

Sceilg Mhichíl | Skellig Michael

Láthair Oidhreachta Dhomhanda
World Heritage Site

Visitor Behaviour

- Leaving the access route is **prohibited** as it may cause the dislodging of loose rock and stones, thereby endangering your life and the lives of those below.
- Picking up and throwing loose stones damages the monument and endangers the lives of those below.
- Climbing on dry stone walls is forbidden. This damages the monument and may endanger lives.
- Offenders risk prosecution.
- Take your time. Do not hurry when either ascending or descending the steps.
- If the route is congested, please give way to the person who is descending.
- Use of drones and UAV's over this site is prohibited.



Wear suitable footwear with a good grip



Children must be strictly supervised at all times



Toilet facilities available



Drone use prohibited



No climbing



WARNING
Sheer drop with no edge protection



WARNING
Uneven steps



WARNING
Steep gradient on the steps



WARNING
Slippery when wet



WARNING
Risk of falling



WARNING
Stay on the path at all times



WARNING
Mind your head



WARNING
Strong winds



WARNING
Beware of falling rocks

The key things to remember are:

- This is a challenging site. **Accidents and fatalities** have occurred.
- Take responsibility for your own actions.
- Show courtesy to your fellow visitors.
- Care for the environment.

Further information on Sceilg Mhichíl can be accessed on www.worldheritageireland.ie, www.archaeology.ie, and www.heritageireland.ie.



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To view the Sceilg Mhichíl safety video guide please scan the QR code opposite.



The Terrain and Health & Safety

Transfers

Transferring between a boat and the landing pier can be hazardous in certain sea conditions; there is a risk of serious injury or death.



Can get slippery

Scailg Mhichíl is a precipitous rock and there are about 600 steps on the ascent to the monastery.

Steps can be slippery when wet.



Weather warnings

Due to the unpredictable nature of the terrain, be prepared for fog, deterioration of visibility and sudden gusts of wind which can change in direction, particularly when on the steps.



Loose overhead rocks

The lighthouse road and access routes are exposed to loose overhead rock, as well as falling debris from nesting birds. **Do not loiter** on the pathway. Any photographs should be taken from underneath the safety of the timber canopy.



Sheer cliffs

The terrain includes sheer cliffs, please stay on the designated access route. Straying from the access route involves a high risk of fall or tumble, and damage to the habitat of nesting birds – stay on the paths.



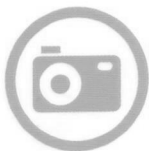
Uneven steps

The access route includes steep uneven steps with unprotected edges. Know your own abilities and seek the advice of the Guides. Given the challenging terrain a reasonable level of fitness is required. Use handrails/chain linkage where provided.



Safety notices

Visitors should comply with all safety notices on the island. The Guides are the official monitors on the island and their instructions, particularly in relation to safety, must be complied with at all times.



Taking photos

If taking photographs, please ensure that you are standing in a safe place. Do not stand near an edge and do not leave the steps, or disturb any rocks or wildlife. Do not use your mobile phone or take selfies whilst ascending or descending the steps – the uneven steps require your full attention.



Safety

Embarking and disembarking boats, the terrain and climb to the monastery are challenging and requires a reasonable level of fitness. The island may not be suitable if you have certain mobility issues or medical conditions such as vertigo. **For your safety please consider your own suitability to ascend and descend the steps of the monastery and do not ascend if you have any concerns.**



Children

Children under the age of 12 are not permitted on the island. If you have children over the age of 12 with you, please ensure you are completely confident in looking after them on a steep island where there are no barriers or rails on the ancient paths.



Leave no trace

Visitors are asked not to leave a trace of their visit on the island and bring back any litter to the mainland where it should be disposed of responsibly.