



BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR CHRISTMAS AND 2026

Bíodh Nollaig maith agaibh agus athbhliain faoi mhaise

An Óige Hikes Programme December 2025

Please Note: Preference will be given on the “Special Buses”, to Members of An Óige on production of their Membership Card. It is therefore imperative to bring your Membership Card with you, each Sunday. Membership Fees are as follows from January 2021: €25 for over 25 years old, and €15 for under 25 years old.

Valid An Óige Membership Cards required.

RENEWALS OR NEW MEMBERSHIPS: OPTION 1

Please bring your old membership card with you to the hike bus and have the €25.00 membership money plus your bus fare with you. New members will have to fill out a form to join.

You can email for assistance to **info@anoige.ie**

OR

You can also request assistance from either Marie McDonnell (Ph. **018377411**)

or email Jim Barry at **jbarry@anoige.ie**

Important Notice

**THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO ANY HIKES INVOLVING THE HIRE OF A PRIVATE BUS PLEASE
NOTE THAT ONLY PAYING PERSONS TRAVELLING ON THE BUS TO THE HIKES WILL BE
PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE HIKES.**

It is imperative that the instructions of the Hike Leaders be adhered to by those participating. The Leader sets the pace of the hike and walkers are expected to always obey his/her instructions. Leaders have the right to refuse to take anyone who does not co-operate with them fully, and anyone who they consider would not be able to walk at a reasonable pace, especially on the Moderate Hikes. Walkers who go on Moderate Hikes should be fit and able to keep up with the Hike. A Co-Ordinator has been appointed each Sunday to organise Hikers on Eden Quay.

Unless otherwise stated, please observe the following:

WEAR:	HIKING BOOTS OR STRONG SHOES FOR EASIER HIKES – Please note: Boots may be required for some easy hike locations. HIKING BOOTS <u>ONLY</u> FOR MODERATE HIKES, EASIER MODERATE HIKES NO JEANS. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON HIKES.
BRING:	<i>Optional Face Mask, Hand Sanitiser, Rainwear, Hat and Gloves, and Flask (hot drink), Sandwiches, Simple First Aid Kit, Sunscreen Lotion, Sunglasses, Reflective Armbands, Head or Hand Torch, Gaiters Please cover up from damaging UV Rays to prevent Skin Damage during the winter period.</i>
COVID-19 NOTICE	<i>Face Coverings are not mandatory for travelling on the private bus and on Public Transport. Intending hikers may wear face covering if they wish to do so.</i> <u>HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE/QUESTIONNAIRE</u> <i>Please do not attend for any organised An Óige hike or event if the answer is YES to any of the following questions:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have you had any symptoms of Covid 19 recently?2. Have you recently tested positive for Covid 19, or have you been in close contact with an infected person?
MEET:	All Sunday walks leave from Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, O’Connell Bridge End at 10.00am, unless otherwise stated. You are requested to arrive at the meeting place in good time to avoid any delay or disappointment.

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 4 t h December 2025	
Route:	Visit to the Shackleton Museum in Athy Town, Co. Kildare
Leader:	Breda McNamara
Meet:	Heuston Station at 0945am for the 10.15am train to Waterford. Museum entrance price €15.00
SUNDAY 7th December 2025 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Ita O’Hanlon	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Curtlestown Wood Carpark – Wicklow Way to Knockree – Crone Wood – Tonduff – Maulin – Wicklow Way back to Crone Wood – Knockree and Curtlestown.
Leaders:	Tony Groves
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Curtlestown Wood Carpark – Wicklow Way to Knockree – Crone Wood – Maulin – Wicklow Way back to Crone Wood – Knockree and Curtlestown
Leader:	Ita O’Hanlon
Transport:	Special Bus *These 2 hikes will share the same bus. Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Walk along Broadmeadows Estuary from Swords to Malahide
Leader:	Mary Chambers
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay at 10am.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 11 t h December 2025	
Route:	Walk in the Howth area taking the tram track to Howth summit and back to Howth.
Leader:	Paula Oliver
Meet:	Howth Dart Station at 11.15m sharp.
SUNDAY 14th December 2025 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Tom O’Loughlin	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Oldbridge – Lough Dan Track Walk – Kanturk – Scarr – Dry Hill – Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way – Laragh (Lynam’s Pub)
Leader:	Udo Sap
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Oldbridge – Scarr – Dry Hill - Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way – Laragh – Lynam’s Pub)
Leader:	Fergal Griffin
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Oldbridge – Wicklow Way – Brusher Gap – Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way - Laragh
Leader:	Tom O’Loughlin
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 18th December 2025	
Special Christmas Hike and Dinner	
Route:	Walk along the Dodder River to the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Special Note:	Wear Christmas Jumper and Hat. Christmas Dinner cost: €45.00 – Please pay for dinner before Kris Kindle starts. OPTIONAL Christmas Dinner will be served before Kris Kindle Kris Kindle cost: €10.00 Please Note: No drum up today
Meet:	Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay at 11.00am sharp. People who don't want to walk should meet at the Dropping Well Pub at 2.pm. Take the Green Line Luas to Milltown stop. Cross the tracks and walk down hill to the left. Cross over the main road and keep right. The Pub is on the left-hand side.
SUNDAY 21st December 2025 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Fiona Byrne	
<i>Christmas time Moderate and Easy Moderate Hikes in Hollywood Glen, Co. Wicklow</i>	
Route:	Church Mountain and trails – Returning to Hollywood Inn Coel agus Craic/Free finger food served in Pub – Wear Christmas Hats
Leaders:	Fiona Byrne and Pat Gallagher
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
Please Note: No Thursday Hike on Christmas Day 25 December	
St Stephen's Day Friday 26 December 2025	
Route:	Sutton Cross to Howth taking in the famous Bog of Frogs Loop – Ben of Howth – Red Rock Beach – Bailey Light House Cliff Walk – Bascadden and Howth. A shorter hike can be arranged for Easier Moderate Hikers if required.
Leader:	Larry Meany
Meet:	Sutton Cross: Hike(s) departing at 11am sharp. NO DART SERVICE TODAY
Transport:	Dublin Bus Services: Routes H3 and 6 from Abbey Street. Bus stops outside Irish Lottery Offices opposite Peacock Theatre – buses are frequent but please make allowances for a reduced Bankholiday schedule. Please note that both routes stop at Sutton Cross. There is NO DART SERVICE operating on St Stephens Day.
Please Note: No scheduled hikes for Sunday 28 December 2025	
<u>Dates for your Diary</u>	
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 4th December 2025	
Route:	Visit to the Shackleton Museum in Athy Town Square, Co. Kildare Museum entrance price €15.00
Leader:	Breda McNamara
Meet:	Heuston Station at 0945am for the 10.15am Waterford train. Return trains 3.26pm/4.19pm
Sunday 14th December 2025	
Theatre Venue:	National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace “Candlelight Concert” Matinee 3pm – Meet 2.30pm sharp
Tickets:	Phone 014170077 - PLEASE NOTE: LOW AVAILABILITY
Organisers:	Mary Bell and Breda McNamara