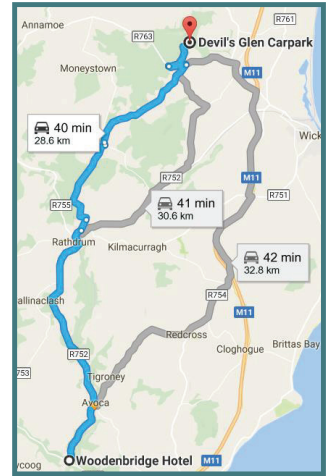


# DEVIL'S GLEN WALKS - SEAMUS HEANEY & WATERFALL WALK

The Devil's Glen boasts a dramatic landscape that was fashioned at the end of the Ice Age when the melt waters of the ice sheet created the valley. The resultant gorge affords a swift decent for the Vartry River as it makes its way from the Vartry Reservoir to nearby Ashford village. The site hosts a mixture of broad leaf and conifer forest with fine stands of beech, Spanish chestnut and ash. The steep rock face of the gorge has been colonised by various species of plant life: lichens, mosses and the polypody fern. The area is home to Sika deer, fox, otter, badger and squirrel.

The site was once part of the Glanmore estate, former ancestral home of John Millington Synge. On the northern bank of the river you can see the privately-owned Tottenham Estate.



## Car Parking

Two car-parks service the Devils Glen. One of these car parks is located at the County road close to the start of the Seamus Heaney way this car-park has a capacity of 4 cars and is always accessible. A second car-park with a capacity of 25 cars and a coach-park are located at the start of the Waterfall Walk, access to these parking areas is limited to 9am to 5pm daily opening hours of the barrier to the Devil's Glen.

**Please note the Opening & Closing Times - 9.00am to 5.00pm**

## Seamus Heaney & Waterfall Walk

From the entrance to the Devil's Glen forest drive in along the forest track to reach a car park after about 2km. Your walk starts at the information board and walks back about the entrance road for 100 metres. From here the loop trail takes you deep into this beautiful forest to finish back at the car park where you started. Along the route, you will find some unusual and interesting 'Sculptures in Woodland'.

**Grade:** Moderate, the route is marked with Yellow arrows

**Distance:** 4km

**Estimated time:** 1.5 hrs

**Total height climbed:** 170m

**Highest point:** 240m

**Terrain underfoot:** Forest trail

**Suitable for:** Anyone with average fitness

**Note: It's very easy to get lost in the forest if you leave the marked trails.**



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