

An Óige Hikes Programme October 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, <u>Please Note: High Viz Arm Bands /Vest & Torch from October onwards</u></i> <i>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 1st October 2026	
Route:	Unfortunately, no walk scheduled for today
Leader:	
Meet:	
SUNDAY 4th October 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Marie McDonnell	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Shay Elliot Recreational Carpark – Braigue Mountain – Mullacor – Critchley’s Corner – Ballybraid Valley – Ballyboy – Coolalinga Bridge – Drumgoff Lodge
Leader:	David McCann
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Drumgoff Gap – track to Croaghanmoira – Fananeerin Ridge – Fananeerin Summit – return to saddle – descend to Military Road – Wicklow Way track to Drumgoff Lodge
Leader:	Ita O’Hanlon
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Ragman’s Path – Shay Elliot Recreation Area – Old Quarry Road – Uppertown – Drumgoff – Glenmalure Lodge Hotel.
Leader:	Ann Prendergast
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 8th October 2026	
Route:	Howth – Baldoyle – Portmarnock – Malahide (finish)
Leader:	Michael Mooney
Meet:	Howth Station at 11.15am SHARP
SUNDAY 11th October 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Pat Gallagher	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Lacken (Zeller’s Carpark) – Pound Lane – Turfcutter’s Bog Road – Hampton Bomber Memorial – Billy Byrne’s Gap – Mullaghcleevaun – Cleevaun Lough – Blackhill – Lacken (Zeller’s Pub)
Leader:	Donal Finn
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Carrig – Lugnagun – Sorrel Hill – Ballynultagh Gap – Gap Road – Lacken Mass Track – Lacken (Zeller’s Pub)
Leader:	Pat Gallagher
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Seapoint to Dalkey
Leader:	Deirdre Wilson
Meet:	Tara Street Station Platform at 11.am sharp

MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 15th October 2026	
Route:	Confey to Maynooth (Carton House Estate)
Leader:	Jenny Bannon
Meet:	Leixlip Confey Train Station at 11.15am. Train departs Dublin Connolly Station at 10.45am sharp.
SUNDAY 18th October 2026 - Co-Ordinator on Eden Quay – Mick Heneghan	
MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Athdown Wood – Seefin – Seefingan – Corrig – Seahan – Green Road – Bohernabreena Water Works to Carpark.
Leader:	Tony Groves
Transport:	Special Bus * Cost €20.00 per person.
EASIER MODERATE HIKE*	
Route:	Seahan Forest – Ballymorefinn – Seahan – Green Road – Bohernabreena Waterworks to carpark.
Leader:	Larry Meany
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These two hikes will share the same bus.
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Bohernabreena Waterworks Circuit plus Goughie's Cafe
Leader:	Michael Heneghan
Transport:	Special Bus : Cost €20.00 per person. These three hikes will share the same bus.
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 22nd October 2026	
Route:	Sutton to Howth Castle and the Bog of Frogs - return via Howth
Leader:	Fiona Byrne
Meet:	Dublin Connolly Station at 10.45am sharp
BANKHOLIDAY SUNDAY 25th October 2026	
<u>Please Note: Clocks and Watches will need to be put back 1 hour from 2am this morning</u>	
SUITABLE FOR BOTH MODERATE/EASIER MODERATE HIKERS*	
Route:	Marley Park – Wicklow Way – Killeshog – Fairy Castle – Three Rock Mtn – return via Taylor's Grange to Marley Park
Leader:	Tony McMahon
Transport:	Public Transport – Meet at the Laughter Lounge
EASIER HIKE*	
Route:	Balally to Marley Park Greenway via the Slang River
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Marlborough Street Luas Stop at 10.45am sharp
MIDWEEK WALK: Thursday 29th October 2026	
Route:	Lehaunstown to Shankill
Leader:	Mary Moloney
Meet:	Marlborough Luas Stop at 10.45am sharp. Get Luas to Lehaunstown for walk to Killiney Beach and then Bradys for food (optional)

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 23rd October 2026		
Venue:	National Concert Hall “Musicals please Maestro” Soprano Roisin O’Sullivan and Guest Artist Brian Gilligan	
Times:	Starting at 1.05pm (John Field Room)	Meet: 12.30pm in the foyer
Price:	€18.00 – concessions	Please Note: Booking brisk for shows
Organisers:	Breda McNamara and Mary Bell	
Wednesday 28th October 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	
Coming Events		
Tuesday 8th December 2026		
Venue:	National Concert Hall (lunch time programme) NSOI Orchestra playing Christmas Carols and Tunes from Christmas Movies Please Note: Booking brisk for shows	
Tuesday 22 nd December 2026		
Venue:	Gate Theatre “ IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE” (Matinee) Please Note: Booking brisk for shows	