

SHEEP'S HEAD

Enjoy a holiday on Sheep's Head - it is a peaceful, unspoilt peninsula which has some of the most beautiful scenery in all of Ireland. Because of our proximity to the Gulf Stream, we also have perhaps the mildest climate in Ireland - our daffodils are usually out in January!

» Sheep's Head Cycling route: includes some of the most spectacular unspoilt scenery of the south west of Ireland. It is approximately 100 km long starting in Ballylickey and ending in Ballydehob covering the north side of Sheep's Head peninsula and returns through Durrus on to Ballydehob.

Many visitors come year after year to the Sheep's Head because they love its idyllic quietness, there are no traffic jams, where they can easily get to know local people. Is it any wonder we always greet them with "welcome home again". Sheep's Head is a place to get away from it all, to just relax and unwind, which is still not far from other more crowded visitor centres. There is a full range of accommodation available - Award Winning Farm Guesthouses, Town and Country Homes, Self-Catering Houses, Camping and hostel

» Visit the many historic tombs and monuments on our peninsula - see our map for details.

» There is a magnificent "ring" drive starting outside Bantry along the Goats Path to Kilcrohane, back then through Ahakista (stop off at beautiful Air India Memorial), then onto Durrus. Contrast the sheer cliffs and stark beauty of the north side (the sunsets are incredible) with the more lush south side where the road runs right alongside Dunmanus Bay.

There are plenty of things to do on Sheep's Head also.

» Walk the Sheep's Head Way, winner of a Waterford Crystal Walker Award. Chosen as the best walk in Ireland by Country Walking magazine, this 55 mile long distance walk has a huge variety of terrain all with beautiful views and there are many long and short loop walks available. See our map/guide which is for sale in local pubs and shops.

» For the angling enthusiast: numerous shore angling sites have been developed recently

» Have dinner in one of our renowned restaurants or enjoy a simple good value meal in one of our many guesthouses. Listen to Irish music and have a pint in one of our friendly pubs!

» There are many fishing and bathing spots, both sandy and shingly beaches, scattered

throughout the peninsula. Tennis courts and childrens' playgrounds are also available.

- » Visit our beautifully kept private gardens open to the public.
- » Or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity among stunning surroundings and friendly local people. Rare enough in today's world, as we are sure you will agree.

What others have said about us:

"The Sheep's Heads peninsula is a peaceful and unchanged corner or Ireland. It is one of the best kept secrets in the whole country... the most beautiful landscape in Ireland", Mike Harding, Footloose in the West of Ireland.

"Short, sweet and scenic, this (The Sheep's Head Way) must be the best in Ireland. It takes in a superb moorland crest and rugged cliffs as well as easy lowland terrain", Country Walking.

"...one of the most attractive maps ever made in Ireland", Irish Times' description of the Sheep's Head Way Map.



GARAGES & HACKNEYS & BUS SERVICES

Barry's of Bantry, (petrol & diesel), Taxi/Rent a Car. 027 50023.
Casey's Garage, (petrol & diesel), Bantry. 027 50320.
Jimmy O'Driscoll's Garage, (repairs), Durrus Village, 027 61137.
Hurley Brothers, Bantry, 027 50092.
BUS SERVICES

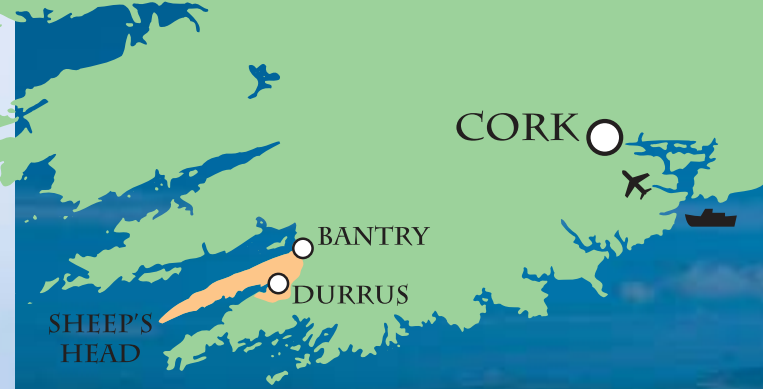
Wards Hackney Services, Durrus, 027 61476 & 086 8556189. Car & 8 seater minibus available reasonable rates.
O'Mahony's Cabs, Kilcrohane. Tel 027 67095, 086 8569159. 8 seater minibus available. Airport/train/ferry. 24hr service
POST OFFICES
Durrus Post Office "Service Plus", Ms Mary Ross, 027 61001
Kilcrohane Post Office, Mr F. O'Mahony, 027 67001

