Ricket's Rock Loop

6km Easy

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Trailhead	Brittas Woods Entrance, Clonaslee, Laois
Services	Clonaslee Village
Dist/Time	6km/1hr-1hr 30mins, follow green arrows
Difficulty	Easy
Terrain	Mix of minor roads, sandy roadways and forestry tracks
To Suit	All levels of fitness
Min. Gear	Sturdy walking shoes, fluid

From the bridge over the Clodiagh River in the village of Clonaslee (on the R422) follow the signpost for Glenkeen. The forest entrance is on your left after 200m.

- **A-B.** Start from the entrance to **the forestry in Clonaslee Village**. Walk into the village with the Clodiagh River on your right - after 200m turn right at the crossroads.
- **B-C.** Walk through the village passing the **Heritage Centre** (stone church building) on your left.
- C-D. After 400m turn right onto a minor road signposted Clonaslee Community Centre. Pass the Community Centre and School on the left as you exit the village.
- **D-E.** After 1km take a downhill right turn at a **crossroads** following the green arrow. The red loop which is longer and more challenging continues straight on here.
- **E-F.** After 500m continue straight as the tarred surface gives way to a sandy roadway.
- **F-G.** After 500m pass **Ricket's Rock** (stoney waterfall) on your right.
- **G-H.** After 200m, veer to the right at a **3-way junction** on top of a hill.
- **H-J.** Continue for 1km to a **T-junction** where you veer right and, almost immediately, turn left into forestry and on to a woodland trail.
- **J-K.** Follow the woodland trail for 500m to a wooden footbridge. Cross the footbridge and turn right onto a forestry track with the Clodiagh River on your right.
- **K-A.** After 300m you are back at the trailhead.

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