

*Top 10 Walks in Ireland Top Walking and Hiking Routes in Ireland Between scenery, history, mythology and ancient paths, Ireland has some of the best walking and hiking trails in the world.*

Comments There is nothing better than having hearty breakfast, getting out in the fresh air and walking. Walking holidays are becoming more and more popular in Ireland and there are plenty to choose from. Whether you want to spend two days, five days or two weeks walking in Ireland there are different packages and different levels of ability you can choose from. Of course, there are also the day trippers who just come to visit the wonderful walking trails of Ireland, walk for a couple of miles and then return to reality. Here is our pick of the top ten trails: It is often referred to as the Historic Way as it brings the walkers on a journey through history using the old driving paths and coach roads. Along the way, you will see the stunning Iveragh Peninsula. Also, the old butter roads which in the 18th century used to ship butter from Kenmare to London. Some flora and fauna of note are the sub-tropical plants along the way. You will spot giant fern and palms right beside rhododendron bushes and yellow irises. A short walk from this house is a beach which looks as though it should be in the Caribbean. The entire walk stretches over miles but again you can pick and choose which trails you want to follow. Along the trail you will find yourself hiking through low rounded hills, walking old bog roads or exploring abandoned copper mines. Also, the rocky coastline is very dramatic and perfect for a walking holiday. This area of Ireland has to most fine scenery and quiet countryside in the country. Connemara means "The Conmaicne Tribe of the Sea". Along the way, you will see shimmering quartz peaks over bogs and small loughs but beware the average rainfall is 1, mm. The Dingle Way 9 This one might not be for the faint of heart. It stretches over miles and was one of the first national walking routes. The trail follows minor country roads and beaches. The most dramatic part of the hike comes with a 1, feet descent crossing the shoulder of Brandon Mountain between Ballydavid and Cloghane. The walk skirts the mountains of Slieve Mish which form a spine of 40 miles jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean. The peninsula is littered with remains from the early Christian period, oratories, beehive huts, megalithic tombstones, monastic enclosures, high crosses, to name a few. Beautiful white sandy beaches, a temperate Gulf Stream climate and the profusion of strong colors in the flora â€” montbretia, fuchsia, purple loosestrife to name a few. The whole trail is 55 miles. Cork is a spectacularly beautiful place and therefore much visited by tourists and Irish people alike. However, this area is the least visited part of Cork which makes it truly idyllic. Along the walk, there are a couple of climbs but it is primarily a ridge and shoreline route. The terrain varies widely, making the walk a moderate rating. The central section of the trail is covered by the Wicklow Mountains National Park - its headquarters are in Glendalough and worth a visit. The route follows on occasion the Military Road, constructed by the British in the early 19th century to gain access to the lower regions of the county and the Irish rebels hiding within. However, it is not for the faint-hearted either. The Antrim Hills are blessed with heather-laden ground and tussocky grasses and the walk will also bring you off-road through fields where your only spectators are lazily grazing sheep and cows. The trail begins at Glenarm Village and ends at Slemish. The walk offers everything from low-lying strolls along verdant river banks to high-level hikes through the Galtees. There are varies trails at various lengths which can last from half hour walks to four-hour hikes. If you want a bit of a challenge while on this trail visit Lough Curra and Lake Muskry in the Galtees. The view is superb. From there you can see corrie lakes, wooded foothills, mountain streams and open moorland. It travels through the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Along the way, you will be close to nature hearing nothing but the great collection of birds and the wind in the trees. The circular trail stretches for 33 miles along the midland plains and also up into the environmentally protected areas in the hills. At Arderin, the highest point in these hills, you are rewarded with a spellbinding panoramic view. In this unusual landscape, the rivers run underground through a honeycomb of caves carved by nature through soft limestone, where year-round pastures flourish at rocky heights and where Arctic, Alpine, and Mediterranean plants grow side by side as strange flowerbed fellows in secret stone pockets and rocky wrinkles. This region offers numerous scenic shorter looped walks as well as long-distance routes for those seeking a challenge.

