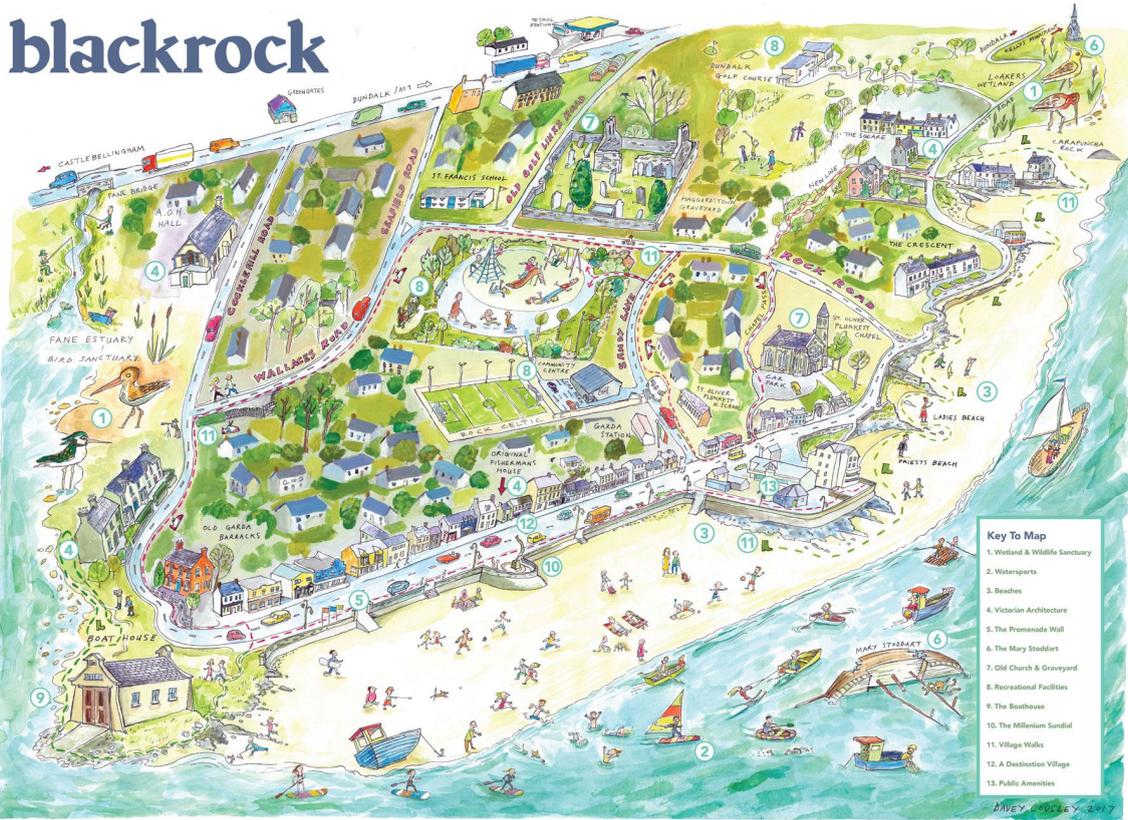


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**1. Wetland & Wildlife Sanctuary**  
For nature lovers & bird watchers, the extensive around Blackrock provide habitats rich in diversity for wildlife including wetlands, salt marshes, river and willows offering food & shelter for a wide variety of species. On the North side we have The Island Marshes and Wildlife Sanctuary and on the South side we have The Fane Estuary and Wetlands. These are protected areas of conservation. There are information boards on the promenade explaining the birds and wildlife.



**3. Beaches**  
The heart of the village is right at the waterfront and Blackrock is famous for its extraordinary retreating tide which means you can enjoy the expansive strand when the tide is out and the high sea when it is in. Visitors are fascinated by the fact that the glimmering line on the horizon will be lapsing the shore of the village on a six hourly cycle. So while the tide has ebbed out take advantage of the spare of walkway to explore the view the village from another angle.



**5. The Promenade Wall**  
The building of the sea wall commenced in 1857 & originally a two-metre wide promenade was the feature of Blackrock for over a century. One wall formed the strand, while the other faced the street. In 1952 the inner wall was removed and so the street widened and again in 2001 the wall was completely refurbished. The wall is exceptional in both its proximity to the main beach and because of its in-built seat, providing a beautiful free facility for all.



**7. Old Church & Graveyard**  
St. Fung's patron saint of the parish, Blackrock & Hagginstown founded a monastery on the site of the church ruins in the earliest graveyard dating to 850AD. The church ruins were in use until 1620 and the earliest headstones in the graveyard date to 1729. A 1700 18th century burial vault was discovered the rear of the old church in 1977. William Davery, an Officer Commanding Dublin during the 1916 Rising was here.



**9. The Boat House**  
Following the Mary Stoddart disaster, a lifeboat station was established in 1859 at the Southern end of the Promenade. However, in 1900 a new boat house was built, Blackrock Lifeboat Station, close to the Fane river estuary. The iconic building still stands & is a listed privately owned building today. The boat house was completed in 1900 and always housed two lifeboats both named "General R. Dudley Blake".



**11. Village Walks**  
Follow the "Round the Rock" walk as illustrated on the Map, for an easy & accessible footpath walking route taking approximately one hour. For a little longer and a more rugged walk, follow the "Wetland Walk" route along the mudflats, the beaches and the hidden lanes around the village. This route is totally dependent and as indicated, it is best suited to well-trodden footpaths and an adventurous spirit.



## The Mary Stoddart Rescue - 1858



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