

Donohughes to Borris in Ossory.

Donohughes Airstrip



I thought it might be a good idea to fly from one of our new airfields to the second new airfield. I am using Megascenery Ireland as the base scenery but feel free to use Orbx, it doesn't quite fit in the same but it is still useable.

Our departure airfield is situated in a beautiful part of the country just North-West of Dublin near to the town of Navan where we will be heading to shortly.

I am going to be flying the Streak Shadow today as Borris in Ossory is quite short at 300m and I know the Streak can easily handle that length. So carry out your checks then taxi around to the 36 end of the runway. The start of the take-off is uphill so don't choose a Cessna 150 as I don't think you'll get airborne before you run into the hedge.

Set your clock to 9am GMT and season to summer 2015. Power up when ready and almost immediately you get

airborne you will see some road traffic directly ahead turn left and follow it, this will lead us to a road junction where we turn sharp left and will take us directly to the town of Navan. Be careful and keep checking the traffic as you turn left very quickly. The traffic isn't very accurate, I created it with google earth but the traffic doesn't exactly follow the roads correctly but it serves its purpose.

After a few moments airborne you should now be heading South with the town of Navan ahead, you should also be able to see the Donaghmore Round Tower off to your left. *The tower was built around the 10th century, I think they were built to warn the inhabitants of a Viking Invasion.*

The river ahead is the River Boyne, aim for the bend in the river where the river turns South and when overhead turn onto 210°. You should pass Trim airfield and the town of Trim off to your right very shortly, where you should be able to make out the 10th Century Castle (representation), one of the many here in Ireland. You should also be able to see below the Knightsbridge Golf Course.

Our next waypoint is the M4 motorway and the town of Enfield approx; eight miles away, which we should see in a matter of minutes. Before we reach the motorway if you're heading in the right direction you should be able to make out Rathcore Golf and Country Club below.

Okay I have the motorway in sight, simply stay on this heading. As a reference on my left I have junction 9 of the motorway on my left and the motorway service station on my right. Our next waypoint is the M7 Motorway approx;17 miles distant.

As we travel further South you should easily make out the large areas of Peat Bogs that abound here in Ireland in fact they take up 1/6th of the island.

I can see the motorway coming in from my left now. Turn right and follow the motorway South-Westwards, hopefully we should be able to see field off to our right after approx;15 minutes flying time.

Off to our right shortly you will see the town of Portarlinton, founded in 1666 by another Englishman, Sir Henry Bennet who was the Home Secretary to King Charles II. You should also be able to make out the ruins of Lea Castle, built in 1260 by William de Vesey. This castle has seen many violent battles during it's lifetime, it has been captured and lost, burnt down, rebuilt until finally obliterated by Cromwell in the early 17th Century.

Of to our left you should just be able to make out the ruins of yet another castle, this is or was Dunmase Castle as this is such an excellent vantage point, even the Greek cartographer Ptolemy is said to have drawn the hill on his maps way back in the 2nd Century. Excavations have shown that this was a defensive site as far back as the 9th Century. Although it played no part in the English Civil war in the 1600's it was again blown up by Cromwell, I think this was his hobby.

Keep following the motorway and if your aircraft is equipped with ADF tune it into 200.4, again like all my NDB's this only has a very short range of approx; 6 miles. Keep the motorway on your left and Borris will be on your right.

You will eventually meet a parting of the ways on the motorway, follow the right hand road, not far to go now and as I write this my ADF has just sprung to life telling me Borris is directly ahead and I can see it just ahead, descending to 1300ft for a left hand circuit. If you have winds active check the smoke from the chimneys as to the direction.

Borris Approach



Well I hope you enjoyed that trip I will try and make time for more but at the moment I am going back to updating and adding more airfields to add to my 250+ for my Farm Strips for Version 5 early next year hopefully. If you don't have Version 4 of my Farm Strips installed you will not be able to see some of the scenery I point out.

