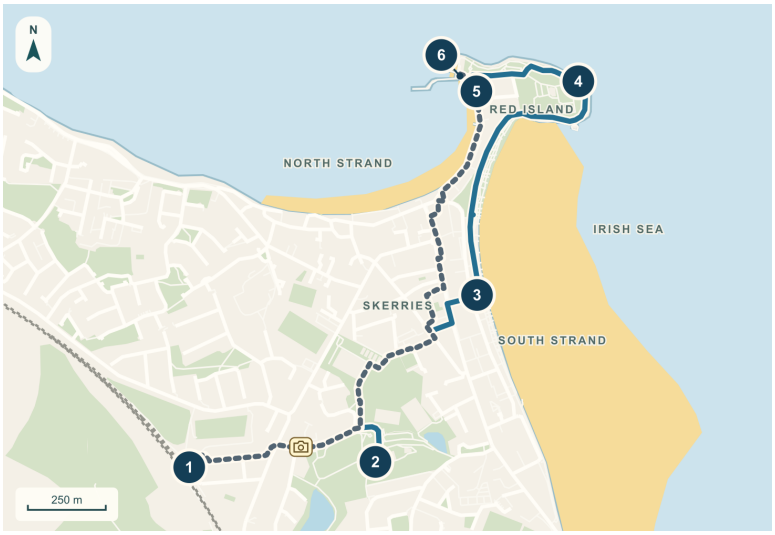
Skerries by train

Walk from the station to Skerries Mills, then follow South Strand around Red Island for lunch on Harbour Road.

5–6 hours including stops · About 5.3 km on foot



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Start and finish

Skerries railway station

Map key

The blue line shows the walk. Grey dots mark the way back. The numbers match the stops below.

1 The windmill from Mill Lane

Leave the station on the town side and head for Mill Lane. You can photograph the four-sail windmill across the field from the lane. Continue through Mill Hill Park to the Mills entrance by the car park.

2 A tour of Skerries Mills

The guided tour starts at the watermill and takes about an hour. If you arrive early, the Watermill Café is in the same building.

3 South Strand

From the Mills, walk through town to Strand Street. Manning's Opening leads down to the beach. Turn left along the promenade towards Red Island, with the sea on your right.

4 Around Red Island

Follow the outer path around the headland. You'll see the islands offshore before the harbour comes into view. Continue down towards Harbour Road.

5 Lunch at Blue Bar

Blue Bar is on Harbour Road, opposite the water. Stop here for lunch, or try one of the other restaurants along the harbour.

6 Storm in a Teacup

Walk down to the pier for an ice cream at Storm in a Teacup. From here, allow about half an hour to walk back through town to the station.

If it rains

Part of the Mills tour is outdoors. The Watermill gallery and café are under cover. From there you can walk through town straight to Harbour Road.

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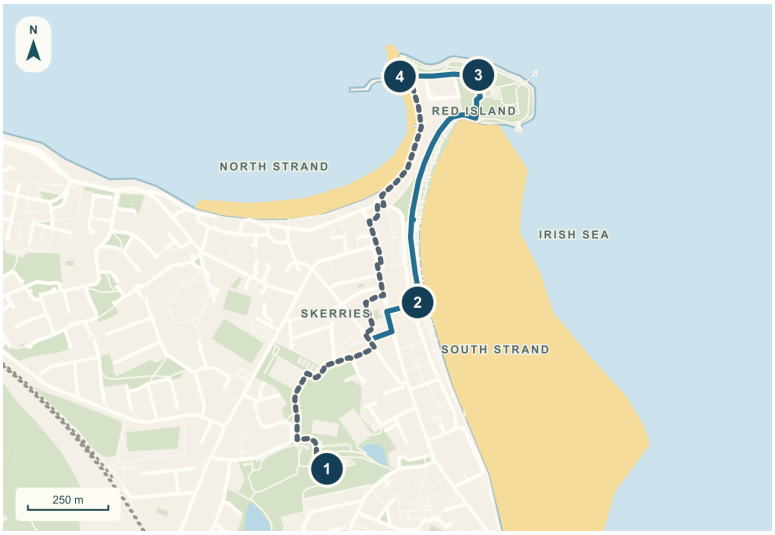
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Skerries with children

Start at the Town Park playground, take a picnic to South Strand and walk along the seafront to the playground on Red Island.

