

East Pier Trail 2018

Dún Laoghaire

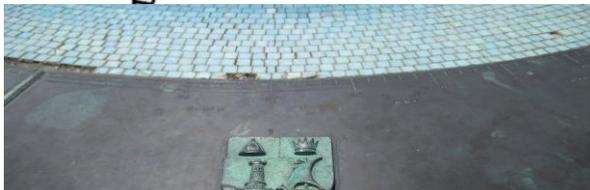


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Can you spot these items on your travels?



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George IV Memorial



You will need:

Clipboard, paper, peg,
pencil, rubber, compass

The British King George IV visited Dun Laoghaire in 1821. The town was officially renamed Kingstown in his honour, but reverted to its ancient Irish name by resolution of the town council in 1920. This monument was erected to mark the occasion of the royal visit. The monument was damaged in the 1970s but has since been repaired,

Questions:

1. What 3D shapes support the monument? Circle the correct answer.

Circle sphere cuboid

2. The foundation stone of the harbour was laid in MDCCCXVII (1817).
Can you write 1819 in Roman numerals?

3. What influence do you think that King George's IV visit had on place names in the area?

4. Can you think why someone would want to damage this monument?
Can you find the part that has been replaced?



Directions to Stop 2:

Go to the sea side of the monument and proceed to the anchor behind the monument.

ROMAN NUMERALS			
ARABIC NUMERAL	ROMAN NUMERAL	ARABIC NUMERAL	ROMAN NUMERAL
1	I	20	XX
2	II	30	XXX
3	III	40	XL
4	IV	50	L
5	V	60	LX
6	VI	70	LXX
7	VII	80	LXXX
8	VIII	90	XC
9	IX	100	C
10	X	500	D
		1000	M



Memorial Plaques and 'RMS Leinster' Anchor



On this plaza there are a number of memorials commemorating significant events in the history of Dún Laoghaire:

1. Plaque to commemorate the lifeboat crew lost in the attempted rescue of 'The Palme' during a storm of Christmas Eve 1895.
2. The anchor of RMS Leinster, the mail ship torpedoed by the Germans on 10th October 1918.
3. Plaque to honour those involved in the 1913 Lockout.

Questions:

1. How many lives were lost on the RMS Leinster? _____
2. What exact date in 1895 did the crew of the lifeboat perish while attempting to rescue The Palme? _____
3. The RMS Leinster was one of four royal mail ships. Can you guess the other three names?
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Do you know anything about the Lockout of 1913?
See what you can find out!

Directions to Stop 3:



Proceed towards the East Pier and stop at the National Yacht Club.



The National Yacht Club



The clubhouse was built in 1870 by architect William Sterling.
It is used for recreational sailing.

Questions:

1. This Olympic silver medallist is a member of this yacht club. Circle the event in which she won her medal. Sailing Canoeing Rowing
2. What is her name? _____
3. This lamppost is a replica of an original gas burner. Can you guess the purpose of the two bars at the top? _____



Directions to Stop 4:



Go onto the upper level of East Pier and walk until you see a large compass on your right.

A little diversion...

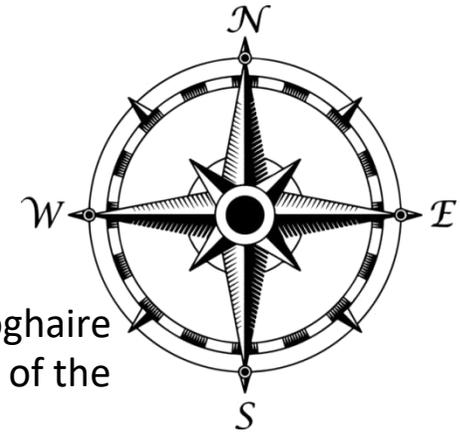
As you walk along the upper level, look in at the cannon in the park to your right. Use your compass to determine in which direction it is facing.



The Seafront Compass

This seafront compass indicates places of interest in the area.

Kish Lighthouse is located 11.2 kilometres (8 miles) off Dún Laoghaire harbour and is used to ward off seafarers from the dangerous sands of the Kish Bank.



Activity

1. How far away is the landmark that most interests you? _____
2. Sketch the landmark in the box below:

Directions to Stop 5:



Come down to the lower pier and continue to the bandstand.

On a clear day you can see Kish Lighthouse on the horizon. Can you see it?

Did you know?

Dún Laoghaire's East Pier is Ireland's most popular pedestrian walk, with approximately 1 million people walking it per year!



The Bandstand



The Victorian Bandstand and the shelter on the level above it were erected in the 1890's. They are wonderful examples of craftsmanship in cast and wrought iron.

Questions:

1. Name an 'iron' mini-beast you can see hiding. _____
2. There is a musical instrument to be found in the upper corners of the structure. Which of the following is it? Circle the correct answer.
Harp guitar Lyre
3. Why do you think the bandstand and shelter were important in Dun Laoghaire at that time?

Directions to Stop 6:



Walk along the lower platform until you come to a large blue buoy near the entrance to East Pier. Stand with your back to it to see the Original Lifeboat House near the water's edge.



The Original Lifeboat House and the blue buoy

For 180 years a lifeboat has launched from Dun Laoghaire; today the station operates both an inshore lifeboat and an all-weather lifeboat. During its history the station has witnessed tragedy with 17 lifeboat crew losing their lives saving others at sea. This building was constructed in 1861.

Questions:

1. Does the lifeboat crew get paid for their services? _____
2. What is the Lifeboat House made of? Why do you think this stone was used and where might it have come from? _____

Activity

- Estimate the height of the RNLI buoy. Estimate: _____
 - Now measure the height using your cardboard triangle.
- Answer: _____

You have finished your East Pier trail. Well done!

Reminder!

To get the height of a large structure, hold the triangle at eye level with one side parallel to the ground. The apex should be in line with the top of the structure. Count your strides to the base of the structure, add your own height.