### Chapter 2 : Ireland guided walking hiking tours holidays - Go Visit Ireland

*Ireland may be small, but its landscape and terrain varies richly from valleys to peaks, beaches to bogs. In short, this is a walker's paradise. We caught up with two walking experts and asked them to choose three favourite walks each. Walks have been chosen by Sarah Nelson of Walks NI. Walks.*

We may not have the highest peaks in the world, but we still have some beauties. And we promise they will take your breath away, make you gape in awe and all without the risk of altitude sickness or falling through a crevasse. Here are six of our favourite mountain walks in Ireland. Croagh Patrick, Co Mayo Height: Made famous by our patron saint St. Patrick for fasting on the top of the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights. The hike will take about three or four hours to get up and back down, on what is a 14km round trip. Check out our full review of Croagh Patrick for more information. Mt Leinster, Co Wexford Height: Leinster, you will revel in the biting winds, beautiful views of the patchwork green fields of the valley below and the semi-wild horses and sheep grazing on its pastures. The mountain overlooks the three counties of Carlow, Wexford and Wicklow and there are plenty of walks to choose from. But perhaps the most accessible option is to drive to the gap at the Nine Stones and to make the 6km round trip to the summit via the access road. Although be warned, the nine stones themselves are very unimpressive! There are also some great mountain bike trails in the forestry carved by the local club Racing if you are so inclined. Check out our full review of Mt Leinster for more information. Slieve Donard, Co Down Height: It is part of the enchanting Mourne Mountain range. Follow the well-defined trail that takes you up the hill along the Glen River through a rich forest of pine, birch and oak. In good weather, you will also spot the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea, the Wicklow Mountains to the south, and the peaks of Wales, Scotland and even Donegal to the west. Check out our full review of Slieve Donard for more information. The Galtees, Co Tipperary Height: Stretching over 20km from Mitchelstown to Caher they offer a myriad of hiking options with fantastic views. One of our favourite hikes is a 5. Check out our full review of the Galtee Mtns for more information. The Comeraghs, Co Waterford Height: Lying side by side with their sister range the Monavullagh Mountains. The high mountain plateau above is truly a world apart and quite a change from the steep approach. Check out our full review of the Comeragh Mtns for more information.

### Chapter 3 : 8 of the Best Looped Walks in Ireland | Outsider Magazine

*Looking toward Bray Head and Little Sugar Loaf from the summit of Carrickgollogan, From 'Family Walks Around Dublin - A Walking Guide', by Adrian Hendroff, Collins Press,*

The trail is easy but has a few challenging spots, so allow two to three hours to complete it. Meander through the classic Burren limestone pavement and note the fascinating geological features. Keep an eye out for the delightful details left by a local farmer along the way. A stash of handmade hazel walking sticks for visitors to use and drop back. Handmade hazel gates and stiles, and two glass mugs from a hazel tree to allow walkers to drink from the well. Check out our full review of the Lough Avalla Loop. So be sure to check the tide times so you can get back and be prepared for plenty of water and tidal puddles on the route! Then head back to Fahy Lough and keep left following the track beside it, keeping the fence on your right. Keep going till you reach the north shore and head right to the causeway and back to Claddaghduff. The walk takes two to three hours. Then on to the cliffs at Benbulbin Head m. Experience the home of Yeats in all its glory. No wonder he was inspired to write such brilliant prose, with views like this on his doorstep. The Old Head is a stunning headline jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean, so get excited for the panoramic views of the cliffs and ocean you will see throughout the walk. Beaufort 12km, Killarney 22km OS Map: Plus, you can get your packed lunch before you head off and a hot shower afterwards. KEEN Terradora Waterproof Boot Keen Footwear offers a range of high-quality male and female-specific hiking boots and shoes that will take you from the city streets to summits. Check out the full Keen Footwear range here. Check out our Hard as Nails Podcast: You should check these out:

of results for "best walks in ireland" *Walking in Ireland: 50 Walks Through the Heart and Soul of Ireland Jun 6*, by Christopher Somerville. Hardcover.

