Boyle to Carrick-on-Shannon

1. **Boyle to Lough Key Forest Park**
   - **Access and car park at Boyle Harbour.**
   - **Distance:** 4.5km
   - **Duration:** 1hr 30mins
   - **Description:** River with cruiser navigation. Grade 1 with water moving downstream. Trail crosses Lough Key.

2. **Lough Key Forest Park to Knockvicar**
   - **Access and car park at water’s edge in Lough Key Forest Park.**
   - **Distance:** 4km
   - **Duration:** 1hr 20mins
   - **Description:** River with cruiser navigation. Grade 1 with water moving downstream. Route from Lough Key Forest Park to Clarendon Lock crosses open lake.

3. **Knockvicar to Cootehall**
   - **Access and car park at Knockvicar.**
   - **Distance:** 3km
   - **Duration:** 1hr
   - **Description:** River and lake with cruiser navigation. Grade 1 with water moving downstream. Trail crosses Oakport Lake.

4. **Cootehall to Carrick-on-Shannon**
   - **Access and car park at Cootehall.**
   - **Distance:** 8.3km
   - **Duration:** 2hrs 50mins
   - **Description:** River and lake with cruiser navigation. Grade 1 with water moving downstream. Trail crosses Lough Eidin. Boyle River converges with the River Shannon 1km north of Carrick-on-Shannon.
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