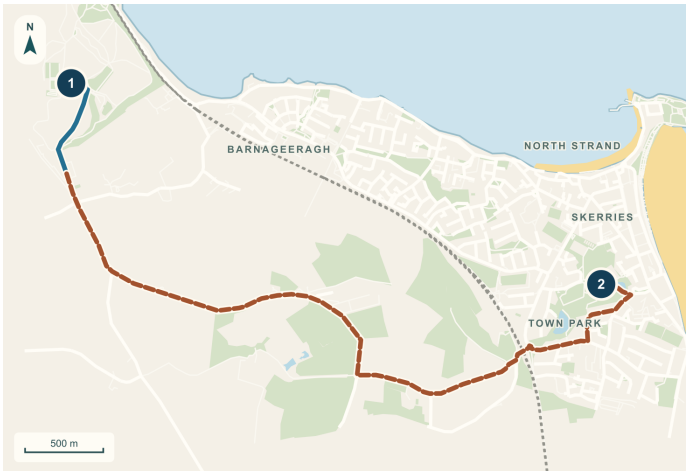
Ardgillan and Skerries by car

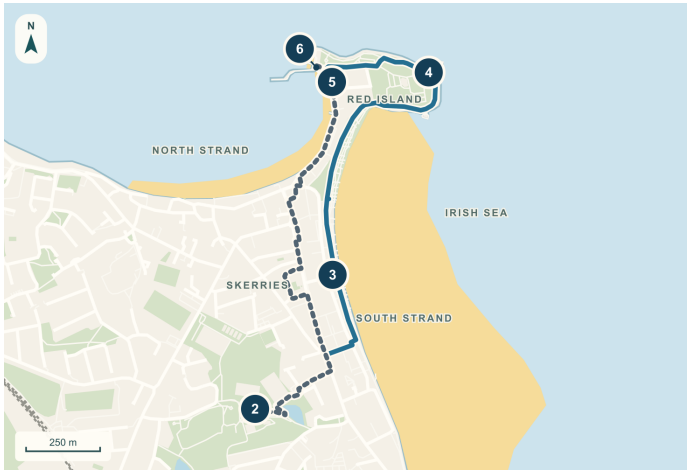
Spend the morning in the gardens at Ardgillan Castle. Then drive to Skerries Mills and leave the car there for the walk to the harbour.

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.

Scan for the interactive map and directions

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Walking distances include the return. Times include stops.