

Trail Treats

- SKERRIES**
St Patrick left his footprint on a rock here after leaping from a nearby island – see if you can track it down.
- MALAHIDE**
Malahide Castle is a treasure trove of heritage and historical tales, with its rooms echoing different styles and tastes from centuries past.
- HOWTH**
Hidden in the heart of Howth is 'Aideen's Grave', a massive dolmen reputedly the burial place of a mythical princess.
- RAHENY**
Check out the Tree of Life, a dying 200-year-old Monterey Cypress reborn as a spectacular sculpture.
- BULL ISLAND**
Dollymount Strand is a vast expanse of sand that's the perfect launch pad for kite surfers or simply stretching your legs.
- GRAND CANAL DOCK**
Strut your stuff on the city's "red carpet" at Grand Canal Dock, a paved red runway decorated with eye-catching glowing light sticks.
- SANDYMOUNT**
Ireland and Mexico's friendship is marked here with a 20 foot sculpture called Awaiting the Mariner, although Dublin has nicknamed it An Caillín Bán (the white girl)!
- SALTHILL & MONKSTOWN**
Peckish? Discover why Monkstown has earned a reputation as a home-from-home for hungry gastronomes.
- DÚN LAOGHAIRE**
Amble along the 1.2km harbour wall and let bracing sea breezes work their magic.
- SANDYCOVE & GLASTHULE**
There are no medals for taking a dip at the Forty Foot – but when temperatures drop, there probably should be!
- DALKEY**
Once a mighty stronghold built to defend the port's valuable cargo, Dalkey Castle is now home to a Writer's Gallery that commemorates Dublin's best storytellers.
- KILLINEY**
Can you see Wales? On a clear day it's as clear as day from the top of Killiney Hill.

Saddle Up: Dublin's key cycle routes

- BALDOYLE TO PORTMARNOCK**
While some on-road cycling is required between Howth and Malahide, a 1.8 km dedicated cycleway from Baldoyle to Portmarnock is reserved for cyclists and pedestrians.
- CITY CENTRE TO HOWTH**
A dedicated cycle path runs along the North Liffey Quay, from Buckingham Street to the Clontarf Strand and on for the next 10 km or so.
- THE TOLKA ESTUARY GREENWAY**
With over 3kms of spectacular views across Dublin Bay, this dedicated cycle and pedestrian route takes you on a journey around the northern side of Dublin Port.
- GLASTHULE TO DALKEY**
A shared pedestrian and cycle route, 'The Metals' runs for approximately 2 km between the seafront at Glasthule and Dalkey.
- BOOTERTOWN TO BLACKROCK**
Starting at Blackrock Park beside Booterstown Dart station, the route continues through the park and exits the park at Blackrock Dart station.



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THE DUBLIN COASTAL TRAIL

A city by the sea and with a UNESCO Biosphere accolade for its majestic bay, Dublin's coastline is dotted with unexpected experiences & adventures. A wonderful addition to your city break & just a short hop on the train from the city centre; the Dublin Coastal Trail highlights many hidden gems running from Skerries to the north of the city, to Killiney in the south. By navigating the rail line to the trail's featured stops in small villages and harbour communities, you can easily explore castles, beaches, outdoor activities, heritage, amazing accommodation, local food, and much more. Have an adventure & a city break with a difference in Dublin as you follow the Dublin Coastal Trail. From stunning sea views and thrilling water based activities to the freshest sea food, here is a guide to the incredible activities and experiences that await you along the Dublin Coastal Trail. For further information, go to visitdublin.com



ATTRACTIONS

01 Skerries Mills
skerriesmills.ie
Comprising three national monuments which are two strikingly different Sail Mills and a Waterwheel of the 13th century, Discover the vibrant Watermill Building, and connect with rich heritage on the only site in Europe with a collection of three Mills and a bakery.



02 Newbridge House and Farm
newbridgehouseandfarm.com
Step back in time at Newbridge House, a stunning Georgian mansion. Explore the elegant rooms and beautiful gardens, then meet the charming farmyard residents! New adventures await at our state-of-the-art demo kitchen, where you can witness – and perhaps even taste! – exciting food and wine pairings. Don't miss out on this unique blend of history, nature, and culinary delights!

03 Lambay Island
lambayisland.ie
Lambay is a fascinating private island steeped in history, perfect for day trips and retreats.

04 Malahide Castle & Gardens
malahidecastleandgardens.ie
Generations of the Talbot family have called Malahide Castle home. Hear their stories, explore the private rooms and collections, and discover the central part this castle played in Irish political and social life on a guided tour. Explore our enchanting fairy trail and be dazzled by hundreds of butterflies in the exotic butterfly house. Family fun awaits!



