Páirc Náisiúnta Shléibhte Chill Mhantáin

Wicklow Mountains National Park

The Geography of Glendalough: Settlement

Use the map to explore the settlement patterns of Glendalough. You may also see examples of historic and current settlement from a high point, for example, on the Derrybawn Woodland trail (orange arrows), and whilst exploring the valley.

If you have time, take a walk to the Miners' Village or to the Monastic Village to explore the ruins.

Past Settlement

'The Glendalough area shows a long history of settlement'.
Use your map to provide examples of past settlement in Glendalough.

Example	Grid Reference

Explain why the first settlers may have been attracted to Glendalough.

'The function of Glendalough has changed over time'.
Complete the table below. Your teacher or guide may provide more information.

Period	Main Activity
600 to 1200 AD	
1800 to 1950	
Present Day	

List three things that may attract tourists to Glendalough.

1.
2.
3.

Explain two negative effects of large-scale tourism in an area such as Glendalough.

1.
2.

Use map evidence to identify two services provided for tourists in Glendalough.

Service	Grid Reference

Today, modern settlement can create different patterns on the landscape- nucleated, dispersed, linear. Identify any two such patterns that are evident in the Glendalough area and in each case, give a grid reference.

Pattern	Grid Reference

Explain the absence of settlement at T 08 97.