

# The Copper Coast Geopark County Waterford, Ireland

## Trail card - Dunhill



> The obelisk

### > Walk 3 - Reisk and Ballymoate (cont.)

Return to the road, turn right and walk on about a kilometre straight past a T-junction. A private road on the right leads to a passage grave. Continuing along the road, Reisk medieval church ruin is shortly after a junction left up a short laneway on right. It has some interesting headstones with vernacular art passion symbols.

> Passion symbols on headstone at Reisk medieval church



> Back to the road turn left and then shortly right at the earlier junction, for a meandering walk off the beaten track. Note on the left a shrine to Sean O'Rourke. Further on to the right is a conical hill (possibly a Norman Motte) and beyond a huge standing-stone (function unknown). On further one can visit Ballymoat gardens. Stride out now and keep going left. The old ruin on the left was once a dance hall. At the crossroads again turn left. You are a half hour's pleasant walk from Dunhill.

Cover photo: Dunhill Castle

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### > Walk 2- Dunhill Castle and Anne River Valley (cont.)

Keeping the river to your left the road runs for a peaceful and bird-rich kilometre-plus to Annestown village. About half a kilometre from the castle, on the right and just after the quarry you may like to look for the ring-fort. It is one of thousands in the country, also known as Dun, Lios or Rath. Further along you may wonder about the origins of the obelisk to the left. So do we all! The cottage on the right as you approach the village used to be the local forge.

At the village, cross the road and take the path to the beach under the trees. (Also see the notes about starting point on Annestown trail card). From the car park bear right, being careful as this can be a busy road in summer. Within half a kilometre take the first left, and enjoy a different perspective of the valley and castle. At the bottom, turn left across the bridge, follow right once again around the base of the castle and walking up the hill turn right at the cross roads to stroll back to Dunhill. A well deserved rest at the Copper Coast seats may be had here.



> Annestown beach

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a story captured in stone

### > Walk 3 - Reisk and Ballymoate - about 10 km

Take the Tramore road going east from the village. At the bridge one can see wetlands and waterworks on both sides. Keep going uphill about a kilometre, past the G.A.A. (Hurling and Gaelic football) sports field and the D.F.B.A. Enterprise Centre. Take the second lane to the right and after about 200 meters, peering over a ditch left one can find a double banked ring-fort, the overgrown remnants of an Iron Age defended farm.