05 Casino Model Railway Museum
modelrailwaymuseum.ie
Step into a world of miniature marvels! The Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide boasts an intricate Cyril Fry collection that will captivate train enthusiasts of all ages. A recent Irish Rail addition allows children to try their luck at driving a train. All aboard!

06 Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio
hurdygurdyradiomuseum.wordpress.com
Museum and amateur radio station (EIOMAR) is located in Howth village Martello Tower. Built in 1805, it's one of many built around the coast to guard against possible invasions by Napoleon at the time.

07 The Diving Bell
dublinport.ie/about-dublin-port/a-city-port
The Diving Bell used in the building of the Port's quay walls from the Victorian era right up until almost the 1960s is a remarkable feat of Irish engineering, designed by the port engineer Bindon Blood Stoney (1828 to 1907).

08 Windmill Lane Recording Studios
windmillanerecording.com
The first of its kind in Ireland, the tour presents visitors with an unprecedented opportunity to understand the creation and production of some of the most iconic albums and songs of the past 40 years.

09 Custom House Visitor Centre
The stories of the building, burning and restoration of Dublin's Custom House are now brought to life in a new and fascinating exhibition, revealing a rich, many-layered story that spans over 200 years.

10 Epic The Irish Emigration Museum
epicchq.com
Voted Europe's leading tourist attraction 2019 – 2021, Epic is a must-do for visitors and locals looking to get a deeper understanding of Ireland and what it means to be Irish.

11 Jeanie Johnston
jeaniejohnston.ie
The Jeanie Johnston tells the story of the thousands of Irish people who fled the Famine and embarked on a treacherous voyage in the hope of a better life in North America.

12 James Joyce Tower
joycetower.ie
Embrace the literature of James Joyce within this iconic museum at the Martello Tower, Sandycove.

13 National Maritime Museum
mariner.ie
Ireland's National Maritime Museum is housed in Dún Laoghaire's 180-year-old Mariners Church, directly opposite the new DLR Lexicon library.

14 Dalkey Castle
dalkeycastle.com
In atmospheric tenth-century grounds, Dalkey Castle uniquely combines a medieval townhouse castle with a contemporary visitors' centre and writers' gallery. Costumed actors lead a fun-filled Living History experience from basement to battlements, via the infamous Murder Hole. The Archer demonstrates the Longbow, Cook shares medieval recipes, and the Barber Surgeon specialises in ancient cures.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

15 Skerries Water Sports
skerrieswatersports.com
Taking you on great adventures. Enjoy paddleboarding, kayaking, kitesurfing or windsurfing in Skerries.

16 Skerries Paddle Tours
skerriessunsettingtours@gmail.com
Offering Stand Up Paddle Boarding sunset tours, rentals and lessons in beautiful Skerries Harbour.

17 Dublin Bay Cruises
dublinbaycruises.com
Leisurely boat trips between Dun Laoghaire, the City Centre and Howth, 6 days a week. Suitable for families and groups of up to 96. A great way to experience Dublin Bay and its coastline.

18 Irelands Eye Ferries
irelandseyeferries.com
Small group coastal boat tours that get up close to the amazing wildlife, panoramic views and marine habitats of Howth in Dublin.

19 Howth Cliff Cruises
howthcliffcruises.ie
Experience the beauty of Howth's stunning coastline and Ireland's Eye with Howth Cliff Cruises. Our boat tours showcase the diverse wildlife and birdlife of the area, with the opportunity to witness breathtaking sunsets over Dublin Bay.

20 Hidden Howth Experiences
hiddenhowthexperiences.com
Experience Ireland Like a Local on the Dublin Coastal Hike & Pints Tour or the Dublin Coastal Craft Beer & Seafood Trail

21 Howth Boats
howth-boats.com
Charter fishing and sea angling.

22 Howth Yacht Club
hyc.ie
Discover Sailing at Howth Yacht Club.

23 Dorans on the Pier – Howth School of Fish

seafoodtogo.ie/school-of-fish
Get behind the scenes of an authentic working harbour in Howth. A wonderful insight into the amazing community and quirky characters who work the sea around the Irish Coast including a harbour tour and fresh seafood.

24 Pure Magic Water Based Activities
puremagic.ie
Pure Magic will get you moving on the water! Kitesurfing, Stand Up Paddleboarding and WingSurfing! Based in Dollymount, Howth and Dún Laoghaire.

25 Howth Adventures
howthadventures.com
Experience all the outdoor beauty of Dublin on guided hiking, walking, electric bike and coastal boat tours with expert local guides.

26 Howth Market
howthmarket.ie
The perfect place to buy unique souvenirs, Howth market offers street food, organic produce, freshly baked goods, gifts and more.

27 SurfDock
surfdock.com
Dublin's premier water sports course provider & surf shop is based in Grand Canal Dock, a short stroll from the heart of Dublin city centre.



