




> Fauheen church



Bunmahon walks begin at the beach car park.

 Walk 1 - Inland Trail - about 1h - circular walk

Starting at the car park one sees across the road the facades of the miners' cottages Eastwards across the River Mahon that gives its name to Bunmahon (*Bun* = end of). The bridge here replaced what is reputed to be the first reinforced concrete bridge in Ireland, built in 1906. Stop at local Titanic memorial and go left here to Church of Ireland (Geopark Centre and Bistro from 2008). The terrace of houses on the right was where mine-management lived.

Take the first left uphill about 1km to an open mine shaft (sometimes overgrown) and a further kilometre to narrow road to right and down this to bottom of valley. Before crossing the stream, the scant remains of a medieval Cistercian monastery lie on the right and ahead and the tiny Fauheen church with its interesting graveyard.

Continue uphill on the other side of the valley onto a tarred road and turn right. Enjoy fine views of Bunmahon Bay as one proceeds downhill.

At the Catholic Church, which was a miners' Temperance Hall, one can turn right to starting point at Church of Ireland or straight and right to village. Going that way allows a visit to the Geological Garden and a rest on the Copper Coast table and seats...



> Rocks in the geological garden