

We are often asked what our favourite places to picnic are on the Dingle Peninsula to have a picnic, so we have put together a few of the best places. Trust us there are so many to choose from. All within a 30-minute drive of Castlewood House and Dingle town.

Coumeenole Beach

Located along the Slea Head Drive and just 25 minutes' drive is the simply stunning Coumeenole Beach which is located at Dunmore Head. This gets our number one vote! Driving from Dingle in a clockwise direction through Ventry Village and continuing past the Beehive Huts and Dunbeg Fort at Fahan, you will see the majestic Dunmore Head right in front of you and the Blasket Islands just off the coastline.

This is the most beautiful little cove that has a beautiful sandy beach. As you arrive there is a car park area, where there are a few stone picnic tables. There are more tables located just beyond the car park area, strategically placed to enjoy the stunning views. If you prefer to set up on the beach there is a little twisty walkway down to the beach which is one of the most iconic locations on the peninsula. The beach simply must be seen to be believed!



Clogher Beach

Our number two spot goes to Clogher Beach which is again approx. 30 minutes' drive from Dingle town along the Slea Head drive, just ten minutes from Dunquin and a few minutes from Ballyferriter village. Clogher is simply stunning! There is a small car park area right beside the walkway to the beach. The view of Inishtooskert, known locally as "An Fear Marbh" in Irish, or the Sleeping Giant, is a sight to behold and one of our most favourite views on the peninsula. As you walk on the small sandy beach there are lots of areas to set up a picnic along the coastline, to just sit and watch the waves come lapping in.



Ballydauid

Continuing along the Slea Head drive you will arrive at the village of Murreagh and from there you take the first turn left and along small coastal road to the village of Baile na nGall or Ballydauid. This is just the cutest little village with a lovely little beach and a long pier. This is one of our top spots to go with the children, because its never as busy as some of the other beaches, and it also has a pub, TP's, right beside the pier. There you can sit on one of the little wooden tables and chairs and have food or a drink and watch the world go by. The beach itself is a lovely sandy beach and is really sheltered. Our children love playing in the little rock pools or walking into the waves by the ship. For the more adventurous you can jump off the pier into the water as it is very safe there.

These are just a few suggestions and where we like to go for a few stolen hours relaxation to unwind and just to enjoy our local surroundings. As regards picnic baskets we stop off at the Little Cheese Shop or really treat ourselves with a picnic basket from the Dingle Food Company.