

An Óige Hikes Programme APRIL 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> 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 2nd April 2026	
Route:	Boyne Valley Walk to the BATTLE OF THE BOYNE HISTORIC SITE at Oldbridge, Co. Meath
Leader:	Michael Mooney
Meet:	Drogheda Train Station at 11.05am. Train departs from Connolly Station at 10.00am
EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 2026	
MODERATE/EASY MODERATE HIKES*	
Route:	Marley Park – Wicklow Way – Kilmashogue – Fairy Castle – Three Rock – Ticknock – Kellystown – Marley Park
Leader:	Des Whelan
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet at Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay for 10am
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Howth Summit to the Sea
Leader:	Olive Cowlard
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet at Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay for 10am
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 9th April 2026	
Route:	Cherrywood to Shankill
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Marlborough Luas Stop, Marlborough Street at 10.45am sharp for the next Luas to Cherrywood
SUNDAY 12th April 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Jim Barry	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Knickeen Ford – Stranahely Wood – Table Track – The Elbow – Wexford Gap – Cavanagh’s Gap – Lobawn – Kilcoagh – Bolton’s Yard – Donard.
Maynooth	Tom Hennessy
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Ballinlea Forest – Tracks to Sugarloaf Mountain – Lobawn – Kilcoagh – Bolton’s Yard - Donard
Leader:	Jim Barry
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Royal Canal Walk from Maynooth to Confey
Leader:	Nancy Phillips
Transport:	Public Transport - Meet Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, Dublin 1
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 16th April 2026	
Route:	Walk in the Glendalough Area
Leader:	Bernie Gilvarry
Meet:	St Stephens Green North at 10.30am for the St Kevins Bus to Glendalough

SUNDAY 19th April 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Fiona Byrne	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Laragh – Woolen Mills – Upper Track to Derrybawn Ridge – Braigue Mountain – Mullacor – Lugduff Gap – Wicklow Way – Poulanass Waterfall – Green Road - Laragh
Leader:	Udo Sap
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Kilafin – Avonmore Way – Trooperstown Hill – Ballard – Bookey’s Bridge - Laragh
Leader:	Garry Byrne
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Annamoe – Avonmore River – Kilafin – Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way - Laragh
Leader:	Fiona Byrne
Meet:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 23rd April 2026	
Route:	Arthur’s Way Heritage Trail to Celbridge and Castletown House Estate
Leader:	Jenny Bannon
Meet:	Aston Quay for C3 Bus departing at 10.45am
SUNDAY 26th April 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Askanagap – Mulhall Family Memorial Avalanche Site – Askanagap Hill – Ballycurragh Bridge – Rosahane Old Cemetery – Iron Bridge
Leader:	David Marlborough
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Iron Bridge – Wicklow Way – Carrickashane Forest – Drumgoff Gap – Fananerrin Ridge – Military Road – Wicklow Way – Drumgoff Lodge
Leader:	Brian Madden
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Drumgoff Gap – Wicklow Way - Glenmalure
Leader:	Fiona Byrne
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 30th April 2026	
Route:	Tolka Estuary Walk
Leader:	Paula Oliver
Meet:	Clontarf Dart Station at 11.30am SHARP

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th April 2026

Event Venue:	National Concert Hall Lunch time performance “ Theatre Royal Remembered” with baritone Gerry Noonan and Soprano Kathleen Noonan – includes archival footage and classic songs
Time:	Performance commences at 1.05pm .
Meet:	12.30pm in the foyer
Cost:	€20.00 (concession €18.00)
Booking:	Contact the booking office on 01 4170000
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Event Venue:	Irish Film Institute (Strawberry Club) Please Note: Programme to be announced weeks before the event
Meet:	10.45am (film starts at 11.00am sharp)
Cost:	€5.00 (members) €6.95 for non-members
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell

Sunday 31st May 2026 (Early Announcement)

Event Venue:	Light House Cinema, Smithfield, Dublin 8 “ The Playboy of the Western World ” by John Millington Synge – first performed in 1907 at the Abbey Theatre which caused riots because of its controversial portrayal of Irish Identity, language and women. This presentation will be a recording of the live play from the National Theatre London – modern uptake of the old version.	
Cost:	€20.00 (€18.00 Concessions)	
Meet:	2.pm in the foyer (starts 2.30pm sharp)	
Booking:	Booking Office No. 018728006	Please Note: Early booking recommended
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	

An Óige June weekend Trip 2026

Dates: Friday 5 June to Monday 8 June

Leader: Fiona Byrne

Accommodation Venue: Anchor House, Newport, Co. Mayo

What's included /Activities Itinerary

Beautiful Inishkea Island off the Belmullet Peninsula, Co. Mayo

Walk Great Western Greenway Section - Mulranny to Newport

Accommodation includes 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners, 3 Packed Lunches

Cost: €420.00 (approximately)

Bookings: opening first week in May

Email: Ita O'Hanlon at itaohdubs@gmail.com (from 1st May only please)