

## An Óige Hike Programme May 2022

**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 2022: €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](mailto:info@anoige.ie) (Office days Wednesday to Friday only)

**OR**

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

or email Jim Barry at [barryja156@outlook.com](mailto:barryja156@outlook.com)

## **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 obey his/her instructions at all times. 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:**

<b>WEAR:</b>	HIKING BOOTS OR STRONG SHOES FOR EASIER HIKES HIKING BOOTS <b>ONLY</b> FOR MODERATE HIKES, EASIER MODERATE HIKES NO JEANS. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON HIKES.
<b>BRING:</b>	<i>Hand Sanitiser, Rainwear, Flask, Sandwiches, Simple First Aid Kit, Sun Block, Hat &amp; Gloves.</i>
<b>COVID-19 NOTICE</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Covid 19 Restrictions Update</i></u></p> <p><i>Face Coverings will no longer be mandatory for travelling on the private bus and on Public Transport from Monday 28 February.</i></p> <p><i>Intending hikers may continue to wear face coverings on the bus, as a precautionary measure, if they wish to do so.</i></p> <p><b><u>HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE/QUESTIONNAIRE</u></b> <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></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Have you any symptoms of Covid 19 recently?</li><li>2. Have you recently tested positive for Covid 19, or have you been in close contact with an infected person?</li></ol>
<b>MEET:</b>	<b>All Sunday walks leave from Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay, O'Connell Bridge End @ 10.00am, unless otherwise stated. You are requested to arrive at the meeting place in good time.</b>

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**SUNDAY 1st May 2022: Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell****MODERATE/EASY MODERATE COMBINED HIKE**

<b>Route:</b>	Fernhill Tunnel – Three Rock Mountain – Two Rock Mountain – Glencullen – Boranaraltry Bridge – Wicklow Way – Shop River
<b>Leader:</b>	Tony Groves
<b>Transport:</b>	Public Transport

**EASIER MODERATE HIKE**

<b>Route:</b>	Shortened version of the above hike.
<b>Leader:</b>	Tony Groves
<b>Transport:</b>	Public Transport

**ALSO May Bank Holiday Sunday 1st May 2022****Visit to the renowned Vale of Avoca Co. Wicklow**

<b>Route:</b>	Special walk in the Avoca area, taking in the Motte Stone and the ancient Copper Mines
<b>Meet:</b>	10.30am at the Laughter Lounge on Eden Quay
<b>Evening Meal:</b>	Evening Meal afterwards at the famous Woodenbridge Hotel <b>Please Note:</b> Meal is optional at own expense.
<b>Leader:</b>	Kay and Tony O’Sullivan
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.

**MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 5th May 2022**

<b>Route:</b>	The Curragh to Kildare Town
<b>Meet:</b>	Heuston Station at 10.00am sharp for 10.20pm train to Newbridge
<b>Notes:</b>	<b>A private bus will pick up and bring walkers to the Curragh at €4.00 per person.</b> There will be time to view the military museum and environs before walking to Kildare Town.
<b>Leader:</b>	Margaret Salmon

**CYCLING with Michael Heneghan every Friday commencing 8th April 2022**

Please see dates for your Diary Section of Programme for more information

**SUNDAY 8th May 2022: Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell****MODERATE HIKE\***

<b>Route:</b>	Ballinabarney – Ballineddan – Slievemaan – Lugnaquilla – Camara Hill – Banana Road – Fenton’s Pub
<b>Leader:</b>	Michael Heneghan
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.

**EASIER MODERATE HIKE\***

<b>Route:</b>	Knickeen Ford – Stranahely Wood – Cavanagh’s Gap – Lobawn – Bolton’s Yard - Donard
<b>Leader:</b>	Martin Fagan
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.

<b>EASIER HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Russborough House Trails and Blessington Greenway
<b>Leaders:</b>	Mary Chambers
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus *These 3 hikes will share the same bus. Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 12th May 2022</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Walk from Sutton Dart Station to Malahide via Baldoyle and Portmarnock, finishing in Malahide.
<b>Leader:</b>	Michael Mooney
<b>Meet:</b>	11am sharp at Sutton Dart Station.
<b>Sunday 15th May 2022: Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell</b>	
<b>MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Oldbridge – Scarr Mountain – Paddock Hill – Wicklow Way – Glendalough
<b>Leader:</b>	Larry Meany
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Laragh – Wicklow Way – Brockagh East – Brockagh Mountain - Glendasan Forest Track – Wicklow Way – Glendalough
<b>Leader:</b>	Donal Finn
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Oldbridge – Wicklow Way – Brusher’s Gap Hut – Wicklow Way – Glendalough
<b>Leader:</b>	Des Whelan
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus *These 3 hikes will share the same bus. Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 19th May 2022</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Walk from Bridget Burke’s Pub (now The Old Mill) Tallaght to Templeogue (7km)
<b>Leader:</b>	Pat Gallagher
<b>Meet:</b>	Meet at the 49 bus stop at College Green, Trinity College at 11am sharp. The stop is opposite Pearse Street Garda Station.
<b>Notes:</b>	Pat Gallagher will be continuing on to Donnybrook for those wishing to do a longer walk.
<b>Sunday 22nd May 2022 Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell</b>	
<b>MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Trooperstown Wood (Kilafin) - Avonmore River – Glenwood – Cronybyrne – Stump of the Castle – Samuel Hayes Bridge – Ballygannon - Rathdrum
<b>Leader:</b>	David McCann
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Trooperstown Wood (Kilafin) – Avonmore Way following Avonmore River– Vale of Clara – Samuel Hayes Bridge - Rathdrum
<b>Leader:</b>	Tom O’Loughlin
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.

