

LUMFORD'S GLEN REJUVENATION PROJECT

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WHO ARE WE ?

Not just a running club, we are a volunteer group with a genuine interest in encouraging people to get outdoors in our beautiful Clogher Valley countryside.

In 2019; in collaboration with MUDC, Sport NI and DEARA, we successfully completed a project to improve facilities at Knockmany Forest. Projected Year 3 figures was 27,000 annually/2250 monthly. The current usage of Knockmany is approx 5000 per month which equates to 60,000 annually. (2021/2022). These numbers far exceeded our expectations.

We would now like to build on this success and rejuvenate Lumford's Glen adjacent to the main forest block of Knockmany Forest which was closed to the public in 2012 due to damage caused by rain-storms.



**IMPROVED
CARPARKING**



**CLEARING OF
PATHS AND
IMPROVED
ACCESS.**



**PROVISION
OF TOILET
FACILITIES,
CHANGING
PLACES
FACILITY,
KITCHEN AND
MEETING
ROOM**

WHAT IS LUMFORD'S GLEN?

THE WATERFALL

Lumford's Glen includes trails and steps which lead to a stunning natural 60-foot waterfall.

THE ROUTE

From it's own small carpark, the route to the waterfall through Lumford's Glen is approx. 1.4 miles (Image 1).

Re-establishing this existing trail would create a new 3.7 miles (6km) loop to incorporate Knockmany Cairn and the Waterfall... starting and ending at Knockmany carpark (Image 2).



IMAGE 1: LUMFORD'S GLEN TRAIL

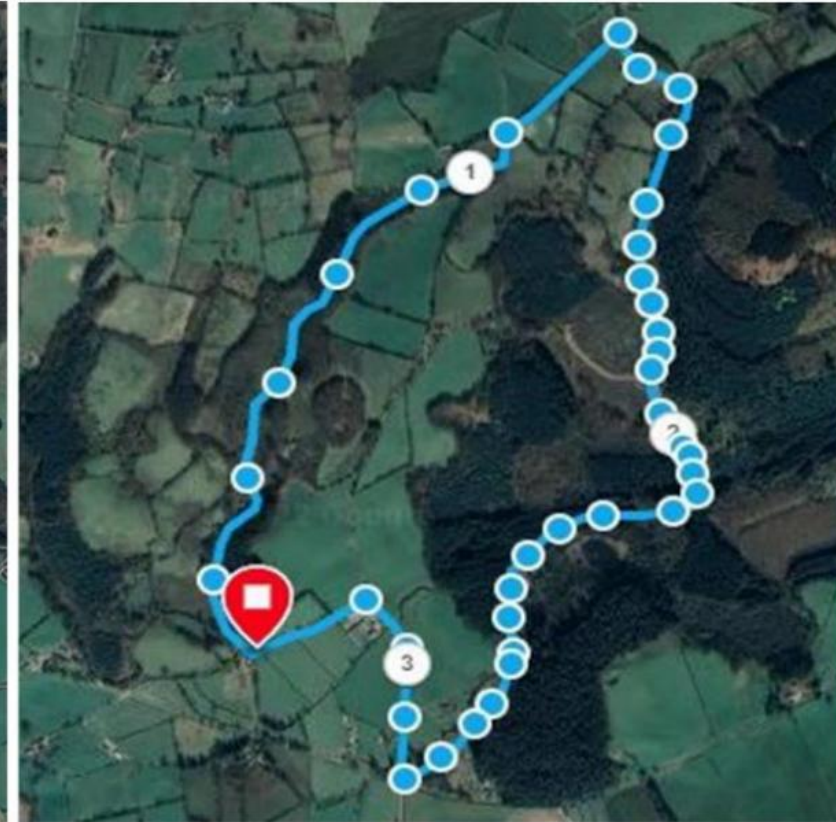


IMAGE 2: KNOCKMANY/LUMFORD'S GLEN TRAIL

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THE HERITAGE OF LUMFORD'S GLEN

- RECORDS INDICATE IT LIKELY PREDATES KNOCKMANY AS A BEAUTY AND TOURISM SPOT.

LETTERS FROM GEORGIAN IRELAND; THE CORRESPONDENCE OF MARY DELANY 1731-68 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT

Clogher 2 August 1748 "we went to Longford's Glinn (Glen).. The water that runs through it is a little bubbling brook instead of a river... as if frequented by...'nymps and fawns.

- THE GRAND JURY MAP OF TYRONE 1813 NAMES LUMFORDS GLEN AND CATARACT (WATERFALL); THE MAP OF 1837 REFERENCES THE GLEN WITH PATHS OUTLINED.

THE HERITAGE OF LUMFORD'S GLEN



THE AREA ONCE FORMED PART OF THE CECIL MANOR ESTATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BOUGHT THE LAND IN 1911, DEMOLISHED THE BIG HOUSE AND PLANTED THE CURRENT FOREST AREA.

IN 1829 SIR GEORGE SAVILLE RESIDED IN THE AGENTS HOUSE OF THE MANOR ESTATE AND AT THAT STAGE THE TRAILS IN LUMFORD'S GLEN WERE VERY MUCH USED BY GENTRY OF THE AREA AS A WALKWAY AND NATURAL TOURIST ATTRACTION.

THE AREA ALSO FORMS PART OF THE CARLTON TRAIL FROM KNOCKMANY FOREST AND LUMFORD'S GLEN TO SAINT MACARTAN'S CHURCH AUGHER.



