



AN BHRATACH GHORM BLUE FLAG

Tá Bratach Ghorm bronnta ar _____
(an 1 Meitheamh go dtí an 15 Meán Fómhair)

TRÁ MHÍN, PORT MEARNÓG

do shéasúr snámha

2022

A Blue Flag has been awarded to _____
(June 1st to September 15th)

VELVET STRAND BEACH, PORTMARNOCK

for the

2022

bathing season

LÉARSCÁIL DEN TRÁ / BEACH MAP



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 COMHSHAOL / 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 – 400 2210 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 – 400 2210 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 – 400 2210 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

Bíonn 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 Sathairn 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 Sathairn agus Dé Domhnaigh Saturday and Sunday	11:00 – 19:00

CÉARD Í AN BHRATACH GHORM?

Éicilpéad idirnáisiúnta, toilteanach is ea an Bhratach Ghorm i gcomhair tráanna 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 fheidhmiú 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.

BRATACHA SÁBHÁILTEACHTA / SAFETY FLAGS

Ná téigh ag snámh agus an bhatach dhearg ar foluain. Do not swim when the red flag is flying.

Ná téigh ag snámh ach amháin sa limistéar a bhfuil an garda tarrthála ar dualgas ann. Swim in the life guard patrolled area.

Limistéar do chláir shurfála agus d'árthai uisce. Surf board & water craft zone.

Gan bratach a bheith ar foluain = Níl garda tarrthála ar dualgas No Flag = No life guard on duty

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

EOCHAIR / KEY SYMBOLS

Pointe Eolais Information Point

Cosc ar thiomáint No driving

Ní mór madraí a choinneáil ar iall Dogs on leads only

Saoráidí Athchúrsála Recycling Facilities

Leithreas Toilets

Pointe Samplála Cháilíocht an Uisce Water Quality Sampling point

Leithreas do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas Disabled Toilets

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Limistéar an Gharda Tarrthála Life Guard Area

Cosc ar dhóiteán No fire

Cosc ar Mhadraí ann Dog Ban Area

Limistéar a bhfuil Cosc ar Mhadraí ann Dog Ban Area

Áisanna Tarrthála Lifesaving facilities

Bosca Broscair Litter Bin

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I gCás Éigeandála In an Emergency	Suíomh Location	Ná hUaireanta a Bhíonn Fáil air Times Available
	Stáisiún Garda Tarrthála Lifeguard Station	Nuair a bheid an Garda Tarrthála ar dualgas When Lifeguard on duty
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NA TORTHÁÍ CÁILÍOCHTA UISCE IS DEIREANAÍ / LATEST WATER QUALITY RESULTS

FÉACH LE DO THOIL AR AN TAOBH EILE DEN CHLÁR FÓGRAÍ SEO LE HAGHAIDH NA DTORTHAÍ CÁILÍOCHTA UISCE IS DÉANAÍ
PLEASE SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS NOTICEBOARD FOR THE LATEST WATER QUALITY RESULTS

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 scéala 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

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

Bíonn / Yes Ní bhíonn / No

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

Lá / Days

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

Bíonn an rátáil bhliantúil maidir le cáilíocht an uisce bunaithe ar na torthaí a fuarthas sna ceithre shéasúr snámha is deireanaí. Fágann an cur chuige seo nach n-irriú gnáthathruithe séasúiracha 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.

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 pharaiméadar na Treorach maidir le Cáilíocht an Uisce Snámha ón AE agus chaighdeán cáilíochta uisce na Brataí Goirme. Is iad an E. coli agus an tEintreococci Steigeach na paraiméadar a ndéantar tástáil lena n-aghaidh. Déantar measúnú ar cháilíocht an uisce i ngach sampla agus taifeadtar 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.

LE TUILLEADH EOLAIS A FHÁIL FOR FURTHER INFO. FAOIN mBRATACH GHORM, DÉAN TEAGMHÁIL LE: ON THE BLUE FLAG PLEASE CONTACT: SONRAÍ TEAGMHÁLA AN ÚDARAIS ÁITIÚIL / LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS

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Water Safety Development Officer
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