Tugtar cuireadh do chuairteoirí a mbealach féin a dhéanamh ar Ghlasbhealach, Luimnigh, 40km d'easbhóthair álainn, an Fómhar seo

Na cúig rud is fearr le déanamh ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh trí mhoil chuairteoirí feadh an mbealach

Rogha cur leis an eispéireas agus an 50 km a dhéanamh go Lios Tuathail

Luimneach, Éire. Dé hAoine, 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2023: Tugtar cuireadh do chuairteoirí a mbealach féin a dhéanamh ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh an Fómhar seo, áit a mbuaileann cuid de na suíomhanna is stairiúla sa tír le fáilteachas Iarthar Luimnigh chun eispéireas saibhir agus inrochtana a chruthú.

Tá áiseanna sármhaithe do chuairteoirí i gcúig mhoil chuairteoirí feadh Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh, atá suite i dtírdhreach álainn Iarthar Luimnigh. Tháinig na sluaite is airde riamh go Luimneach i rith míonna an tsamhraidh agus thug níos mó ná 300,000 duine cuairt ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh.

Agus níos mó daoine ag roghnú an áis áineasa faoin aer feadh an tseanlíne iarnróid ó Luimneach go Ciarraí mar ghníomhaíocht chun iniúchadh a dhéanamh le teaghlach agus le cairde, tá Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh ag leanúint ar aghaidh ag infheistiú go suntasach chun feabhas a chur ar shaoráidí cuairteoirí ar an nGlasbhealach,

Tógann Glasbhealach Luimnigh an cuairteoir den bhóthar trí na trí bhaile margaidh de Ráth Caola, An Caisleán Nua Thiar agus Mainistir na Féile, trí Thollán Traenach 115m na Bearna agus trasna Tarbhealach Fhearghais iarainn theilgthe, ar iarsmaí athchóirithe den iarnród idir Luimneach agus Ciarraí ón 19ú haois iad. Tá na cúig mhol cuairteoirí lonnaithe i Ráth Caola, Ardach, An Caisleán Nua Thiar, Bearna agus Mainistir na Féile.

Cúig rud le déanamh ag na moil cuairteoirí ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh, áit a dtagann an saol amuigh faoin aer le chéile le stair shaibhir Iarthar Luimnigh le haghaidh eispéireas dodhearmadta:

Ráth Caola - Eispéireas Palaitíneach na hÉireann
Tosaíonn Glasbhealach Luimnigh i Ráth Caola, baile Eispéireas Palaitíneach na hÉireann, áit a insíonn Ionad Palaitíneach na hÉireann scéal na lonnaitheoirí Gearmánacha in Éirinn i 1709 le taispeántas ina bhfuil leabharlann, cartlann, seomra tae agus rogha bronntanas.

Ardach - An Chailís Ardach
Ag Ardach ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh, is féidir le cuairteoirí taitneamh a bhaint as stair na Cailíse Ardach, ceann de na seoda is mó de chuid Luath-Eaglais na hÉireann. Tá sé mar chuid de thaisce réada a fuarthas sa 19ú haois agus tá sé athdhéanta ag dealbh adhmaid taobh amuigh de Sheanteach an Stáisiúin feadh an chosáin easbhóthair.

An Caisleán Nua Thiar - Caisleán Iarla Dheasumhan
Ó Ardach is féidir le cuairteoirí aghaidh a thabhairt ar Chaisleán Nua Thiar agus an deis acu ceann de na hallaí féasta meánaoiseacha iomadúla in Éirinn a fheiceáil ag Caisleán stairiúil Iarla Dheasumhan.

An Bhearna – Láthair Faire na Bearna
I dtreo Bhearna is féidir radharcanna eisceachtúla a fheiceáil ag Láthair Faire na Bearna atá 164 méadar os cionn leibhéal na farraige. Ar lá glan is féidir le cuairteoirí féachaint trasna ar an gCaisleáin Nua Thiar, Mainistir na Féile, Áth Dara agus Eas Géitine, agus fiú chomh

fada leis na contaetha comharsanachta, an Clár agus Corcaigh agus ar ndóigh, Cathair Luimnigh.

