



## Hike it!

**Category** Walking/Hiking Trails

**Trailhead 3** Cadamstown (Grid Ref. N 227 085)

Trail Quality

**Terrain** Old lanes and river gorge

**Format** Circular

**Distance (km)** 4.5km

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**Difficulty** Strenuous

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**Time** 2hrs approx.

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**Services** (distance in km) Kinnitty 5km Clonaslee 10km



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## **Trail Directions**

Starting from the village car park in Cadamstown village, turn right onto what was the Coach Road that passes on the right of Dempsey's pub. You are following **blue arrows**. Pass the signpost for the Nature Trail and follow the Coach Road for almost 1km to reach an old laneway on your right – known locally as Paul's Lane. Turn right here. Follow this wonderful old laneway uphill for almost 1km to exit at a gateway near a group of derelict houses. This was the village of Bordingstown.

Immediately after the houses, turn right and follow the blue arrows downhill on an old laneway. Pass through a gateway and veer right to reach a swinging (kissing) gate – continue downhill to reach a small stream known locally as Purcell's Brook. Here you join both the Slieve Bloom Way (yellow arrows) and Nature Trail Eco Loop (green arrows) for the remainder of your loop back to Cadamstown.

Follow the laneway downhill to reach a gateway at a beautiful weir on the Silver River. Turn right here. Cross a small stile and join the bank of the spectacular Silver River. Enjoy the beautiful scenery as you pass rushing waters for almost 1km before ascending to a wooden stile and entering farmland. Turn left here onto a farm laneway – follow it downhill for almost 200m to reach a concrete stile. As you exit the farm, the trailhead and village are to your left.

## **Directions to Trailhead**

Cadamstown, on the R421 regional road, just north of the Slieve Bloom Mountains, is 20km from Tullamore and 5km from Kinnitty.