PUBLIC PHONE BOXES

- Are situated at:
- » Durrus Village
 - » Ahakista
 - » Kilcrohane
 - » Gortnalassa
 - » Ghearies
 - » Bantry

SWIMMING STRANDS

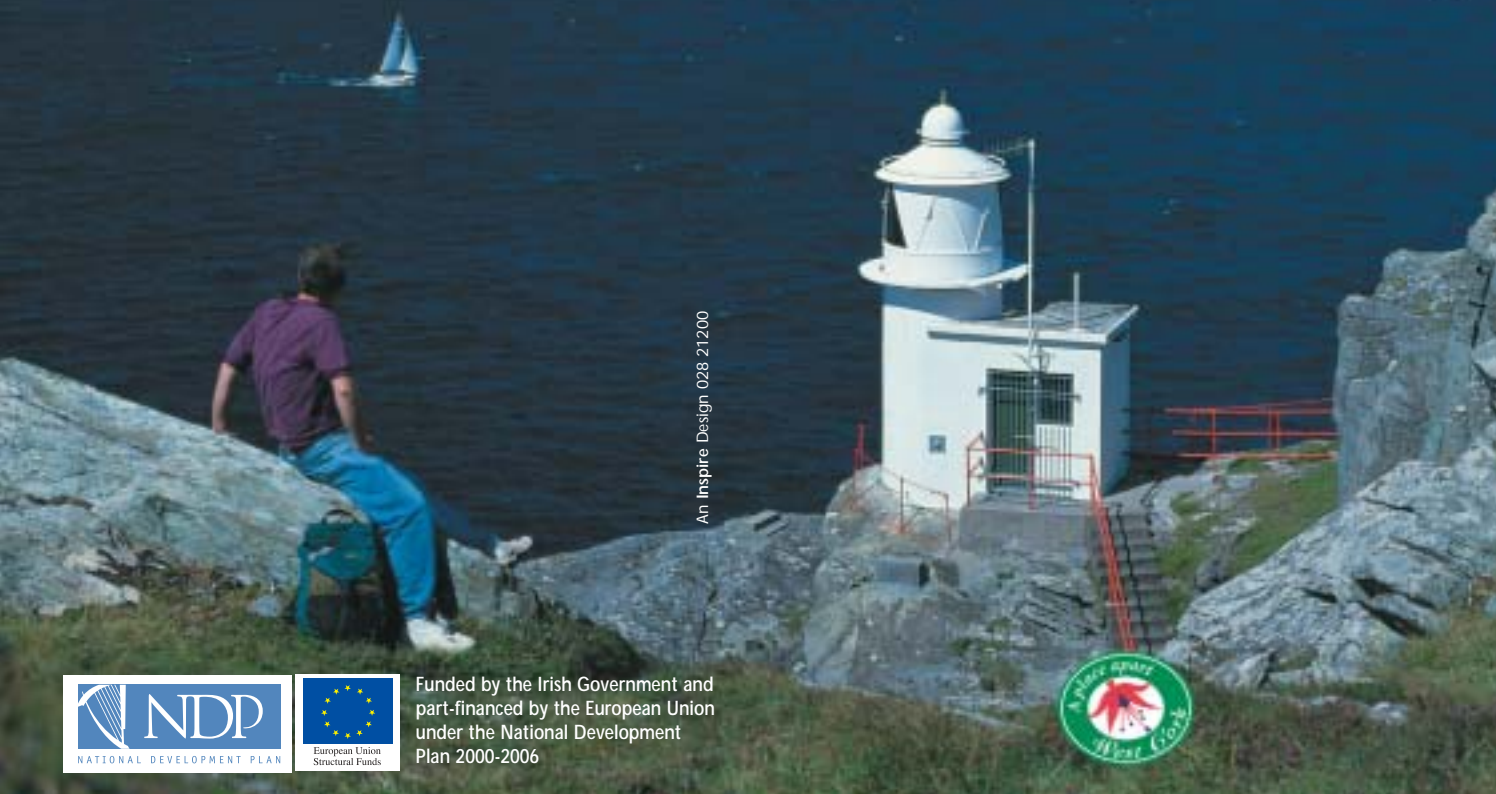
- » Kicrohane Pier
- » Ahakista Strand
- » O'Donovans Cove (the Stoney Strand)
- » Burke's Cross
- » Tragloughan, Kilcrohane



The Fuchsia, long associated with West Cork, has been chosen as the symbol of origin and quality for the food and tourism products of the region and reflects positive local characteristics, such as environmental quality, as well as the richness and diversity of the heritage, culture and landscape. Producers and providers sanctioned to utilise the "Fuchsia" logo must adhere to strict quality criteria, thereby ensuring excellence in all aspects of product and service quality.

