

>The Ogham Stone

Walk 2 - Coastal Mining Trail - about 1½h - circular walk

Follow the Walk 1 but continue eastwards after the bridge.

There is a mining tub on the right followed by the Geological Garden with Ogham Stone solar alignment (see information panels). The three-storey building once was mine manager's house. Follow the road round by the stark remains of dressing yards on the left where the crushing of the ore took place.

Bear right at cross roads and up-hill to the Slip. Have a little detour down to the right to view mine openings on cliff and copper staining. Back on the road pass the copper storage yard and then up-hill with the main abandoned mineshafts at Knockmahon (Knock = hill over) on the right and continue past the railway ramp.

The ruins of Tankardstown Engine Houses and chimney come in sight uphill on the left with the railway cutting on the right. This was used to bring the ore down to the dressing yards.

The highlight of this walk will be the visit to the engine house complex. Information boards explain the entire process there. The landscaped surroundings with their coastal vistas are a feature in themselves.

From here one can return the same way, with spectacular coast views as far as Mine Head to the west. Or, following the coast road and taking first left one proceeds along a typical quiet meandering country road to a cross roads. First left again and down a valley, past another engine house, Tankardstown North, and Bonivy mine on the left and back to Bunmahon enjoying the fine coastal views (photo below).



left old red sandstone. Immediately below a sea stack stands on cliffs around. Be very careful!

Cover photo: The cliffs at Tankardstown

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> Tranamoe

## Walk 3 - Cliff top - short walk

Turning left from the car park; follow the untarred road straight up the hill along the top of the cliffs. Five minutes walk brings one above the spectacular Tranamoe (inappropriately,"Beach of the cattle"). On the right are complex volcanic features and on the beach. Tracks lead to the beach and along the tops of the

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