



Cnoc Fola



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‘Na daoine ar na carraigeacha’
‘The people on the rocks’

Le caoinchead ó Gary McParland
Courtesy of Gary McParland

Bíonn an ceann tíre carraigeach ar dhath na meirge agus an ghrian ag dul faoi agus nuair is iad dathanna an fhómhair a bhíonn ar an raithneach.

Garraithe cloiche

Is fianaise iad na ballaí móra eibhir agus na garraithe beaga ar an mbealach a cruthaíodh tailte feirme sna 1890idí. ‘Gach bliain bíonn garraithe nua á míntíriú, ní ón bportach ach ó na carraigeacha. Baintear na céadta tonáí bollán amach as na garraithe agus tógtar sconsaí (ballaí) leo.’

Fuinneamh á bhaint as móin

Ba é an ganntanas guail i rith an Dara Cogadh Domhanda a spreag spéis san úsáid a d'fhéadfaí a bhaint as móin mar fhoinsé breosla i gcumhachtstáisiún leictreachais. Bhí cumhachtstáisiún Gaoth Dobhair gníomhach idir 1958–1995. Bhí beagnach 400 duine ag obair chun móin a choinneáil sna tinte ann, agus rinne feirmeoirí de bhunadh na háite bóithre trí na portaigh chun móin a thabhairt chomh fada leis an gcumhachtstáisiún.

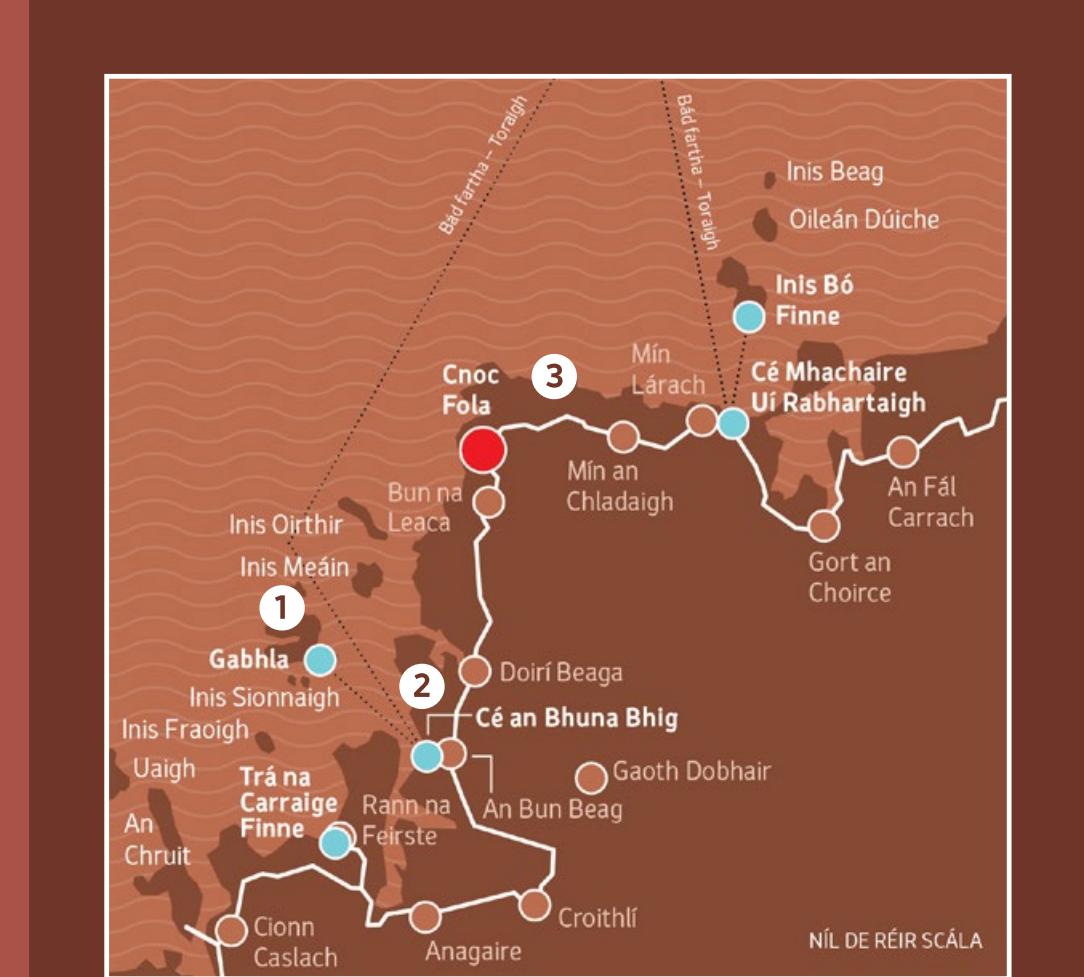
Cnoc Fola means ‘hill of blood’. The rocky headland turns a rusty red at sunset or when the ferns take on their autumn colours.

Fields from stone

Massive granite walls and tiny fields speak of how farmlands were created in the 1890s. ‘Every year sees fresh fields reclaimed, not from the bog but from the rocks. Hundreds of tons of boulders are quarried out of the fields and built into fences (walls).’

Energy from peat

Coal shortages during the Second World War aroused interest in the potential of peat to fuel electricity power stations. Gaoth Dobhair (Gweedore) power station operated from 1958–1995. Nearly 400 people kept its fires burning, with local farmers cutting roads through their bogs to deliver the peat.



1 Bain taitneamh as an radharc i dtreo Oileán Ghabhla.

Take in the panorama towards Gabhla (Gola Island).

2 Caith tamall ag breathnú ar na hiascairí ag tabhairt na n-iasc i dtír sa chuan is lú in Éirinn sa Bhun Beag.

Watch the fish being landed in Ireland's smallest harbour at An Bun Beag (Bunbeg).

3 Beidh radharc chomh maith is a bhíonn ag na héin a bhíonn ag eitilt os cionn na farraige agat má leanann tú Cosán Cóstá Chnoc Fola.

Enjoy a seabird's eye view on the Cnoc Fola (Bloody Foreland) Coastal Path.



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