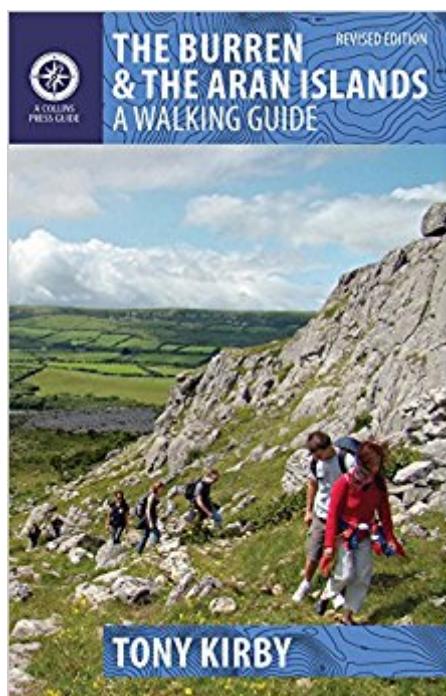


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Good local detail, and a beautiful area (I only went to the Burren). I like the extensive knowledge of the local environment, plants, animals and history on display. However, most walks involve walking long sections on tarred roads (which in fairness is a feature of many walks in this area). The only long walk in my perception that did not involve any significant walking on roads was in the Burren National Park. Looking at Internet walking sites, others have found ways to walk off-road for

extended periods, but of course there may be right of way problems. Elsewhere there seemed to be little effort to find routes that avoided roads. Another bugbear is that there is no master map to locate the smaller maps. Also, large dots mark the walks, robbing the reader of seeing the route in more exact detail. All in all, this seems like a decent start, and it is the only guide that I could find, hence the four stars, but surely a better edition, or another better book, will soon come along.

This is just what I needed. How forward of the publisher to put this out as an ebook. Perfect maps, illustrations, and descriptions.

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