

# 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

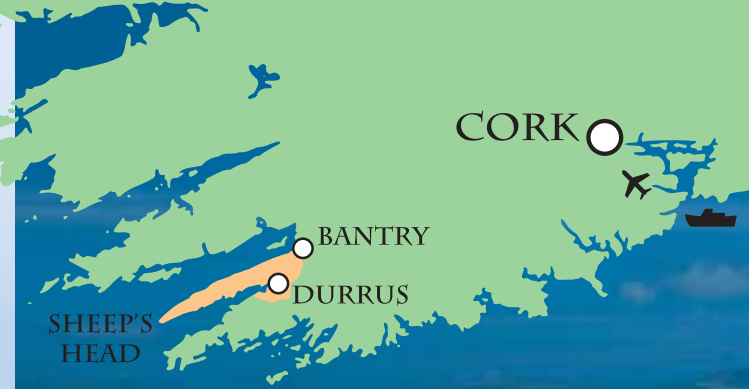
#### PUBLIC PHONE BOXES

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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An Inspire Design 028 21200



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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, Toomore,

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Jeffa 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](http://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](http://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

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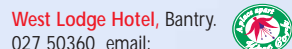
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## PRIVATE GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### 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, Glanlough 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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