3–5 hours including stops · About 3.8 km on foot



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Start

Town Park playground, beside Skerries Mills

Finish

Town Park playground

Map key

The blue line shows the walk. Grey dots mark the way back. The numbers match the stops below.

1 Town Park playground

The playground is beside the Mills car park. If you're coming by train, walk over from Station Road. The Watermill Café is nearby. The Mills advises that its guided tour is unsuitable for children aged five and under.

2 A picnic on South Strand

Walk into town and take Manning's Opening from Strand Street down to the beach. There's room for a picnic on the sand. If you have a buggy, follow the promenade north.

3 Red Island playground

At the end of the promenade, take the short path to the playground. For a shorter outing, start here and walk from the swings to the harbour.

4 Ice cream at the pier

Storm in a Teacup is by the pier. Harbour Road is close if you'd like lunch. Walk back through town to the playground at the Mills.

With a buggy

Stay on the promenade between South Strand and Red Island. The route passes public toilets on the seafront and near the harbour.

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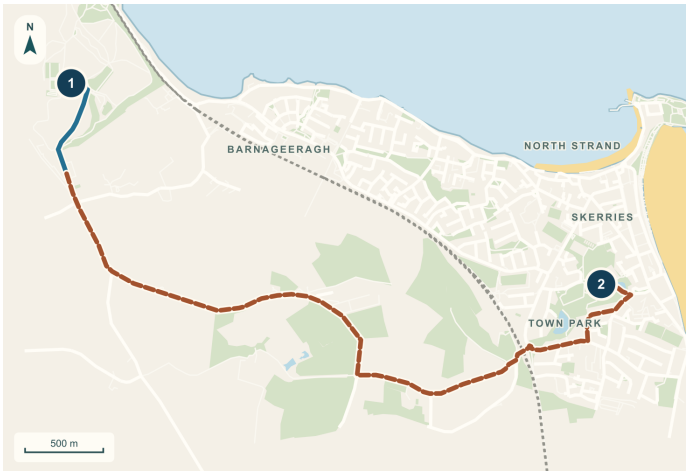
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Ardgillan and Skerries by car

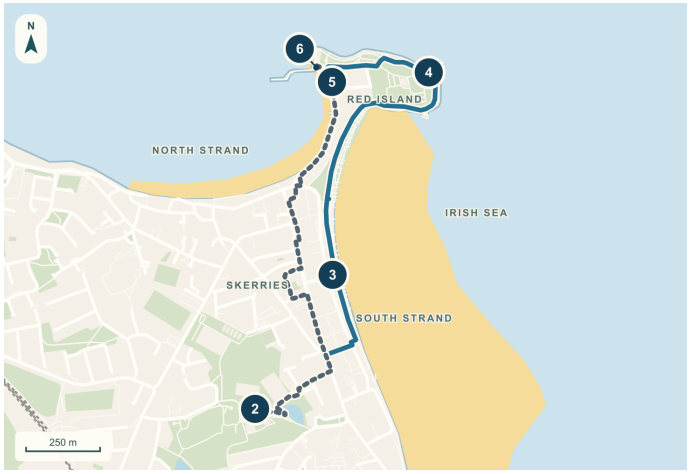
Spend the morning in the gardens at Ardgillan Castle. Then drive to Skerries Mills and leave the car there for the walk to the harbour.

6–8 hours including stops · About 5.4 km on foot · 5.0 km by car

Ardgillan to Skerries



On foot in Skerries



Blue line Walk · Brown dashes Drive · Grey dots Return walk

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1. **Ardgillan Castle and gardens**
   Walk downhill from the upper car park to the castle. Visit the walled garden or, with children, follow the Fairy Tree Trail. Allow time for the uphill walk back to the car.
2. **Skerries Mills**
   Drive to the Mills visitor car park and check the parking signs. Take the guided tour if you've booked, or stop at the Watermill Café before walking into town.
3. **South Strand**
   Walk down to the beach from Strand Street and turn left along the promenade. If you're short of time, Harbour Road is also within walking distance through town.
4. **Red Island**
   Take the coastal path around the headland. It brings you back towards the fishing harbour on the far side.
5. **Lunch on Harbour Road**
   Blue Bar faces the harbour. If you're staying at the castle into the afternoon, check when the kitchen is serving before you drive into Skerries.
6. **The pier**
   Call at Storm in a Teacup for an ice cream. The return walk takes you through the town centre to the Mills car park.