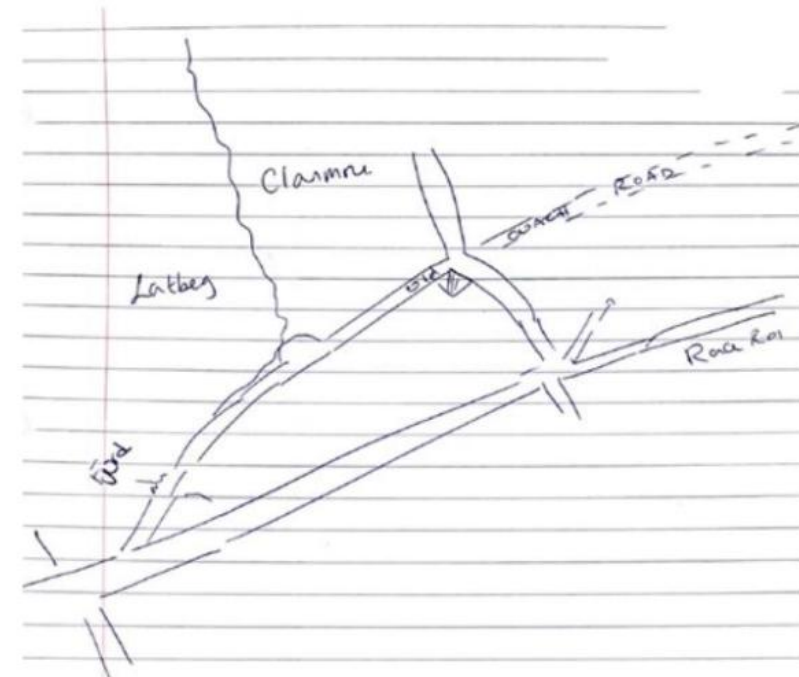
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THE OLD COACH ROAD

Previously known as the Old Coach Road, part of this trail was utilised by people getting the coach from Derry to Dublin which travelled from Newtonsaville along this route, crossing the existing fjord at the road and passing some of the current paths in Knockmany towards Augher, Clara and onwards to Monaghan.

THE WATER

The water flowing from the waterfall divides the Claremore and Latbeg townlands and feeds into the Blackwater catchment in Augher.



WHY SHOULD LUMFORD'S GLEN BE RESTORED ?

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THE AREA IS A BEAUTIFUL TRAIL OF PATHS AND STEPS TO REACH THE WATERFALL. IT WOULD EXTEND THE CURRENT TRAILS ALREADY IN USE IN KNOCKMANY.

02

THE PATHS AND STEPS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE IT JUST NEEDS CLEARED AND MADE SAFE FOR THE PUBLIC TO ACCESS AND USE AGAIN.

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THERE IS A HISTORY ASSOCIATED WITH LUMFORD'S GLEN WHICH SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DISAPPEAR.

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THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS USING KNOCKMANY FOREST SHOWS DEMAND WAS REAL. THE PANDEMIC CREATED A SUSTAINED INTEREST IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AND LUMFORD'S GLEN WILL PROVIDE EVEN MORE TRAILS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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THE PROJECT ALIGNS WITH THE COMMUNITIES SECTION OF THE MID ULSTER CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES (2020-24) "TO OPEN AND SUSTAIN ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATION IN LEISURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIESIN LOCAL COMMUNITIES".

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THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HAVE ALL RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY AT THE PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE TO VISIT LUMFORD'S GLEN AGAIN.

That's Lumford's Glen and I think the waterfall was known as The Mad Woman's Leap (pronounced lep), probably the White Lady! My children walked in it very often, an adventure, then a picnic, cheap too 😊

Beautiful place hopefully it is restored for the local community to enjoy 🙏🙏

Lumfords Glen used to go here as a child and run past this entry every week it really would love to see it restored

The waterfall in lumfords glen is easy 60ft from when it tips over the edge at the top until it hits the bottom!!! If you heard of this from someone I bet I'd drive an hr to see it..... This is in heart of the clogher valley!!

Great memories with mum and dad in lumfords glen as a child, it was a real adventure! would love to see it restored as no doubt the local community and those from further afield would come to enjoy!

Lumfords Glen happy memories here from a child loved the steps up to the waterfall its a magical place would be lovely to see it opening again for our kids to explore.

Lumfords Glen ... and the mad womens leap 😊 stunning place .. be fabulous to get it restored and accessible again so future generations can experience the beautiful setting just as we all did in our childhood !

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

The local Clogher Valley community and the recently increased footfall in Knockmany would extend to Lumford's Glen

- **Local schools**
 - **Pre, primary and secondary**
- **Sure Start**
- **Local sports teams**
- **Clogher Valley Walking Group and associated local walking groups (inc. Knockatallen, Dungannon, Coneen)**
- **Knockmany Running Club**
- **Knockmany Forest Ramblers**

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM MUDC?

TO PRIORITISE LUMFORD'S GLEN FOR A SCOPING STUDY



TO FOLLOW UP WITH PROGRESSING TO A TECHNICAL DESIGN ASSESSMENT OF LUMFORD'S GLEN



THERE IS ALREADY A LICENSED AGREEMENT IN PLACE BETWEEN MUDC AND FORESTRY FOR LUMFORD'S GLEN

