



DISCOVER Waterville to Caherdaniel



Rise and Shine

Afternoon

Into the Evening



Culture



Heritage Trail

Situated on the narrow land between the ocean and the lake, Waterville has a unique atmosphere. Delve into local heritage of Waterville with the heritage trail and transatlantic cable trail.

Stone Forts

Loher stone fort was excavated in the 1980's and it's 2m high stone walls were restored. There are two stone forts just west of Caherdaniel, on the Kerry Way trail. Staigue Fort is further west near the village of Castlecove.

Legends

Ballinskelligs bay is associated with a prehistoric invasion by milesian warriors. The bard, Amergin Glúingel was on board and, upon arriving on land, is reputed to have spoken the first poem in Irish.



Active

Derrynane Mass Loop

The 7km Mass Loop includes coastal paths, sea views and native woodland. This history filled route has been used over hundreds of years...even by smugglers!

Sea Sports



With so much coastline, Waterville and Derrynane are both ideal places to explore from the water. Enquire locally for kayak, SUP and other options.

Kerry Way



On a 12km section of the Kerry Way links Waterville to Caherdaniel. The high point, near Coomakista pass, has epic views. Local bus links will bring back to your starting point. From Caherdaniel, the 'Walk of the Planets' to Coad or up to the Windy Gap are also beautiful and varied paths to explore.

Wildlife



Whale Watching

Ask locally about boat tours, but there are also plenty of places for some land-based whale and dolphin watching. Look for high ground, low wind, calm seas and get comfy!

Woods and Gardens

Explore the native woodlands around Derrynane House – especially magical in autumn or spring - or ask about booking a guided tour of the ornamental gardens.

Lusitanian Species

There are certain plants and animals that you will only find in the south-west. Look for rarities such as the strawberry tree, St Patrick's cabbage, the very rare Kerry lily, or maybe even the Kerry slug!



Family

Fairy Forest

There is a magical fairy forest next to Derrynane House just waiting to be explored. Shhhh, you'll need to whisper if you hope to see or hear a fairy.

Beaches

At any time of year, the beaches at Waterville and Derrynane are beautiful places for the whole family to stretch their legs. There are numerous sheltered coves along the south side of the peninsula for dipping or exploring rockpools.

Promenade

The seafront in Waterville has an accessible promenade from which to look for birds, seals, and dolphins, or to just enjoy a sunset stroll. At low tide, explore a little further and look for mermaid's purses and other seashore treasures.



Top Tips



Rock Art

The area is scattered with ancient rock art. Cups and rings, often in intricate patterns are easier to spot when the sun is low in the sky creating sharp shadows.

Dark Skies

The car parks around Derrynane or at Coomakista are great places for stargazing on a clear night. If you're lucky, you might also get to see some 'sea sparkle', which is most common in the late summer and autumn in sheltered bays.

Geology

The fast-eroding cliffs near Waterville were deposited by glaciers during the last ice ages. There is evidence of ancient desert landscapes in the rock faces along the Coomakista pass.

DISCOVER Iveragh

Discover Waterville to Caherdaniel, taking in the islands, villages and panoramic views of the wild Atlantic coastline on the beautiful Iveragh peninsula, in south Kerry, Ireland.

