

Access to South Peak

While the vast majority of visitors to the island come to see the monastic settlement and the wildlife, a few may wish to access the South Peak. This is a restricted area and access is only permitted by prior arrangement. Permission must be sought in advance of travelling to the island. However, if the visitor has never been on the island, we would advise a preliminary visit to familiarise with the challenging topography of the site. Be advised that there is no guide presence on the South Peak. Under windy and/or wet weather conditions access will not be permitted.

Applications will only be considered for those over the age of 15 years. On no account will a solo climb be permitted. Applications from small groups will be allowed and each application will be considered individually.

The applicant will be required to provide:

- Details of relevant experience of rock/mountain climbing;
- A declaration of a level of physical fitness to undertake such a climb; any pre-existing medical conditions, including medication, must be included;
- Proof of age if under the age of 18;
- A form of Indemnity (download here).

Applications should be made in writing to the Office of Public Works, Unit 20, Lakeside Retail Park, Claremorris, Co. Mayo or by email to visitorservices@opw.ie.