



# Kilkenny to Bennettsbridge

Nore Valley Walk



## Directions to Trailhead

**From Kilkenny:** The river walk leaves Kilkenny City under Ossory Bridge. Follow this road for 800m.

**Note:** 2km outside Kilkenny City the trail leaves the river bank and heads along a laneway and onto the Sion Road. Follow this road for 600m then cross a green stile, through a field and back to the river bank.

**From Bennettsbridge:** Under the six arch bridge – take the steps down to the riverbank by Tynan’s Butchers shop.

<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate
<b>Length</b>	12km
<b>Duration</b>	2-3 hours
<b>Additional info</b>	To protect farm animals, no dogs allowed

## Overview

This stretch of the Nore Valley walk takes roughly 2 hours at a relaxed pace. Follow the river as it meanders through meadows, shady glades and past ancient mills; woollen, grain, paper and saw mills from where Kilkenny’s famous ‘black marble’ was honed (Maddockstown). Rich in riverside flora and fauna – spot a swift, a heron or catch a fleeting glimpse of kingfisher or an otter emerging from the riverbank. Described by *The Irish Times* as ‘a delightful walk’ and by *The Irish Independent* as ‘one of the most delectable river walks in Ireland, an unfolding tale of kingfishers, otters, Sleeping Beauty castles and wicked young princelings – pure distillation of magic in the floodlands of Kilkenny’.