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PLEASE RETURN IN AN ENVELOPE TO:

THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION, 50 RINGSEND ROAD, DUBLIN 4

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 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.
- Loose clothing is more comfortable and in winter choose layers rather than thick, chunky clothes.
- 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.
- Now that you are a regular walker, get fitter and be active for at least 60 minutes a day.



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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, stroke, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, anxiety and depression.
- For health benefits you need to walk for at least 30 minutes 5 days of the week. You can accumulate the 30 minutes or more over 2 or 3 shorter sessions a day for optimum health benefits.

Help to maintain Slí na Sláinte

Please report any dangerous obstacles or missing/damaged signs to:
Parks & Landscape Services Division,
Dublin City Council, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
T: 01 222 5278 E. parks@dublincity.ie

The Irish Heart Foundation 50 Ringsend Road, Dublin 4 T. 01 668 5001 F. 01 668 5896 E. info@irishheart.ie

Heart and Stroke Helpline 1890 432 787 www.irishheart.ie www.stroke.ie Charity No: CHY5507

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Ringsend Park, Sean Moore Park and Poolbeg Lighthouse

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Ringsend Park Slí na Sláinte

synthetic pitch and a basketball court. The park also has a junior a 1.1 km circuit of the park using existing footpaths. and senior playground and a community allotment area.

Ringsend Park is located in the heart of Ringsend and Irishtown While the park has substantial areas of parkland it also has a off Strand Road and adjacent to Dublin Harbour. The park comprises large number of mixed mature and semi-mature trees. The park is of 10.5 hectares of parkland and has a large number of activities adjacent to Irishtown Stadium which has excellent recreational which cater for active recreation including grass soccer and GAA facilities including a public gym, 5 seven a side synthetic pitches, a pitches, a full size synthetic pitch, tennis courts and a junior sized running track and an infield sports area. The Slí route encompasses

Sean Moore Park Slí na Sláinte

Sean Moore Park is only 600 metres from Ringsend Park and can be accessed by walking along Strand Street and Pembroke Street and across Sean Moore Road allowing people to extend their walk. The 1.2 km route meanders around Sean Moore Park and is a popular route for many walkers and joggers as it is conveniently located between Sandymount and Ringsend. To the east of the park you can see Sandymount Strand and the Poolbeg Lighthouse route.

Poolbeg Lighthouse Slí na Sláinte

The 10.2km round route begins on Beach Road beside Sean Moore Park. The route runs alongside Sandymount Strand, through Shelly Banks, the Irishtown Nature Reserve, out to Poolbeg Lighthouse and will bring the walker in close proximity to a wide variety of bird wildlife while providing excellent views of Dublin Bay, Bull Island and Howth Head. The route follows the same path back to Beach Road and also links in with the East Coast Sli route which runs from Dun Laoghaire to Malahide.

The Irish Heart Foundation

The Irish Heart Foundation is the national charity fighting heart disease and stroke. We support, educate and train people to save lives, campaign for patients, promote positive health, support research and provide vital public information. We need your support, through donations, as a volunteer or on our training courses.

Slí na Sláinte

Slí na Sláinte stands for 'path to health'. Developed by the Irish Heart Foundation — the national heart and stroke charity — it's a sociable 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 minimum of thirty minutes of physical activity five 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 1km 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 IRISH HEART FOUNDATION **50 RINGSEND ROAD** DUBLIN 4