Parking at Ardgillan

Most visitors use the upper car park. The estate reserves the lower car park for over-70s, wheelchair users and people with hidden disabilities. Extra walks in the gardens add to the distance shown.

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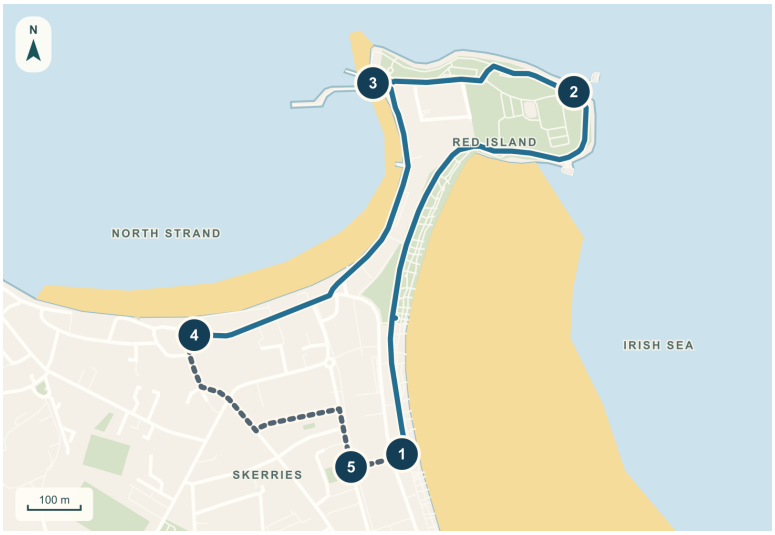
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A walk around Red Island

Walk from South Strand around the head to the harbour and North Strand. The way back takes you past the library and shops on Strand Street.

3–4 hours including stops · About 2.8 km on foot



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Start and finish

South Strand promenade

Map key

The blue line shows the walk. Grey dots mark the way back. The numbers match the stops below.

1 South Strand promenade

Walk north on the promenade with the sea on your right. Follow it to the narrow strip of land that joins Red Island to the town.

2 Around the head

Stay on the outer path for views across the rocks to the offshore islands. Follow it around the headland towards the harbour.

3 The harbour

Storm in a Teacup is by the pier. For coffee or lunch, turn onto Harbour Road. Continue along the waterfront to Quay Street.

4 North Strand

Follow Quay Street to North Strand. You can walk further along the beach and return the same way, or turn inland here for the town centre.

5 Back by Strand Street

Walk past Skerries Library on Strand Street. Take Manning's Opening back to South Strand. Fingal's art trail map marks the panels you can look for along the way.

In windy weather

The outer path is exposed. In rough conditions, take the streets between the two strands and leave the headland for another day.

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Walking distances include the return. Times include stops.

Two hours at Skerries Harbour

A short walk along Harbour Road, with time to watch the boats, have lunch at Blue Bar and get an ice cream by the pier.

1–2 hours including stops · **About 700 m on foot**



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Start

Red Island car park, harbour side

Finish

Red Island car park

Map key

The blue line shows the walk. Grey dots mark the way back. The numbers match the stops below.

1 Red Island car park

Start on the harbour side of Red Island. Check the parking signs, then head down towards Harbour Road. If you're coming by train, allow extra time to reach the harbour.

2 Harbour Road

Follow the pavement with the boats beside you. The map shows a turning point along Harbour Road, but you can turn back for lunch whenever you like.

3 Lunch at Blue Bar

Walk back along the harbour to Blue Bar or one of the neighbouring cafés. If you need a particular entrance or table, check with the venue before you visit.

4 Storm in a Teacup

Walk across to the pier for an ice cream, then follow the pavement back to the Red Island car park.

Walking surfaces

The route follows pavements. Widths and kerbs vary along the harbour. For the shortest visit, go from the car park straight to lunch and the pier.

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