

Built in 1756 by the Martin Family, Ballynahinch Castle was the Manor House for one of the largest estates in Ireland & the British Isles at the time. Encompassing over 200,000 acres, its boundaries stretched from Oughterard in the east, the 12 Bens to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the south and west.

The area, previously ruled by the O'Flaherty Clan in the 16th century, and home of the infamous pirate queen, Grace O'Malley (Grainnuale) is steeped in history and legend. The original O'Flaherty Castle stronghold can be seen on Castle Island, located on Ballynahinch Lake. The wide variety of woodland walks throughout the estate allow you to escape into this magical, timeless place where relics of the estate's past, and more recent additions welcome you at almost every turn.

The flora and fauna, much of it unique to this region, thrives at Ballynahinch, a veritable oasis, hidden from the wilds of Connemara. Peregrine falcons, pine martins, atlantic salmon and red deer are a few of the protected species which share this habitat with us. Great efforts are undertaken to protect these species and also to remove invasive alien species ensuring the estate is protected for many generations to come.

Guided walks, giving you a much greater insight into the estate's history and ecology, are available year round from the hotel.

All enquiries should be made to the reception desk.

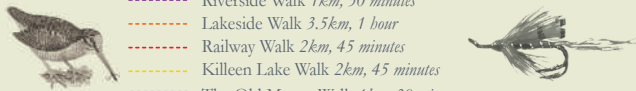


**ESTATE WALKS**

- Riverside Walk 1km, 30 minutes
- Lakeside Walk 3.5km, 1 hour
- Railway Walk 2km, 45 minutes
- Killleen Lake Walk 2km, 45 minutes
- The Old Manor Walk 1km, 30 minutes

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| <b>1</b> The Old Manor<br><i>(Private Residence)</i>           | <b>6</b> Railway Bridge                              | <b>11</b> Woodland Saunas    |
| <b>2</b> O'Flaherty Island                                     | <b>7</b> Station House<br><i>(Private Residence)</i> | <b>12</b> Access to Greenway |
| <b>3</b> The Old Turbine                                       | <b>8</b> Front Gate Lodge                            | <b>13</b> Clay Pigeon Range  |
| <b>4</b> Gate Lodge  | <b>9</b> Footbridge                                  | <b>14</b> The Old Cannon     |
| <b>5</b> Walled Garden<br><i>Garden Cafe - open Seasonally</i> | <b>10</b> Boathouse                                  | <b>🏠</b> Picnic Areas        |

--- Connemara Greenway  
*Estate Greenway Loop 5km*



1 kilometre