A Walking Guide, Helen Fairbairn - The Wild Atlantic Way follows the magnificent west coast of Ireland, passing golden beaches, thrusting headlands and soaring sea cliffs. Renowned walking-guide author Helen Fairbairn explores the best walking routes of the region, recommending trips to uninhabited islands, coastal mountains and much more. Routes vary from two to six hours, and are illustrated with colour photos and detailed maps. Whatever your level of expertise, this comprehensive guide is all you need to discover the real wonders of the Wild Atlantic Way. The Mourne Walks, Paddy Dillon - They sweep down to the sea, they rise in huge heathery humps, surrounded by farmlands divided into tiny, stone-walled fields. Explore the Mournes in the company of walking expert Paddy Dillon, taking in rugged coast, high mountains and forest parks. Follow the mighty Mourne Wall on its meanderings and visit the quiet corners where the history, heritage, wildlife and stillness of the area can be enjoyed. A Walking Guide, Helen Fairbairn - In a country richly endowed with wild mountain ranges, secluded valleys and untamed coastlines, the best natural landscapes can only be explored on foot. Here are over sixty of the greatest one-day walking routes in Ireland, varying from short strolls to full-day treks. Every part of the Republic and Northern Ireland is featured. Even seasoned hillwalkers will find challenging outings. Each walk is illustrated with sketch maps and colour photos and is prefaced with a quick-reference summary and access notes. Route descriptions include clear navigational guidance to keep you on the right track. Looping around the Iveragh Peninsula, it follows narrow country roads, forest paths, abandoned coach roads and mass paths, national park land and farmland. This clear and lively guide gives the prospective wayfarer enough information to plan and enjoy every step. It offers a detailed description of the trail plus lively asides on geology, history, folklore, settlement, flora and fauna. Above all, this guide will keep the reader from getting lost. The Burren and The Aran Islands: A Walking Guide, Tony Kirby - The Burren and the Aran Islands, with their unique combination of flora, fauna and landscape, are explored by large numbers of walkers annually. This revised guide to the best walking routes in the region has clear descriptions and additional information to enhance enjoyment and appreciation of the place. From the rugged interior to spectacular coastal scenery, from challenging upland walks to shorter road and waterside excursions, this guide has something for everyone. Walks vary from two-hour strolls to the longer Burren Way, a six-hour walk from Lisdoonvarna to Ballyvaughan. Each route description consists of a quick-reference summary, a clear sketch map, and detailed access information while points of interest are highlighted geology, flora and fauna, history, archaeology and folklore. The result is a narrative that is at times uplifting and at times uncomfortable, but which is always engaging and honest. Voted among the Top destinations in the world by TripAdvisor and referred to as the most beautiful place on earth by National Geographic, its landscape includes soaring mountaintops, gentle hillsides, secluded lakes and valleys, ancient ruins, dramatic sea cliffs and long, sandy beaches. This guide takes you off the beaten track to explore this stunning landscape in a variety of walking routes ranging from short hikes to full-day treks. Each route is prefaced with a reference summary and illustrated with maps and photographs. Route descriptions include GPS coordinates, navigation guidance, access notes and short variations. There is also material on the fauna, flora, folklore, history, geology and place names of each area. Killarney to Valentia Island: The Ring of Kerry coastal road winds along its fringes and sandstone peaks soar high above. It is a landscape of raw and stunning beauty from the lakes that fill the corries to the spectacular cliff scenery along its coast. There is no better way to explore this landscape than on foot. This book helps you do just that with routes ranging from a few hours to full-day walks. Go off the beaten track and explore the coast, hills and woodlands from Killarney to Cahersiveen to Kenmare. They are peaceful, unspoiled peninsulas where the wild and largely untamed nature of the landscape immediately casts its magical spell. There is no better way to explore and experience this stunning landscape than on foot. This guidebook describes some of the best walking routes in the area: Pilgrim Paths of Ireland: Increasing numbers now follow ancient Irish pilgrim paths. Irish people have a particular

