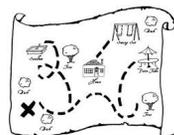


Nineteenth Century Kingstown Trail



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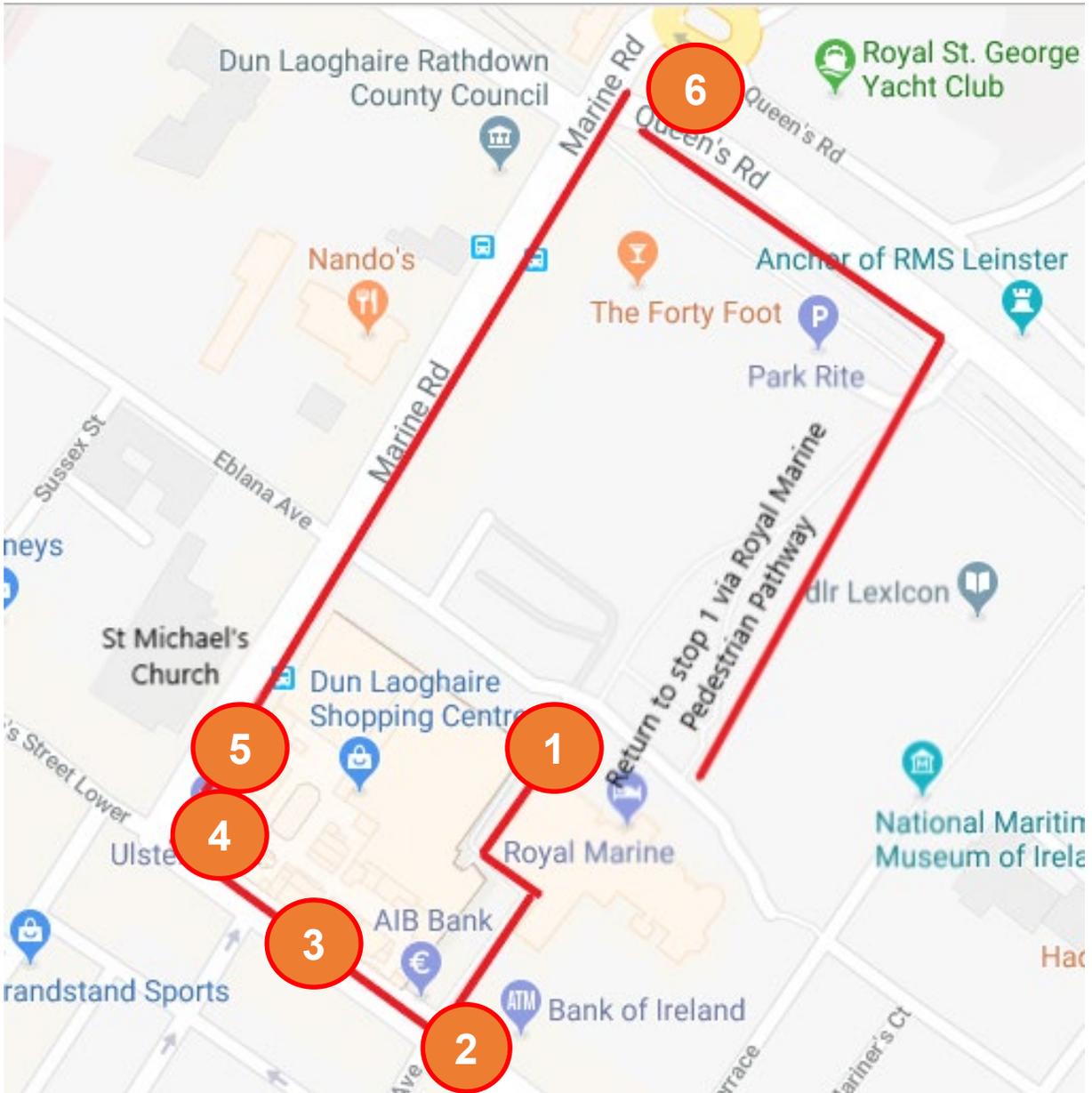
Equipment Required

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Adult supervision required per group

Map of Trail



Distance Between Stops	
1-2	2 mins
2-3	1 min
3-4	1 min
4-5	0min
5-6	3min
6-1	3min



Duration of Trail: 1 hour

Time per stop : 6 minutes

The Royal Marine



Stand outside the hotel entrance on the pavement.

