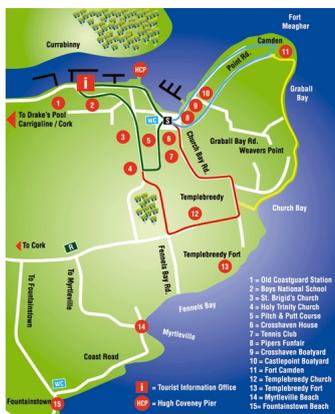


Crosshaven has many spectacular walks, here are some to explore: **Walk 01** -

Crosshaven Railway Walk and Cycle Lane

One of the most popular walks is the beautiful walk from Kilnagleary, near Carrigaline, right into Crosshaven, with the Owenabue River by your side all the way to the harbour. Along the route you will be able to observe many species of birds and wildlife or relax and have a picnic at the amenity areas provided. There is great history attached to this walk also as most of it runs along the old Cork to Crosshaven railway line, which operated from 1904 to 1932.

This walk is to the left of the Fishing Pier (HCP) on the following map.



Walk 02 - Grassy and Cliff Walk

The walk outlined in blue takes us from the village along the Point Road, past “The Merries” amusements, Crosshaven Boatyard, Point Garden and slipway and to the end of the Point Road, where we reach “The Grassy Walk”. Climb the pathway to the viewing area above from where you will enjoy magnificent views of the inner harbour: Spike Island, Haulbowline and the historic town of Cobh. Cork Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world after Sydney. Here you are also at the entrance to Fort Meagher. Through the carpark nearby, one can view the outer harbour and Roches Point. Graball Bay lies below. Located here is Convicts

Quarry, whose stone was used to build the Fort, then known as Fort Camden. You can decide to complete that walk by returning to the village along Camden Road or continuing the walk outlined in yellow, which will take you down to Graball Bay.

Continuing walking, you have the option of staying up on the cliffs or walking along the shore. Again you have the option of returning by Graball Road or continuing on to Church bay, another swimming area.

Parts of this walk can only be completed on the well worn paths on the cliff tops. Due to coastal erosion care must be exercised at all times on these paths.

Walk 03 - Templebreedy Walk

Here you can join the walk coloured red and either return to the village by Church Bay Road or take the scenic route by going left and taking the pathway up the steep hill and then, taking the public walk through the adjoining field, you'll reach the summit of Templebreedy. In 1779 the now ruined Church of St. Matthew was built. Up to then, the walls of the old Teampall Bride had been standing, but were demolished to make way for the new church.

The inscriptions on the 18th Century headstones in the graveyard are of great interest, comprising about forty in all and are found mainly to the north of the church.

Blue and Yellow routes on map

Walking down the hill from Templebreedy, climb the stile on your right and follow the pathway to the Cruchan Wood. At its eastern boundry is Lady's Well. Further east again is St. Brigid's Well, probably so called because it was used to supply water to the old church Teampall Bride. Proceed along the pathway, through the fields, returning to the village centre. Back at that stile, you could go left along Fennell's Bay Road and either walk along the shore, if the tide is suitable, or take one of the paths to Myrtleville, a beautiful sandy beach and popular swimming area. further on, taking the scenic coast road, with panoramic views of the outer harbour you arrive in Fountainstown, a very popular bathing and swimming area.

Walk 04 - Village Walk

This is a short walk taking in items of interest close to the village. Included here you will see the Georgian Crosshaven House, now fully restored to its former glory, and the grounds to the rear which is the home of one of our local pitch and putt clubs.

Take the pathway south from the house passing the Pitch & Putt and Tennis grounds, enter onto the pathway turning right and continue through the gateway to Church Road where you will find Holy Trinity Church. The structure was built to the design of William Burgess and shows fine examples of stained glass windows. It's foundation stone was laid in 1886. Further on you will find St. Brigid's Church and Presentation Convent. The foundation stone of St. Brigid's was laid in 1869. Built of Little Island lime stone, it was designed by Edward Pugin. The building of the Presentation Convent was completed in 1879. Since then the Convent has been greatly extended and now embraces not only a girls' primary school, but also a co-educational secondary school.

Crosshaven Boys' National School, built in 1943, is situated on the site of the old Railway Station. the Cork to Passage Railway originally opened in 1850. On the 30th May 1904 the Crosshaven extension was formally opened, ironically, Crosshaven prospered, the railway did not. On the 31st May 1932, just 28 years after its opening, despite many protests, Crosshaven Railway closed.

At the junction of Upper Road and Lower Road, to the left, on the waterfront, The Royal Cork Yacht Club and marina are located. Founded, originally in Haulbowline, in 1720, it is the oldest yacht club in the world. Directly opposite, is the old Coastguard Station, built to discourage smuggling in past centuries. The Gardaí have their headquarters in one of these buildings at present.

On your return to the village centre, you pass the Tourist Information Office, the Pier and the Quaterdeck Garden, a development undertaken by Crosshaven Tourism in 1989 and dedicated to all mariners.