

*Glenbeigh is situated on the famous N70 Ring of Kerry Road, at the heart of the Kingdom of Kerry in the southwest of Ireland.*

## PLACES OF INTEREST IN GLENBEIGH

***Coomasaharn:*** Lying in the south west corner of the parish, it possesses one of the greatest clusterings of rock art in Western Europe. Lake Coomasaharn is home to a fish found nowhere else in the world - the Coomasaharn Char. The remote rocky slopes on the northern shore of the lake enclose a mass rock, where the local Catholics came to celebrate mass in Penal Times (1600's) when it was forbidden to do so under then British Rule.

***Drung Hill:*** Site of an ancient Pattern Fair and Ogham Stone, it has also been traversed by four types of ‘road’ down through the ages - The Butter Road, The Coach Road (Now Kerry Way), The Farranfore to Valentia Rail Road and the current Ring of Kerry Road.

**Kealduff:** Evidence of farming thousands of years ago can be found where a pre bog wall system was uncovered, along with two souterrains, hut, rock art and enclosure.

**Wynn's Castle:** Constructed in 1867 by the Fourth Baron Headley, the local landlord of British Peerage, the castle and grounds were let to the British Military Command during World War I and used as a training centre for reservists. In 1921, during the Irish Civil War, the Irish Republican Army burnt the castle and it has remained untouched since then.

***Glenbeigh Races:*** The Races were first held on Rossbeigh Beach in 1924 and are now one of the biggest race meetings on the horse and pony racing calendar. Held in late August/early September - the exact date depends on tides.

***The Coast Road:*** A grand corniche drive to the south of the village, giving spectacular views of Dingle Bay.

***Kerry Bog Village:*** Glenbeigh is the area where the Kerry Bog Pony was saved from near extinction in the 1990's. This excellent breed is now celebrated as part of the Kerry Bog Village Museum at Ballintleave – next to the Red Fox Inn on the Killorglin road.

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## OTHER PLACES TO VISIT IN KERRY WHILE USING GLENBEIGH AS YOUR BASE.....

**Kells Bay Gardens (13km):** A sub-tropical experience. The centrepiece primeval forest includes tree ferns while Ireland's biggest palm, a 14m Jubaea Chilensis greets you on arrival. Other features are the Gunnera Pond, Walled Garden, River Walk, Waterfall & Tea Rooms. Walks suitable for everyone.

***Gap of Dunloe (16km):*** The finest example of a glaciated valley in western Europe - best traversed in the traditional way by Pony & Trap from Kate Kearney's Cottage.

***Cahersiveen (27km):*** Visit the Old Barracks Heritage Centre in the former Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) Barracks. Also, visit the spectacular Cahergal and Leacanabuaile stone forts and the Birthplace of Daniel O'Connell.

***Skellig Islands (32km):*** The Skellig Islands lie 8 miles (12 km) off the coast of Portmagee in South Kerry. Skellig Michael towers 714ft. (218 metres) above sea level. On the summit you will find a well preserved 6<sup>th</sup> Century monastic settlement. On the Small Skellig 23,000 pairs of gannets nest on every available ledge making it the second largest gannet colony in the world. Licensed boat trips available.

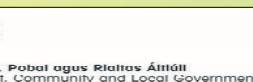
**Valentia Island (36km):** From Geokaun Mountain and Fogher Cliffs take the 360° views of the Blasket Islands, Dingle Peninsula, McGillycuddy Reeks, Cahersiveen, Portmagee & the Skellig Islands. Visit the Skellig Heritage Centre, Valentia Slate Quarry & Fort Point Lighthouse.

***Muckross House & Gardens (40km):*** Formerly known as Muckross Estate, it is renowned for its rhododendron species, hybrids and azaleas, and is surrounded by over 10,000 hectares of National Park.

***Derrynane House (56km):*** The ancestral home of the ‘Great Liberator’ Daniel O’Connell, it is a public museum commemorating one of Ireland’s leading historical figures.

**Staigue Fort (64km):** Located near Castlecove, it is Ireland's best preserved Ring Fort, circa 1000 BC.

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### **Rossbeigh Beach**

Renowned for its Blue Flag status, Rossbeigh Beach is suitable for swimming, sea kayaking, kite surfing and kite boarding. There is also a Multi-sport / Basketball Court, Tennis Court, a Picnic Area and a well-equipped playground, allowing you to relax whilst your children play safely in an enclosed area.



### **Walking**

Whether it's a beach stroll, a family walk or a serious trek in the mountains you want, we have a walking trail to suit everybody in Glenbeigh. One of Kerry's finest walks follows the Glenbeigh Horseshoe Circuit from Seefin to Drung Hill, with a never-ending succession of panoramic close-ups of glacial corries, lakes and magnificent scenery. The world renowned Kerry Way walking route also passes through many of Glenbeigh's 'old highways'- this walking route is considered a Linear Heritage Site.



### **Fishing**

Whether you are a beginner, or a keen angler, Glenbeigh is the place for you – our unique location provides shore angling on Rossbeigh beach, lake fishing on Coomasaharn and Caragh Lakes and River fishing on the Caragh and Behy Rivers.



*We have it all!*

### **Golf**

Glenbeigh is the ideal base from which to plan your golfing holiday. The famous Dooks Golf Links, on our doorstep, is located on one of the three stretches of sand dunes at the head of Dingle bay - a truly stunning location for a magical golf experience. The following are some of Kerry's Golf Courses and their distance from Glenbeigh.

Dooks (3km)	Waterville (27km)
Killorglin (8km)	Ring of Kerry [Kenmare] (40km)
Beaufort (15km)	Parknasilla (47km)
Killarney (19km)	Dingle [Ceann Sibeal] (49km)
Tralee (24km)	Ballybunion (50km)



### **Hang Gliding & Para Gliding**

In the early 1980's the sports of Hang Gliding and Para Gliding came to prominence in Glenbeigh. Combining the most beautiful and spectacular scenery together with the mountains of Rossbeigh (300mAOD), Seefin (600mts mAOD) and Drung Hill (700mAOD), this area provides the perfect natural facility for these adventure sports. There is a track to the top of the mountain range overlooking Rossbeigh beach which is suitable for SUV's, making it the perfect spot from which to launch and on a typical day the pilot can soar for hours along the ridge with the perfect smooth updrafts.



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### **Horse Riding**

Feel the wind in your hair as you gallop on Rossbeigh beach or take a gentle ride along the country roads around Glenbeigh, enjoying the spectacular scenery of the Iveragh & Dingle Peninsulas. Trekking packages for all ages are available from local stables.



### **Bird-Watching**

Glenbeigh is a haven for bird watching as its countryside is so varied in such a condensed area: forests, marshes, wetlands, estuaries, rivers, coastline, mudflats, boglands, grazing lands and uplands. A huge array of birds winter here as well as it being a stopover for migrating birds. It's central location on the Iveragh Peninsula, close to the Skellig Islands as well as the Dingle Peninsula and Blasket Islands, make Glenbeigh the ideal base for birdwatchers.



### **Accommodation**

There is a selection of accommodation options available in Glenbeigh – Hotels, Guesthouses, B&B's, Self Catering, Caravan and Camping sites.

### **Other Facilities**

- We have a choice of Restaurants, Cafés & Take Aways,
- Pubs providing food & live music,
- Post Office with Bureau de Change,
- ATM,
- Shops & Filling Stations for all your grocery needs,
- Regular Bus Service connections to nearby towns,
- Minibus, Taxi & Hackney Hire,
- Sportshall.