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# Social Guide

## A trip to Scattery Island, Kilrush, County Clare.

### Introduction

We are going on a boat trip to Scattery Island located on the River Shannon.

There is an old monastic settlement founded by a local saint called Senan with the ruins of 6 churches and a very high round tower there.

In this story we will learn how to get to the island, meet the guides who work there and find out what we can expect to see during our visit.

### The Ferry boat office at Kilrush marina car park.

When we enter the booking office we will buy our ferry ticket there.

We then walk very carefully to the ferry boat

The boat trip will take around 30 minutes including 10 minutes at the lock gates.



**The Ferry boat**



## On the Ferry Boat



## At the Lock Gates



The Ferry Boat people are there to help us and answer any questions that we may have.



## **Arrival on Scattery Island**

When we arrive to Scattery Island we wait our turn to leave the boat and then walk carefully up the steps of the island's pier.

Then we will meet and be welcomed by our OPW tour guide.

We then walk to the island's visitor centre and are shown where the toilets are located.



## The Visitor Centre



When we enter the visitor Centre, we will see an **information desk**. We will then receive an information leaflet with a map of the island.



## Inside the Visitor Centre



The visitor centre is a small place and we can look at the displays and pictures on the wall there.

It might be crowded and noisy and we might have to wait our turn before speaking to a guide at the desk.

The guide at the desk is there to assist with our visit and direct us where to go on the island. If we can't find our family or friends, we should look for a Tour Guide.



## Guide Staff

These are friendly and welcoming people in the visitor centre who can help us. when we have questions we can ask the guide at the information desk. we can ask them questions about the island and they will help us find an answer.



## Getting Around.

Then we will walk slowly along the **loose gravel road and grass paths** being careful not to run in case we fall as we go to see the high round tower and the ruins of 6 churches. and holy well. We will not touch them as they are fragile and easy to damage.

## Walking along the Grass Paths





## Walking along the Loose Gravel Road



### **The Creative space.**

There are picnic benches outside the visitor centre and also toilet facilities.  
We can find a quiet place to take a break and have a snack.



## **Leaving the island.**

When we have finished our tour and it is departure time we will walk very carefully along the pier to the ferry boat. The boat trip will take around 30 minutes to return to Kilrush Marina.



## **More Information**

Everyone is welcome at Scattery Island.

For more information on our access programme please visit

<https://heritageireland.ie/visit/places-to-visit/scattery-island-centre/>

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