

The Walter Raleigh Hotel

Welcome Access Guide

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Access Welcome Guide for Walter Raleigh Hotel.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Walter Raleigh Hotel where we are committed to ensuring that all visitors have a full and equal opportunity to benefit from everything that we offer.

To understand the information, services and facilities that are available at our Hotel, please see below.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you require assistance, please
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GETTING HERE

Walter Raleigh Hotel, O'Briens Place, Youghal, Co.
Cork, Ireland
Eircode: P36 KV74

PARKING

Accessible parking is available at the Front of the Hotel for guests and also at the Rear in our Secure Free Carpark with a step-free route to the Main Entrance.



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From Cork By Car

(Approx. 50 minutes – 55 km)

Leaving Cork City, enter the N25 Eastbound
(signposted Waterford/Midleton/Youghal)

Follow the N25

Pass through Little Island and Carrigtwohill.
Continue straight past Midleton.
Stay on the N25 toward Youghal/Waterford.

Approaching Youghal

As you reach Youghal, take the exit marked
Youghal – Town Centre.
Follow signs into the town centre.

In Youghal

Drive along the main street through the town
(North Main Street to South Main Street).
At the end of the town, you'll see signs for the
Walter Raleigh Hotel on the seafront near the
Green Park and Promenade.

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From Dublin By Car

(Approx. 2 Hours 50 minutes – 235 km)

Leaving Dublin head South on the M9 (towards Kilkenny)

1. Stay on the M9/N9 until you reach the N25 near Waterford/Cork direction.
2. Follow the N25 west towards Cork.
3. As you approach Youghal, turn off onto the R634 which leads directly into the town and towards the hotel area.
4. The hotel is just off the N25 on O'Brien's Place, right by Youghal's seafront promenade.

Accessible Options via Public Transport:

1. Bus Éireann – From Cork

Bus Éireann Route 260

- Connects Youghal with Midleton and Cork City (the main bus station in Cork).
- From Cork Bus Station you can take this bus into Youghal. From the town centre stop you'd walk ~5–10 minutes to the hotel along level pavements.

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Bus Éireann buses are generally accessible, with wheelchair spaces and board-on ramps, but always check the timetable for services that match your travel time.

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Bus Éireann – From Dublin

There are bus services from Dublin to Youghal, though they aren't express-direct — you'll usually need to change buses.

- Typical route: Dublin → Waterford Bus Station → Youghal or alternative legs via Dungarvan.
- Travel time: about 4 – 5 hours depending on connection times.
- Service frequency: buses run every few hours through the day.

Accessibility:

- Long-distance buses used by Bus Éireann and regional operators can be wheelchair accessible, but you usually must book the wheelchair space at least 24 hours in advance for regional services.

Train + Bus Combination

There isn't a direct train to Youghal anymore, unfortunately the railway line that came into the town was closed decades ago. But you can do this:

1. Take a train from Cork to Middleton (wheelchair-accessible with advance notice).
2. From Middleton bus stops, connect to Youghal via Bus Éireann Route 260 or a Local Link bus (check schedules).

Accessibility tip: Irish Rail stations generally require advance booking for accessibility assistance so staff can be ready to help boarding/exit on both ends.

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KEY ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Free familiarisation visits are available. Guests are welcome to arrange a visit ahead of booking or visiting to familiarise themselves and others with our Hotel at no additional cost.

Touch Tours are available. A Touch tour is a guided experience that allows people to explore a space or exhibits by touch, often before a performance.

Fast-track queueing is available for Guests with disabilities e.g. autistic visitors, which allows quicker entry into the Hotel and access to areas that can involve queueing - minimising the time and stress spent queueing.



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KEY ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

There is 24 hour guest assistance available.

A designated Accessible Toilet, designed for wheelchair users and others with visible and non-visible accessibility requirements, is available within the main public areas.

This has step-free access, an outward opening door, a grab rail positioned on the wall adjacent to the toilet and an emergency assistance alarm within reach from the floor.

There is step-free access to all or most areas, which may include access by ramp or lift. Table and chairs can be rearranged in our Bar and Restaurant on request to accommodate a wheelchair user. Staff are available to assist Guests with disabilities as required.



