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# **CARNE GOLF LINKS**

## **HACKETT COURSE**

Course Planner

# CHILDREN OF LÍR CONNECTION TO THE COURSE



The Children of Lír is an ancient legend from the Irish Mythological Cycle, which has close connections to Carne Golf Links, and is the inspiration for the inclusion of the Swans in our logo.

Lír was Lord of the Seas. He had a beautiful wife, Niambh, and four children, Fionnuala, Aodh, Conn, and Fiachra. Sadly Niambh died when the children were very young and Lír married Niambhs' sister, Aoife, in the hope that they would all love Aoife as they had Niambh.

Aoife, whilst beautiful on the outside, was filled with jealousy for Lír's devotion to his children. One summers day she took the children to Lough Derravaragh and cast a spell on them turning them into swans, and binding them to live 300 years on the waters of the Lough, followed by 300 years on the Straits of Moyle (between Ireland and Scotland). Even after 600 years they were not to be freed from their curse, but had to spend another 300 years in the West, on the wild seas around Inis Gluaire. Aoifes' spell could not be lifted until the children heard a bell ring announcing the arrival of Christianity.

After 300 years on Inis Gluaire, the swans heard the ringing of a bell and knew that they would soon be free. A monk called Caomhóg witnessed the swans reverting to human form, but they aged very quickly as they were now 900 years old. Caomhóg baptised them and very soon afterwards they died. Caomhóg buried them all in one grave on the island of Inis Gluaire, which can be seen from holes 2,3,4, and 5 on both courses.



## WELCOME TO CARNE GOLF LINKS

Carne Golf Links lies on the remote and rugged Mullet Peninsula, along the Wild Atlantic Way, in the North West region of County Mayo in the West of Ireland. An area renowned for its wild and ancient landscape.

Set in magnificent, unspoilt sand dunes stretching 150m above sea level, with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean across Blacksod Bay and the legendary islands of Inis Glóire and Inis Géidhe.

The course features eighteen amazing holes designed by the late Eddie Hackett, and true to his philosophy for respecting the natural landscape, the tees and greens occurred naturally and very little earth moving was involved in the course construction.

Carne was the last course designed by Hackett and many say it is his most challenging. The Hackett 18 integrates with the newer Kilmore Nine course (Jim Engh/Ally McIntosh design), to create the Wild Atlantic Dunes course, which is arguably the most spectacular links course in Ireland, raw and untamed, with increased drama as the holes weave their way through the awe inspiring corners of the centuries old dunescape, and is arguably the biggest dunes course in the world.

A visit to Carne would be incomplete without playing both courses. Carne offers traditional, raw, links golf at its very best in a truly unique and idyllic location

# CARNE GOLF LINKS

## Hole 1: Macalla - Echo

There are stories told of areas close by where a cow could not find her lowing calf because of the confusing echoes.

Holes 2, 3, 4 and 5 are collectively called Inis Gluaire and individually named after the Children of Lír.

### Hole 2: Conn

### Hole 3: Fiachra

### Hole 4: Aodh

### Hole 5: Fionnuala

## Hole 6: Tír na nÓg

Not far off the coast here, there is an island locally known as Tír na nÓg (Land of Youth), but it is only seen once every 21 years when it rises from the sea.

## Hole 7: Magarlín - Wild Orchid

A stray shot off the tee may land you among the wild orchids. Tá aistriú eile ar magarlín ach ní theastaíonn uaim bheith mímhúinte.



### **Hole 8: An Muiríneach - Maram/Bent Grass**

Also meaning hazardous, burdensome and difficult – probably Hackett’s greatest challenge!

### **Hole 9: Log ‘a Fola - The Bloody Hollow**

In a hollow right of the 18th tee is a site where the lowly dead of Ár Iorrais are buried. The *daoine uaisle* are buried on higher ground.

### **Hole 10: Cnoc na Rós - Hill of the Roses**

If you slice your drive on the first tee, you may find yourself among the beautiful ivory-coloured burnet roses which cover this hill in summer.

### **Hole 11: Tóchair Easpag - Bishops’ Path**

Long before buggies and caddy cars, a visiting bishop on foot, on his way to Glebe, might have crossed your path as you drove off from the second tee.

### **Hole 12: An Traonach - Corncrake**

The call of the corncrake – an endangered species – from the meadows nearby may disturb your putting on this green.



### **Hole 13: Tobar Tone - The Reservoir**

Near the green on this hole, on the late Tone Lavelle's land, is the reservoir which supplied Belmullet with water for many years.

### **Hole 14: Lus na mBrat - Wild Thyme**

During the summer months, you will find an abundance of wild thyme around the tee area here.

