

# Coppeen Heritage Trail

## 1. Coppeen Village



Starting point for the Coppeen Heritage Trail and Waymarked Walks.

## 2. Wedge Tomb

Located in a state-owned forest, Slieveowen Wedge Tomb (Labb-aowen) measures 7m long, X 1.4m wide. This structure represents the earliest man made construction on our local landscape, dating from between 5,000 and 3,500 years ago.

## 3. Boulder Burial

Slieveowen Boulder Burial consists of an impressive large round stone, which rests on a number of smaller stones, dating 2,400 – 500BC. Note deep cup marks/solution pits on top.

## 4. Kilmicheal Ambush

On 28th Nov 1920, IRA commander General Tom Barry led a bunch of hastily trained, mostly farmers sons, to this site where they ambushed two lorries of elite British Auxiliaries, imposing a crushing defeat. The monument was unveiled by Tom Barry in 1966.

## 5. Kinneigh Round Tower

The original monastery at Kinneigh was located approx. half a mile west of the present location. According to the Annals of Cork, it was founded in 619AD by St Mocolomóg.

## 7. The Old Forge

Seven generations of the Cross family have forged in this building which was restored in 2013/14

## 8. Famine Monument

Gurranaireigh Famine Monument is a grim reminder of the savage devastation which befell a village that stood close to this monument, totally wiping out its entire population during the Irish Potato Famine (1845-1850)

## 9. Hornhill Stone Circle

Stone Circles are believed to date from 2000-1200BC. Knockaneirk Lower (Hornhill) Stone Circle consists of seven stones, with (probably) 2 stones missing. Orientation is likely to be towards the Winter Solstice.

## 10. Béal na mBláth

## 11. Micheal Collins Ambush Site

A Celtic Cross memorial marks the spot near where General Michael Collins was shot dead during an ambush on Tues. 22nd Aug, 1922.

