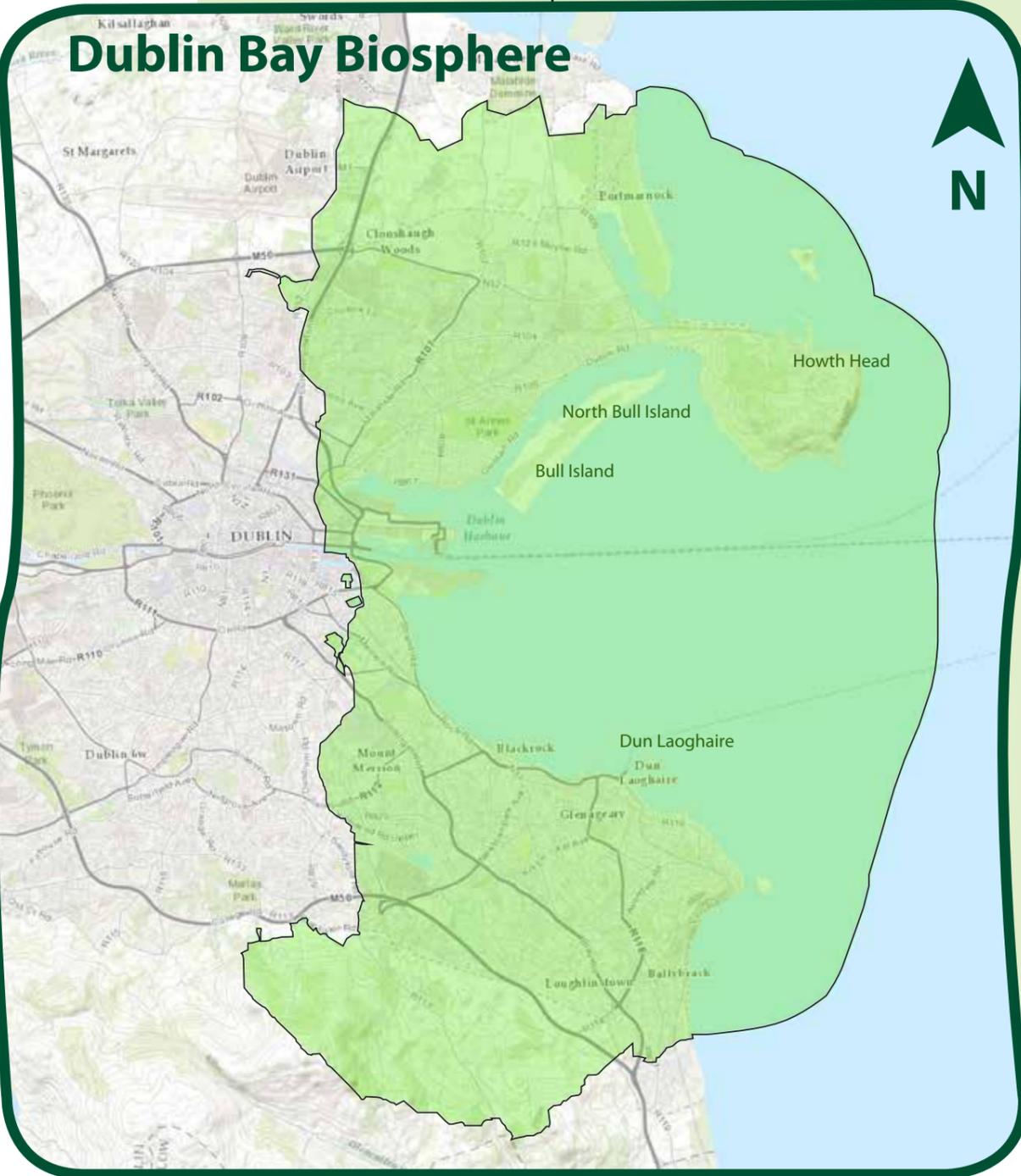
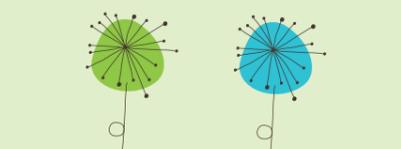


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Things to do

Popular activities for both local people and visitors within the Biosphere include cycling, walking and hiking, swimming, birdwatching, boat trips, kite surfing, windsurfing, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, painting, photography, visiting art exhibitions and dining on delicious, locally produced seafood.



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Welcome to Dublin Bay Biosphere!



What is a Biosphere?

Biospheres are places where nature and culture connect. They are internationally recognised for their biological diversity yet also actively managed to promote a balanced relationship between man and nature.



A Biosphere is a special designation awarded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) but managed in partnership by communities, NGOs and local and national governments.

What is a Biosphere?

Why Dublin Bay?

North Bull Island was designated as a Biosphere in 1981 because of the rare and internationally important habitats and wildlife species that can be found there. In 2015 the Biosphere was expanded to cover Dublin Bay, reflecting its significant environmental, economic, cultural and tourism importance. The newly enlarged Biosphere incorporates scenic and ecologically important landscapes as well as areas where people can relax and enjoy nature, take part in cultural and leisure activities and do business.

**Our purpose:
Inspire a positive future
by connecting
people and
nature today**



People and the Biosphere

How does the Biosphere work?

A Biosphere has three goals:

- Conservation: promoting the protection of landscapes, habitats, wildlife and cultural values
- Learning: supporting education and research, for a better understanding of nature and global issues
- Development: fostering a sustainable economy and society for people living and working in the area

**Discover Dublin Bay!
Experience your Biosphere!**



Key parts of Dublin Bay Biosphere which are of high natural value include the Tolka and Baldoyle Estuaries, Booterstown Marsh, Howth Head, North Bull Island, Dalkey Island and Ireland's Eye. The Biosphere is managed by the Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership, which includes Dublin City Council, Dublin Port Company, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and the National Parks & Wildlife Service. The partnership works with community groups, NGOs, local businesses and schools.

How Does the Biosphere Work?

**Be inspired!
Get involved!**

- If you would like to receive further information on events and activities, you're welcome to join our mailing list.
- Have your say on important issues and help to develop future strategies for your Biosphere by taking part in surveys.
- Become a volunteer and take part in community events to keep the environment clean, protect wildlife and learn more about your Biosphere.



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