

Let's Go Walking...

Here are a few useful tips that will help you to enjoy your walk and do your heart good

- If you're not in the habit of taking regular exercise, start slowly, enjoy being out and about, and gradually build up to the recommended 30 minutes walking a day.
- Drink a glass of water before and after your walk and, don't forget, wear good, comfortable shoes.
- Gradually warm up at the beginning and cool down towards the end.
- Remember, loose clothing is more comfortable and, in winter, add light layers rather than thick, chunky clothes. It's much better.
- Why not try to incorporate walking into your daily activities. Walk to work, to meetings or the shops. The list is endless....
- If you have a history of heart trouble or other significant medical illness, talk to your doctor before you start.
- Stop if you experience unusual symptoms, such as chest pain, dizziness or breathlessness, and consult your doctor.
- Why not invite your friends, family or work colleagues to join you when you go walking...

Slí na Sláinte

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A regular programme of walking...

- ... keeps your heart strong
- ... improves muscle strength
- ... helps to manage your weight
- ... makes you feel good

BUT, ABOVE ALL - WALKING IS FUN

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

...reduces risk for several chronic diseases including heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, anxiety and depression.

For health benefits you need to walk at a hearty pace for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. You can accumulate the 30 minutes or more over two or three shorter sessions.

Help to maintain Slí routes

Please report any dangerous obstacles or missing / damaged signs to:

Slí na Sláinte®

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Slí na Sláinte stands for 'path to health'. Developed by the Irish Heart Foundation, it's the new outgoing way to make walking for leisure and good health even more enjoyable.

Already, it's capturing the attention of the young and old, not only in Ireland but in Europe and other parts of the world too! And no wonder, because it's a fun healthy way for the average adult to accumulate the recommended 30 minutes of physical activity, on most, preferably all days of the week.



Marked by bright colourful signposts which are not numbered and are situated at 1 km intervals, you'll find Slí na Sláinte walk routes all over Ireland.

Simply follow the Km signs, set your pace to suit your enjoyment and you'll quickly feel better and get fitter. You will also experience a great sense of achievement.



Your 7.4Km Slí walk (indicated in yellow) starts at Dundalk Shopping Centre and follows the Dublin Road past the Louth County Hospital on your right and the Regional College to the junction with the N1 By-Pass.

You turn here and follow the road past Heinz, Fás and National Tile until you come to the Barrack Street Junction (just before John Short Hire).

Turning left you go along Seatown Place past St Vincent's Secondary School. Coming to St Patrick's Cathedral you follow the one way traffic system up Francis Street, past the Imperial Hotel and along Park Street and Dublin Street back to Dundalk Shopping Centre.

There are two shorter routes, indicated in green and orange on the map.

Routes can be walked in either direction

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