



**NATIONAL FAMINE** Way™

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The National Famine Way™ is a 165km way marked walking and cycling trail commemorating a heartbreaking walk of forced emigration which took place in 1847 at the height of the Irish famine. It begins at the memorial glass wall at National Famine Museum | Strokestown Park in Roscommon and continues through six counties to EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin's Docklands. The route is marked by more than 30 pairs of bronze children's shoes.

This emotional trail with captivating layers of history tells the tale of 1,490 famine-stricken tenant farmers and their families who were marched to Dublin by their landlord and forced to emigrate to Canada. The comprehensive official pack includes a passport and a ship ticket for one of the original famine families. Their poignant story evolves along the route, following the experience of one emigrant, 12-year-old Daniel Tighe, through an app with relevant audio and video centred around each pair of bronze shoes. On arrival at EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, walkers discover the fate of their famine family and receive a certificate of completion and a comprehensive end of trail booklet.

After the first 20km the National Famine Way is mainly off road, following the towpath along the Royal Canal. The trail is flat, well surfaced and generally accessible for families, casual walkers and cyclists.

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## Areas to Highlight

- A 165km digitally and physically waymarked historic trail following in the footsteps of 1,490 famine emigrants during the famine in 1847.
- The trail runs from Strokestown Park, Co. Roscommon (trailhead) to EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin Docksland, along country pathways and the Royal Canal towpath.
- Along the Route: The trail is waymarked by 32 poignant sculptures of bronze 19th-century children's shoes.

## Trail Maps

There are three types of OSI maps: illustrative trail map, county map and map of Ireland.

- Interactive Google map on the app, which shows you exactly where you are on the trail and indicates the bronze shoes.
- Static map: details of detours at interesting points along the route are shown in orange on the map, available on the app or in the official pack.

## YOUR COUNTY MAP

