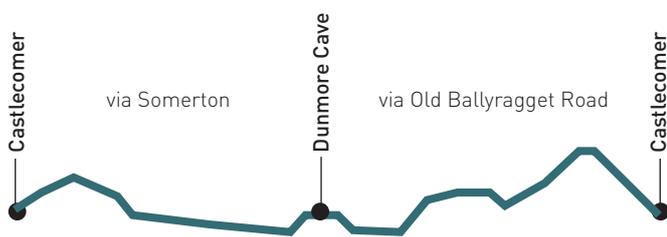




Castlecomer

Welcome to one of Ireland's most scenically beautiful, historically rich and culturally vibrant counties. There's no better or healthier way to really get to know the Marble County than by cycling its quiet backroads and taking in its many wonders, ancient and modern, at your own pace and in your own sweet time. To savour the sights and sounds of the real Kilkenny, and truly feel its magic, saddle up and push away today.

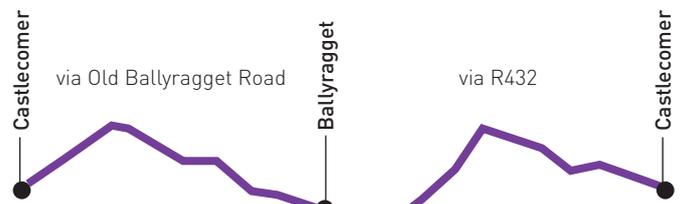


Castlecomer to Dunmore Cave Loop

To Dunmore Cave and back via Tinalinton & Old Ballyragget Road

28.4 km. 105 mins cycling. Rise and fall: 370m.

As well as bringing you across pristine stretches of beautiful countryside, this route also lets you delve deep into both the earth and the past with a stop-off at Dunmore Cave. In addition to containing some of Ireland's most impressive calcite formations, this series of limestone chambers is also fabled as the site of gruesome Viking war crime, when Guthfrith of Ivar supposedly massacred a thousand people there in AD 928.



Castlecomer to Ballyragget Loop

Old Ballyragget Road and back through forestry 25.3 km. Approx 102 mins cycling. Rise and fall: 406m

After a spectacular initial climb out of the bustling town of Castlecomer, you'll cruise across a wide open plain surrounded by pretty hillsides before descending into Ballyragget, its medieval castle dominating this ancient fording point on the Nore. The route back brings you back along quiet forestry roads. If you've still got some energy to burn, Castlecomer's brilliant Discovery Park offers ziplining, tree-top walks, climbing walls, boating, and archery across its 80 acres of stunning natural woodland and lakes.

