

**Skellig Bay Cottage**

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## Walking Trips

### ❖ Walks around the cottage (1)

#### **The Ring Fort Walk**

Distance: 1.5KM

Time to Allow: 20 mins

Take a left outside the cottage, and follow the road. The Ring Fort, on your right-hand side is accessible through a gate. This ancient Stone Fort dates back to 8th or 9th century.



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## ❖ Walks around the cottage (2)

### The Loher Loop Walk

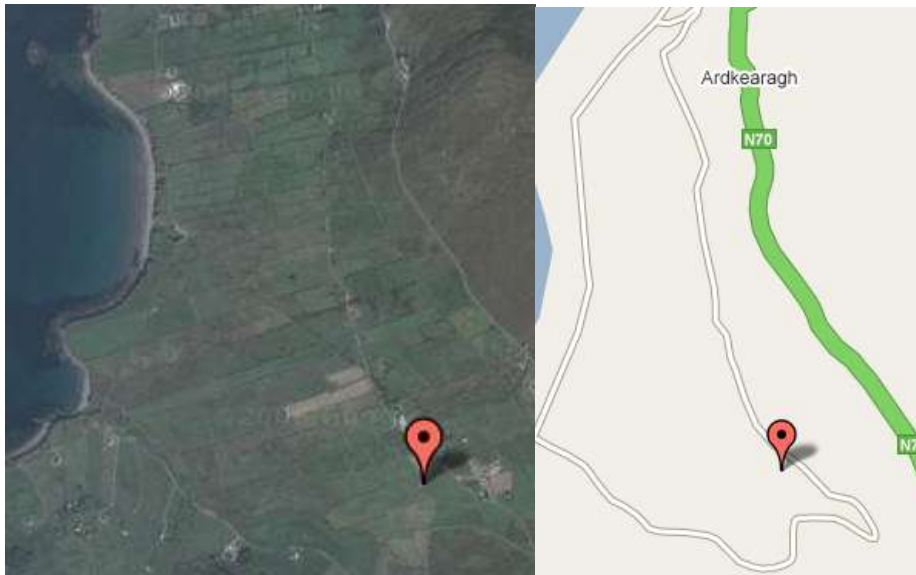
Distance: 5KM

Time to Allow: 1.5 Hours

Skellig Bay Cottage is situated on this loop walk. This walk is ideal to enjoy the local countryside and the beautiful sea views. It does not require any special walking equipment and it is suitable for adults and kids alike.

Highlights of this walk are: The Ringfort, the beach and the view of the Skelligs.

Take a left outside the cottage, walk past the Ringfort and keep walking along the road. The loop will lead you onto the lower road from which you can access the beach through a small gate. To complete the loop, on leaving the beach turn left onto the lower road. When you reach the crossroads, signposted the 'Kerry Way', take a right turn which will bring you back to the cottage.



Local Area Map - Loher Fort Ring mapped in red on the Loop Walk

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## ❖ **Longer Walks for Adventurers and Experienced Walkers (1)**

### **Cahersiveen to Waterville**

**Distance: 30km**

**Time to Allow: 9 hours**

Rejoining the Kerry Way at Teeraha, the trail leads up along a ridge of small hills just over the 200m mark. Gradually traveling back inland to the south-east, the Kerry Way crosses a main road and up to some higher peaks over 300 metres; Keelnagore at 329m, Knockavahaun at 371m and then finally descending to a lower peak at Canuig at 261m.

Rejoining a network of minor roads, the Kerry Way makes its way through the tiny hamlet of Mastergeehy, heading up a track behind the post office and on towards Coomduff.

At this point the Kerry Way once again splits into two. Seven kilometres to the south-west is the end of the stage at Waterville, where there is a selection of accommodation to choose from. A coastal section of the Kerry Way sees this stretch meet up again at a later stage with the other fork outside Caherdaniel.

The other option means trekking for a further 17km before meeting back up with the coastal detour. There is no accommodation to be secured over this period which would suggest that this should be tackled as a stage in itself.

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## ❖ **Longer Walks for Adventurers and Experienced Walkers (2)**

### **Waterville to Caherdaniel**

There are two options for this section of the Kerry Way. The first is to follow the trail south from Waterville, this is the more low-lying option with views out to the Atlantic. The second option is the more demanding both in distance and height as it heads inland and through more remote settings.

#### ❖ **OPTION A**

**Distance: 11km**

**Time to Allow: 3.5 hours**

This first option makes for an easier pace with a lot less ground to cover. Heading south from Waterville the Kerry Way follows a small back road that gently rises up above the bay and provides beautiful views out to sea. After meeting the first T-junction the trail starts to head more inland, uphill and back towards the main road.

After leaving the tarmac road, the Kerry Way then follows the old Kenmare Road and eventually crosses its more recent replacement. Rounding the base of Farraniaragh Mountain, the path comes across a megalithic tomb, which marks the highest point of the days climb at 248 metres above sea-level.

The Kerry Way crosses the main road again and starts to head downhill across fields and boreens, gradually easing its way into Caherdaniel.

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Being the tougher option of the two, the Kerry Way retraces 7km of yesterdays ground before reaching the fork in the trail. Heading southwards from the split at Coomduff, the trail is interspersed with sections on tarmac followed by wild mountain terrain.

Rounding the base of some unnamed peaks attached to Coomcallee and skirting Lough Currane below to the west, a height of 170m is crossed before the Kerry Way comes back down to the valley floor and then swings round to an easterly direction, crossing the north face of Eagles Hill and turning again, striking straight up to Windy Gap, a saddle just below the summit. This sees the highest point reached on the Kerry Way at just over 450 metres above sea-level. The final leg for the stage leads more gradually downwards to the quiet village of Caherdaniel.

