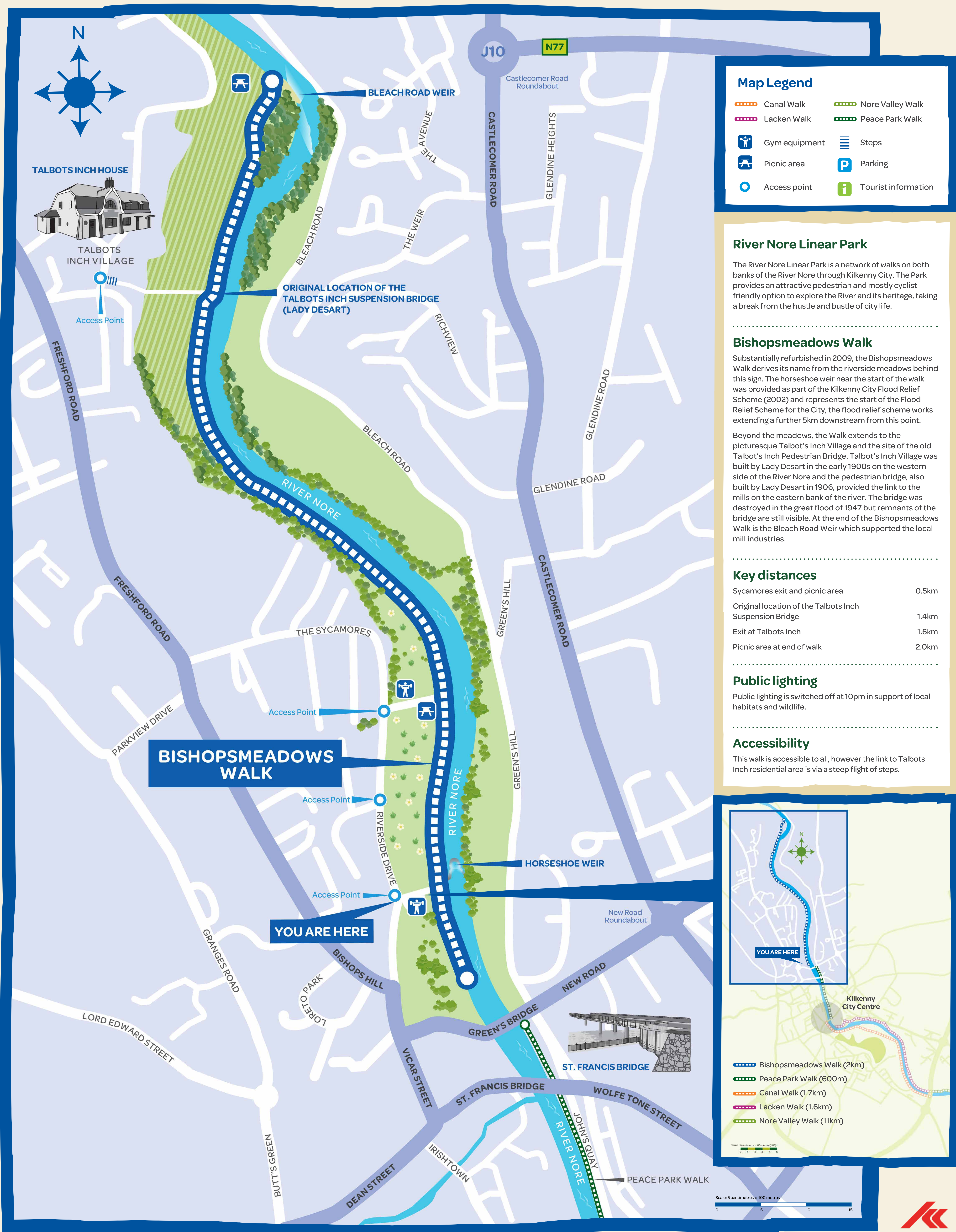


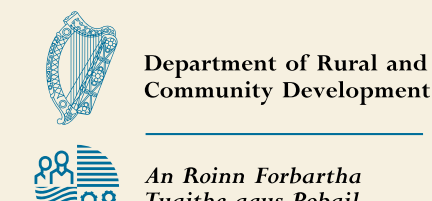


River Nore Linear Park Bishopsmeadows Walk



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River Nore Linear Park Canal Walk



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River Nore Linear Park

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Canal Walk

During the late 1750s efforts were afoot to make the River Nore navigable between Kilkenny and Inistioge to the south. By 1761 there were more than 4 miles of canal cut from Kilkenny towards Inistioge and a fine 10 arch stone bridge, 300 feet in length, had been constructed at Inistioge. Ultimately the project to make the Nore navigable between Kilkenny and Inistioge did not materialise. The positive outcome from all of this is that the people of Kilkenny were left with their much loved Canal Walk.