28 City Kayaking
citykayaking.ie
Experience the city from a unique perspective by paddling on the Liffey through the city centre.

29 Big Style SUP school Dún Laoghaire
bigstyle.ie
Stand up paddleboarding is a great way to explore Dublin's beautiful coastline, not to mention a fantastic way to get fit.

30 Dublin Boat Tour (Irish National Sailing School)
dublinboatour.com/tours
Based in Dún Laoghaire Harbour explore Dublin Bay on our passenger boats – taking in the sights of the busy Harbour, Coastline and the wildlife of the bay.

31 Goat Boat Tours
goatboat.ie
An unforgettable and intimate boat tour within the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. Departing from Dún Laoghaire. Witness incredible scenery, wildlife, elegant architecture and hear about the rich history of Dublin bay.

32 Gosailing.ie
gosailing.ie
Experience Dublin Bay onboard a 53 foot yacht or one of our powerboats. We specialise in private tours, corporate outings and team building events taking in all the sights from Dún Laoghaire to Killiney Bay. Get the adrenalin pumping on a high powered powerboat experience or relax on a leisurely sailing trip.

33 Dublin under Sail
dublinundersail.com
Experience life on board this traditional sailing vessel. Be part of the crew! Perfect for beginners and seasoned sailors alike.

34 The 40 Foot Sea Swimming
The area of Sandycove featured in the opening scenes of James Joyce's Ulysses. The writer even lived here for a short time in a Martello Tower that overlooks the famous swimming location.

35 Kayaking.ie Dalkey
kayaking.ie
Join the crew for an unforgettable kayaking experience with seals. Suitable for beginners and great fun.

36 Ken the Ferryman Dalkey
kentheferryman.com
Take a boat trip to stunning Dalkey Island, home to a colony of seals which has greatly expanded in recent years. A herd of wild goats live on the island also. A truly unique experience!

37 Adventure.ie Dalkey Quarry
adventure.ie
Experience the thrill and excitement of reaching the top of your first rock climb. Once on top the only way is down!

CYCLING & WALKING TRAILS

38 Skerries Coastal Trail
Start your journey at South Shore Esplanade, tracing the outline of the coast as you ring around the Martello Tower and past the Harbour along the North Strand.

39 St Patrick's Way and Art Trail
St Patrick's Way and Art Trail in Skerries is a captivating public art initiative. This trail features five unique art commissions by artists Atsushi Kaga, Bennie Reilly, Liliane Puthod, Marie Farrington, and Mary Conroy, each offering a distinct perspective and experience along the afromt, enhancing the picturesque views of Skerries.



40 Fingal Walking Trails
fingal.ie/trips
Fingal has 88km of coastline to be explored from Sutton to Balbriggan.

41 Coastal Route Malahide to Portmarnock

The walk from Malahide to Portmarnock is an approx. 4km elevated seaside coastal walk, skirting parkland on one side and the beach, down a small rock face, on the other side.

42 Howth Cliff & Looped Walks
There are four long versions of this Howth walk to tackle, each of which kicks off at the DART station in Howth Village, and one shorter walk, that starts from Howth Summit.

43 The North Bull Island
Bull Island is a low lying, sand dune covered island in Dublin Bay off the coast of the city's North side. As a National Nature reserve with a UNESCO Biosphere designation, it is a paradise for birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts, and a good place for walking. The long sandy beach on Bull Island is named Dollymount Beach.

44 Docklands Walking Trail
There is so much to see and discover in Dublin's Docklands, from Ireland's smallest museum to the magical creatures hidden atop The Custom House. This circular trail can be started at any of its seven stops and with a range of activities, it's suitable for all the family to take part in and enjoy.

45 Irishtown Nature Park
The Irishtown Nature Park is on the southside of the Poolbeg peninsula. The main track through the park skirts the coastline, looking out over Sandymount Strand, with its fast-moving tides, while several more minor paths cross the hilly uplands of the park.

46 Dún Laoghaire Pier Walk
Whatever the weather, the pier is always a romantic and idyllic place to take a stroll, breathe in the sea air, and enjoy stunning views of Dublin Bay.

47 Dún Laoghaire Harbour Trail
dlrcco.ie/trails-and-maps/trails-and-maps
The Dún Laoghaire Harbour Trail features 10 key points of interest that highlight the area's rich history and scenic beauty. Follow the trail signage of each point and expect to encounter great stories of its history and landmarks that offer insight into the harbour's past.

48 Dalkey & Killiney Hill
Several walking trails through meadows, forest, and hilly terrain adorn Dalkey/Killiney Hill, alongside several monuments, two of which are the Obelisk, alternatively known as the witch's hat, and a small step pyramid.

