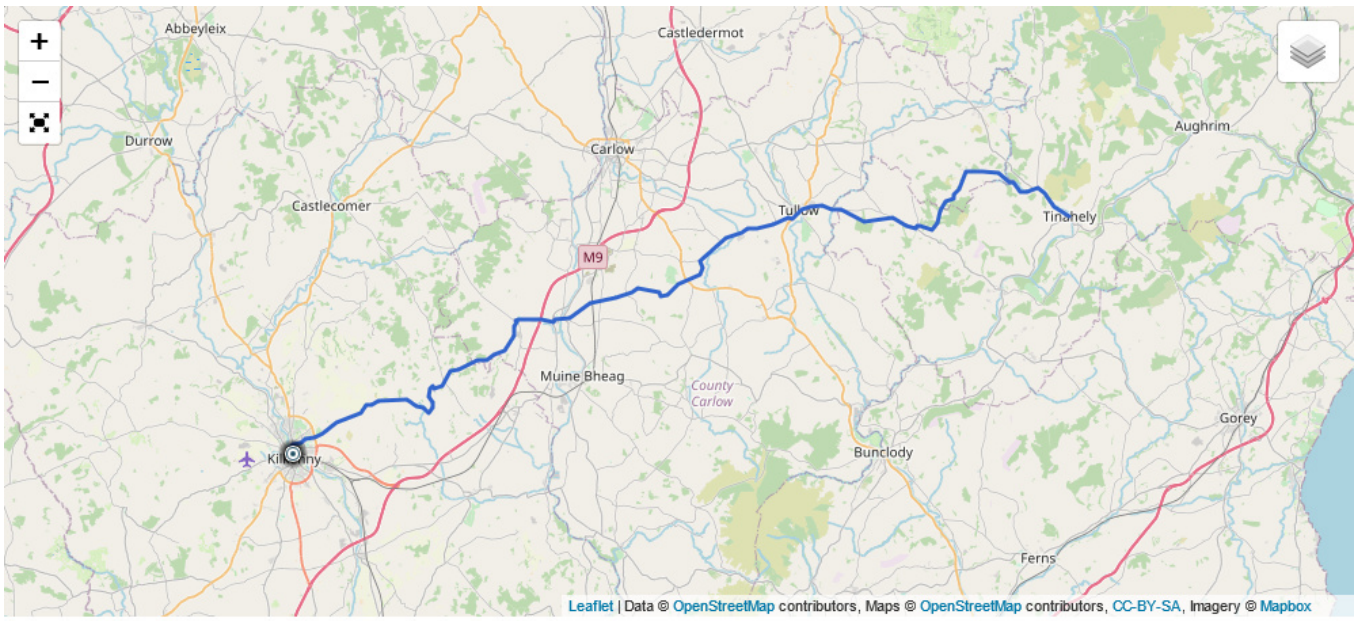


Tour of Ireland (Day 12)

Road

Distance : 70 km Elevation : 1000 m Difficulty : 2

Start point : Kilkenny End point : Tinahely





We enter the county of Wicklow, an area much appreciated by hikers for its wilderness. Located at only 1 hour drive south of Dublin, it is the favorite county of the inhabitants of the capital to come and recharge their batteries on weekends. Many inhabitants have second homes there. It is not uncommon to see cyclists, joggers, as well as fishermen in the Glendalough hole.

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This morning, I leave **Kilkenny** in the rain. Fortunately, the stage is not too long. I should reach my goal around 1pm. A small climb awaits me between the 10th and 20th km, otherwise it's bumpy but without much difficulty.

The road will take us through the village of **Castlewarren**, then we leave Killkenny County to drive into Carlow County.



The road to Castlewarren



The road to Old Leighlin

The road continues for almost 50km towards **Old Leighlin**, we pass under the freeway bridge before reaching the **Leighlinbridge**, which we cross to admire its castle.



Leighlinbridge Castle

Further on, we pass through the village of **Tullow**, then past the ruins of **Clonmore Castle** before descending to **Tinahely**, the first village in County Wicklow, a hiker's paradise and the goal of our stage of the day.





The village of Tullow and the ruins of Clonmore Castle

Tinahely has less than 1000 souls and yet it feels like a small town. The center of the village is lively and the inhabitants share the few terraces. I have rarely seen so many shopkeepers for such a small village. The river Derry flows not far away.







Tinahely

My choice ended at the pub "**The dying cow**". I love the name of the pub. I wonder if they have good steak there?



The Dying Cow Pub, Tinahely