

Cuas to Cloghane Hike

County Kerry, Ireland

The sixth segment of the Dingle Way is one of its most remote and demanding of the route. The trail climbs to the wild and windswept Brandon Pass before descending to the coastal village of Cloghane.



18 km
(11.2 mi)

DISTANCE



700 m
(2,300 ft)

ELEVATION GAIN



Challenging

DIFFICULTY



6–8
hours

TIME



Point
to Point

TYPE

ELEVATION PROFILE



FACILITIES: Limited. Pubs, cafés, public restrooms, and bus service are available in Brandon Village and Cloghane. There are no facilities on Brandon Pass.



WATER AVAILABILITY: No potable water is available on the mountain. Carry at least 2 liters of water, especially in warm weather. Natural streams should be treated or filtered before drinking.



CELL SERVICE: Intermittent. Coverage is generally available in Cuas, Brandon Village, and Cloghane, but can be weak or nonexistent across Brandon Pass. Download offline maps before starting.



MAPS: Official Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) Discovery Series Maps 70 and 71 are recommended. Digital maps are also available on AllTrails and in Dingle Way guidebooks.



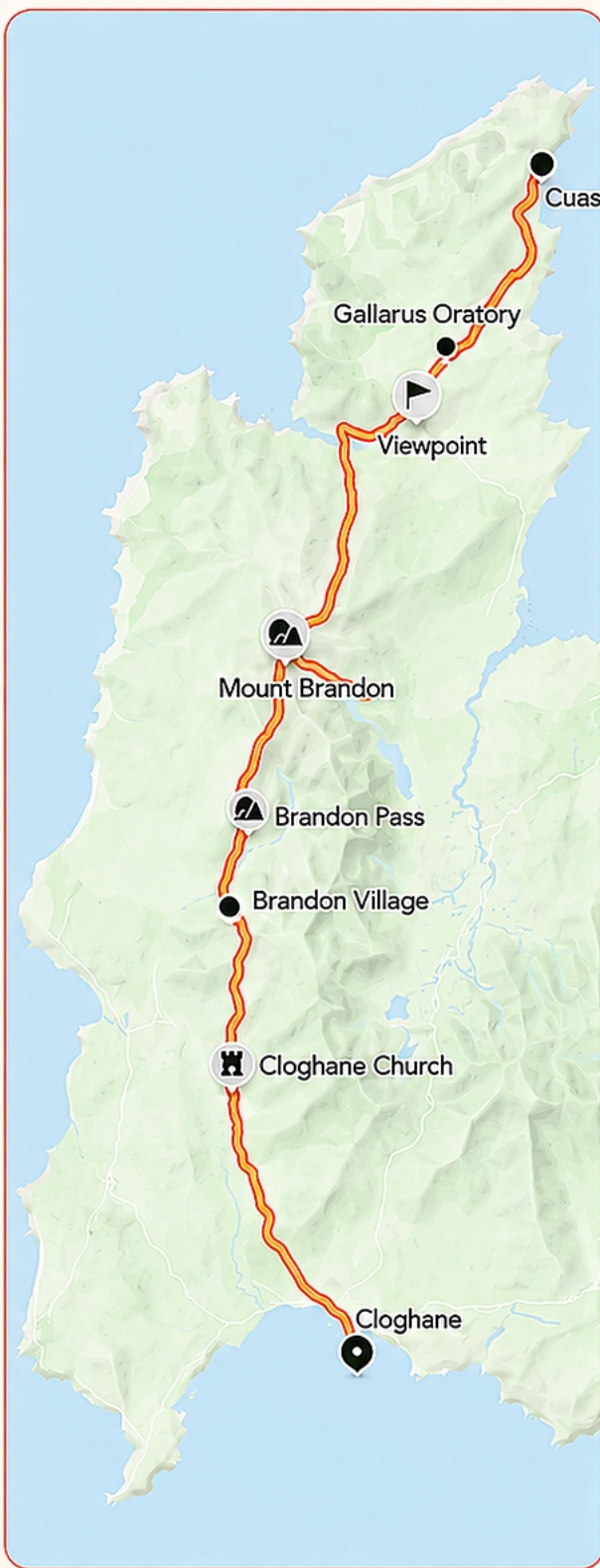
COST: The trail is free to hike. Optional luggage transfer services, guided tours, and accommodations are available for an additional cost.



SEASONAL CLOSURES: Open year-round, but winter conditions, heavy rain, dense fog, or high winds can make Brandon Pass unsafe. Always check the weather forecast before attempting the crossing.



WHAT TO BRING: Waterproof hiking boots, layered rain gear, gaiters (some sections can be very muddy), a paper or downloaded map, a fully charged phone, a



HIGHLIGHTS ALONG THE WAY

- ★ **Gallarus Oratory:** A remarkably preserved, 1,200-year-old stone church shaped like an upturned boat.
- ★ **Brandon Pass:** The highest point on the Dingle Way with dramatic, 360° mountain and ocean views.
- ★ **Panoramic Views:** Expansive vistas of Mount Brandon, Brandon Bay, and the Macgillycuddy's Reeks.
- ★ **Brandon Village:** A small, scenic village with a pub, café, and bus stop.
- ★ **Cloghane Church:** A peaceful coastal church marking the final stretch into Cloghane.
- ★ **Cloghane:** A quiet seaside village and the official end of the Dingle Way.