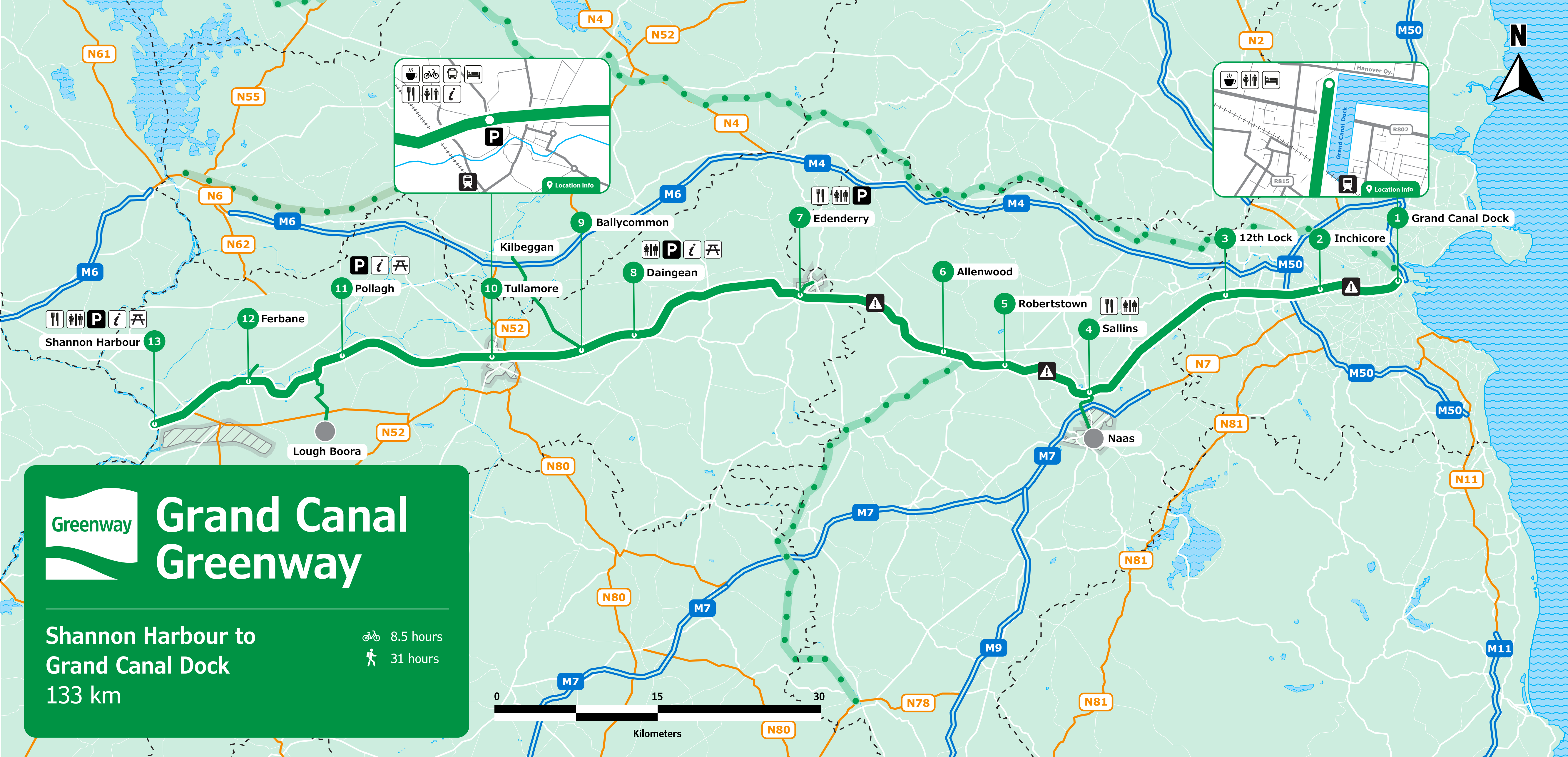






Grand Canal Greenway

Shannon Harbour to Grand Canal Dock

133 km

 8.5 hours

 31 hours

1-2

Grand Canal Dock to Inchicore

7 km

The Greenway begins at Grand Canal Dock in Dublin, once an industrial hub of factories and foundries before its regeneration. Starting at the plaza marked by illuminated red poles, the route follows quiet streets before joining a two-way cycle lane at Clanwilliam Place along the canal.

The route continues to Portobello Harbour, with a short, shared section near Leeson Street. Cyclists share a painted lane without kerb separation, alongside a separate footpath. Passing through Rialto, users must navigate a busy section at the junction of Dolphin Road and Suir Road, where the off-road Greenway resumes alongside the Luas line.

2-4

Inchicore to Sallins

28 km

Continuing through Inchicore, the route leaves the Luas line as the setting becomes more industrial. Westbound, road noise increases briefly beneath the M50 before conditions become quieter and more rural. Near Hazelhatch, boats line the canal as the route enters Kildare.

Crossing to the south bank, the route passes by the Lyons Estate. Passing locks, bridges and a former lock keeper’s cottage, a railway bridge signals the approach to Sallins, which offers cafés, services and rail connections. Naas is located 4 km away via the canal branch road (developed as a branch line off the canal mainline).

4-7

Sallins to Edenderry

28 km

Most of this section has not been upgraded and consequentially has long sections of a grassy, rutted towpath that can become muddy after rain. Key features include the five-arch Leinster Aqueduct over the River Liffey and a short surfaced section near Digby Bridge and the 16th Lock.

The route narrows near Robertstown, with an on-road link to Lowtown. From Ticknevin, conditions improve, and the route continues smoothly towards Edenderry with varied scenery and occasional crossings.

7-10

Edenderry to Tullamore

34 km

This section includes a diversion east of Edenderry due to upgrade works in 2026/ 27. Westbound, the route enters open countryside, with Rhode providing a rest stop. Wind turbines and a Bord na Móna lifting bridge highlight the area’s energy heritage.

The route continues through Daingean and Ballycommon, with facilities available. There is an optional 13km diversion to Kilbeggan via the Ballycommon – Killbeggan branch line. Passing locks and Boland’s Lockkeeper’s Cottage, the surroundings become more urban approaching the bustling county of Offaly, Tullamore.

10-11

Tullamore to Pollagh

16 km

Leaving Tullamore, the route passes under road and rail bridges through a landscape rich in heritage, including Srah and Ballycowan castles, Kilbride church ruins and Rahan monastic site.

Crossing at Ballycowan Bridge, the route continues to Pollagh, a scenic canal village with a shop and pub. Local features include a bogman statue and St. Mary’s Church, with bog oak altar and Harry Clarke windows.

11-13

Pollagh to Shannon Harbour

20 km

Leaving Pollagh, the route passes a Bord na Móna swivel bridge, reflecting the area’s peat transport heritage. Nearby, Lough Boora Discovery Park can be accessed via quiet roads.

The route continues past Derry Bridge, McCartney Aqueduct and Belmont warehouse, with a final set of locks as the route approaches Shannon Harbour. Facilities are available at the harbour, just beyond lies the 35th and 36th Locks, where the Grand Canal meets the River Shannon.

Map Legend

-  Parking

 Bus Station

 Train Station

 Bus Stop
-  Information

 Restaurant

 Picnic Area

 Accommodation
-  Bike Hire

 Toilets

 Refreshments

 Caution Needed
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Royal Canal Greenway,
Barrow Blueway &
Old Rail Trail