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BED AND BREAKFAST

Bord Fáilte Registered

Blairs Cove House, Durrus.

Mrs S. de May. 027 61127

email: blairscove@eircom.net

Fortview House, Gurtyowen, Toormore,

Goleen. Mrs Violet Connell 028 35324

website: <http://homepage.eircom.net/~fortviewhousegoleen/>

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Grove House Farmhouse, Ahakista.

Mrs Mary O'Mahony 027 67060

Hillcrest Farmhouse, Ahakista.

Mrs Agnes Hegarty 027 67045

email: agneshegarty@oceanfree.net

Reenmore Farmhouse, Ahakista.

Mrs Jennie Barry 027 67051

email: jenniebarry@oceanfree.net

email: jenniebarry@reenmore.com

website: www.reenmore.com

Seamount Farmhouse,

Goat's Path Road, Glanlough West, Bantry.

Mrs Julia McCarthy

Phone & fax 027 61226

email: info@seamountfarm.com

website: www.seamountfarm.com

Droumcloc House, Beach, Bantry.

Mrs Dympna Crowley 027 50030

email: droumcloc@indigo.ie

Avoca House, The Village, Durrus.

027 61511

email: avoca@emara.com

Bridgeview House, Kilcrohane Village.

Mrs Anne Donegan 027 67086

email:

info@bridgeviewhouse.com

website: www.bridgeviewhouse.com

Dún Auley B&B, Seskin, Bantry. 027 50290

email: rosemarymcauley@eircom.net

www.dunauley.com

HOTELS

Bord Fáilte Registered

Seaview House Hotel,

Ballylicky, Bantry. 027 50462

email: info@seaviewhousehotel.com

website: www.seaviewhousehotel.com

West Lodge Hotel, Bantry.

027 50360 email:

reservations@westlodgehotel.ie

Vickery's Inn, New Street, Bantry.

027 50006

email: vickers_inn@westcork.com

SELF-CATERING

Bord Fáilte Registered

Cashfean & Carbery Holiday Houses,

Cashfean, Durrus.

Ms Eleanor O'Regan

Tel 027 62000 and Fax 027 62012

Mrs Margaret Levis, Kealties, Durrus.

027 61064

email: margaretlevis@hotmail.com

Mrs Agnes Hegarty,

Hillcrest Farm, Ahakista. 027 67045

email: agneshegarty@oceanfree.net

Mrs Margaret Murphy, Faranamanagh,

Kilcrohane. 027 67048

Mrs. Gwyneth O'Sullivan,

Faunmore, Kilcrohane. 027 67154

Mrs Mary Barry, Roskerig, Ahakista.

021 4381195

Mrs. Noreen Daly, Knockroe, Kilcrohane.

027 67000

Mrs Margaret McCarthy, Faranamanagh,

Kilcrohane. 027 67103

email: margaret@suifinhouse.com

website: www.suifinhouse.com

John Daly, Inchinalought, Kilcrohane.

027 67082

Bay View Cottages, Kilcrohane.

027 61444 or 027 67068, 086 1700343.

Elaine Spillane (registered tour guide)

email: bayview@kilcrohane.com

website: www.kilcrohane.com

John Donovan, Ardahill, Kilcrohane.

027 67069

John & Janet Tobin, Farranamanagh,

Kilcrohane. 027 61224

email: johntobin@tinet.ie

CAMPING

Bord Fáilte Registered

Dunbeacon Campsite.

Ms Julia Rowe. 027 61246

Please note camping along The Sheep's Head Way Walk is only allowed with permission from landowner.

RESTAURANTS

Blairs' Cove, Durrus.

Phillippe & Sabine de May. 027 61127

email: blairscove@eircom.net

Sheep's Head Cafe, Overlooking Dunmanus

Bay at Tooreen Turning Table. 027 67136

email: bernietobin7@hotmail.com

Bridgeview House, Kilcrohane Village.

027 67086

Three Gables, Durrus, Elk & Gaby Stubner,

027 61534. Sea views, open all year round.

Bay View Inn, Kilcrohane Village.

027 67981

Good Things Café, Ahakista Road, Durrus.

087 7445341. Dinner, lunch, tea/coffee, also

food to go.

