



AN BHRATACH GHORM BLUE FLAG

LÉARSCÁIL DEN TRÁ / BEACH MAP



Tá Bratach Ghorm bronnta ar TRÁ MHÍN, PORT MEARNÓG
(an 1 Meitheamh go dtí an 15 Meán Fómhair)

do sheasúr snámha

2025

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

CUR SÍOS AR AN TRÁ / BEACH DESCRIPTION

Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock, is a long, open, gently sloping beach facing east. It is backed by an extensive dune system which consists of embryonic, marram and grey dunes. The beach stretches south to the Baldoyle Estuary and adjoins Malahide Beach to the north over 2km to the north. There is a view of the Dublin Mountains and Howth Harbour, Lambay Island and Ireland's Eye.

GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ OIDEACHAIS COMHSHAOIL / ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

| Gníomhaíocht / Activity | Sonraí / Details | Teagmháil / Contact |
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| 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 |

EOLAS MAIDIR LEIS AN nGARDA TARRTHÁLA / LIFE GUARD INFORMATION

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

| MÍ / MONTH | LAETHANTA / DAYS | AMANNA / 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 |

BRATACHA SÁBHÁILTEACHTA / SAFETY FLAGS

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| | Ná téigh ag snámh agus an bratach cheang ar foluáin. Do not swim when the red flag is flying. |
| | Ná téigh ag snámh ach amháin sna limistéir a bhíonn ar garda tarrthála ar dualgas ann. Swims in the life guard patrolled area. |
| | Limistéar do chhiár shurfta agus d'arthaí uisce. Surf board & water craft zone. |
| | Gan bratach a bheith ar foluáin = Níl garda tarrthála ar dualgas. No Flag = No life guard on duty |

Cuir ar an eolas muid faoi bhaithí na tarrthála atá ar iarraidh ag www.ringbuoys.ie
Please report missing ringbuoys here www.ringbuoys.ie

CÉARD Í AN BHRATACH GHORM?

Éicilipéad idirnáisiúnta, toideonach 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 fheidhmnó 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 GHORM, ON THE BLUE FLAG
DÉAN TEAGMHÁIL LE: PLEASE CONTACT:

SONRAÍ TEAGMHÁLA AN ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚIL / LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS

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

| Paraiméadar / 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
For the most up to date water quality testing and information please visit www.beaches.ie

Rátáil Bhliantúil 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 rátáil bhliantúil maidir le cáilíocht an uisce bunaithe ar na torthaí a fuarthas sna ceithre sheasúr snámha is deireanaí. Fágann an cur chuige seo nach n-imríonn gnáthathruithe seásuracha tionchar ar an rátáil 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.

FÉACH LE DO THOIL AR AN TAOBH EILE DEN CHLÁR FÓGRAÍ SEO LE HAGHAIDH NA DTORTHAÍ CÁILÍOCHTA UISCE IS DÉANAÍ

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QUALITY RESULTS

Cáilíocht an Uisce / Water Quality

Glactar sampla gach 31 lá ar a laghad le linn an tséasúir snámha leis na leibhéil baictéir atá san uisce a sheiceáil de réir pharaiméadar na Treorch maidir le Cáilíocht an Uisce Snámha ón AE agus chaighdeán cáilíochta uisce na Brataí Goirme. Is iad an E. coli agus an tEintreacocas Stéigeach na paraiméadar a ndéantar tástáil lena n-aghaidh. Déantar measúnú ar cháilíocht an uisce i ngach sampla agus tairfeadtar cibé acu atá si '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.