Mainistir na Féile – Síneadh Glasbhealaigh
Ar an mbealach go Mainistir na Féile feadh chonair an Ghlasbhealaigh, díreach i ndiaidh Theampall an Ghleanntáin, is áit iontach é tearmann suaimhneach Choill na Tulaí chun anáil a tharraingt agus taitneamh a bhaint as an radharc tíre. Is é Mainistir na Féile an mol deiridh ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh agus as seo is féidir le cuairteoirí leas a bhaint as an mbealach leathanaithe 10.5km go Lios Tuathail chun freastal ar Ghlasbhealaí Ríocht Chiarraí..

Dúirt Gordon Daly, Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí le Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh, : "Táimid thar a bheith sásta le rath leanúnach Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh, áis áineasa lasmuigh in Iarthar Luimnigh a bhfuilimid an-bhródúil as. Is é an tosaíocht atá againn ná an Glasbhealach a fheabhsú, obair a dhéanamh ar fhoirgnimh stairiúla agus áiseanna cuairteoirí a chur chun cinn chun eispéireas Glasbhealach Luimnigh a fheabhsú tuilleadh do mhuintir na háite agus do chuairteoirí chuig ár gcontae."

Lean sé air: "Cuidíonn forbairt áiseanna ag gach mol cuairteoirí sna bailte agus sráidbhailte ar Ghlasbhealach Luimnigh le tacú leis an réigiún go sóisialta agus go heacnamaíoch."

Tá dhá róbhealach eallaigh nua agus cúig íosbhealach i bhfeidhm anois chun an t-eispéireas a fheabhsú do chuairteoirí agus don phobal áitiúil agus ag cabhrú le húinéirí talún in aice le Glasbhealach Luimnigh chomh maith.

Tá obair ag dul ar aghaidh freisin ar athchóiriú Seid Earraí Iarnróid stairiúil ón 19ú haois ag Mol Glasbhealaigh Luimnigh ag Ráth Caola le háiseanna nua do chuairteoirí atá le críochnú i R1 2024.

Tógadh an foirgneamh iarnróid stairiúil thart ar 1860-1870 mar chuid den iarnród ó Luimneach go Trá Lí. Freastalóidh an Seid Earraí Iarnróid i Ráth Caola ar rothair a fháil ar cíos agus áiseanna nua do chuairteoirí, lena n-áirítear leithris le limistéar poiblí a sholáthróidh spás áineasa do mhuintir na háite, úsáideoirí Glasbhealaigh agus cuairteoirí chuig an mbaile araon, ina mbeidh binsí picnice le haghaidh teacht le chéile, pointe uisce agus seastán deisiúcháin rothar.

Leanann Glasbhealach Luimnigh an sean-iarnród ó Luimneach go Ciarraí trí thírdhreach ciúin tuaithe Iarthar Luimnigh. Osclaíodh an síneadh 10.5km ó Mhainistir na Féile go Lios Tuathail, a cheanglaíonn Glasbhealach Luimnigh le Glasbhealaí Ríocht Chiarraí, go hoifigiúil don phobal i Meán Fómhair 2022.

D'athoscail Glasbhealach Luimnigh i mí Iúil 2021, tar éis infheistíocht €10 milliún ag Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh.

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, lena n-áirítear rothair a fháil ar cíos, áiseanna agus cúrsaí taistil tabhair cuairt ar limerickgreenway.ie. Le leanúint ar na meáin shóisialta, bain úsáid as an haischlib #LimerickGreenway agus tabhair cuairt ar na cainéil seo a leanas:

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Notes to editor:
Limerick Greenway follows a section of the old Limerick to Tralee railway line opened between 1867 and 1880. Many features of the railway are still intact, including Barnagh Tunnel, Ferguson's Viaduct and a number of former station houses.

Limerick Greenway reopened in July 2021, following a €10 million investment by Limerick City and County Council.

Limerick Greenway has now linked with the Kingdom of Kerry Greenway and users can continue their journey from Abbeyfeale, on to Listowel. The Abbeyfeale to Listowel 10.5km extension joining Limerick Greenway to the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways officially opened to the public in September 2022.

