

Submission on potential for Green way in North Roscommon,

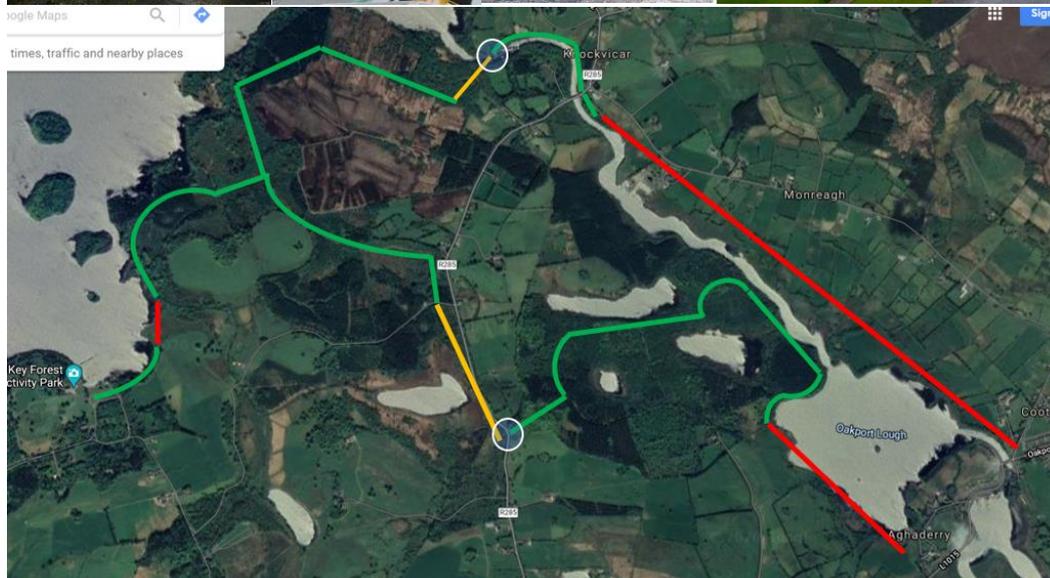
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North Roscommon includes some of the most scenic lakeside scenery in the country, with quite a few forest trails already in existence, though not all joined up. This submission is to create an exceptional greenway from Lough Key to Cootehall by joining up existing trails. Furthermore, this would be another step on the creation of the Lough Allen / Lough Key / Boyle greenway to join up with the Current Leitrim Blueway which has just got approval to extent from Leitrim Village to Carrick on Shannon. This would create 40Kms of extremely scenic cycle ways linking Drumshambo, Leitrim, Carrick On Shannon, Cootehall, Lough Key and Boyle.

There are two options for the North Roscommon route, one through Knockvicar, crossing at Clarendon lough and on along the river Boyle (or as a cycle lane on Cootehall / Knockvicar road). The other route is past Finn Lough and crossing the R285 through Oakport Demesne. Both are very scenic and offer huge potential with most trails in place already. The map below shows the details

Knockvicar route scenic sites:

Clontikilla Castle Clarendon Weir Knockvicar Bridge Tara Marina Complex Cootehall Arch



Existing Trails

Existing Forest / Woods

Trail needs to be created

Finn Lough Route Scenic Sites:

Finn Lough

Bluebell (Dereen) Wood

Oakport House

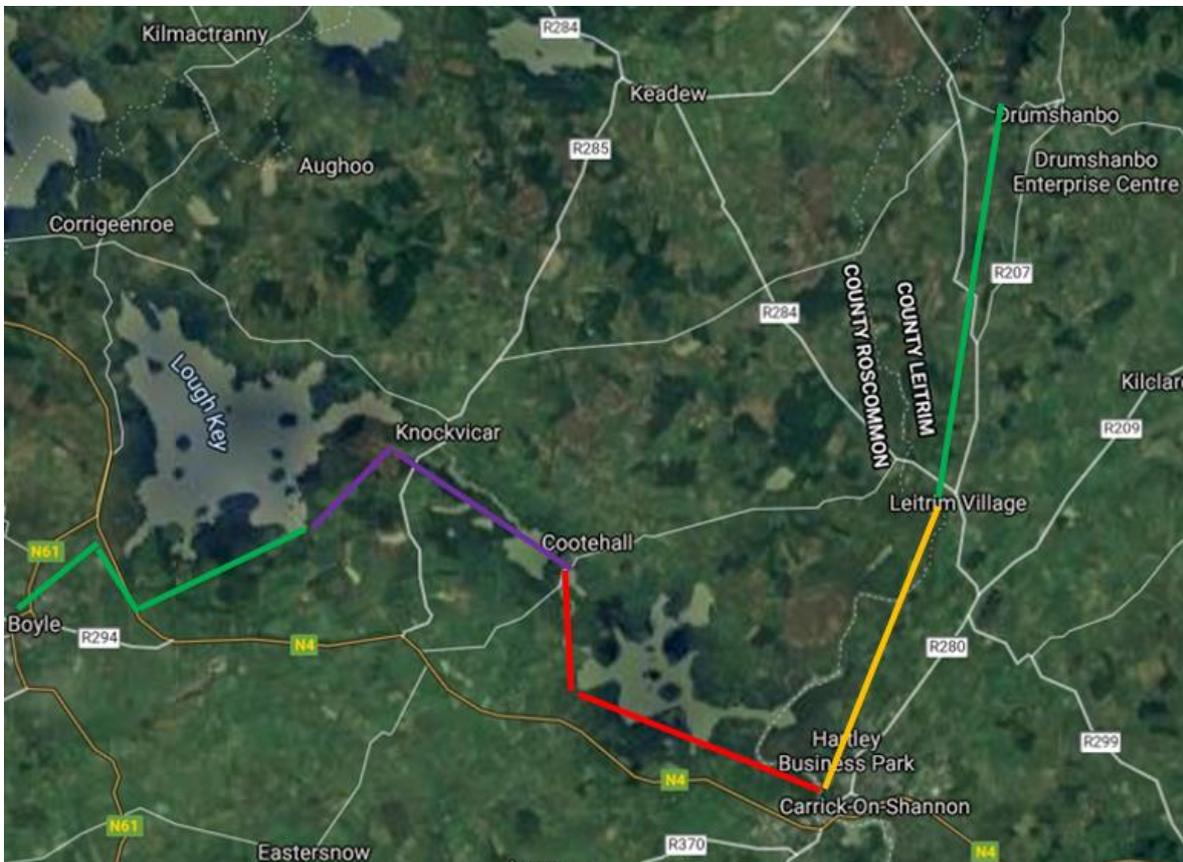
Cootehall Marina



Cotehall as a destination is a beautifully located village with great historical and literature heritage, offering huge tourist potential along the route.



As a phase of the ultimate Lough Allen / Lough Key Greenway this concept has huge potential. See below progress so far on this route.





Complete



Approved and in Planning
complete the Greenway



Cootehall Submission



Potential link to

This proposal has the potential to revolutionise Tourism in North Roscommon. The Towns of Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim and Drumshambo are tourist hotspots with arguably less scenery in their area.

For a relatively small investment the potential of Boyle, Lough Key and Cootehall to be a strong presence on the Irish domestic tourism map could be opened up with knock on benefits for Keadue, Kilronan, creating a must see (experience) place in this corner of the county.

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