The Canal Walk is located between Kilkenny Castle and Park and the River Nore. Rising on high ground above the Walk is Kilkenny Castle and Park dating back to 1192 when it was built by the Normans. There are a number of access points to the Castle Park along the Canal Walk during castle opening hours.

The Canal Walk is a very attractive walk, very popular with locals and lined for much of its length with mature trees. Various mill races, mill buildings, weirs, wells and remnants of the old canal all provide interest points along the walk. The walk loops back to Kilkenny city centre via the Lacken Walk on the eastern river bank. To complete the loop cross the River via the Ossory Pedestrian Bridge, an attractive timber based pedestrian bridge, which spans the river approximately 1.8km from this point and proceed upstream back towards the City Centre.

Alternatively walkers may continue along the Nore Valley Walk, proceeding downstream after crossing the Ossory Pedestrian Bridge. Way marking signs will guide those unfamiliar with the route.

Key distances

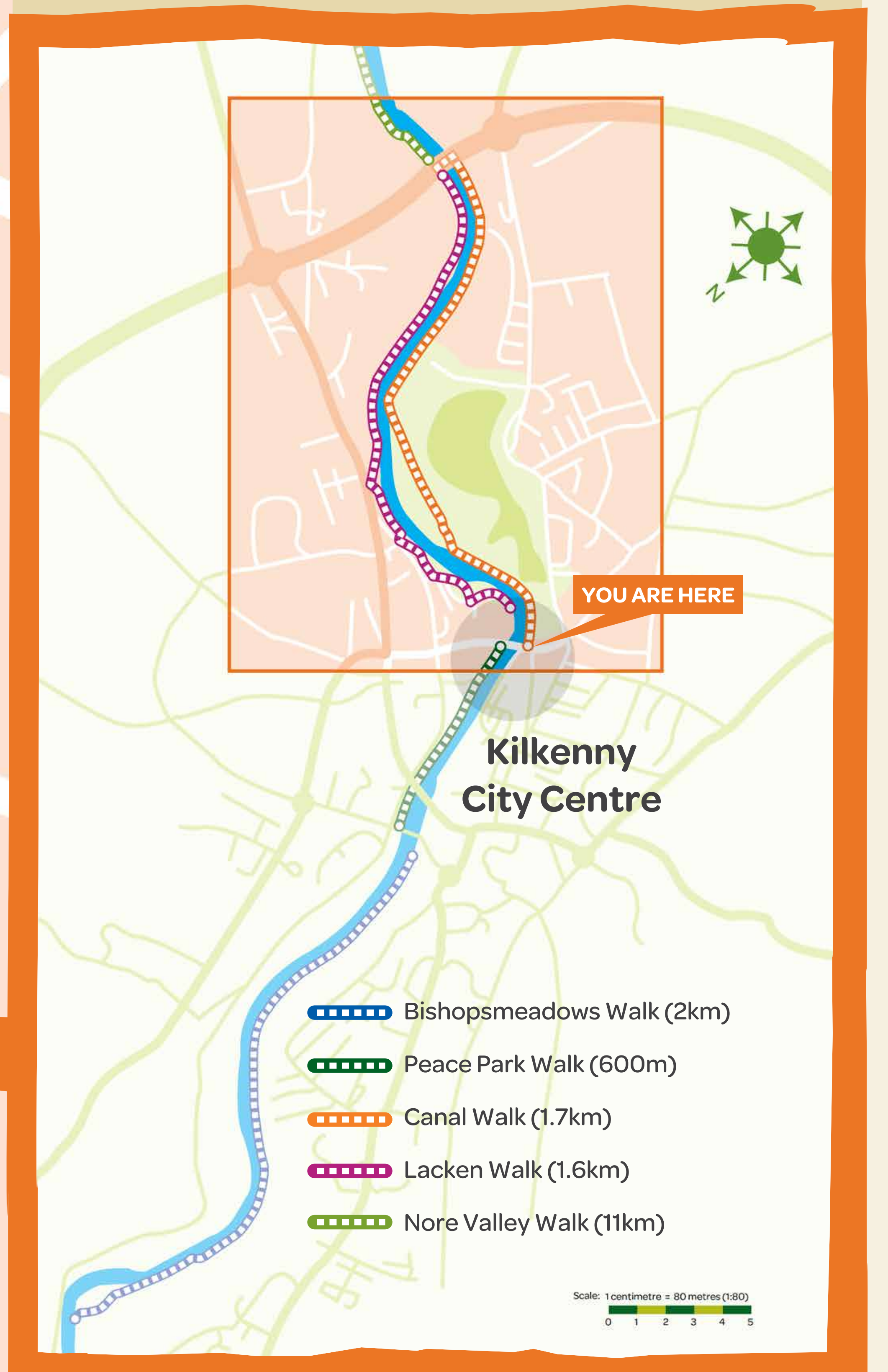
First entrance gate to castle	0.2km
Second entrance gate to castle	0.9km
Picnic area	1.0km
Car park	1.10km
Exit to Bennettsbridge Road	1.60km
Ossory Pedestrian Bridge	1.80km
Exit to Ring Road	2.0km
(across the pedestrian bridge and up the ramp)	

