

An Óige Hikes Programme September 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, Gaiters and Flask (hot drink), Sandwiches, Simple First Aid Kit, Sunscreen Lotion, Sunglasses, Please cover up from damaging UV Rays to prevent Skin Damage while engaging in outdoor activities</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> <i>1. Have you had any symptoms of Covid 19 recently?</i> <i>2. Have you recently tested positive for Covid 19, or have you been in close contact with an infected person?</i>
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 3rd September 2026		
Route:	Mullingar to Ballinea Greenway – Distance: 11 Kilometres approx.	
Leader:	Tom O’Loughlin	
Meet:	Connolly Station at 10.45am for 11am Sligo train to Mullingar	
SUNDAY 6th September 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Mary Chambers		
Trip to the Cooley Peninsula, County Louth		
MODERATE HIKE*		
Route:	Ballymakellett – Joe Foyle Way – The Cut – Cairnawaddy – Black Mountain – Green Road – Annaverna Carabane – The Castle – Round Mtn – Tain Trail – Lumpers Pub	
Leader:	Chris Byrne	Distance 14 Kilometres Ascent: 650 metres
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €25.00 per person.	
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*		
Route:	Ballymakellett – Joe Foyle Way – The Donnans – Slievetrasna – The Castle – Round Mountain – Tain Trail – Lumpers Pub	
Leader:	Eilish Hanratty	Distance: 10 Kilometres Ascent: 400metres
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €25.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.	
EASIER HIKE*		
Route:	Walk grounds of Newbridge House, Donabate via Lanetown entrance and detour to Broadmeadow Estuary. Return via Newbridge House, Donabate for bus/ train to Dublin.	
Leader:	Mary Chambers	
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet at Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay.	
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 10th September 2026		
Route:	Dalkey – Bullock Harbour – Dunlaoghaire - Seapoint	
Leader:	Michael Mooney	
Meet:	Connolly Station at 11.00am or 11.55am in Dalkey	
SUNDAY 13th September 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell		
MODERATE HIKE*		
Route:	Ballyknockan – Silsean – Moanbane – Billy Byrnes Gap – Blackhill – Turfcutter’s Track – Lacken via Blessington Lake track – Lacken (Zeller’s Pub)	
Leader:	Udo Sap	
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.	
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*		
Route:	Lacken Church Carpark – Ballyknockan Road – Pound Lane – Turfcutter’s Track – Blackhill – Ballynultagh Gap – Old Road Track – Lacken Mass Track – Lacken (Zeller’s Pub)	
Leader:	Fergal Griffin	
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.	
EASIER HIKE*		
Route:	Russborough House to Blessington along the Greenway	
Leader:	Mick Heneghan	
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.	

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 17th September 2026	
Route:	Walk to Ashtown - Tolka Valley Park – Glasnevin Cemetery – Botanic Gardens and the Tolka House (food optional)
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Binns Bridge Lower Drumcondra Road at 10.45am sharp for the walk to Ashtown. Buses from Westmoreland Street & O'Connell Street are 16, F1, F2, F3 for Binns Bridge
SUNDAY 20th September 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Larry Meany	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Oldbridge – Forest Track – Brown Mountain Track – Scarr – Dry Hill – Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way towards Laragh Glendalough
Leader:	Larry Meany
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Annamoe Hamlet – side road walk to Wicklow Way – Brusher Gap and Hut – Wicklow Way towards Laragh and Glendalough
Leader:	Ita O'Hanlon
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Roundwood Lakes
Leader:	Tom O'Loughlin
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 24th September 2026	
Route:	Omeath to Newry along the Greenway – Distance 11 Kilometres approx. Private bus to Omeath from Newry – Please Note: Cost of bus is €10.00 approx.
Please Note:	If interested please Revolut Paula Oliver €10.00 or give her cash in advance to book your place on the private bus. Also, Paula would like to know how many would do the walk. She will be putting up a poll to determine the level of interest which will not commit anyone to go. Advance payment will be required if logistics work out
Leader:	Paula Oliver
Meet:	Dublin Connolly Station at 9.30am for the 9.50am Belfast train to Newry
SUNDAY 27th September 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – TBA	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinagore Bridge – Forde's Hill – Croaghan Kinsella Mountain – Currihill – Ballythomas – The Gap Pub
Leader:	Brian Madden
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €25.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Whiteheaps – Raheenleagh – Croaghan Kinsella – Carrig – Ballythomas – The Gap Pub.
Leader:	David McCann
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €25.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.

EASIER HIKE*		
Route:	St Catherines Park	
Leader:	Nancy Phillips	
Transport:	Public Transport – meet at Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay	
Dates for your Diary		
Sunday 4 th October 2026		
An Óige Annual Mass for Deceased Members		
Venue:	An Óige International Youth Hostel, Glendalough	
Time:	3pm sharp	
Celebrant :	Fr. Jimmy Kelly, Life Member	
Refreshments:	Light Refreshments will be available	
Friday 18th September 2026		
Venue:	National Concert Hall “Keep it Country” One Hundred Years of the Grand Old Opry presented by Singalong Song Box	
Times:	Starting at 1.05pm	Meet: 12.30pm
Price:	€22.00 – please note: no concessions	
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	
Wednesday 30th September 2026		
Event Venue:	Irish Film Institute (Strawberry Club) Please Note: Showing to be confirmed later – Contact Number: 01 6793477	
Meet:	10.45am (film starts at 11.00am sharp)	
Cost:	€5.00 (members) €6.95 for non-members	
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	