

# Horn Head Hike

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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.

## Point of interest

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## Point of interest

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## Point of interest

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## Point of interest

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# Tour Summary

## Group Size

Minimum 1 and Maximum of 5 guests.

## Tour Prices (GBP)

- Per Person: £ 100.00
- Per Person Sharing: £ 10
- Single Supplement: £ 50.00
- Rucksack: £ 5.50
- Water Bottle (1 Litre): £ 1.50

## Tour Costing (Block)

|   | Group Size | Per Person | Single Supplement |
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## Tour Schedules

No Fixed Departure Dates for this tour.

## Note

This being the very North Westerly coast of Ireland and fully exposed to the North Atlantic, weather conditions are unpredictable and can change in an instant.

You can expect anything from a bright sunny day to heavy rainstorms and cold winds. Be prepared to carry some warm and dry gear with you.

Also, make sure you have enough insect repellant to drive off the midgets that will suck you dry if you are not protected.

This hike is not for the faint-hearted, but surely one of the best in Ireland that we are 100% sure you will enjoy.

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