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

Slí na Sláinte®

A regular programme of walking...



% ... 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:

Brian Quinn (Mallow Town Engineer) 022-21542 Elaine Dennehy (Avondhu) 022-43553

Slí na Sláinte®

The Irish Heart Foundation.
4 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
Tel: 01-668 5001 Fax: 01-668 5896
e mail: info@irishheart.ie • www.irishheart.ie • Helpline: 1890 432 787
© Irish Heart Foundation - 2007

Supported by the Department of Health and Children and The Irish Sports Council





Let's Go Walking...

SUPPORTED BY
MALLOW TOWN COUNCIL AND
AVONDHU DEVELOPMENT GROUP LTD

Slí na Sláinte



Slí na Sláinte stands for 'path to health'. Developed by the Irish Heart Foundation, it's the outgoing way to make walking far 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, or 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 walking 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.



The Mallow Slí na Sláinte is 3.4km in length and starts at Mallow Town Park. To follow the route, walk along the Park Road and onto West End turning left at the junction. Continue along to the roundabout taking the first exit onto the New Cork Road (N20), walking over the bridge and passing the first kilometer sign. Continue along the N2o turning left at the first left turn, back towards the River Blackwater and the town centre (Dromohane/Coachford Rd). Follow the road leading back into the town parallel to the River Blackwater for over 1km, pass the Resurrection Church before turning left over the bridge. Pass the third kilometer marker on the bridge and turn immediately left and back to the starting point at the Town Park.

Suitable as a daytime route only and can be walked in both directions.



