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Guidelines for Exercising in the Outdoors  
From 8 - 29 June



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## View [Phase 2 of Ireland's Roadmap for reopening](#) which is in place right now.

Phase 2 commences from Monday, 8 June and introduces some relaxations that affect outdoor activity. The advice provided here relates to Phase 2. This advice will be updated as we move through the phases or if there are any changes in the advice from government.

You should not travel beyond your county or 20 kilometres from where you live if crossing county boundaries. However, if you are feeling unwell or have any Covid-19 symptoms such as a fever, cough or difficulty breathing do not exercise. Stay home and seek medical attention (see guidelines [here](#)).

### Measures in Place



You should not travel beyond your county or 20 kilometres from where you live if crossing county boundaries.



It is critical that we still practice physical distancing - remaining at least 2 metres apart from people who are not members of your household, hand hygiene as shown [here](#) and respiratory etiquette shown [here](#).



#### Outdoor Space

Outdoor spaces and tourism sites including car parks, beaches and trails are open where people can move around freely and where social distancing can be maintained.



#### Group Exercise

Groups of up to 15 people who are not from the same household can meet outdoors for organised activities such as sporting or other events.

As part of the easing of restrictions, the public health advice for those who have been cocooning has been updated. The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has updated their [guidance](#).

## Recommendations when Exercising in the Outdoors



### Follow Government protocols and public health guidelines

- Keep a distance of 2m or more between you and other people.
- Wash your hands with soap and water before going out and as soon as you get home. Use hand sanitiser to practice hand hygiene when outside without access to handwashing facilities. See handwashing guidelines [here](#).
- If you need to cough or sneeze when outdoors continue to practice proper respiratory etiquette shown [here](#).

**You should not travel beyond your county or 20 kilometres from where you live if crossing county boundaries to visit any of the above facilities.**

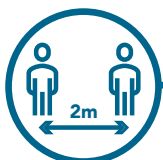


- Visit outdoor areas at off peak times.

**People may practise sport or fitness activities in groups of up to 15 but they must practise social distancing, minimise contact, not share equipment and practise strict hygiene.**



- Remember you must still keep 2m apart at all times.
- Stick to activities that are within your skills and capabilities to minimise the risk of accident or injury, and lead to an emergency service call-out.
- Government advice is to carefully consider who you come into contact with and stick to meeting with the same colleagues and small group of friends rather than meeting with a diverse and changing group.
- If you are visiting a public recreation amenity, refrain from long stays at the site and do not have picnics. Please do your exercise and then go home.



### Observe physical distancing by keeping at least 2 metres apart

This rule continues to apply to everyone except members of the same household.

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### Park legally and responsibly if driving to outdoor amenities

Poorly parked cars can cause access issues for locals and emergency services vehicles. Park in designated areas and do not block entrances. If a car park is full, go somewhere else.



### Keep dogs on a lead at all times

- If taking a dog with you choose a location where dogs are permitted – (follow local signage or online information about the site).
- Please keep your dog on a lead to protect wildlife and farm animals.
- Always carry waste bags with you when walking your dog, pick up after it, and bring the bag home.



### Respect the environment and dispose of waste properly

Guidance on minimising your impact on the environment can be found here - [Leave No Trace Ireland](#). Be aware that Ireland's outdoors includes both public and privately owned land. Respect all landowners and be mindful of the concerns of rural communities. Do not light fires and barbeques.

For further Government advice on Outdoor Activity see [here](#)

For specific and up-to-date information, refer to the following links:

- [Forest Parks and other forest sites](#)
- [National Parks and other Nature Reserves](#)
- [Beaches](#)
- [Waterways](#)
- [Heritage sites](#)



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