Hotel



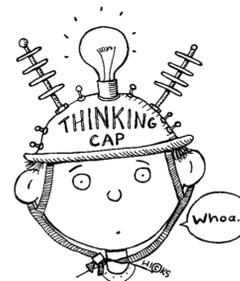
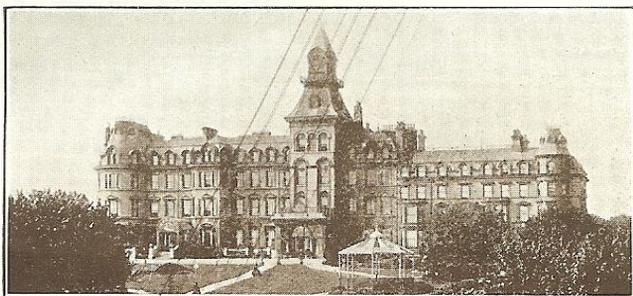
The Royal Marine Hotel was first built in 1863. However before that a hotel known as “Hayes Hotel “stood on the site. Hayes Hotel was purchased by William Dargan, and the new Royal Marine was built with part of the old Hayes Hotel incorporated into the new design. It has been open ever since.



Activity

- Was The Royal Marine Hotel the first hotel on the site?
- How many carved faces and starts can you locate on the buildings facade?
- The Royal marine Hotel has been renovated and extended over the years Which section do you think is the original and which section is the most modern?
- This hotel is named “The Royal Marine”. What evidence can you find on the facade to illustrate this royal link?

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Activity

Look at this advertisement from the past. Discuss in groups how the hotel has changed over the years. Note three differences.

Royal Marine Hotel

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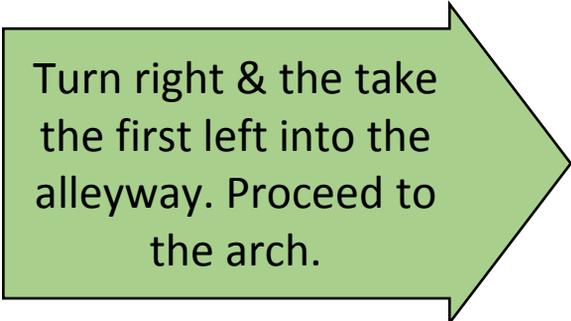
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Stable Lane



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This archway was the stable entrance to the Royal Marine Hotel. Horses and carriages passed through regularly. It was also an entrance to Hayes Undertakers.

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This laneway is another point of access for the hotel. Why do you think is called Stable Lane?



Activities



Estimate the width of the archway using your feet and suggest the width of a typical carriage of this time.



Locate and draw the surviving bollard that protected the walls of this alleyway from being damaged by carriage wheels as they passed.

What stone was this bollard and archway constructed with? Sandstone? Limestone or Granite?



Why do you think this stone was used extensively in construction in this area?



Further Research
Did you spot the sign for Hardy's Bar? It is so named because the hotel was visited by the famous visitors. Who are they and what were they famous for?



Turn right and continue to stop 3 - O'Briens coffee shop.

George's Street



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Look right and left on Georges Street. Lord de Vesci and Lord Longford, landlords of Dun Laoghaire, built this planned town. In the 1900s many of these buildings were considered unattractive. To renew their lease, shops had to rebuild their shop fronts in a red-brick style. At the back of these properties the poorest people lived in squalor. One property was said to have held 24 families at one point. These houses were known as *"Invisible Dun Laoghaire"* and they were considered an embarrassment by the wealthy people.



