



# AN BHRATACH GHORM BLUE FLAG

## LÉARSCÁIL DEN TRÁ / BEACH MAP

Tá Bratach Ghorm bronnta ar TRÁ BHAILE CARRAIGE, DOMHNACH BAT do sheasúr snámha 2025  
(an 1 Meitheamh go dtí an 15 Meán Fómhair)

A Blue Flag has been awarded to BALCARRICK BEACH, DONABATE for the 2025 bathing season  
(June 1st to September 15th)

## CUR SÍOS AR AN TRÁ / BEACH DESCRIPTION

Balcarrick Beach, Donabate, is a south-east facing, gently sloping sandy beach consisting of a large sandy dune area. There are rocks at the northern end and the main part of the beach which extends to the south is wide and sandy. From the beach, visitors can see Lambay Island, Howth Peninsula and Malahide Estuary.

## GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ OIDEACHAIS COMHSHAOIL / ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Gníomhaíocht / Activity	Sonraí / Details	Teagmháil / Contact
Clean Coasts Photography Competition	Capturing the essence of the Irish coast, its extensive beauty and diverse character. And also to help foster pride in our coastline.	An Taisce – Clean Coasts 01 – 4541786 www.cleancoasts.org
#2MinuteBeachClean	To encourage beach users to pick up marine litter found on the beach. A lot of people making a small effort can make an impact in tackling the problem of litter along our coastlines.	An Taisce – Clean Coasts 01 – 4541786 www.cleancoasts.org
Think Before You Flush	To inform beach users about the problem sanitary products and other items can cause in our marine environment and our wastewater systems if they are flushed down the toilet. The campaign encourages responsible flushing behaviour by highlighting the negative impact of inappropriate disposal of sanitary products and other items can have on our wastewater treatment systems, marine environment and coastlines.	An Taisce – Clean Coasts 01 – 4541786 www.cleancoasts.org
Dog Control Awareness	Encourage the public to abide by the criteria of the Blue Flag Award in relation to the prohibition of access to Blue Flag areas of the beach by dogs (excluding assistance dogs) and other domestic animals. Encourage responsible owners to abide by the rules during the Blue Flag season and use earmarked routes to access the non-blue flag areas of the beach.	Fingal County Council 01 – 890 5000 www.fingal.ie
Biodiversity of Beach Habitat	Encourage children to explore our beaches and learn about the biodiversity of these habitats. Get them involved in a quick litter pick of the beach, explaining how litter can impact these habitats.	Fingal County Council 01 – 890 5000 www.fingal.ie
Óran d'Abairt d'Éiríocht	To inform beach users about the more environmentally friendly beach management practices being undertaken, in which manual picking will be used instead of mechanical cleaning to remove litter, where beach wrack will be left in situ. Explain what beach wrack is and highlight its importance. Advise how the public can help to restore and protect the beach.	Fingal County Council 01 – 890 5000 www.fingal.ie

## EOLAS MAIDIR LEIS AN nGARDA TARRTHÁLA / LIFE GUARD INFORMATION

Bionn garda tarrthála ar dualgas ag an trá seo ag na hamanna seo a leanas: /  
Life guard times on this beach are:

MÍ / MONTH	LAETHANTA / DAYS	AMAINNA / TIMES
Meitheamh / June	Dé Sathain agus Dé Domhnaigh Saturday and Sunday	11:00 – 19:00
Iúil / July	Dé Luain – Dé Domhnaigh Monday – Sunday	11:00 – 19:00
Lúnasa / August	Dé Luain – Dé Domhnaigh Monday – Sunday	11:00 – 19:00
Meán Fómhair / Sep	Dé Sathain agus Dé Domhnaigh Saturday and Sunday	11:00 – 19:00

## CÉARD Í AN BHRATACH GHORM?

Éicilipéad idirnáisiúnta, toildeonach is ea an Bhratach Ghorm i gcomhair trána agus muiríní. Bronntar an Bhratach Ghorm ar thránna agus ar mhuiríní a chomhlíonann critéir ar leith:

- Eolas agus Oideachas Comhshaoil
- Cáilíocht an Uisce
- Sábháilteacht agus Seirbhísí
- Bainistíocht Chomhshaoil

## WHAT IS THE BLUE FLAG?

The Blue Flag is an international, voluntary eco-label for beaches and marinas. The Blue Flag is awarded to beaches and marinas that meet a specific set of criteria:

- Environmental information & education
- Water quality
- Safety & services
- Environmental Management

## CÉ ATÁ TAOBH THIAIR DE CHLÁR NA BRATAÍ GOIRME?

Is í an Taisce a fheidhmníonn Clár Idirnáisiúnta na Brataí Goirme in Éirinn le tacaíocht ón Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus thar ceann na Fondúireachta um an Oideachas Comhshaoil.

## WHO OPERATES THE BLUE FLAG PROGRAMME?

The International Blue Flag programme is operated in Ireland by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland with the support of the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government and on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education.

