trail should only be completed in favourable conditions. If weather deteriorates, stay close to shore. Be aware that stated duration is on basis of a straight lake crossing.

3. Keshcarrigan Marina to Castlefore Lock
   - Access and car park in Keshcarrigan and Lock 8 Castlefore.
   - **Distance**: 2.7km
   - **Duration**: 55 min
   - **Description**: Canal and lake with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.

4. Castlefore Lock to Ballyduff Lock
   - Access and car park at Lock 8 Castlefore and Lock 7 Ballyduff Marina.
   - **Distance**: 5.6km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 50 min
   - **Description**: Canalised river section and lakes with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water. Trail crosses Muickross, St John's and Kiltybardan Loughs. Consult weather forecast and wind flags on site. Trail should only be completed in favourable conditions. If weather deteriorates, stay close to shore. Be aware that stated duration is on basis of a straight lake crossing.

5. Ballyduff Lock to Ballinamore
   - Access and car park at Lock 7 Ballyduff and Ballinamore Marina.
   - **Distance**: 3.6km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 15 min
   - **Description**: Canalised river section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.
Ballinamore to Ballyconnell Section

**Access and car park in Ballinamore Marina and Lock 5 Ardmum**
- **Distance**: 1.24km
- **Duration**: 25 min
- **Description**: Canalised River section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.

**Access and car park available at Lock 5 Ardmum and Lock 4 Aghoo**
- **Distance**: 2.33km
- **Duration**: 1 hr 35 min
- **Description**: Canalised river section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.

**Access and car park available at Lock 4 Aghoo and Haughton's Shore**
- **Distance**: 8.7km
- **Duration**: 2 hr 55 min
- **Description**: Canalised river section and lakes, Grade 1 flat water. Increased trail difficulty due to open water crossing at Garadice Lough. Consult weather forecast and wind flags on site. Trail should only be completed in favourable conditions. If weather deteriorates, stay close to shore. Be aware that stated duration is on basis of a straight lake crossing.

**Access and car park available at Haughton's Shore Marina and Lock 3 Skelan**
- **Distance**: 5.5km
- **Duration**: 1 hr 50 min
- **Description**: Canalised river section and lakes via Ballymagauran Lough, Derrycassan Lough and Coologe Lough. Grade 1 flat water. Consult weather forecast and wind flags on site. Trail should only be completed in favourable conditions. If weather deteriorates, stay close to shore. Be aware that stated duration is on basis of a straight lake crossing.

**Access and car park available at Lock 3 Skelan and at Ballyconnell Marina**
- **Distance**: 8.9km
- **Duration**: 3 hr
- **Description**: Canalised Woodford River section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.
### Ballyconnell to Belturbet Section

**MAP LEGEND**
- Paddling Trail
- Direction of Flow
- Paddling Trail (Lough Erne)
- (A) Access Point
- (T) Trail Head
- Cafe/Restaurant
- Camping
- Canoe Steps
- Fresh Water
- Historical Building/Ruins
- Hotel
- Info
- Jetty
- Parking
- Public House
- Put in/Take out Points
- Shop
- Shower
- Slipway
- Swimming Pool
- Telephone
- Toilets
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Warning

#### Ballyconnell to Belturbet Section

1. **Access and car park available at Ballyconnell Marina and Lock 1 Corraquill**
   - **Distance**: 5.3km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 45 min
   - **Description**: Canalised Woodford River section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.

2. **Corraquill (A) to Aghalane**
   - **Access and car park available at Lock 1 Corraquill and Aghalane**
   - **Distance**: 0.6km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 45 min
   - **Description**: This trail has been developed for more proficient paddlers and is not suitable for novices. Mixed natural and enhanced river bed creating Grade 2 rapids and moving water with standing waves, eddies and rocks.

3. **Aghalane (T) to Belturbet**
   - **Access and car park available at Aghalane and in Belturbet**
   - **Distance**: 3.8km
   - **Duration**: 3 hr 15 min
   - **Description**: Canalised Woodford River section with cruiser navigation, Grade 1 flat water.

4. **Belturbet (T) to Crom Estate**
   - **Access and car parking available in Belturbet and Crom Estate**
   - **Distance**: 5.7km
   - **Duration**: 1 hr 55 min
   - **Description**: River Erne section from Belturbet to the junction with the Erne System, and on to Crom Estate. Grade 1 flat water. From the point where the route leaves the River Erne and turns towards Crom, this section is not a Blueway and will not have on-water directional signage. You will need the Lough Erne Canoe Trail guide if you choose to voyage towards Crom. An interactive guide is available from canoeni.com.

5. **Crom Estate and the Lough Erne Canoe Trail**
   - **Access car park and facilities at Crom provided by the National Trust**.
   - Details of facilities, opening times and National Trust charges can be found at nationaltrust.org.uk/crom

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The Shannon-Erne Blueway links with the Lough Erne Canoe Trail but you will need the Lough Erne Canoe Trail guide if you choose to voyage from the River Erne to Crom, and beyond. An interactive guide is available from canoeni.com.