"You could not see the poverty but you could smell it"

Charles Haliday

Charles Haliday was a well known writer of this era. Taking into consideration his observation above of poverty in this area, list three sights, sounds and smells one might have experienced in Victorian Dun Laoghaire.

Continue to the junction of Marine Road & Georges street. Stop at the traffic lights.

Tram Pole



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Original tram poles can be identified by the ornate design. These poles held the cables for the trams and are now used to power street lighting around Dún Laoghaire. These original tram poles can be identified by the ornate design. These original poles form part of the street furniture today.

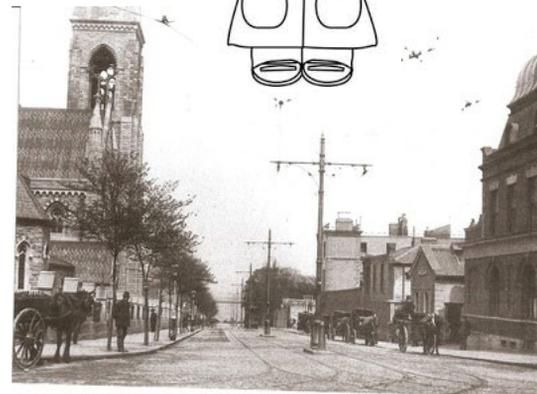
1. How are the street lights powered now?

- a) Electricity b) Gas c) Oil

2. How were they powered in nineteenth century Dun Laoghaire?

3. List three benefits the installation of trams would have brought to Dun Laoghaire?

3. Look at the two pictures below. They are taken one hundred year apart in the same location. List three things that have changed.



Turn to face St Michael's Church.

St. Michael's Church



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St. Michael's Catholic church was originally built in 1824 by John L. Robinson. The church commenced as a small chapel but over the years it was enlarged and improved. The great tower and spire were such additions. In 1965 the church caught fire and almost everything inside it was damaged beyond repair. The church was rebuilt and reopened in 1973.

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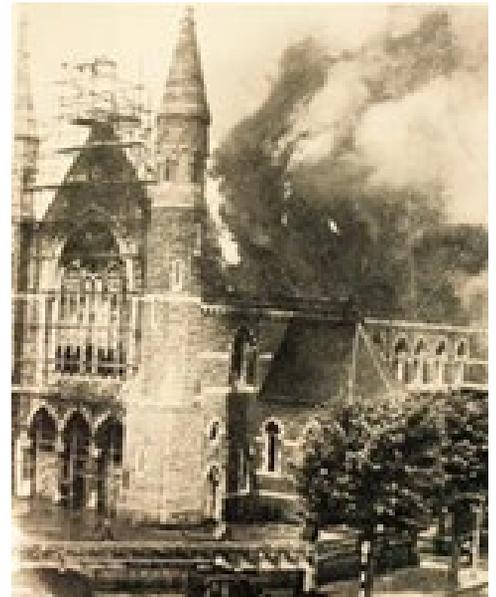
When was the church first built?
Why did the church need to be rebuilt?

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Only one feature of the original church is still visible today. Can you identify it?

Activity

Draw a sketch of the plaque above the door to the church.



Gardai keep onlookers back from the fire.
Do you recognise the location? What shops can you see?



Continue to the bottom of Marine Road. Stop at the junction and face the seafront.

Victorian Drinking Fountain



The Victorian Memorial Fountain was erected to commemorate the visit of Queen Victoria to Dun Laoghaire in 1900. The monument was badly damaged in 1980 but was restored to its former glory in 2002.

1. The memorial fountain has how many columns supporting it?
2. What shape is the foundation below the monument? Hexagon, square or octagonal?
3. Why do you think the words “keep this pavement dry” are written on the monument?
4. Examine photographs A & B. What buildings do you recognise?

Activity



List the various animals you can see on the monument. Draw your favourite.

Did you know that the fountain was restored using money raised from “Pay and Display” parking.



Well done! Go back to the starting point