## LE TUILLEADH EOLAIS A FHÁIL FOR FURTHER INFO. FAOIN mBRATACH GHROM, ON THE BLUE FLAG DÉAN TEAGMHÁIL LE: PLEASE CONTACT:

### SONRAÍ TEAGMHÁLA AN ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL / LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall  
Fingal County Council  
Water Safety Development Officer  
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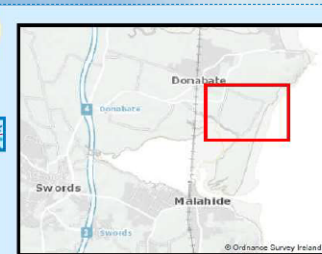
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## EOCHAIR / KEY SYMBOLS



I gCás Eigeandála In an emergency	Suíomh Location	Ná hÁiríomha a Bhíonn Fál air Times Available
Garchabhair First Aid	Stáisiún Garda Tarrthála Lifeguard Station	Nuair a bheidh an Garda Tarrthála ar dualgas When Lifeguard on duty
Teileafón Telephone	Stáisiún Garda Tarrthála Lifeguard Station	Nuair a bheidh an Garda Tarrthála ar dualgas When Lifeguard on duty

## BRATACHA SÁBHÁILTEACHTA / SAFETY FLAGS

Ná téigh ag snámh agus an bhratach cheang ar foláin. Do not swim when the red flag is flying.	Ná téigh ag snámh ach amháin sa limistéar a bhí ann ar garda tarrthála ar dualgas ann. Swim in the life guard patrolled area.	Limistéar do chlaí shurtha agus d'athraí uisce. Surf board and water craft zone.	Gan bratach a bheith ar foláin = Níl garda tarrthála ar dualgas No Flag = No life guard on duty
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## NA TORTHAÍ CÁILÍOCHTA UISCE IS DEIREANAÍ / LATEST WATER QUALITY RESULTS

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NA DTORTHAÍ CÁILÍOCHTA UISCE IS DEANAÍ

PLEASE SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS NOTICEBOARD FOR THE LATEST WATER  
QUALITY RESULTS

### Cáilíocht an Uisce / Water Quality

Glactar sampla gach 31 lá ar a laghad le linn an tséasúir snámha leis na leibhéil baictéar atá san uisce a sheiceáil de réir pharaméadar na Treoch maidir le Cáilíocht an Uisce Snámha ón AE agus chaighdeán cáilíochta uisce na Brataí Goirme. Is iad an E. coli agus an tEintreacoccus Stéigeach na paraméadair a ndéantar tástáil lena n-aghaidh. Déantar measúnú ar cháilíocht an uisce i ngach sampla agus tairfeacht cibé acu atá sí 'Ar fheabhas', 'Go maith', 'Imleor' nó 'Go dona'. Tá na teorannacha seo cáilíochtúil agus bunaithe ar na teorannacha reachtúla a leagtar síos leis na Rialúcháin um Cáilíocht an Uisce Snámha, 2008.

During the bathing season, samples are taken at least every 31 days to check the levels of bacteria in the water in accordance with the EU Bathing Water Directive parameters and Blue Flag water quality standards. The parameters tested are E.Coli and Intestinal Enterococci. The water quality of each sample is assessed as either 'Excellent', 'Good', 'Sufficient' or 'Poor'. These limits are qualitative and take account of regulatory limits set out in the Bathing Water Regulations 2008.

### Céard a chiallaíonn na torthaí? / What do the results mean?

Paraméadar / Parameter	Stádas an tSampla / Individual Sample Status			
	Ar fheabhas / Excellent	Go maith / Good	Imleor / Sufficient	Go dona / Poor
E. Coli	≤ 250	251 – 500	501 – 1000	> 1000
Intestinal Enterococci	≤ 100	101 – 200	201 – 250	> 250

Leis an scála is deireanaí a fháil faoi cháilíocht an uisce téigh chuig [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie)  
For the most up to date water quality testing and information please visit [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie)

### Rátaí Bhlantúil Cháilíochta an Uisce / Annual Water Quality Rating



#### Cáilíocht Uisce den Scoth / Excellent Bathing Water Quality

★★★★ Ar fheabhas / Excellent  
★★★★ Go Maith / Good  
★★★ Imleor / Sufficient  
★★ Go Dona / Poor

Bionn an rátaí bhlantúil maidir le cáilíocht an uisce bunaithe ar na torthaí a fuarthas sna ceithre sheasúr snámha is deireanaí. Fágann an cur chuige seo nach n-imroinnt gnáthathruithe seásúra tionchar ar an rátaí agus go gcuirtear raon iomlán na dtorthaí san áireamh.

The annual water quality rating is determined from results covering the previous four bathing seasons. This approach averages out the impacts of seasonal variations and takes account of the spread of results.

### An mbíonn an trá seo truaillithe go gearthéarmach? / Is this beach subject to short term pollution?

Bionn / Yes ☐ Ní bionn / No ☐

Líon na laethanta le linn an tséasúir snámha cheireanaigh a molaigh gan dul ag snámh / The number of days when bathing was advised against during the last bathing season

Lá / Days