<b>SLOW COACH WALK*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Stump of the Castle – Samuel Hayes Bridge – Rathdrum
<b>Leader:</b>	Marie McDonnell
<b>Transport:</b>	Special Bus *These 3 hikes will share the same bus. Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER HIKE</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Clontarf to Dollymount
<b>Leader:</b>	Deirdre Wilson
<b>Transport:</b>	Clontarf Dart Station at 11am.
<b>MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 26th May 2022</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Grand Canal Spur from Sallins to Naas
<b>Leader:</b>	Tom O’Loughlin
<b>Meet:</b>	Heuston Station at 11.10am for the 11.20am train to Sallins
<b>Sunday 29th May 2022: Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay Pat Gallagher</b>	
<b>MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Cruagh Wood – Glendoo Mtn – Knocknagun – Prince William Seat’s – Ravens Rock – Kilmalin – Shop River
<b>Leader:</b>	Pat Gallagher
<b>Meet:</b>	Special Bus Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER MODERATE HIKE*</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Oldboleys – Neal’s Quarry – Castle Toole Mass Rocks – Knocknagun – Prince William Seat – Ravens Rock – Kilmalin – Shop River
<b>Leader:</b>	John Cobbe
<b>Meet:</b>	Special Bus *These 2 hikes will share the same bus. Cost €20.00 per person.
<b>EASIER HIKE</b>	
<b>Route:</b>	Poolbeg Lighthouse (weather permitting)
<b>Leader:</b>	Brian Connolly
<b>Meet:</b>	Public Transport
<b>AN ÓIGE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP ACTIVITIES</b>	
Text message only with name, phone number and query to: (087) 166 9605.	
<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
<b>Cycling News from Friday 8th April 2022</b>	
Michael Heneghan will lead cycling trips (approximately 50km) from outside the Laughter Lounge, Eden Quay on Friday mornings commencing on Friday 8th April. Meeting time 10.30am sharp.	
<b>Tuesday 17th May 2022</b>	
<b>Event:</b>	Cinema Outing
<b>Meet:</b>	1.30pm sharp at Savoy Cinema
<b>Organiser:</b>	Patsy Moloney

## Friday 20th May 2022

<b>Event:</b>	Social Friday at the Teachers Club, Parnell Square Scrabble, Draughts, Jigsaws
<b>Meet:</b>	7.30pm
<b>Cost:</b>	€7.00 per person
<b>Organiser:</b>	Patsy Moloney

## Burrishoole Walking Festival 2022

### Friday 3rd June to Monday 6th June 2022

<b>Package:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 days of hiking</li><li>• 3 nights bed and breakfast and 3 evening meals (€180.00 per person sharing)</li><li>• Festival fees and social evening</li><li>• Return bus from Westport to Newport</li><li>• <u>Please note that the package price does not include return train fare from Dublin</u></li><li>• <u>Festival fees of €50.00 (approx.) will need to be paid directly to the Burrishoole Festival Committee</u></li><li>• <u>Private bus hire to take participants to and from Westport will be collected on the train (€40.00)</u></li></ul>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	€270 per person
<b>Leader:</b>	Fiona Byrne – Phone Number: 085 784 1739
<b>Booking:</b>	Email (or phone - see above) Fiona at <a href="mailto:fionabdub@yahoo.ie">fionabdub@yahoo.ie</a> to request booking details <b>Please Note: Places limited. Early booking advised to avoid disappointment.</b>
<b>Train:</b>	Departs Heuston Station at approximately 12.45hrs on Friday (seat booking advised)
<b>An Óige:</b>	Please note that all intending participants must have a valid An Óige membership card

### Saturday 18th June 2022

<b>Theatre Visit:</b>	Smock Alley Theatre – Adaption of James Joyce’s Dubliners Matinee at 3.30pm.
<b>Booking:</b>	Ring Theatre at 01 6770014
<b>Cost:</b>	€25.00 per person
<b>Organiser:</b>	Patsy Moloney
<b>Meet:</b>	3.00pm outside Smock Alley Theatre, 7 Exchange Street Lower, Temple Bar, Dublin 1

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### WANTED

Anyone with photographs of An Óige, which they would like saved for posterity, please contact Marie McDonnell at (H) 01 837 7411

### Saving Mountain Lodge

From 1937 to 2012, the Lodge was leased by An Óige, and was run as a Youth Hostel. Now Burncourt Community Council, through a sub-lease, are restoring it as a Community Project, planning to rejuvenate the former Shooting Lodge into a resource for artists and writers, including a café in the Summer. An Óige Groups are also invited to use the Lodge.

A new fire escape is required at the back of the building, to enable the room upstairs to be brought back into use. If you would like to contribute to this great Restoration Project, please contact Marie McDonnell: Tel: 01 8377411 (H)

**REMEMBER THAT – the Future of the Sunday Hikes depends on there being sufficient members willing and available to act as Leaders for both the Moderate, Easier Moderate and Easier Hikes. Co-Ordinators are also in short supply. Please volunteer your services now by ringing Marie McDonnell at 01 837 7411 (H)**