



Diversions & Access to the Cliffs of Moher

Visitor Experience for Sun 22nd August 2010 8.00am – 1.30pm

The ETAPE Skyride Hibernia cycle race will take place in Clare on Sunday 22nd August. This is a closed road cycle race and diversions will be in place during the road closure period. Full information on all road closures can be had from <http://etapehibernia.com> The cycle will run from Doolin to Lahinch and the cycle route from north of Doolin to south of Lahinch will be closed from 08.00 to 13.00. Diversions may remain in place up to 1.30pm.

During this period access to the Cliffs of Moher will be available from the north via two crossing points on the route. The attached map shows the different access route for coaches and for cars.

No access to the Cliffs of Moher from the south (via Lahinch) will be available for the period of the road closure.

Travelling to the Cliffs of Moher from the south (Ennis)

The road via Lahinch will be closed from 8am to 1pm on the day of the race. Vehicles coming from Ennis should follow diversion signs in Ennistymon and continue on the N85 towards Lisdoonvarna. At the junction of the N85 and the R478 (just south of Lisdoonvarna) vehicles can turn left onto the R478 heading towards the Cliffs of Moher and Doolin. This road will cross the cycle route at Aughiska Mor and again at Garrihy's Cross (Coogyulla). Both crossing points will be Garda controlled and delays are possible.

Access for Coaches ONLY

SEE MAP A

At Garrihy's Cross (Coogyulla) north of Doolin the road will be coned for coach access only towards the Cliffs of Moher which will run alongside the cycle route for 850metres. This route will not be available to cars or other vehicles. Gardai will control the access point and delays may be experienced. The race organisers have told us that the majority of the cyclists will pass through this point between 8.30am and 10.30am and that delays will be longest during these times. Please include the diversion route and delays into your scheduled itinerary for the day.

Returning from the Cliffs of Moher coaches will head north on the R478 until the left turn at Doonagore Castle. Turn left and follow the road downhill towards Fisherstreet in Doolin. From Fisherstreet take a right turn towards Roadford village and take another right turn at Hotel Doolin heading uphill towards Garrihy's Cross (Coogyulla). At Garrihy's Cross which will be Garda controlled, turn left onto the R478 in the direction of Lisdoonvarna. Use the Crossing point for the cycle route again at Aughiska Mor and rejoin the N85 just south of Lisdoonvarna

Access for Cars & Other Vehicles.**SEE MAP B**

At Garrihy's Cross (Coogyulla) north of Doolin follow diversion to the left towards Doolin. At the T junction beside Hotel Doolin take a left turn towards Fisherstreet. Before crossing the bridge at Fisherstreet take a left turn up the hill signposted to the Cliffs of Moher. Follow the road to the left and at Doonagore Castle continue straight on to rejoin the R478. Take a right turn towards the Cliffs of Moher. Returning from the Cliffs of Moher cars and other vehicles return by the same route which also follows the same route as detailed for coaches above.

Road Closure times

A number of roads around North Clare and Ennis will be closed during the period of the ETAPE Skyride Hibernia Cycle Race. Road closures will start at 6.00am and continue until 15.30 depending on the section of the route in question. For full details see the Information Pack published by ETAPE which can be downloaded from the link below.

<http://www.clarecoco.ie/recreation-culture/events/skyride-etap-hibernia-event-and-road-closure-information-pack-2010-5624.pdf>

Cliffs of Moher access

The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience will remain open throughout the day on Sunday 22nd August from 9am to 9pm as normal. Normal routes to the Cliffs of Moher should be available from the opening of the road at 1pm/1300 but delays may continue to the early afternoon. Please ensure you allow extra time for your journey.