

Horn Head Wanderung

Starting Point
Dunfanaghy
County Donegal
Ireland

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Dunfanaghy

Dunfanaghy (*Dún Fionnachaidh*, fort of the fair field, Gaelic *dún* 'fort', *fionn* 'fair' and *achadh* 'field'). Dunfanaghy is a small town, former fishing port, and commercial centre in County Donegal, Ireland. It lies on Donegal's North West coast, specifically the west side of Sheephaven Bay, on the N56 road (the West Donegal Coastal Route). Before the Plantation, Dunfanaghy was part of the territory of the McGinley clan, a clan of the *Cineál Luidhdheach*, a branch of the greater *Cineál Chonaill*. The McGinley clan, in Gaelic *Mag Fhionnghaile*, held their territory here under the guardianship of the powerful McSweeney clan.

Just outside the village is a three-mile-long sandy beach known as Killahoey Strand. On 16 June 1942, a Royal Air Force, Ferry Command aircraft landed on a beach near Dunfanaghy, Irish Army archive reports call this 'Hill Strand'. The aircraft was refuelled and the crew of four accommodated nearby overnight. They departed the next day to continue their delivery flight of the aircraft. This event became confused with another aircraft landing in 1943 when, in the early 1990s, an American veteran Harry X Ford made an effort to find the town in which he crashed landed on 10 May 1943. Having visited the town in 1993 it was finally discovered he had not actually landed there but had been on a B-17 Flying Fortress which force landed on a beach at Bundoran on 10 May 1943. Irish Army Archive reports confirm Harry X Ford's presence in Bundoran and not anywhere near Dunfanaghy or Portnablagh. Some sources published around 1993 attribute a landing on 2 May 1943 to have taken place on Killahoey Strand but this is an error confirmed by Irish Army Archives and the archives of the United States Air Force.

New Lake

West of Dunfanaghy are New Lake and Tramore Strand, a two-mile-long beach. New Lake was formerly a salt water marsh, but during the First World War, over-cutting of the grass on the surrounding sand dunes led to their destabilisation and the movement of the sand to block up the river. As a result, the marsh filled with fresh water and became a lake. The sand also silted up Dunfanaghy harbour. The New Lake became a haven for seabirds and is now a Special Protection Area. Also nearby is Sessiagh Lough, a small lough with a crannog in the middle.

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Tour Prices (GBP)

Valid for	Group Size	Per Person	Single Supplement
1st Jan 2017 - 31st Dec 2020	0 - 1	100.00	1.00
1st Jan 2017 - 31st Dec 2020	2 - 2	95.00	0.00
	<i>Available on request</i>		
	Item		Per Person
	R2 Item 1		110.00
31st Dec 2020 - 31st Dec 2021	1 - 10	95.00	0.00

Tour Schedules

No Fixed Departure Dates for this tour.

Hinweis

Da dies die sehr nordwestliche Küste Irlands ist und dem Nordatlantik völlig ausgesetzt ist, sind die Wetterbedingungen unvorhersehbar und können sich sofort ändern.

Sie können alles erwarten, von einem hellen sonnigen Tag bis zu heftigen Regenschauern und kalten Winden. Seien Sie bereit, warme und trockene Kleidung mit sich zu tragen.

Stellen Sie außerdem sicher, dass Sie genügend Insektenschutzmittel haben, um die Zwerge zu entfernen, die Sie trocken saugen, wenn Sie nicht geschützt sind. Diese Wanderung ist nichts für schwache Nerven, aber sicherlich eine der besten in Irland, an der wir uns zu 100% sicher sind.

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