

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



We want to share our beautiful corner of the world with you and with many generations to come. For this reason, we support regenerative, sustainable and responsible ecotourism and we hope you will too. Please take a minute to read our **'Things To Know Before You Go'** so you can also play your part. Go raibh maith agat.



Stay Longer!

Ask around, I bet there's a lot more to do than you realise...

Say Hello!

There are many local businesses sprinkled all around the Iveragh Peninsula and they would love to see you. After all, it's these local communities that allow access to their lands for walking trails or provide an endless amount of services to enhance your stay.



Keep Dogs on Leads

Dogs are not permitted on many walking trails due to the presence of farm animals and wildlife. We kindly ask that you keep dogs on leads while on all other trails, beaches and wetlands.

Respect the Wildlife

We have some very special birds that call Iveragh home. If they are scared off their nests then eggs or chicks can become cold or become available to predators. If they are scared off their feeding grounds – such as shorelines or estuaries – they go hungry or may even leave the area for good. Please remember this when enjoying our outdoor spaces.

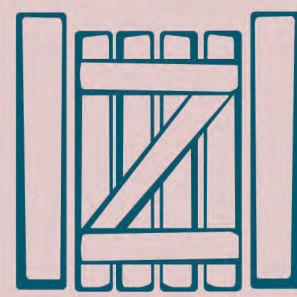


Stay on Marked Trails

Please stay on the way marked trails. Going off trail can result in the trampling of plants and animals while increasing erosion in our precious landscapes and habitats. We know it's tempting but be strong, you can do it!

Close the Gate

If the trail goes via a closed gate, please close it behind you.



Look, don't touch

Flowers, marine life, lizards, fossils – it may be very tempting to collect or pick up some of our delicate or rare flora and fauna but please leave them be. Remember, if the person before you did this you wouldn't have been able to see them. Maybe take a photo and share the love that way instead..

Take a Breath

Remember to breathe. Life can be rough. Slow down and really take in the sights and sounds around you.



No Feeding

Please do not feed the wildlife

Get Involved

If you want to go a step further, then why not contribute your nature sightings to ongoing recording platforms such as the National Biodiversity Data Centre or the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group.



Leave No Trace

Waterways make up a large part of our landscape. From bogs to streams, rivers, lakes and our seas. We ask that you help us keep them clean by not using them to dispose of rubbish or to wash items such as food or drink containers. We could list all the amazing species that live in and around our waterways but you'd be reading all day and we'd much prefer if you can head out and see these species for yourself.

Leave it be

If you find what you think might be an injured or abandoned animal please don't rush in. Leave it be. Some young, such as deer fawns or seal pups, are left alone by their parents while the adult is feeding, and they will come back soon. If you are very concerned then always contact an expert. This goes for other mammals and birds too. You can find excellent advice at Irish Wildlife Matters.



You may be from nearby or you may be visiting from further afield. We hope that you have a wonderful experience and come again. We are not simply a tourist destination, we live and work and play here ourselves all year round. Aren't we lucky!? Please be considerate to the residents during your stay. Go raibh maith agat.



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