

## **WALK NO.1 DROMBEG STONE CIRCLE – VARIATIONS**

**Distance:** 4-5 MI (7-9km)     **Time:** 1 ½ hrs – 2hrs

**Terrain:** All on (usually quiet) roads

**Start and Finish :** Glandore Village

**OPTION 1:** Through the village and continue outwards until you pass the church on the left about 1 ½ mil(2km) away, and take the first turn right signposted for Drombeg. This narrow road has a host of thorn trees, holly, ferns, primroses and a host of other flora line your route, which descends for a short distance before veering right, between two little hills, and then ascends to a sign for the Drombeg Stone Circle. Go right as directed by the sign, and the little lane swings sharp left, then right, to bring you to the gate at the stone circle.

**OPTION 2 :** (Slightly longer/more uphill) Go left at the village information map, and go left up the steep hill, at this fork, into an instantly more rural setting with great views over the Glandore Harbour. Some ten minutes later, take the upward left again just before a house with a slated upper half, and once again take an upward left some 50m later. Now this narrow road weaves upwards past some homes, with good views inland as well as onto the harbour. When you arrive at a T-junction with a house facing you, turn right and this road levels off before descending past Glandore National School on your left. When you reach a fork with a sign “Glandore 2km” you go left towards the Church, and you have now rejoined with Option 1, above, which you follow as far as the Drombeg Stone Circle.

**RETURN OPTIONS:** You can elect to return by either of the two outward routes described above, or carry on to finish a loop as follows: When you go from the Drombeg Stone Circle field back out to the little road, turn right (Southward), this road brings you down to a T-junction. You turn right here, and simply stay on this road, passing Kilfinnan Farm, and then swings right to where you will have really dramatic views down left onto Glandore Harbour and across to Union Hall. The road descends to a T-junction, where you turn left to bring you back down into the village and no doubt to a well-earned beverage of your choice.