



**Keep Ireland Open is encouraging members to support the campaign to preserve this Right of Way in Cobh, Co Cork**



**SAVE  
COBH'S  
RIGHT  
OF WAY**

Thursday, April 4th - 2024 saw the arrival, of the first cruise liner of the 2024 cruise season as in Ambition. It is a new season, but so far, there is no new beginning as far as the Port of Cork is concerned, and its ongoing proceedings, with a court case to permanently remove the community's traditional Right of Way and being able to walk freely on The Deepwater Quay/Five Foot Way as they have done for generations.

2038 days and counting and keeping the gate open. We won't be bullied or intimidated. We won't go away.

So as long as the Port of Cork are still proceeding with a court case to permanently remove the community's traditional Right of Way and being able to walk freely on The Deepwater Quay/Five Foot Way as they have done for generations the ongoing campaign will continue.

**Please sign the Petition**

Port of Cork Company have applied to the Courts for a DECLARATION that there is NO public Right of Way on Deepwater Quay / the Five Foot Way in Cobh, they want to privatise it.

We need to protect what is, and has been, a public amenity for nearly 200 years.

You, and all visitors to our community, can help by signing the petition.

Signing will send an email, in your name, to Cork County Council, the Port of Cork Company, Cobh Tourism, Cobh & Harbour Chamber of Commerce and to local media in support of this effort.



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## Grianan of Aileach - Access Hours Extended



The Equinox Alignment at An Grianan Aileach.

Many thanks to our KIO members who signed the petition to restore open access to this wonderful ancient Irish monument. As a direct result of the online petition started by local historian, Bettina Linke, people are able to visit An Grianán of Aileach from sunrise to sunset after the Office of Public Works confirmed it has extended opening hours with immediate effect.

You can read all the details in this article in Derry Journal newspaper [HERE](#)

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## Fenit Island Access Update



The awful fences, walls & gates preventing walkers from enjoying the age old footpath around the unproductive margins of Fenit Island were first erected in 2006. In 2022 Tralee Circuit Court granted orders requiring the fences to be removed. To date this has not happened.

KIO Committee member Eric Conroy recently re-visited the Kingdom to check out for himself the current situation regarding the current state of affairs.

Read Eric's blog report [HERE](#).

## ACCESS ISSUES IN COUNTY WICKLOW

Unfortunately there are numerous problems in accessing some traditional upland walks in Wicklow and public access to beaches and the shoreline is extremely limited along the 35 miles of coast as much of it is privatised by caravan parks and marinas. Even the famous Murrough is not a right of way, nor is the access to Magheramore Beach

Following a huge amount of work by members of Keep Ireland Open and some local groups to fight the closure of walks in Enniskerry and Wicklow Town the council planners explored their obligations and opportunities in preparation for the 2016 Wicklow County Development Plan<sup>1</sup> This was helpful to bring clarity to the situation but still failed to register many traditional walks as public rights of way and failed to support many local communities deal with locked gates and fences that block well walked paths. The Council are frequently reluctant to go to court to enforce open access for fear that the current laws will not support them. ,

For more detail on the current position regarded issues at Enniskerry, The Cliff Walk in Wicklow Town, The Wicklow Lighthouse Road, Vartry Reservoir Loop Walk in Roundwood, Coast Walk to Arklow's North Beach

[Click HERE.](#)

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## KIO Welcomes State Acquisition of Conor Pass

KIO Chair, Robert Dowds, says that the creation of the new National Park on the Dingle Peninsula is “breath of fresh air” for the island.

“The value of Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí to Ireland’s natural bountiful attractions is incalculable” said Robert. “When you also include the lands at Inch Beach, Mount Brandon, the Owenmore River and the three lakes, this is Ireland’s largest National Park totalling over 70,000 acres. I hope every KIO member will enjoy exploring its beauty in the near future.”

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## **2024 Membership Renewal Now Due**

Thank you to those who have renewed your KIO Membership for 2024.

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