### **Hole 15: Sraith na Sabhaircíní - The Primrose Way**

The primroses are probably at their most beautiful on the bank right of the ladies' tee.

### **Hole 16: Árd na Gaoithe - The Grandstand**

A reminder of the days when this was a race course, and not a golf course.

### **Hole 17: Log 'a Sí - The Fairy Hollow**

Legend tells us that this green belonged to the fairies.  
Now you know why the putts don't drop!

### **Hole 18: Sí Gaoith' - Whirlwind (Fairy Wind)**

Níl na daoine maithe sásta fós.

# LEGEND

## ALL DISTANCES ARE SHOWN IN YARDS.

All black figures show distance to the **FRONT** of the Green.



Bunkers



Mounds



Bell



Out of  
Bounds



Dells



Next Tee



Water /  
Ditches



Gorse



Rough

212

482

**Driving Distance**

446

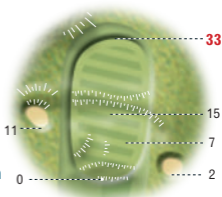
- these figures  
indicate the  
distance from  
each Tee position.

440

382

### Enlarged

**Green** - these  
are shown on  
each hole along  
with detailed  
dimensions.  
Arrows indicate  
ball roll direction  
and strength.



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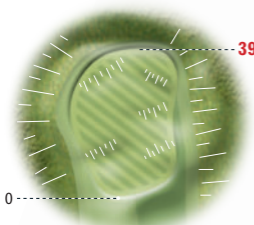


Fairway Target	266
	229
	218
	155

**1**  
Macalla

510	Par 5
473	Par 5
462	Par 5
399	Par 5





39

0

80

259 Fairway Target

229

198

132

120

166

# 3

Fiachra

362 Par 4

332 Par 4

301 Par 4

235 Par 4







- 133**
- 129**
- 117**
- 116**

**5**  
Fionnuala

<b>159</b>	Par 3
<b>155</b>	Par 3
<b>143</b>	Par 3
<b>142</b>	Par 3





25

4

7

21

148

121

118

103

7

Magarlín

171

Par 3

144

Par 3

141

Par 3

126

Par 3





Fairway	260
Target	252
	207
	195

**8**  
An Muiríneach

431	Par 4
423	Par 4
378	Par 4
366	Par 5





	266
Fairway	316
Target	306
	298
	197

**9**  
Log 'a Fola

539	Par 5
529	Par 5
521	Par 5
420	Par 5



Fairway Target	249
	242
	192
	192

**10**  
Cnoc Na Rós

375	Par 4
368	Par 4
318	Par 4
318	Par 4



- 187
- 147
- 135
- 122

**11**  
Tochair Easpag

202	Par 3
162	Par 3
150	Par 3
137	Par 3



<b>12</b>	
An Traonach	
<b>411</b>	Par 4
<b>404</b>	Par 4
<b>331</b>	Par 4
<b>329</b>	Par 4



Fairway	257
Target	246
	235
	148

**13**  
Tobar Tón

517	Par 5
506	Par 5
495	Par 5
408	Par 5



**14**  
Lus na mBrat

413	Par 4
358	Par 4
296	Par 4
288	Par 4



Fairway Target	137
	238
	229
	187
	149

**15**  
Sraith na Sabhaircíní

390	Par 4
381	Par 4
339	Par 4
301	Par 4



16

0

170

163

130

102

# 16

Ard na Gaoithe

177 Par 3

170 Par 3

137 Par 3

109 Par 3





Fairway Target	252
	246
	230
	177

**17**  
Log 'a Sí

403	Par 4
397	Par 4
381	Par 4
328	Par 4



94

245 Fairway Target

237

184

155

164

35

66

143

358 Par 4

350 Par 4

297 Par 4

268 Par 4

18

Sí Gaoith'



# HACKETT COURSE

## Scorecard

HOLE	BLUE YARDS	WHITE YARDS	YELLOW YARDS	PAR	RED YARDS
1	510	473	462	5	399
2	360	326	325	4	291
3	362	332	301	4	235
4	523	486	481	5	419
5	159	155	143	3	142
6	401	394	377	4	322
7	171	144	141	3	126
8	431	423	378	4 / 5	366
9	539	529	521	5	420
OUT	3456	3262	3129	37 / 38	2720
10	375	368	318	4	318
11	202	162	150	3	137
12	411	404	331	4	329
13	517	506	495	5	408
14	413	358	296	4	288
15	390	381	339	4	301
16	177	170	137	3	109
17	403	397	381	4	328
18	358	350	297	4	268
IN	3246	3096	2744	35	2486
TOTAL	6702	6358	5873	72 / 73	5206

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Course Map

