



Trailhead	Arnamona Woods, Lough Eske, Co. Donegal
Services	Harvey's Point & Lough Eske Castle – Donegal Town 8km
Dist/Time	2km/ 40 min
Ascent	190m/260m
Difficulty	Moderate
Terrain	Woodland paths
To Suit	All levels of fitness
Start/Finish Point	Ardnamona Woods Car park.
Minimum Gear	Walking shoes & Rain gear
Grid Ref	G 963 844 Map OSI discovery series no. 11

This marvellous quiet Nature Reserve with a nicely created walking path loops around large oak, hazel and holly trees in a Woodland that is left in its natural state. There are beautiful mosses, bluebells, wood sorrel, streams and the lakeside to enjoy on this delightful walk developed by National Parks and Wildlife Service. The wood is also home to red squirrel, badger, fox and mink. Dogs are only allowed if kept on a lead.

Directions to Ardnamona Woods:

From Donegal Town follow the signs for Lough Eske Harvey's Point. When you reach the junction where a large bolder announces Harvey's Point, keep going **straight ahead** on the road and take the **next right** after ca.1.5km. 500m on the left there is a two-story house. Turn into entrance of the house **crossing the bridge** over the **Clady River**, go passed the house 100m on the left there is parking.
The house is private property- please respect the owner's privacy.

Walk Directions

A-B. There is an information sign inside the gate. At the first junction **go straight** and the route ascends gently up to junction B, where the trail turns down to the right.

B-C. The path winds steeply down for a short while, and crosses a number of little streams. Watch out on your left for one great example of new branches growing vertically from an old fallen trunk. Then you arrive at the shore of **Lough Eske**, with stunning views over the lake and the magnificent **Bluestack Mountains** rising behind it

C-D. As you continue along the path you cross another footbridge. The route has a few short steep sections, but the beauty of this natural broadleaf woodland will more than compensate you for the strain.

D-A. At the top of the path you are back where you started, with the entrance gate on your left.

You can extend this walk by parking in the car park at **Harvey's Point** and start from here. **Turn right** at the Hotel gate & follow the quiet lane along the lakeshore for 2km. Watch out for the entrance to the trail beside the two-story house on the right. Allow one hour to complete.



In case of emergency call 999

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