

Starting at Bundoran Tourist Office, drive south along the R267 (Main Street) towards Sligo where, at Tullaghan Roundabout, you will join the main N15.

Drive approximately 8km until you see a sign on your right for Mullaghmore and the Beach Hotel. Take this right which will take you on a back road to Mullaghmore Harbour (approx 6km).

From Mullaghmore Harbour, take the scenic drive around Mullaghmore Head giving you breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the home of some of the biggest waves ever surfed in Europe in the past few years. On this route you will see Classiebawn Castle, former home of Queen Elizabeth's cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten who died in Mullaghmore Harbour in August 1979. As you finish the loop of Mullaghmore Head, you will pass by the gate house to the castle on your right hand side.

Continue straight on the road you came in however make no turns – drive straight towards the mountains ahead of you. This will bring you back to the main N15 Bundoran to Sligo Road. By taking a left, within seconds on your right hand side will be a parking bay for the Creevykeel Court Tomb.



Without doubt the court tomb at Creevykeel is amongst the finest examples of a full-court tomb in Ireland. Dating from the Neolithic Period, 4000-2500 BCE, the tomb was excavated in 1935 and shortly afterwards restored. The excavations uncovered four cremation burials, decorated and undecorated Neolithic pottery, flint arrow heads, polished stone axes and other artifacts, including a chalk ball..

Exiting Creevykeel, take the next left (at the crossroads) towards the mountains and the signposted Gleniff Horseshoe.

Continue to drive approximately 5km towards the mountains. You will then come to the beginning of the Gleniff Horseshoe Drive. This drive is approximately 9km and will finish almost right beside where it has started. On this drive you can stop for a picnic in the picnic area and take the marked walk.

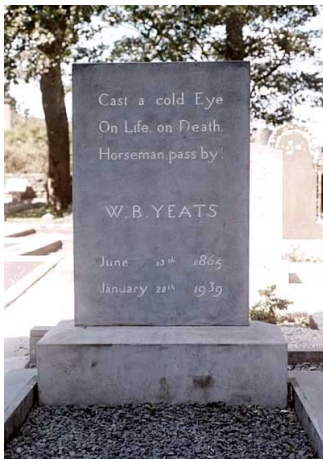


Continuing your drive you will pass under Truskmore mountain on your left, the highest point in the area and home to the northwest's television, radio and emergency services telecommunications infrastructure.



As you reach the half way point you are looking up at the back of Ben Bulben. High up toward the summit, over 1,000 feet, you'll see the ominous dark opening of the cave known as Kesh Corran, the home of the ill-fated lovers, Diarmuid and Grainne. How her aged husband ever found them without signposts and a paved road needs no explanation in legend. Needless to say, he did and then cleverly arranged for Diarmuid's death to look like a hunting accident. Some think the high ridge of Benbulben looks like the spine of a boar, the one that possibly gored Diarmuid!

As you head downhill back towards Ballintrillick, spectacular views are offered of Donegal Bay and Mullaghmore as Ben Wiskin Peak towers above you. When your horseshoe drive comes to an end, turn left, and follow the country drive under Benbulben for approximately 10km back to the main Bundoran/Sligo Road (N15). Turn left. After a short 5km drive, you'll reach the Benbulben Forest Walk – a 4km loop walk under the face of the mountain offering some breathtaking views. Depending on your pace, this loop should take approximately one hour to complete.

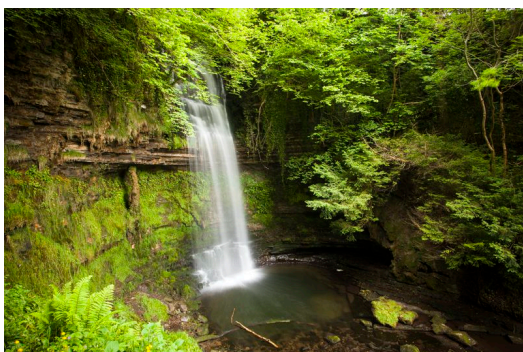


As you drive further towards Sligo, you'll come to Drumcliff where the legendary Irish poet William Butler Yeats is buried. Here you'll have the chance to walk around the churchyard and also have a tea break and purchase a souvenir in the well stocked tea rooms. Nearby the famous Lisadell House & Gardens is also worth a visit for a tour or just a wander.



Our final stop on this day trip is to Glencar Waterfall – again with a Yeats connection...

"Where the Wandering Water gushes, from the hills above Glencar", Yeats, WB.



From the main N15 Road, turn left in the village of Rathcormac and follow the country road and signs for approximately 9km and you'll come to Glencar Waterfall on your left hand side. There's ample room to park and if you're feeling thirsty or hungry, the tea room is sure to satisfy. It's a short walk to the waterfall and there are some other walks to enjoy in the area too.

To make your way back to Bundoran, you have a few options.

1. Re-route the way that you came
2. Keep driving towards the main N16 road (just a short drive from the Waterfall)
 - a. At the N16 junction turn right to drive to Sligo and back on the N15 or,
 - b. At the N16 junction turn left towards Manorhamilton and when there, follow the signs to Bundoran on the R280.

Safe Driving!