The Limerick Greenway surface was designed with mobility in mind and is safe and suitable for all users. Public amenities, including parking, have been developed at the access points along the route.

Visitors invited to do the scenic 40km off-road Limerick Greenway their way this Autumn

Top five things to do on Limerick Greenway via visitor hubs along the route

Option to extend experience and do the 50 km to Listowel

Limerick, Ireland. Friday, October 20th 2023: Visitors are invited to do Limerick Greenway their way this Autumn, where some of the country's most historic sites meet with West Limerick hospitality for a rich and accessible experience.

Five visitor hubs along Limerick Greenway, set in the beautiful West Limerick landscape boast excellent visitor facilities, and with record numbers flocking to Limerick over the summer months, Limerick Greenway saw more than 300,000 visits.

Limerick City and County Council is continuing to invest significantly to enhance visitor facilities on the Greenway, as more and more people are choosing the recreational outdoor amenity along the old Limerick to Kerry railway line as a go-to activity to explore with friends and family.

Limerick Greenway takes the visitor off-road via the three market towns of Rathkeale, Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale, through the 115m Barnagh Train Tunnel and across the

cast-iron Ferguson's Viaduct, both restored relics of the 19th century Limerick to Kerry rail line. The five visitor hubs are located at Rathkeale, Ardagh, Newcastle West, Barnagh and Abbeyfeale.

Five things to do at the visitor hubs on Limerick Greenway, where the great outdoors comes together with West Limerick's rich history for an unforgettable experience:

Rathkeale - The Irish Palatine Experience
Limerick Greenway starts in Rathkeale, home of The Irish Palatine Experience, where the Irish Palatine Centre, tells the story of German settlers in Ireland in 1709 with an exhibition including a library, archive, tea-room and gift selection.

Ardagh - The Ardagh Chalice
At Ardagh on Limerick Greenway, visitors can revel in the history of the Ardagh Chalice, one of the greatest treasures of the early Irish Church. It is part of a hoard of objects found in the 19th century and is replicated by a wooden sculpture outside the Old Station House along the off-road path.

Newcastle West - Desmond Castle
From Ardagh visitors can head for Newcastle West with the opportunity to see one of Ireland's many surviving medieval banqueting halls at the historic Desmond Castle.

Barnagh – Barnagh Viewing Point
Towards Barnagh exceptional views can be experienced at the Barnagh Viewing Point, 164 metres above sea level, where on a clear day visitors can see across Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Adare and Askeaton, and even as far as neighbouring counties, Clare and Cork and of course Limerick City.

Abbeyfeale – Greenway Extension
On the way to Abbeyfeale along the Greenway path, just after Templeglantine, the tranquil sanctuary of Tullig Wood is the ideal place to take a breath and enjoy the scenery. Abbeyfeale is where you find the final hub on Limerick Greenway and from here, visitors can avail of the extended 10.5km route to Listowel to meet the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways.

Gordon Daly, Director of Services at Limerick City and County Council, commented: "We are delighted with the continued success of Limerick Greenway, an outdoor recreational amenity in West Limerick that we are very proud of. Our priority is to enhance the Greenway, progressing work on historic buildings and visitor facilities to make the Limerick Greenway experience even better for local people and visitors to our county."

He continued: "The development of facilities at each visitor hub in the towns and villages on Limerick Greenway also helps to support the region socially and economically."

Two new cattle overpasses and five underpasses are now in place to improve the experience for visitors and the local community, assisting landowners adjacent to Limerick Greenway.

Work is also progressing on the restoration of a historic 19th century Railway Goods Shed at the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale with new visitor facilities, due for completion in Q1 2024.

The historic railway building was constructed circa 1860-1870 as part of the Limerick to Tralee railway line. The Railway Goods Shed in Rathkeale will accommodate bike hire and new visitor facilities including toilets with a public realm area providing recreational space for

locals, Greenway users and visitors to the town alike, featuring picnic benches for gatherings, a water point and a bike repair stand.

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For more information, including bike hire, amenities and itineraries visit limerickgreenway.ie. To follow on social media, use the hashtag #LimerickGreenway and visit the following channels:

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