sensitivity to holy places, such as Clonmacnoise, Croagh Patrick, Lough Derg and Glendalough. Each pilgrim walk description has directions, the degree of difficulty, estimated time and maps. The paths are varied and suitable for all, from casual ramblers to committed hillwalkers. On the pilgrim routes the search for spiritual fulfilment continues in 21st century Ireland. Each county-focused chapter contains a brief county profile and detailed walking route descriptions accompanied by easy-to-read maps. Also featured are various challenge options based on County High Points. This definitive guide is based on detailed desk-study investigation combined with on-site research, and dispels any commonly-believed myths that may have previously lingered over certain County Top and County Peak locations. Walking has never been a more popular pastime and nowhere is more beautiful for walkers to explore than Ireland. In this beautifully written and superbly researched guide, Christopher Somerville draws on his very popular column for the Irish Independent, to present 50 of the very best walks in Ireland – from the Nephin Beg Mountains in Mayo to Dingle Way in Kerry. Practical instructions for the walks are married with evocative and informative passages on the history, flora and fauna, culture and topography of the land. *K Ireland Car Tours and Walks*, Peter Singer - Including 22 long and short walks and 14 car tours in the Irish Republic and in Northern Ireland, this countryside guide focuses on the mountainous coastal regions. Steeped in legend and history, Ireland has cairns, stone circles, standing stones, ring-forts and countless burial sites, all testifying to diverse Neolithic cultures. These exciting archaeological finds will be special attractions on all your excursions. The book features large-scale topographic walking maps 1: Unique free on-line update service with specific route change information. *The Ridges of England, Wales and Ireland: Stony tightropes stringing the peaks, gap-toothed like jawbones; chiselled crests spearing out of sea surge or corrie shadow - such things are the stuff of climbing dreams.* From balmy and occasionally barmy seaside trips and roadside quick fixes to strenuous snowy days in the high hills, the selection described here reflects the diversity of mountaineering and traditional climbing in our islands, and the dazzling patchwork quilt of contrasting landscapes in which these adventures can be enjoyed. It combines well with a trip to Rathlin Island and walking the more challenging Moyle Way. The book gives options for walking holidays that most people will complete comfortably within 4 to 6 days. This guidebook contains all that a walker needs to plan and enjoy their holiday, including route maps for Causeway Coast and Moyle Ways 1: *Walk into the Dark Ages: It was during the Dark Ages that the four nations of the British Isles were founded. Saints were deified, kings were buried in rich burials and kingdoms protected themselves with massive boundaries. Walk Into the Dark Ages will shine a light into the period by enabling readers to explore the important sites which are testament to times which were turbulent and sometimes enigmatic, but also the locations of learning. The types of sites featured will include the Saxon shore forts built by the Romans to try to protect Britannia from Anglo-Saxon invasions, kingly boat burials, long-distance dykes, fortified burghs, Dark Age forts, early Christian monasteries, churches and carved crosses. It features mountain scenery and coastal panoramas, and is rich in geology and wildlife. The book contains clear mapping, 70 photographs and is robust and waterproof. This new edition has been fully revised and updated following a comprehensive route check. An eye-catching, colourful publication with clear directions, extensive background information and superb photographs. The layout is refreshingly different, with over 60 fine colour photos showing flora and fauna as well as the panoramic mountain and coastal views. There is good background information on geology, wildlife, travel and where to eat and drink. These are The Vandeleur-Lynams. And there are summits with an elevation of at least metres, with a prominence of 30 metres or more. We call these The Arderins. This book will undoubtedly prove to be an invaluable resource for the peak-bagger, summiteer and hill walker alike.* *Irish Coast to Coast: Dublin to Bray Head*, Paddy Dillon - Walking through Ireland, from the Atlantic coast to Dublin, through the glorious mountain and river country, offers an opportunity to discover the heart of the Emerald Isle. Whether you intend to split this route into sections and enjoy the walk over a period of time, or walk it in one go, the alternative high-level routes found along the way enable you to make the adventure as challenging as you like. Occupying about square km. Attracting over 25, walkers annually, they are a wonderful playground. However, many routes are not clearly marked and mist or fog covers them for three quarters of the year. Access to a proper guide is therefore essential before venturing on to the Reeks. This guide to 20 of popular walking routes on the Reeks contains full-colour maps specially commissioned from

