

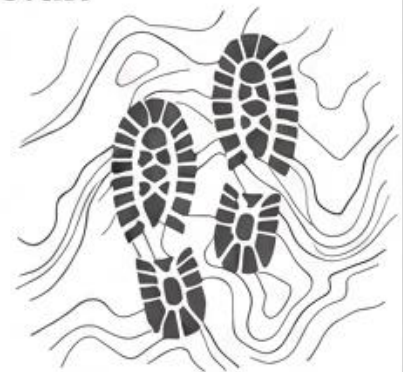
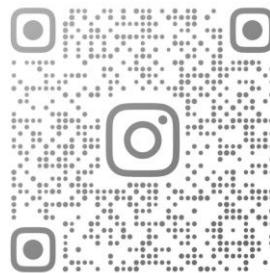


## **Bannside Rambling Club Annual Causeway Coast Challenge Walk Walker Guidance**

This hike should only be undertaken by individuals who are physically fit. If you are unsure about your ability to participate, you must seek medical advice before taking part.



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Thank you for taking part in the **Bannside Rambling Club Annual Causeway Coast Challenge Walk**. Please read the following guidance carefully.

### **Safety on the Route**

- Care is required on the cliff path, which is narrow, uneven, and unprotected in places, and may be slippery, particularly in wet or windy conditions.
- Please take extra care when passing other walkers.
- Walkers should be alert for trains when crossing the railway track between Portballintrae and the Giant's Causeway.
- Sections of the route involve clambering over rocks, which may be wet and slippery.

**YOU MUST HAVE THE WHOLE WALK FINISHED BY 5PM**

### **Equipment and Supplies**

Good walking shoes or boots and suitable outdoor clothing are essential. Walkers must carry their own food and water. Snacks may be purchased at the shop beside the starting point.

### **Stewarding and Environment heading**

The cliff and coastal path are in the care of the National Trust. Walkers are asked to take care not to damage stiles, steps, or fences.

### **Dogs**

Dogs must be kept under close control, especially near cliff edges and livestock. Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

### **Environmental Responsibility heading**

Please keep to the designated route and do not leave litter.

### **Completion**

Badges and certificates will be awarded to walkers who complete the full distance by 5.00 pm.

### **Final message**

We hope you enjoy the walk and thank you for your cooperation.



## Bannside Rambling Club Detailed Trail Guidance

### Route Out (Village Hall to Portbradden – Halfway Point)

1. Leave the Village Hall and follow the path to the River Bush.
2. Cross the bridge, turn right, and continue along the wooden boardwalk, keeping left.
3. Join the hard path beside the railway line, staying left, and continue onto the tarmac section towards the Causeway Hotel.
4. At the end of the path, turn onto the small road. After approx. 5 metres, turn left, then go through the wooden gate on the right onto the stone path across the fields.
5. Follow the stone path to the Visitor Centre. Pass the car park on the right, go through the tunnel, and descend to the Giant's Causeway.
6. Continue past the stones and walk uphill to the sharp right-hand turn leading to the Shepherd's Steps.
7. Ascend the Shepherd's Steps, turn left at the top, and join the clifftop path.
8. Follow the clifftop path past Dunseverick Harbour, continuing across fields and around the cliffs onto the new path section.
9. Continue to Portbradden – halfway turning point.

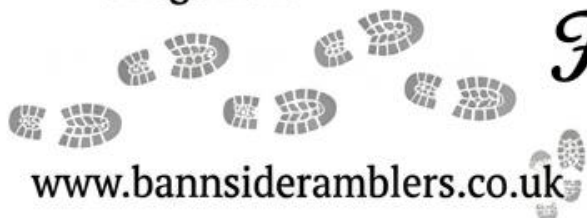


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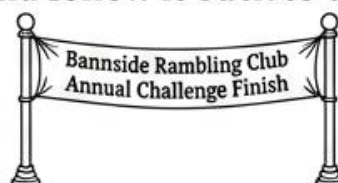


### Route Back (Portbradden to Village Hall)

1. Leave Portbradden and retrace your steps along the clifftop path, passing Dunseverick Harbour.
2. Continue along the path back towards the Visitor Centre, passing the top of the Shepherd's Steps without descending to the stones.
3. At the Visitor Centre, walk over the grassed roof, cross the road, and go through the gate leading down towards the railway line.
4. Rejoin the tarmac path and follow it beside the railway line.
5. On reaching the wooden boardwalk, turn right and continue along it.
6. Cross the River Bush, keep right on the path, and follow it back to the Village Hall.



*Finish!*



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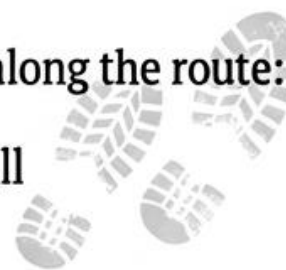


A water stop will be available at Dunseverick Castle .  
Walkers can refill water bottles at this point  
Walkers are still advised to carry sufficient water for the full  
route, especially in warm or windy conditions

### **Toilet Facilities on Route**

Toilet facilities are available at the following locations along the route:

- Portballintrae Village Hall
- Public toilets adjacent to Portballintrae Village Hall
- Giant's Causeway – beside The Causeway Hotel
- Dunseverick Harbour



### **Return Transport – From Dunseverick Castle only**

For walkers wishing to return at Dunseverick Castle, a **Translink Ulsterbus UG service** operates from Dunseverick Castle, via the **Translink Ulsterbus 172 / 402 (Causeway Rambler) service**.



This service provides a return bus option from Dunseverick. Return times to the Bayview Hotel in Portballintrae are: 10:56, 11:26, 12:26, 13:26, 13:56, 14:26, 14:56, 15:26, 15:56, 16:26.

Walkers are advised to check the times before setting off.

Service	Contact Number	When to Use
Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coastguard)	999 or 112	Immediate danger to life or serious emergency
Police (Non-Emergency – PSNI)	101	Non-urgent incidents or advice
NHS Medical Advice (Not-Emergency)	111	Urgent health concerns that are not life threatening
Coastguard	999 or 102 (ask for Coastguard)	Coastal or cliff incidents persons at risk near the lio sea
Emergency Text Service (Hearing / Speech Impaired)	Text 999	Emergency contact (registration required)
Text Relay Emergency Services	18000	Emergency services via text relay