

### **WALK NO 3: Union Hall and Lough Clochar**

**Distance:** To Union Hall and back 3 ½ ml (6km)      **Time:** 1 ½ - 2hrs  
                  Above and Lough Clochar 6ml (10km)              **Time:** 2 ½ - 3hrs  
**Terrain:** Easily walkable roads. A few manageable hills on the loop.

**Start and Finish:** Glandore Village

Walk past the Church of Ireland with the harbour just below to your left (normally you should walk on the right, to face oncoming traffic, but you may decide that you are more visible on the seaward side of this road). The road winds most scenically along the harbour, and then you turn left onto the single lane Poulgorm bridge, with good views on up the inlet towards Leap. (*Poulgorm means blue pool – an apt name*). Follow the road over to Union Hall, with its unusual “backs to the sea inlet” layout. It won’t take all that long to explore, but if you’re that way inclined there are a few nice pubs and café for refreshments. If you are not doing the extra loop, simply head back to Glandore at your leisure, retracting your outward steps.

**LOUGH CLOCHAR LOOP:** From Union Hall village go up the hill to the Catholic Church, and turn left around the Church. A short distance later, (ignore the turn for Reen pier), keep straight on here, in a quiet rural setting, and you reach a narrow lake on your left – this is Lough Clochar. At the far end of the lake, you come to a little crossroads, and take the left, uphill, option here. Keep left at the next fork as you go up this narrow road, and it continues to ascend for a while longer, before it starts to descend back into Union Hall, with good views back to the inner harbour and Poulgorm Bridge, infact the last few hundred meters to the middle of the village are quite steeply downhill. Your only remaining decision now is whether to head straight back for Glandore or to pause for that refreshment which was mentioned earlier!!.