

Slí an Mháimín

Tús/Críoch: Músaem Chorca Dhuibhne, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh

Fad: c. 8.5km

Léarscáil: Uimhir 70, Sraith Eolais

• Galláin - Geata an Ghlas Ghaibhnigh 2

Cloch ard théagartha ina seasamh sa talamh is ea an gallán. Bíonn meáchan ana-mhór ina lán des na clocha. Cloch aonair a bhíonn le feiscint ana-mhínic ach péire atá anseo ar an gcnoc in aice le Baile an Éanaigh. Tá scéal béaloidis ann fén mbó, An Ghlas Ghaibhneach, a tháinig isteach ón bhfarraige i mBéal Bán. Tháladh sí bainne ar éinne a chrúdh í is líonadh sí cibé áras a chuirte fúithi suas go barra. Tá gort i Márthain, fé bhun Chruach Mhárthain chomh maith leis an ngeata seo, ainmnithe ina diaidh, Gort na Glas Gaibhní. **Tá na galláin seo ar thalamh príobháideach.**

• An Raingiléis 3

Séadchomhartha Náisiúnta is ea an láthair seo go ngabhann an bóthar tríd. Is beag eolas atá againn ar an láthair féin seachas a bhfuil d'iarmaí le feiscint fós inti. Tá falla mórthimpeall ar an láthair, aireagal a bhfuil fardhoras ann fós, crosleac agus crois sa bhfalla sa ghort atá ar thaobh na láimhe clé ar an dtaobh ó thuaidh den láthair. Deineadh leanaí a cailleadh óg, a adhlacadh sa cheallúnach anseo anuas go dtí an naoú aois déag nó ina diaidh.

• Dún agus Caisleán Ráthanáin 4

Tá caisleán Ráthanáin, túrtheach ón 15ú aois, tógtha ar ionad seanarátha ó aimsir na luath-Mheánaoiseanna. Táthar den tuairim gur sa ráth seo a mhair feirmeoirí móra an cheantair roimh theacht na Normánach. Ridirí Chiarraí, ar Ghearaltaigh iad, a thóg an caisleán ar an láthair a sheasann os cionn Chuan Fionn Trá. Tá ana-radharc uaidh ag éinne a bheadh ag gabháil ó thuaidh trí Mhám na Gaoithe. Deineadh an caisleán a scrios le linn aimsir Chromail. **Tá an caisleán seo ar thalamh príobháideach.**

• Eaglais Bhaile an Éanaigh-Ceathrú an Teampaill 5

Dhealródh gur shéipéal Pharóiste Mhárthain a bhí anseo sna Meánaoiseanna déanacha. Cuma dhronuilleogach a bhí air agus dearadh ana-shimplí air. Tá crosleaca, os cionn uaigneanna sa teampaill, ná fuil in úsáid mórán fé láthair. Tá ardán dronuilleogach atá 36m fé 24m, sa chúinne thiar theas. Tá fásra á cheilt anois. Creidtear gurb ionad adhlactha do pháistí a bhí anseo. Reilig an Draghbháil a tugtar air.

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Map: No. 70, Discovery Series

• Galláin - Geata an Ghlas Ghaibhnigh - Standing Stones 2

There are many single standing stones or pillars scattered about the Dingle Peninsula. Here, a pair of stones stands as an entrance gate to the hillside of *Cruach Mhárthain* to the south west. A local folktale tells of a magical cow, *An Ghlas Ghaibhneach*, whose milk always flowed. She is said to have come in from the sea at *Béal Bán*, and both the gate formed by the two pillars and a field on *Cruach Mhárthain* bear her name - *Geata an Ghlas Ghaibhnigh* and *Gort an Ghlas Ghaibhnigh*. **The standing stones are on private property.**

• An Raingiléis 3

The road bisects this monastic site, which is a National Monument. We know little about this site, apart from what the visible remains tell us. Still evident is the stone enclosing wall, the oratory (you can see the lintel visible over the doorway), a cross-inscribed stone and a cross in the field wall on your left, just to the north of the site. We also know the site was used as a *ceallúnach*, a burial ground for infants, well into the 19th century and possibly even later.

• Rahinnane Castle and Ringfort 4

On the west side of the road a ruined 15th-century tower-house sits within a ringfort of the early medieval period (probably dating from the 7th-10th centuries AD). The ringfort would have been the home of a strong farmer of that period. The castle was built by the branch of the Fitzgerald Family known as the Knights of Kerry, who re-used and probably re-fortified the ringfort, which is in a strategic position overlooking Ventry Harbour and also guarding the pass to the north. The castle was destroyed during the Cromwellian wars in the middle of the 17th century. **The castle is on private property.**

• Baile an Éanaigh-Ceathrú an Teampaill, Church ruins 5

This simple rectangular church was probably the parish church of Márthain during the later medieval period. There are some cross-inscribed grave markers in the graveyard, which is now rarely used. A children's burial ground, *Reilig an Draghbháil*, lies about 75m to the south-west. It consists of a rectangular platform, 36m east-west by 24m north-south, which is now overgrown.