HERITAGE SITES, PARKS, BEACHES, GARDENS

49 Ardgillan Castle & Demense
ardgillancastle.ie
Ardgillan park is unique among Dublin's regional parks for the magnificent views it enjoys of the coastline. A panorama, taking in Rockabill Lighthouse, Colt Church, Shenick and Lambay Islands may be seen, including Sliabh Foy, the highest of the Cooley Mountains, and of course the Mourne Mountains can be seen sweeping down to the sea.



50 Ardán Garden Howth
dublingardengroup.com/ardan
A unique opportunity to visit a sculpture and organic floral garden which attracts many garden, art and nature enthusiasts. A personal welcome from the owners ensures an inspirational and uplifting visit.

51 Howth Castle
howthcastle.ie
15th century Howth Castle estate is situated on 472 acres, encompassing much of Howth Head and home to Deer Park Golf, Howth Castle Cookery School, the famous Rhododendron gardens and Aileen's Grave. Steeped in history, Howth Castle welcomes visitors to enjoy the rich historic atmosphere and views across Dublin Bay and beyond.

52 St Anne's Park
dublincity.ie/residential/parks/dublin-city-parks/visit-park/st-annes-park
The Park is named after St Anne's Holy Well that was found on the site. On the northeast corner of the park there is a Cyprus tree that was deemed too hazardous to keep, but the City Council enlisted tree sculptor Tommy Craggs to create a sculpture to represent the wildlife found at Bull Island Nature Reserve, it features sparrow hawks, hares, badgers, herons and is topped by a swan.

53 Dollymount Beach
Dollymount Strand is the closest large beach to Dublin city centre. It is situated on Bull Island which was created in the 19th century in Dublin Bay to deal with silting problems. The sandy beach runs along the full 5 kilometre length of the island. Today, it is an important UNESCO designated Biosphere nature reserve, being a breeding site for many bird species and one of the most protected areas in Ireland.

54 Sandymount Strand
Sandymount Strand is a large strand on the east coast of Ireland,



TRANSIT RAIL

There are stations dotted along the Dublin Coastal Trail at all the major seaside towns. Use the map to follow the tracks and explore the Dublin Coastal Trail by transit rail.
Irishrail.ie

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Dublin Leap Card
about.leapcard.ie/dublin
Visitor Leap Card
about.leapcard.ie/leap-visitor-card

SHARED BIKE SCHEME

bleeperactive.com
dublinbikes.ie
mobybikes.com
fingal.ie/activetravel/bikes

LOCAL TOURIST INFORMATION

Malahide Tourist Office
Malahide Castle 085 2521042
Skerries Tourist information
Skerries Mills (01) 849 5208 & Skerries village: (01) 849 0629
Howth Tourist Information Office
Harbour House, Harbour Rd, Howth, Co. Dublin (01) 840 0077
Dún Laoghaire Tourist Office
dlrtourism.ie
The Metals, Marine Rd, Dún Laoghaire (01) 280 6964

adjacent to the village and suburb of Sandymount. It is part of South Bull – a major component of the south side of Dublin Bay, and part of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve.

55 The People's Park
Dún Laoghaire's magnificent People's Park is a beautifully landscaped oasis of calm, a short stroll from Dún Laoghaire harbour.

56 Sandycove Beach & the 40 Foot

The Forty Foot, a historic bathing pool on a promontory on the southern tip of Dublin Bay, is a short walk from the James Joyce Tower.

57 Mornington Garden
dalkeygardenschool.com
A private family garden where the owner will guide you, explaining the history and planting of the garden. Sit and relax with freshly brewed coffee, tea, and homemade delights from the kitchen.

58 Killiney Beach
Killiney is a long, stony beach & offers excellent views of the surrounding rocky coastline including Dalkey Island and Sorrento Terrace to the north, and Bray Head to the south.

VENUES

59 3 Arena
3arena.ie
The 3Arena is an indoor amphitheatre located at North Wall Quay in the Docklands.

60 Bord Gáis Theatre
bordgaisenergytheatre.ie
The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre is a performing arts venue, located in the Docklands.

61 Aviva Stadium
avivastadium.ie
The Aviva Stadium is a world class international stadium – an outstanding venue for football, rugby, concerts and conferences.

CITY CENTRE TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist Information Centre O'Connell St
14 Upper O'Connell Street Upper. (01) 605 7700
Visit Dublin Tourist Information Centre
3 Palace Street, Barnardo Square, Dublin 2, D02 T277. (01) 265 5634

DUBLIN DISCOVERY TRAILS

visitdublin.com/dublin-discovery-trails
The free Dublin Discovery Trails app takes you on an entrancing journey of discovery with themed GPS enabled immersive walking tours. The Doors Into Docklands trail dives into Dublin's maritime history using animation, narration and augmented reality as you visit famous landmarks and heritage sites in the edgy Docklands. New routes are always being added, so you can keep revisiting the app to explore even more!

