

An Óige Hikes Programme January 2026

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> 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 1 s t January 2026	
Please Note: No Thursday Hike scheduled for New Year's Day	
SUNDAY 4th January 2026 – Co-Ordinator Ann Prendergast	
Suitable for MODERATE HIKE/EASIER MODERATE HIKERS*	
Route:	Kilmacanogue – Little Sugarloaf – Belmont Way – St Ennis's Lane – St Crispin's Church and grounds – Coastal Track to Greystones Harbour and town.
Leader:	David McCann
Transport:	Public Transport: Meet bus Stop at Townsend Street (back of Pearse Street Garda Station for 10.10am sharp for 10.15am 133 Bus to Kilmacanogue (Cross over the carriageway to the opposite bus stop meeting place). Or Take the Dart to Bray Station and pick up the 45A bus to Kilmacanogue Hike departs 11.20am or after the arrival of the 133 Bus.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	As Above
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Glen of the Downs to Greystones via Ballydonagh Lane- Kindlestown Wood & Castle via rights of Way
Leader:	Ann Prendergast
Transport:	Public Transport: Meet bus Stop at Townsend Street (back of Pearse Street Garda Station at 10.10am sharp for 10.15am 133 Bus to Wicklow
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 8 t h January 2026	
Route:	Heuston Station – Royal Hospital War Memorial Gardens to Chapelizod
Leader:	Michael Mooney
Meet:	Laughter Lounge at 11.am sharp for public transport
SUNDAY 11th January 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Kilakee Carpark – Cruagh Wood – Glendoo – Knocknagun – O'Toole Mass Rock – Neal's Quarry – Oldboleys – Glencree Recreation Centre
Leader:	Udo Sap
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Noel Lemass Memorial – Adjacent track to access Glendoo – Knocknagun – O'Toole Mass Rock – Neal's Quarry – Oldboleys – Glencree Recreation Centre
Leader:	David McCann
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Dodder Walk
Leader:	Michael Heneghan
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet at Laughter Lounge for 10.am
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 1 5 t h January 2026	
Route:	Kilcock to Maynooth and around Maynooth College
Leader:	Jenny Bannon
Meet:	Kilcock Train Station at 11.45am – Meet Connolly Station at 10.45am.for 11.am train to Maynooth

SUNDAY 18th January 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Ita O’Hanlon	
Hike suitable for both MODERATE and EASIER MODERATE HIKERS	
Route:	Johnny Foxe’s Pub – Dublin Mountain Way – 2 Rock Mountain – 3 Rock Mountain – Fairy Castle- Wicklow Way – Kilmashogue – Marley Park
Leader:	Ita O’Hanlon
Transport:	Please Note: Special Bus * Cost €10.00 per person outward to Johnny Foxe’s. Public Transport back to town from Marley Park.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Johnny Foxe’s Pub – Dublin Mountain Way – The Gap – Three Rock – The Stables – Fernhill Tunnel - Stepside
Leaders:	Fiona Byrne
Transport:	Please Note: Special Bus * Cost €10.00 per person outward to Johnny Foxe’s. Public Transport back to town from Stepside.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 22nd January 2026	
Route:	Walk the Metals from Dunlaoghaire to Dalkey, up to the Obelisk and back to Dunlaoghaire
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Connolly Station at 10.45am sharp.
SUNDAY 25th January 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Fiona Byrne	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Pier Gates – Wicklow Way Track – The Barr – White Hill – Djouce – Djouce Wood Forest Track – Paddock Pond Site – Long Hill Carpark.
Leader:	Tony Groves
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinastoe Wood – Forest Track (not bike route) – Forest edge to style approaching Barr – Wicklow Way - White Hill – Djouce – Wicklow Way – Djouce Wood track to Long Hill Carpark
Leader:	Brian Madden
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinastoe Wood – Wicklow Way – Djouce Wood – Long Hill Carpark
Leader:	Fiona Byrne
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 29th January 2026	
Route:	Royal Canal Walk from Broombridge to the Liffey
Leader:	Patricia Goodman
Meet:	Meet Clery's Clock at 10.45am sharp

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>		
Friday 16th January 2026		
Event Venue:	National Concert Hall “Hits of Andrew Lloyd Webber”	
Meet:	1.30pm sharp in the reception area	
Cost:	€20.00 (Concessions €16.00)	Contact Booking Office at 014170000
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	
Wednesday 28th January 2026		
Event Venue:	Irish Film Institute (Strawberry Club) “Parallel Mothers” Pedro Almodovar’s acclaimed Film <i>Please check for any film update nearer the screening date</i>	
Meet:	10.45am (film starts at 11.00am sharp)	
Cost:	€5.00 (members) €6.95 for Non-Members	
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL
Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir