

## Sustainable Development of the B2G Cliff Walk

Proposed Sustainable Development Goal:

To Re-Open the Cliff Walk as safely and as rapidly as possible [or some other version of this worthy goal, tbc Chair],.... **for the benefit and enjoyment of the following users, as much as possible:**

- **human visitors / users (with different needs & interests)**
- **local residential and business communities,**
- **other species / wildlife users and communities.**

The nature aspects might traditionally have already been implicitly taken care of elsewhere, in EIS, or AA, or etc. But things have changed hugely since those good processes were set. We should explicitly respect that Wicklow (following GMD lead) has declared Climate and Biodiversity Emergency (2019) for our youth and families, and delivered a Climate Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan (23/02/2026) to tackle emissions and halt Biodiversity Loss by 2030. Our key Committees should explicitly respect this too. It helps us achieve sustainable solutions and communities for our young people, communities and next generations. [Wicklow Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2031](#)

Regardless of that, I believe that we have nothing to lose, and potentially best, youth-and-future-looking, innovative, inclusive leadership to gain (or maintain) for Wicklow by being deliberately democratic, sustainable in our development approach, and environmentally inclusive like this.



## Stakeholders / Users

The needs of the human and more-than-human (wildlife) users of the Cliff Walk are specified in the following table.

<b>Stakeholders – Visitors, Residents, Wildlife</b>	<b>In Scope (comments on needs)</b>	<b>Out of Scope (advice on alternatives)</b>
<b>Human Visitors</b>		
Casual Walkers	Yes	
Dog Walkers	Yes	
Trekkers / Runners	Yes	
Wheelchair Users	Yes (there may be restrictions)	
Buggy / Pram Users	Yes (there may be restrictions)	
Sightseeing Tourists	Yes	
Nature Tourists (Birdwatchers, Whalewatchers, Botanists, Other species watchers)	Yes	
History / Build Heritage Tourists	Yes	
Cyclists travelling Bray – Greystones, or Greystones to Bray	No	Should indicate best alternative route
Casual Cyclists	No	Should indicate best alternative route
Skate Boarders / Roller Skaters	No	Should indicate best alternative route
e-Scooters / Quad-bikers	No	Should indicate best alternative route
Other vehicle users	No	Should indicate best alternative route
<b>Residents near Cliff Walk</b>		
Local Residents	No rubbish / waste dumping, No air pollution, noise pollution, light pollution, water pollution. No invasive species	
Local Businesses	Happy Customers	
<b>Wildlife Using the Cliff Walk</b>		
Insects (terrestrial, freshwater, marine)	No light pollution, water pollution. No disturbance of nests. No invasive species	
Sand martins & similar birds	No disturbance of nests (in sand cliffs). No water pollution, vegetation damage	
Falcon & other Birds of Prey	No disturbance of nests (especially	

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	higher slopes). No water pollution, vegetation damage	
Other birds	No light pollution, water pollution. No disturbance of nests. No invasive species	
Fish / Sea Life	As above	
Mammals	As above	
Trees	As above	
Other Vegetation	As above	
Invasive Non-native plants, e.g. buddleia, cherry laurel	To be tackled in management plan	
Invasive Non-native animals, e.g. mink	To be tackled in management plan	
Rivers / Streams	To be re-wilded / managed / protected in management plan	
Sea	To be re-wilded / managed / protected in management plan	
Other habitats?	To be re-wilded / managed / protected in management plan	

### Protected Areas

<b>Area</b>	<b>Protection Measures needed</b>
Bray Head SAC / SPA	Signage, possibly barriers (see Maharees example)
Greystones North Beach sand cliffs (Locally Important For Environment Areas)	Signage, possibly barriers. Possible synergies with health & safety signage and barriers. Rewild / Optimise Watercourses / Drainage to prevent undermining cliffs Rewild / Optimise hedges / vegetation to anchor cliffs

These areas should be assessed in the ecological surveys required. The goal will be to prevent significant adverse effect. Our project goal should go further – to protect the Cliff Walk, we need to restore (improve) the area to a healthy, natural state which is as stable as possible.

## **Information Signs**

At least the following signs are required:

- Biodiversity signs of various types (habitats, birds, fish, etc.)
- Build heritage signs of various types (historical ruins, etc.)

## **Benches, Water stations, AEDs, and other Amenities**


At least the following amenities are required:

- Benches
- Water stations
- AEDs
- Other
- Cliff stabilisation planting
- Cliff stabilisation water (streams and drainage) management


# Bray Greystones Trails



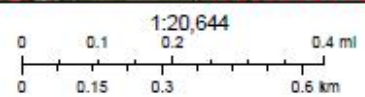
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 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Ireland  
Rivers Network of Ireland

 Cliff Walk "Alternative" Route

 Bray Head Trail

 Inland part of Bray to Greystones Cliff Walk



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## References

[Bray to Greystones Cliff Walk \(Parking + 2026 Info\)](#)

[Greystones to Bray Head Hill Loop, County Wicklow, Ireland - 34 Reviews, Map | AllTrails](#)