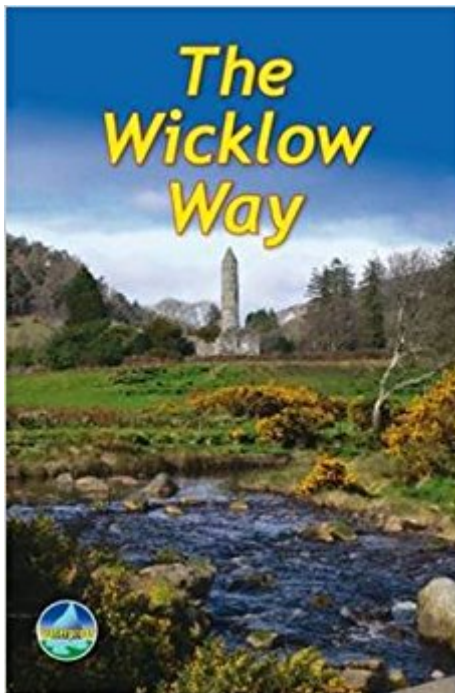


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The Wicklow Way is Ireland's first and most popular Waymarked Way, running between Marlay Park (Dublin) and Clonegal, 82 miles (132 km) to the south. It offers varied and scenic walking on the flanks of the Wicklow mountains with loughs, rivers and historic remains. Much of the route lies over 1600 feet (500 metres) giving glorious views, and lower sections run through forests and farmland, over a mixture of tracks, roads and pathways rich in wildlife. This updated guidebook contains all you need to plan and enjoy your holiday: drop-down map showing the whole route in five panels; waterproof paper throughout; the Way in sections, with summaries of distance, terrain and where to find food and drink; concise background on history, geology and wildlife; an expanded 5-page feature on the monastic city of Glendalough; planning information for travel by car, train, bus or plane; in full colour, with 80 photographs.

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Customer Reviews

Jacquetta Megarry is an enthusiastic walker turned publisher. She devised the Rucksack Reader format in 2000 to suit the needs of hikers, and has walked the Wicklow Way several times, most recently in 2008. Sandra Bardwell is a dedicated, lifelong walker who also works as an archivist and historian. In her native Australia, she wrote extensively about bushwalking and national parks. Now based in Scotland, she writes walking guides for Lonely Planet, Sunflower Books and Rucksack Readers.

Glad I own a compass!! This map is missing about 100 things! I think other guidebooks and maps are much better. I did hike the trail, but it was very hard to plan ahead because of the lack of information in the book. The maps are at such a big scale they are not useful. Someone should just update it and it could be great!

three days on Wicklow Way in December. Booklet was very helpful.

This guide provides excellent background information on the flora and geophysical and cultural history of the area on top of detailed information on the walk and beautiful photographs. But there are some negative points too:- The map is useful as an overview, but do not assume you can hike with it. Elevation contours are barely indicated, other paths and junctions are not shown (except major roads). So buy Ordnance Survey maps in addition! Do not think you can do without!- The guide is low on alternatives. No word about the beautiful Spink trail.- The guide emphasizes three reasons to start the Wicklow way in the South and walk in Northerly direction, but then continues to describe the walk North to South. It would be useful to finally have a guide that does it the other way around.- You will find little to no information about accommodation. For that you'll need Lonely Planet's "Walking in Ireland" or sources from the web, like wicklowway.com.

This is vital reading for anyone intending to walk all or part of the Wicklow way. Even if you have no plans to do so you will finish wishing you did. Packed full of useful, interesting and informative advice as well as essential maps and marvellous photography, the book is set out in a clear and concise manner. It can be used as either a practical guide full of helpful tips and must know facts or just an absorbing read. This is the third Rucksack Reader I have read and they just keep on getting better.

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