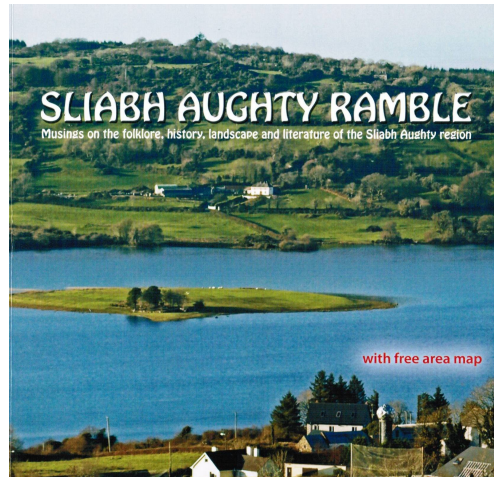


Sliabh Aughty Ramble - Musings on the folklore, history, landscape and literature of the Sliabh Aughty region ISBN 0 952951193. Gerard Madden.



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Sliabh Aughty, covering over 250 square miles is one of the largest mountain ranges in Ireland but one of the least known. It is a magical, mystical and mysterious place, part of a unique, cultural landscape that has not been lauded by many poets, painters, travel writers or composers. It is not promoted or referred to in tourism brochures and even the cartographers have on occasion omitted it from maps.

In April 2010, *Sliabh Aughty Ramble* by folklorist and antiquarian Gerard Madden was published by East Clare Heritage. Ronnie O’Gorman writing in the Galway Advertiser stated that “this generous book and coloured map of the Aughtys opens up the whole region to the curious traveller. I now see that we have a veritable landscape treasure on our doorstep. The author has imaginatively presented a book of curious facts and strange wonders, historic names and places, and the struggles of local communities over the centuries in an almanac fashion so that for every day of the year there is a story to enjoy.”

Judy Murphy, editor of the arts and entertainment section of the Connaught Tribune, kindly gave a full page towards the publication. She said that “*Sliabh Aughty Ramble* offers an insight into the folklore, history, landscape and culture aspect of the mountain area between South East Galway and North East Clare, and the people who live in the villages and towns around it. It also contains a comprehensive map and index of Sliabh Aughty, an invaluable resource for those wanting to explore this hilly 250 square mile area containing 100,000 acres, between Galway and Clare.”

The book is available at the East Clare Heritage Centre, Tuamgraney, selected outlets and directly from the author Gerard Madden, Scariff, County Clare. The cost is twenty euro plus postage.

