

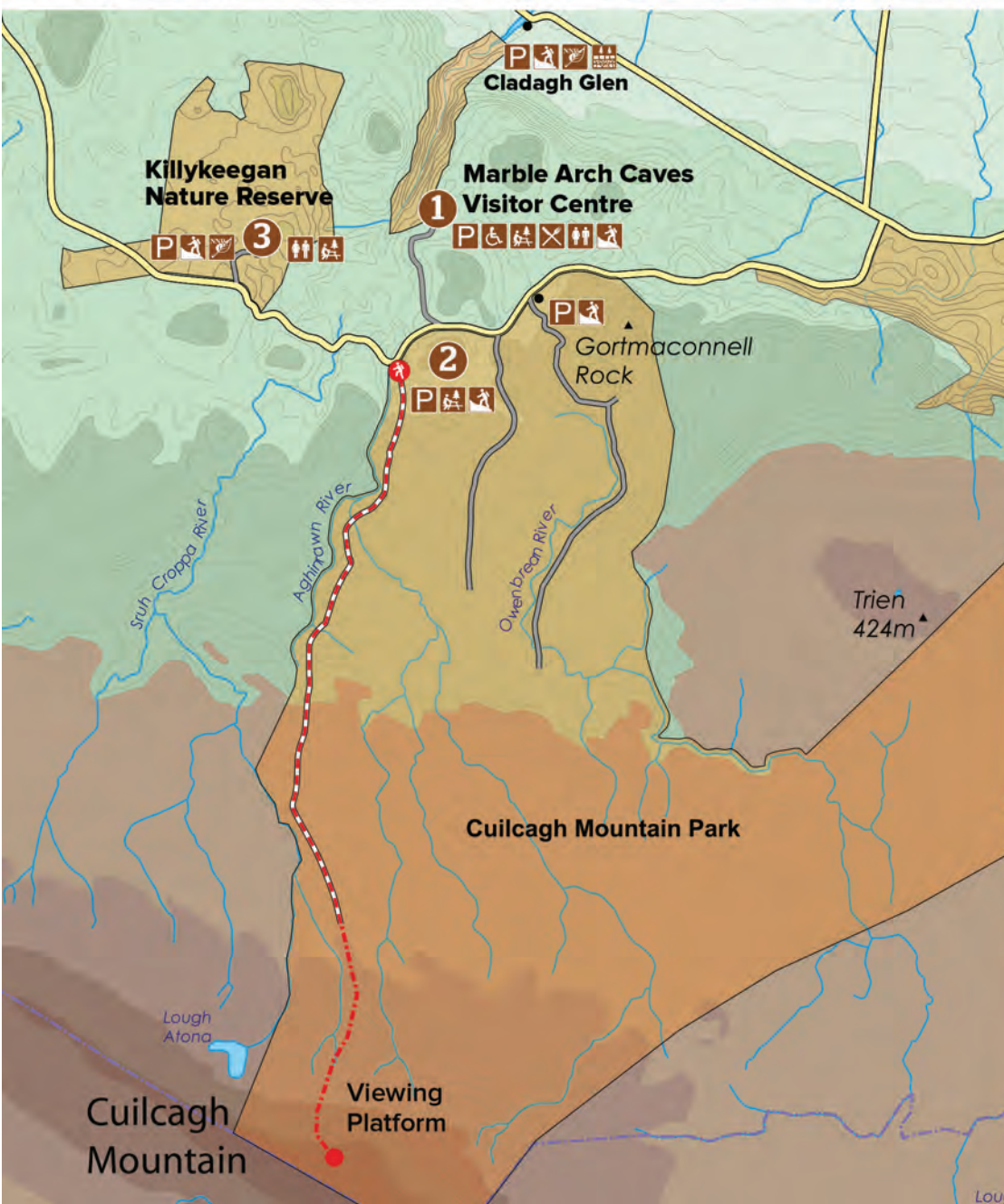
CUILCAGH BOARDWALK TRAIL



**CUILCAGH
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GEO PARK**

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Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail Information

- Distance** 4 miles / 6 km linear
- Grade** Difficult (590m)
- Terrain** Gravel track, wooden boardwalk, steep staircase
- Time** 3-5 hours
- Map** OSNI Discover Series 26

The route meanders through one of the largest expanses of blanket bog in Northern Ireland, traversing over tracks, boardwalk and staircase. A steep climb is required to reach the viewing platform which provides breathtaking views of the surrounding low lands.

The first part of the walk passes through a fascinating limestone landscape, often referred to as “The Fertile Rock” due to its flower rich pastures. Visible along the trail you will see abandoned Irish cottages, dry stone walls and potato cultivation ridges (“lazy beds”) all remnants of the areas past heritage.

Continuing along the gravel vehicle track the landscape starts to change to blanket bog where the unmistakable, flat-topped ridge of Cuilcagh Mountain is visible in the horizon. In the spring, an abundance of bog cotton carpets the bog in a blanket of white, while in late summer the purple moor grass glistens with shades of red and purple.

After 2.4 miles / 4 km, you start your ascent of Cuilcagh Mountain. The way is negotiated by a section of boardwalk, providing protection to the sensitive blanket bog beneath.

Your final ascent is via a steep section of steps, these are not for the faint of heart! As you steadily climb you weave your way through a rugged boulder landscape to eventually reach the viewing platform. The viewing platform positioned precariously at the edge of the mountain plateau offers breath-taking views over the surrounding landscape and an opportunity to take a well-deserved rest before starting your decent.

Start of the Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail

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|  | Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail |  | Parking |  | Public Toilets |
|  | Boardwalk Section |  | Inclusive Access |  | Geological Site |
|  | Roads |  | Resting Areas |  | Walking Route |
|  | Vehicle Track |  | Restaurant |  | National Nature Reserve |
|  | Contours | | | | |
|  | Rivers | | | | |

To get here, search 'Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail'

Events

For safety, conservation and insurance reasons walk leaders and event organisers are asked to seek prior permission if they wish to have a group of more than 20 people on the Cuilcagh Boardwalk.

Please contact: mac@fermanaghomagh.com

Parking



1. Killykeegan National Nature Reserve – Free, open daily. Toilets available.
2. Cuilcagh Boardwalk Car Park – Privately owned. Charges apply.
3. Marble Arch Caves – For visitors to the Show Cave only. Locked outside operational hours.

Facilities



Resting areas and toilets are available at Killykeegan National Nature Reserve (<1 mile from the Cuilcagh Boardwalk Car Park).

Nearest coffee shops/restaurants are located at the Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre (seasonal), Florencecourt Forest Park (seasonal) or Blacklion/Belcoo.

Be Prepared



Conditions on the mountain can be considerably harsher than those at ground level. As a minimum, walkers should bring:

- Fleece layer
- Waterproofs
- Hats & gloves
- Water
- High energy snacks
- Sun protection (when applicable)

In an emergency call 999 or 112 and ask for Mountain Rescue

Leave no Trace



Please follow the **Geopark Code** while visiting Cuilcagh:

- Preparation is key
- Leave what you find
- Take all litter home
- Respect others
- Keep to the trail
- Minimise fire risk

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