

Annascaul to Dingle Hike

 County Kerry, Ireland

The third segment of the Dingle Way trail offers castle ruins, rolling farmland, quiet boreens, a historic railway viaduct, and a beautiful descent into the colorful town of Dingle.



22–23 km
(13.5–14.2 mi)

DISTANCE



340–400 m
(1,115–1,300 ft)

ELEVATION GAIN



Moderate
to Hard
DIFFICULTY
varies by terrain
and weather

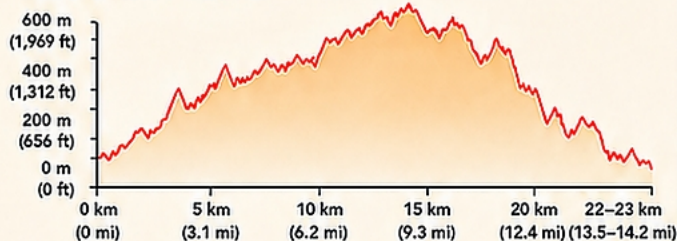


6–8
hours
TIME



Point
to Point
TYPE

ELEVATION PROFILE



FACILITIES: Public restrooms, pubs, cafés, and accommodations are available in both Annascaul and Dingle. For the only indoor restroom along the route, take a short detour into Lispole mid-way to use the customer facilities at the local petrol station.



WATER AVAILABILITY: Potable water is available in the villages at either end of the trail. Carry enough water for the hike, as refill opportunities are limited along the route.



CELL SERVICE: Generally available along most of the trail, though reception can be spotty in low-lying valleys and mountainous areas.



MAPS: Official Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) Discovery Series Maps 70 and 71 are recommended. Digital maps are also available on AllTrails and in Dingle Way guidebooks.



COST: The trail is free to hike.



BEST TIME TO HIKE: April through September offers the longest days and generally the best weather, although the trail is open year-round.



WHAT TO BRING: Waterproof hiking boots, layered rain gear, gaiters (some sections can be very muddy), a paper or downloaded map, a fully charged phone, a power bank, a small first aid kit, a packed lunch, and plenty of drinking water.



HIGHLIGHTS ALONG THE WAY

- ★ **Minard Castle:** A breathtaking 16th-century castle ruin situated above a quiet, rocky beach overlooking Dingle Bay.
- ★ **Lispole Village:** A tiny, welcome stop that provides great vantage points of the looming mountain ranges, including Croaghskeara.
- ★ **Pastoral Farmland:** Walking along classic Irish “boreens” and grassy tracks dotted with grazing sheep.
- ★ **Garfinny River:** A scenic river crossing before the final approach into town.
- ★ **Dingle Town Arrival:** Entering the vibrant, lively town of Dingle via the Spa Road, complete with colorful houses and views of the harbor.

