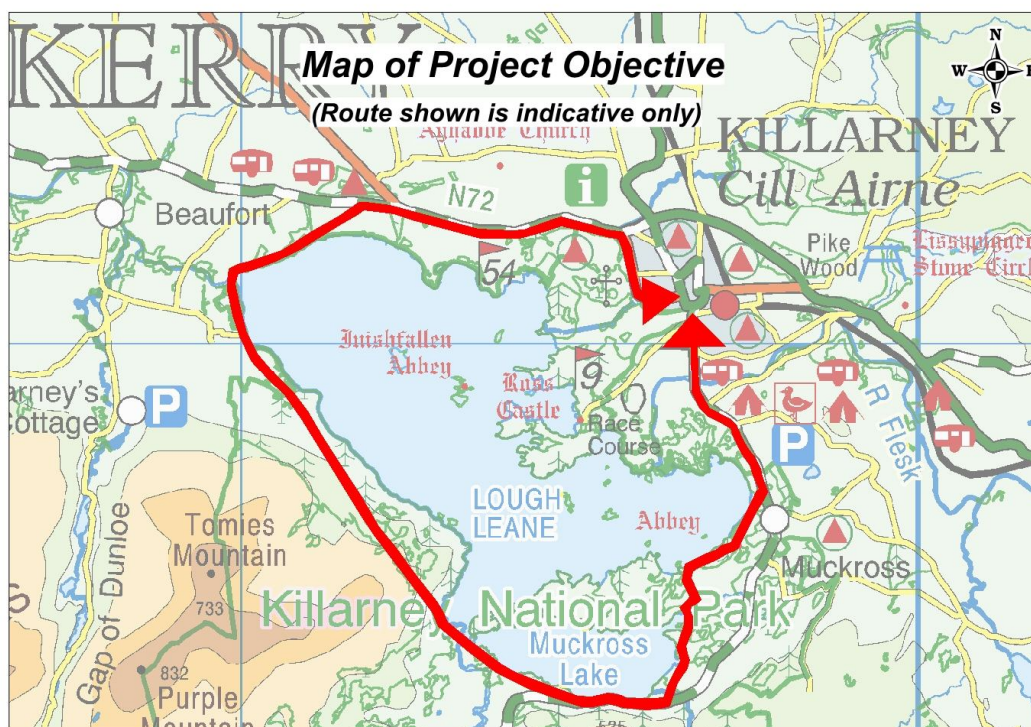


Lough Leane Loop Trail Project



Proposals to examine the development of a full looped amenity trail around Lough Leane and Muckross Lake are currently being examined.

As part of this, a steering group, comprising of Fáilte Ireland, the National Parks & Wildlife Service, Kerry County Council and local walking and tourism groups has been established.

The aim of the steering group is to examine the possibility of linking up a number of the existing trail sections to create a full circuit around Lough Leane and Muckross Lake, starting and finishing in Killarney town.

It is proposed that the route will provide accessible trails, both walking and cycling, to a wide range of users, with differing abilities, as it combines a number of different sections to form an overall trail product.

Given the unique landscape and scenery that Killarney, its lakes and the National Park have to offer, this project has the real potential to deliver an internationally renowned and iconic trail.

The project is currently at the design stage, which is being funded by Fáilte Ireland and a Constraints Study is currently underway.

As part of the design and project planning process, a number of Route Options for the proposed trail will be developed. These options will be put out on display later in the year in order to gather the views and opinions of the public in relation to these options.

However, general submissions in relation to the project are welcome at this stage and may be submitted in writing by the 28th February 2014 to: **Administrative Officer, Roads and Transportation, Kerry County Council, Aras and Chontae, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry**, or by email to: roads@kerrycoco.ie. Letters and the subject lines of emails should include 'Lough Leane Loop Trail Project'.