Public lighting

Public lighting is switched off at 10pm in support of local habitats and wildlife.

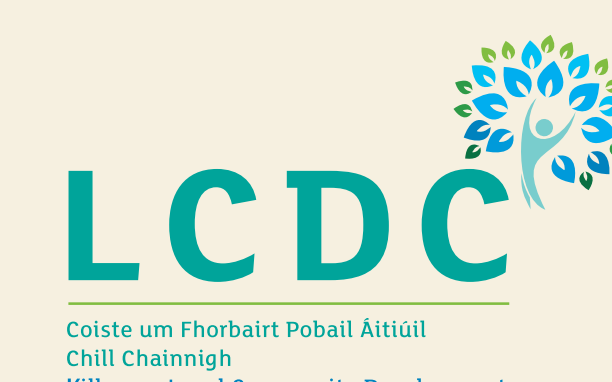
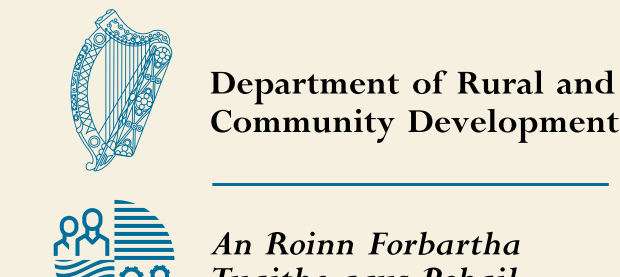
Accessibility

This walk is accessible to all. Please note there are steps into Kilkenny Castle grounds at the first entrance off Canal Walk.



