

**Liam & Zell Conway
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To
Riversdale House
Guided & Self Guided
Walking & Electric Bike Tours
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For the perfect walking or electric biking holiday in Wicklow and Glendalough let Liam and Zell Conway look after you at Riversdale House B&B, for guided & self guided walks along the Wicklow Way / St Kevins Way and the walking Trails of Glendalough. If you prefer we can provide electric bikes with guided maps and all safety gear, including helmets, high vis jackets, bells lights, locks etc. We can also combine walking and biking especially for you.

You will be staying at **Riversdale House, bed & breakfast**, situated in one of Irelands most scenic holiday destinations where the welcome is warm and Friendly. Riversdale House is the ideal base for your walking or biking holiday in Glendalough and other parts of Wicklow. Your accommodation is to a very high standard, we are located on the St Kevins Way, and only 10 minutes walk from the Wicklow Way. We are positioned high up in the Wicklow Mountains enjoying spectacular views of nature, with Mountains Rivers and stunning landscapes. Laundry and drying room is available. Delicious 3 course meals served each evening at a time to suit you at our local Wicklow Heather Restaurant. **Courtesy pickup drop off service also provided.**

Wicklow Way



The Wicklow Way (132 km) is the oldest established walking route in Ireland, situated in the Wicklow Mountains National Park, which is the largest upland region in Ireland and rises to a formidable 925m at Lugnaquilla peak. You will appreciate the rich nature and heritage, flora and fauna, and unique habitats.

St Kevin's Way, Co. Wicklow

From Hollywood to Glendalough

St Kevin's Way follows in the footsteps of St Kevin through the hills of Wicklow to the haunting and mysterious valley of Glendalough where he spent the rest of his life in solitary prayer and contemplation. After Kevin's death in AD 618, what had been a humble hermit's retreat developed into an impressive monastic city which was to continue as a centre of piety and learning for many years to come. Medieval pilgrims came from far and wide to visit Kevin's tomb, and the alternative starting points to the walk reflect the different directions from which they are likely to have travelled.

The main route starts in Hollywood, while the alternative route comes from Vallemount. The paths meet and join at Ballinagee Bridge. The walker then climbs towards the spectacular Wicklow Gap, a classic example of a 'wind gap' and the highest point on the route. The flagstones of the old pilgrimage road are still visible in sections. The route then follows the descent of the Glendasan River into the Valley of Glendalough. Before proceeding to the monastic buildings, a visit to the fine interpretative centre beside Glendalough carpark will give an overview of the history of the area.

Little remains of the early monastery that grew up around St Kevin's tomb, and most of the monastic buildings date from the eleventh and twelfth centuries, the heyday of the European pilgrimage. The cluster includes one of the country's best preserved examples of a round tower. The valley beyond the monastic settlement has much to offer, including a view of the inaccessible 'St Kevin's Bed' from which he reputedly hurled a seductive maiden into the lake below in a determined effort to preserve his chastity.

A hiking vacation in Ireland on the Wicklow Way and other remote paths in the uplands is the perfect way to really discover Ireland. You are away from the crowds and busy places. The people you meet have time to greet you with a friendly word. Enjoy the solitude and appreciate the nature and the beauty of the landscape.



Walking Trails of Glendalough

There are nine way-marked walking trails in the valley of Glendalough. The walks vary from a short half hour stroll to a long four hour hill walk.

What's included in all Self-Guided Tour package holidays

- Bed and Breakfast
- Three course evening meal
- Detailed route maps and instructions for each day
- Transport to your walk
- Most walks available all year
- Packed lunches daily
- Laundry and drying facilities
- Transport from arrivals at Dublin Airport to Riversdale House
- Your return to Rathdrum Train Station or Airport Shuttle Bus

Walking the Wicklow Way / Kevin's Way

Self Guided Walks **Minimum 3 night stay**

3 Day self guided walk € 345 per person sharing

4 day self guided walk € 445 per person sharing

5 day self guided walk € 570 per person sharing

5 day guided walk can also be provided € 690 per person sharing