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LOCAL ACCESSIBLE DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

During your visit, you may want to explore the wider area. Here are a few of the nearby attractions which have a good level of accessibility:

Youghal Tourist Office – Great starting point for maps, advice and info on accessible spots, walking routes, and local history.

Youghal Clock Gate Tower – Iconic historic landmark in the Town Centre on relatively level ground. While the interior may not be fully accessible, the exterior is a great Photo Op!).

St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Youghal - one of the oldest Churches in Ireland and still in continuous use, with origins dating back to the early 1200s. It's a major heritage attraction in Youghal, accessible and just a short distance from the Hotel



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Youghal Eco Boardwalk – A long, wide, flat coastal boardwalk running between Claycastle and Front Strand/Redbarn beaches, designed to be wheelchair friendly with benches along the way.

Beaches (Claycastle & Redbarn) – Both Beaches have ramps and accessible paths to enjoy sandy shorelines. Redbarn also offers all-terrain beach wheelchairs (available for free booking during summer months), so visitors with mobility challenges can experience the sand and sea close-up.

Youghal Pier Head – Easy-to-reach waterfront spot for just relaxing by the water or taking photos of the harbour and sea views.



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Tynte's Castle - A wonderfully preserved 15th-century tower house on North Main Street — one of the few surviving urban castles in Ireland, telling the story of Youghal's medieval past.

Youghal Lighthouse - the historic harbour lighthouse, first established centuries ago and still a striking feature on the coastline. Great for photos.

Youghal Lace Museum – Tells the story of the Town's famous lace-making tradition, with displays of antique pieces and local craftsmanship.

Youghal Film & Photography Museum – A look at visual arts and cultural heritage through historic images and film.



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LOCAL ACCESSIBLE DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Youghal Heritage Trail - a self-guided walking route linking about 17 historic sites around the town (including sections of the old walls and the Watergate) — ideal if you want to explore at your own pace.

Accessibility tip: Many historic sites in Youghal’s Town Centre are level or have nearby spots that are easy to reach on foot from Market Square and the Waterfront, but older buildings may have uneven surfaces — so plan a little extra time if mobility devices are involved.

Disclaimer: The accessibility information provided by these businesses has not been independently verified. We do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information. If you have concerns, we strongly recommend that you contact the business directly to confirm whether the venue meets your needs.



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EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

We recognise that there are times when not everything goes smoothly and have provided the following information to help “just in case”:

General Practitioners

- Blackwater Medical, Dr. Sinead McEnroe - 024 82552
- Dr. Carmel Whitford – 024 93851
- Emmet Place Family Practice - 024 93552

Tip: If you need urgent medical advice outside GP hours, Irish out-of-hours service SouthDoc can give telephone support on 0818 355 999. (Call this number directly, especially in evenings/weekends.)

Pharmacies in Youghal

- McCabes Pharmacy Youghal - 024 92189
- Youghal Pharmacy - 024 90073
- Clockgate Pharmacy - 024 81188
- Murphy's Pharmacy - 024 92796
- Mari Mina Pharmacy - 024 85000

Most of these are on Youghal’s Main Street and operate generally Mon–Sat daytime (often around 9am–6pm). Services often include free medication advice and, in some cases, vaccinations or health screenings.

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Public Defibrillator (AED) Locations

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are placed at strategic spots around Youghal so that in a cardiac emergency, bystanders can access them quickly.

There are multiple public AED locations in the town — some key ones include:

- Outside An Post (Post Office) on Cross Street
- Lidl supermarket, Mill Road (public access)
- Youghal Credit Union on Grattan Street
- The Quays Bar, Quay Lane
- Spar Upper Strand
- Youghal Rugby Club, Parkmountain Road
- Gaelscoil Choráin, Strand Street
- Seafield Caravan Park and Youghal Golf Club areas
- Other community centres and schools

In many cases the AED cabinet has a small access code printed on the exterior — once opened, the device gives voice prompts guiding you through defibrillation.

For emergencies always call 999 first to alert emergency services; they can also tell you where the nearest AED is and guide you through use if needed.

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We are constantly reviewing and improving our customer experience, and any changes will be reflected in our Access Welcome Guide.

We welcome your feedback!

If we have not covered your access needs in this document or if you have any questions or suggestions about accessibility at the Walter Raleigh Hotel, please contact us on +353 (0) 24 92011 or email: info@walterraleighhotel.

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