Blue Pool

An Linn Ghorm

"un-lin **GUR**-um"

An gairdín Iodálach ar Oileán an Chuilinn

The Italian Garden on Garinish Island

Faoi thionchar Shruth na Murascaille

Is tearmann fothrópaiceach san Atlantach Thuaidh é Oileán an Chuilinn, oileán atá suite taobh le creaga carraigeacha na Ceachan. Tá an nádúr buailte ar shráidbhaile an Ghleanna Ghairbh ag an Blue Pool, áit a bhfuil coillearnach taobh leis an gcladach agus a mbíonn rónta beaga le feiceáil sínte ar na carraigeacha.

Is é tionchar Shruth te na Murascaille is cúis leis an aeráid shéimh agus thais. Is é sin is cúis freisin le timpeallacht shaibhir agus ghlas an Ghleanna Ghairbh. Tá línte de choillte darach Atlantaigh le fáil taobh le leicne foscúla na gcnoc. Imíonn cruidíní de sciotán os cionn Abhainn an Ghleanna Ghairbh, agus bíonn an madra uisce agus an chorr réisc ar thóir iasc faoin droichead a tógadh sa 17ú haois, droichead a ainmníodh as Oilibhéar Cromail.

Idir an Gabhal Mhór agus Otter Rock, tá cur síos déanta ar an tírdhreach agus ar an bhfiadhúlra i logainmneacha na háite. Ciallaíonn Oileán an Chuilinn, oileán lán de chuileann. An ar Brandy Island a bhí a gcontrabhanna á cheilt ag smuigleálaithe?

Touched by the Gulf Stream

Garinish Island is a sub-tropical oasis in the North Atlantic set against the rocky crags of the Caha Mountains. Nature has come close to Glengarriff village at the Blue Pool where woodlands fringe the shoreline and harbour seals haul out on the rocks.

The influence of the warm Gulf Stream ensures that the climate is mild and damp. It has made Glengarriff's surroundings luxuriant and green. Atlantic oak woods line the sheltered, hillsides. Kingfishers dart above the Glengarriff River and otters and heron hunt for fish under the 17th century bridge named after Oliver Cromwell.

From Sugar Loaf Mountain and Otter Rock, local place names describe the landscape and wildlife. An Irish name for Garinish Island is Inacullin, the island of holly. Was Brandy Island where smugglers hid their contraband?

1. Lean ort ag siúl ó Blue Pool, tríd an gcoill chomh fada le Seal Point.

   From Blue Pool, walk through the wood to Seal Point.

2. Téigh ar an mbád chomh fada le gairdíní Iodálacha Oileán an Chuilinn agus bí ag faire amach do rónta ar an mbealach.

   Take a boat to Garinish Island's Italianate Gardens and watch for seals on the way.

3. Siúil ar do shuaimhneas trí choillearnach darach ársa Anaclann Dúlra an Ghleanna Ghairbh.

   Stroll through ancient oak woodlands in Glengarriff Nature Reserve.

Radharc ón aer ar pharthas fothrópaiceach
Le caoinchead ó Oakwood Aerial Photography

A sub-tropical paradise from the air
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