

# Let's Go Walking...



Here are a few useful tips to enjoy your walk and keep your heart healthy.

- 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, choose layers rather than thick, chunky clothes.
- 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

# Slí na Sláinte®

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:  
Louth Co. Council County Hall Millennium Centre, Dundalk

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Carlingford, Co.Louth

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Slí na Sláinte stands for 'path to health'. Developed by the Irish Heart Foundation - the national heart and stroke charity - it's the outgoing way to make walking far more enjoyable. Already, it's capturing the attention of 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, or preferably all days of the week.

You'll find Slí na Sláinte walking routes all over Ireland.

They are marked by bright colourful signposts which are not numbered and are situated at 1 km intervals.



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.



The Carlingford Slí na Sláinte is a 7 Km walking route which starts at the tourist office in the village. The route continues along the main Carlingford - Greenore Road towards its junction with the Dundalk - Greenore Road, taking in two sections of the old shore road on the right.

Crossing the main road a short distance beyond the 3 Km sign the route turns back towards Carlingford using another short section of the old road to rejoin the main road back to Carlingford village.

Suitable as a daytime route only

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