



**SKIBBEREEN
& DISTRICT
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

SKIBBEREEN WALKING Festival

**27th to 29th
September 2024**

Guided walks through quiet country roads with some off-road sections; something for walkers of all abilities.

Meeting point for all walks is Skibbereen Heritage Centre with bus transport provided to and from out-of-town walks.

Fee €15/walk including bus and complimentary tea/ coffee/refreshment for all walks, except walk 3 to Heir and Sherkin Islands €30 (including ferry).

 No unaccompanied children.  No dogs allowed.

Pre-registering is essential on www.skibbereen.ie



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Friday 27th September 2024

WALK 1 Moderate Road / Off-Road Walk (7Km, 200m climb): Baltimore - Spain - Trafraska - Baltimore

Walk from Baltimore Village through quiet country roads to Spain Tower with wide panoramic views of the coastline from Lough Hyne to Cape Clear, returning off-road via Trafraska for refreshments at Casey's Hotel.

Off-road gear essential, no dogs allowed.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 17.00, returning by 20.30.

Saturday 28th September 2024

WALK 2 Moderate Road Walk (9Km, 100m climb): Brade - Rineen - Ceim Hill - The League - Reen, Castlehaven

Walk through quiet country roads from N71 at Brade to Rineen and over Ceim Hill with wide views over Castlehaven Harbour, down past Reen Pier, with refreshments at The League.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 10.00, returning to Skibbereen by 14.30.

WALK 3 Moderate Road / Off-Road Walk (8.5Km, 130m climb): Heir Island and Sherkin Island

Ferry from Cunnamore to Heir Island, walk around quiet country roads and off-road tracks on the island; ferry from Heir Island to Kinnish Harbour, Sherkin with refreshments and off-road walks back to Abbey Pier for ferry back to Baltimore.

Off-road gear essential, no dogs allowed.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 12.00 for Cunnamore, 12.30 ferry to Heir Island, transfer from Heir to Sherkin Island and returning by ferry to Baltimore and back to Skibbereen Heritage Centre by 18.30.

WALK 4 Easy Road / Off Road Walk (7Km, 200m climb): Schull - Colla - Gubbeen

Walk part of the Fastnet Trail from Schull to Colla with wide views of Carbery's 100 Isles and Long Island Sound, continue on quiet roads to Gubbeen for a visit to Gubbeen Farm for a display of their products and refreshments.

Off-road gear desirable, no dogs allowed.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 14.00 for Schull, returning from Gubbeen to Skibbereen by 17.30.

Sunday 29th September 2024

WALK 5 Strenuous Road / Off-Road Walk (11Km, 250m climb): Drombeg - Tralong - Ballinaclough - Glandore

Walk from Drombeg Stone Circle to Tralong Bay, along the beach and off-road to Ballinaclough, returning via green roads through Ballyvireen to Drombeg and Glandore for refreshments.

Off-road gear essential, no dogs allowed.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 10.00, returning to Skibbereen by 14.30.

WALK 6 Moderate Off-Road Walk (8Km, 80m climb): Gurrane - WildFuture Ecological Park, Gurrane, Skibbereen.

Walk from Rea Cross to WildFuture Ecological Park, Gurrane, with a guided tour through wild mountainside northwest of Skibbereen with wide views of Roaring Water Bay. The park has been developed as a nature reserve over many years and includes trails through woodland, lakes, bogs, meadows and rugged mountain terrain.

Off-road gear essential, no dogs allowed.

Bus leaving Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 12.00, returning to Skibbereen by 16.00.

WALK 7 Easy Historic Stroll through Skibbereen Town.

Walk from Skibbereen Heritage Centre through the streets of Skibbereen with historical commentary for approximately 2 hours.

Meet at Skibbereen Heritage Centre at 14.00, finishing by 16.00.