the Ordnance Survey, clear photographs and precise map references. However, this is not just a walking guide. It also encompasses the history of the area, its geology and natural history, its place names and people. Useful information on travel and accommodation is also provided. It will be the most comprehensive guide to the area to be published for some time. The mountains are described clockwise from Wicklow to the Mourne, and offer a choice of 70 walking routes. By following the Atlantic coast all the way, Joseph links the most vibrant Gaelic communities. Reflections on identity, culture and sustainability, and use of Gaelic in the text, make this a unique and memorable book. Published April 09 Best Walks in Ireland, David Marshall - The Best Walks series aims to select the very best walking opportunities to be found in a region or national park. There is something for everyone in these walking guides. Each book suggests twenty to forty good quality walks - where possible, circular to avoid difficulties with transport. A clear route description and exceptionally detailed map is included for each walk and there are practical suggestions on transport to and within the region plus a section with useful addresses and telephone numbers. Best Walks in the Ireland has five walks in the north and fifteen in the Republic of Ireland. It takes in well-known areas such as the Antrim coast, the Mountains of Mourne and the Dingle peninsula and also remote, wild areas of Ireland still largely undiscovered by tourists. A historical snapshot the resulting book is also an in depth look at these islands. Hamish took his time to meet people and to search out the soul of Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

### Chapter 5 : 6 of the Best Mountain Walks in Ireland | Outsider Magazine

*Slieve Donard. This Mourne Mountain hiking route is not for the faint-hearted. The Slieve Donard walking route is a mile climb to the highest peak in Northern Ireland, taking around five hours in total, with a stunning view of the surrounding area from the top.*

The western Irish coast is the first land mass hit by the Atlantic, creating some of the highest drop offs in Europe. Irish weather is notoriously bad and unpredictable. Just a few days later, by the time we reached the Cliffs of Moher on the western side, I thought we might get blown away the minute we stepped out of the car. This coastal path links the villages of Doolin and Liscannor with the cliffs marking the midpoint of the trail. One way takes approximately 4. For a shorter alternative, start in Doolin and turn around once you reach the Cliffs of Moher. This roundtrip takes about 2. There is no seaward barrier on most of this trail, so be careful not to lose your footing. There are some steep ups and downs, so be prepared for a decent hike. Galway or Limerick 2 Ballycotton Cliff Walk Starting in Ballycotton village, this coastal walk passes through miles of green farmland before ending at Ballyandreen beach. The path is lined with Gorse bushes, covered in bright yellow wildflowers and is known for its rich wildlife. This is an easy, well-worn and fairly flat walking path. With km of trail, the walk passes through quaint villages and along stunning coastline. Most of the coastal portion is easy to moderate, but becomes much more advanced as you approach Brandon Mountain. The entire Burren Way is k which takes approximately 5 days. For a shorter alternative, plan your walk around a highlight, like Fanore beach or the views from the top of Mullaghmore. Most of the route is well-mark along cattle droving roads and forestry tracks. There are some steep parts, depending on the part of the path you walk. This path was originally made to move workers and materials during the construction of the railway. Easy, mostly flat walk with only a few moderate inclines. This loop walk is 6km and approximately 2 hours. All trails start at the same spot, but are clearly marked where they split off. These paths are fairly flat and easy. Start off by the Pollock Holes deep rock pools teeming with swimmers in the summer , then shortly pass the Puffing Hole, a natural blow hole. On a clear day, look out to the Aaron Islands to the north, Loop Head to the west, and Kerry to the south. To cut the trip in half, turn left shortly after Intrinsic Bay and head back to town. Moderate with a few steep inclines, but there are handrails to help. On most of the path, there are no seaward fences. Though not as well-known, these cliffs are over twice as tall as the Cliffs of Moher and just as stunning. The full loop is km, but there are many smaller loops you can complete in a day. See a list of loops here. With such a wide-ranging variety of landscapes on this route, the trail can range from easy to hard.

### Chapter 6 : 9 Stunning Coastal Walks of Ireland (the Best Hiking in Ireland)

*7 of the best long distance hikes in Ireland this is one of Ireland's toughest long-distance walks. Linking up the Wicklow Way, the South Leinster Way, the Munster Way, the Blackwater Way.*

### Chapter 7 : Best Walks - Walking Ireland

*Looped walks are the best walks for one reason only. They are minimum hassle. A looped walk means that you start and finish in the same spot. Therefore you can park the car, go for your wander and return without having to double back on yourself or get someone to collect you at the other end.*

### Chapter 8 : Ireland Walking Tours | Ireland Hiking Tours | Hiking in Ireland

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Chapter 9 : Best hikes in Ireland: The top 7 long distance hikes

*Ireland's Best Walks: A Walking Guide Over sixty of the greatest one-day walking routes in Ireland, varying from short strolls to full-day treks pages, english.*