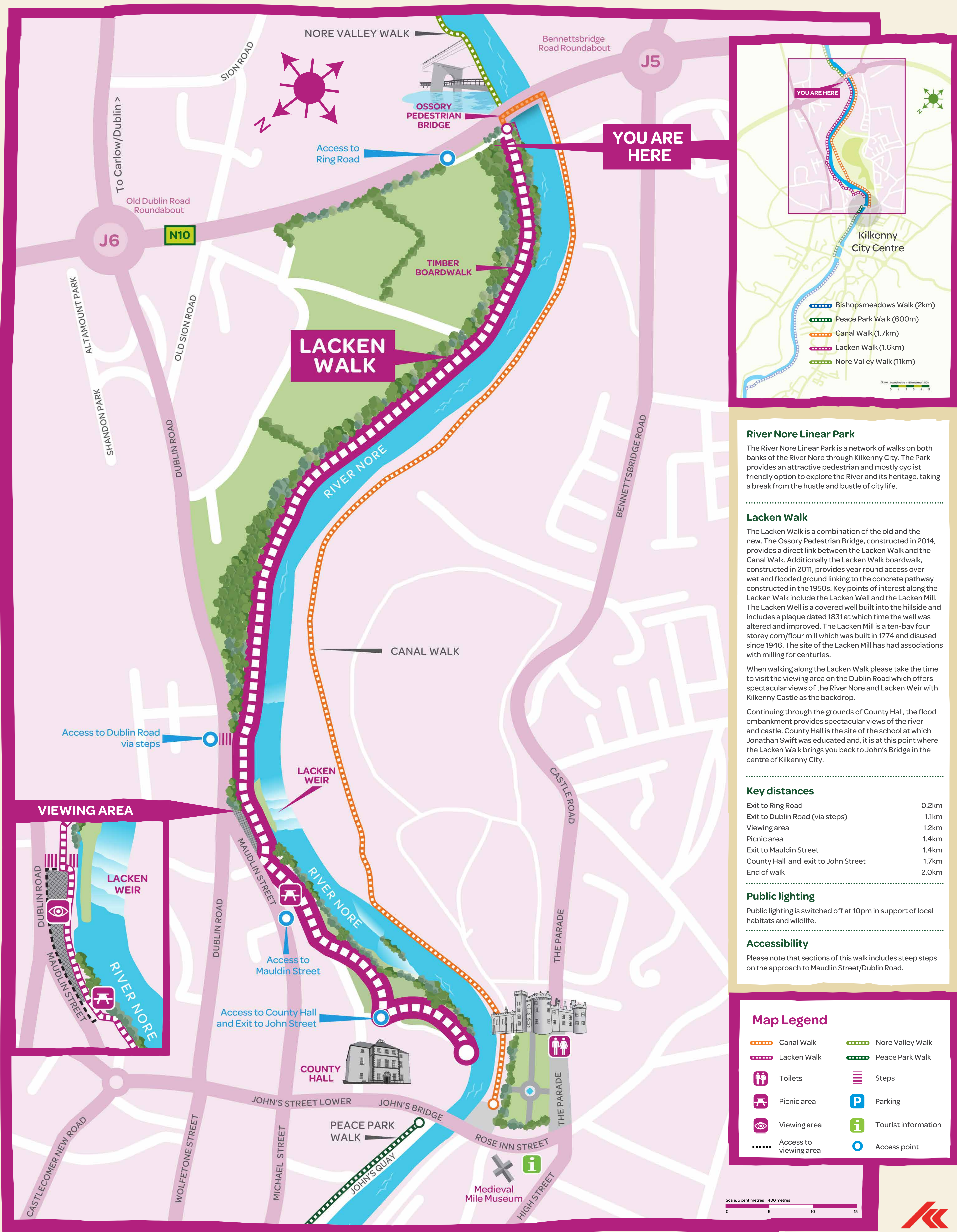
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River Nore Linear Park Lacken Walk



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Lacken Walk

The Lacken Walk is a combination of the old and the new. The Ossory Pedestrian Bridge, constructed in 2014, provides a direct link between the Lacken Walk and the Canal Walk. Additionally the Lacken Walk boardwalk, constructed in 2011, provides year round access over wet and flooded ground linking to the concrete pathway constructed in the 1950s. Key points of interest along the Lacken Walk include the Lacken Well and the Lacken Mill. The Lacken Well is a covered well built into the hillside and includes a plaque dated 1831 at which time the well was altered and improved. The Lacken Mill is a ten-bay four storey corn/flour mill which was built in 1774 and disused since 1946. The site of the Lacken Mill has had associations with milling for centuries.

When walking along the Lacken Walk please take the time to visit the viewing area on the Dublin Road which offers spectacular views of the River Nore and Lacken Weir with Kilkenny Castle as the backdrop.

Continuing through the grounds of County Hall, the flood embankment provides spectacular views of the river and castle. County Hall is the site of the school at which Jonathan Swift was educated and, it is at this point where the Lacken Walk brings you back to John's Bridge in the centre of Kilkenny City.

Map Legend

Canal Walk	Nore Valley Walk
Lacken Walk	Peace Park Walk
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Access to viewing area	Access point



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