PUBS

The Long Boat (food & entertainment),

Durrus. 027 61144

Ivo's (food & entertainment),

Durrus. 027 61109

Fitzpatrick's Pub/Eileen's (food &

entertainment), Kilcrohane. 027 67057

O'Sulleabhain (entertainment), Durrus.

027 61155

Ross's Bar (traditional pub), The Village,

Durrus. 027 61126

Ahakista Bar, "The Tin Pub", (entertainment

& beer garden), Ahakista. 027 67337

Arundel's Pub (beer garden),

Ahakista. 027 67033

Bay View, (food,entertainment & beer

garden), Kilcrohane. 027 67981

White House Bar, (traditional pub),

Kilcrohane West. 027 67005

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Elaine Spillane, Reg. Tour Guide. 027

61444 or 027 67068 086 1700343

email: bayview@kilcrohane.com

West Cork Sailing, Mathias & Karen Kloop,

Ahakista. 027 67278

Durrus Cheese, Coomkeen, Durrus. 027

61100, Fax 027 61017. Ms Joffa Gill. Cheese

available for purchase at dairy. For visits,

please telephone first.

Open Mon.-Fri. 0900 to 1500.

email: durruscheese@eircom.net

Sheep's Head Walking Holidays, Kealties,

Durrus. 027 61052. S. Whitty

Cronins' Forge, Durrus. 027 61114.

Specialist decorative iron work.

email: info@croninsforge.ie

website: www.croninsforge.ie

Glanlough Guided Walks, Charlie

McCarthy. Reg. Tour Guide. Tel/Fax 027

61226. Packed lunches, Seamount B&B

Glanlough.

email: info@seamountfarm.com

website: www.seamountfarm.com

SHOPS/OTHER

Drinagh Co-op, General stores (white &

green diesel), Durrus. 027 61005

027 61070

Wiseman's General Hardware, Durrus.

027 61098

Carrigbui Stores, Durrus. 027 61098

O'Brien's, (petrol & food to go), Durrus.

027 61184 Londis Top Shop.

Burke's Shop, Ahakista. 027 67014

Drinagh Co-op, General Stores, Kilcrohane.

027 67003

F. O'Mahony's Shop/Post Office, (petrol &

diesel)(refreshments), Kilcrohane Village.

027 67001

Local Hair Stylist, Marion O'Brien, Durrus.

027 61133

Aromatherapist & Reflexologist, Nora

Dalton, MIIAA-LSA, Kilcrohane.

027 67254, 087 9389869 (Please ring for an

appointment).

Skibbereen Heritage Centre, Upper Bridge

Street, Skibbereen.

Tel 028 40900, Fax 028 40957.

email: info@skibbheritage.com

website: www.skibbheritage.com

Armada Centre, Bantry House Stables.

027 51796

The Sheep's Head Waymarked Way,

An 88km marked walk with loops,

around the Sheep's Head Peninsula.

Information & maps available

locally or call 027 61052.

Mizen Signal Station Visitor

Centre,

Ireland's most southwesterly point,

Goleen.

Contact: Stephen O'Sullivan 028 35115

email: info@mizenhead.net

www.mizenhead.net www.mizenhead.ie

Bantry Tourist Office, The Square, Bantry

027 50229

PRIVATE GARDENS OPEN TO THE

PUBLIC

Riverside Garden, Durrus Village.

027 61070. Eugene & Hazel Wiseman.

Open 10am- 6pm, Monday-Saturday,

April-September Inclusive.

Kilravock Garden, Durrus,

Mrs Phemie Rose. 027 61111

Open Sat. & Sun. afternoons.

email: kilravock1@eircom.net

Coiscuain Garden, Kilcrohane. Mary & Bob

Walsh. 027 67070

Open June to August inclusive

email: marybobw@eircom.net

Bantry House Gardens

CRAFT SHOPS & ANTIQUES

Dunbeacon Pottery, Durrus, Helen Ennis &

Eithne NiMhurchú. 027 61036

email: dunbeacon@ireland.com

Riverside Cottage Studio, Painting, Crafts

& Stained Glass, Kate Toullis, 027 62949

Dun-Oir Crafts, Glenlough West, Bantry,

Conni & Alfred. 027 67093

Cottage Antiques, Dunbeacon, Durrus,

Myra Leonard, 027 61045, (1030 to 1800,

Mon. to Sat., closed Sunday).

Karen Babel Silk Arts, Ahakista,

027 67278. Also post cards & some pottery

etc. email: kloop@eircom.net



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