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## Causeway Coast and Glens

The whole world has changed since we last went to print but some things never change and in the words of Lonely Planet we still deliver '...timeless beauty and high grade distractions – golf, whiskey and some of the world's most popular rocks....'

The French saying 'plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose' certainly applies to the Causeway Coast and Glens, this wonderful place has evolved over millions of years and will always take your breath away with every twist and turn on the road.

Rediscover the joy of travelling and reawaken your senses as you immerse yourself in the stories of the area. Revel in the warm welcome of our people, who will transport you from the mythical to the real life drama of our castles and townlands and villages. Rejoice in reconnecting with nature in four Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, from the rolling glens to the dramatic cliffs and headlands shadowing miles of golden sand. And of course, you can always take to the water and reflect on new perspectives.

Whether you're thinking of coming to the Causeway Coast and Glens for the first time, or you are a regular visitor, we promise you a warm welcome and an unforgettable experience. Rest assured that your comfort and safety is the priority of everybody involved to ensure that you have a carefree experience when you visit us. Watch out for the We're Good to Go certification logo. This is the industry standard and consumer mark to reassure you that the tourism businesses are committed to adhering to government and public health guidance. For the most up-to-date information on tourism businesses that are signed up to We're Good to Go check out www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/good-to-go.



We've all been on different journeys since March 2020 and we now invite you to find your way to the Causeway Coast and Glens with peace of mind that every precaution has been taken and procedures are in place to look after you.

For more ideas and inspiration on where to stay and what to do go to visitcausewaycoastandglens.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. For the latest information on service, opening times, current public health guidance and regulations, contact one of our Visitor Information Centres to 'Know Before You Go'.

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## Signature Discovery Points

### 🔁 Giant's Causeway 🧭

Bushmills, BT57 8SU t. +44 (0)28 2073 1855 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

A geological wonder steeped in legend and folklore, Northern Ireland's first UNESCO World Heritage Site The Giant's Causeway is home to a wealth of local history and legend. Explore the geological phenomenon of 40,000 basalt stone columns formed by volcanic eruptions over 60 million years ago. Discover the legend of the Giant Finn McCool and search for distinctive stone formations such as the Camel, Wishing Chair, Harp and Organ. The stones and coastal path are open all year. Visitor Experience tickets include Interactive Exhibition, Audio Guide (available in 11 languages), Guided Tours, Gift Shop with Local Crafts, Cafe, as well as onsite parking. The Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience is open all year except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Last admission 1 hour before closing. Online pre-booking is essential for the Visitor Experience. Please visit the website for the latest visitor information.

#### **Opening Times:**

Jan-March: 10am-4pm; Apr-Sept: 10am-5pm; Oct-Dec: 10am-4pm

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Take the slow road to the Giant's Causeway and hear all about this amazing World Heritage Site and of course the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery. Your story telling guides will immerse you in tales of the great legend of Finn McCool and stories of a bygone era where the winding River Bush connects basalt and whiskey. Sheltered amongst the majestic columns, you can enjoy the waves and views. It's also a fitting place to toast our famous giant with an exclusive 12 year old malt.





Clifftop Experience... with Away a Wee Walk e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Experience the spectacular coastline of the Causeway Coast and connect with nature on a five-mile walk through Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site. Escape to a place that few explore and immerse yourself in a landscape that is simply breathtaking. Pass by the ruins of Dunseverick Castle, take in the flora and fauna, hear all about the ancient kingdom of Dalriada and cast your eye out to Rathlin Island, Donegal and as far as the Mull of Kintyre. Your journey will lead. you to the iconic Griant's Causeway feeling refreshed and invigorated.







Ballycastle, BT54 6BT e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.ul

The rugged coastline is brought to life with tales of bravery, love and loss told by a National Trust guide as you take an exhilarating boat trip around the Causeway Coast on board a luxury 11 metre rib.





Causeway Ramblings e. antonymacnaghten@yahoo.co.uk w. www.causewayramblings.com



Antony Macnaghten of the renowned Clan Macnaghten guides a dramatic 2.2 mile walking tour of the Causeway Cliffs, telling tales of castles and caves, treasure and treachery, heroes and hermits... with a few clan secrets being revealed as he follows in the footsteps of his ancestors. Tours depart from Bushmills at 2pm daily on Monday to Saturday. Pre-booking essential.

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## Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge

#### Beyond the Bridge... with Dalriada Kingdom Tours e. northcoastbookings@nationaltrust.org.uk

Follow in the footsteps of generations of salmon fishermen across the exhilarating Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and down to the whitewashed, stone-built fisherman's cottage that has provided shelter and a place to rest for the men who once earned their living here. Immerse yourself in stories of a fishing industry that sustained generations of local families. Try your hand at tying knots with a rope and get the feel of just how heavy those sacks of salmon really were. Take time to enjoy the stunning views and embrace the tranquillity of this magical little place.



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### Mussenden Temple & Downhill Demesne

Castlerock, BT51 4RP t. +44 (0)28 7084 8728 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mussenden-temple-and-downhill-demesne

Visit the stunning landscape of Downhill Demesne, and discover the striking 18th century mansion of the eccentric Earl Bishop that now lies in ruins. Explore Mussenden Temple, perched on the cliff edge with surrounding parkland, colourful gardens and woodland walks. Enjoy the outdoor adventure play trail and finish with a coffee and sweet treat from Al's Coffee. Grounds open all year. Facilities include car park, toilets and light refreshments. See website for opening times and car park prices.

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### Dunluce Castle

### Portrush, BT57 8UY t. +44 (0)28 2073 1938

Dunluce is one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. With evidence of settlement from the first millennium, the present castle ruins date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was inhabited by both the feuding McQuillan and MacDonnell clans. Historical and archaeological exhibits are on display for public viewing. Opening Hours: Please check before visiting as public access may be restricted. Regular opening hours are Mar to Oct: Daily 9.30am to 5pm. Nov to Feb: Daily 9.30am to 4pm. Note: Last admission 30 minutes before closing. Admission charges apply.

Nearby, the new, jaw-dropping viewing platforms at Magheracross are the perfect place to stop and appreciate the wonderful panoramic vistas and capture that Insta shot.

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### Bushmills, BT57 8XH t. +44 (0)28 2073 3218 w. www.bushmills.com

Experience the rich aromas and full-bodied flavours of Ireland's oldest working distillery (1608) by pre-booking one of our tutored tasting events. Choose from several options, ranging from a virtual tour to an hour-long run through of our exclusive brands with our trained whiskey educators. Please note not all our experiences are suitable for those with mobility issues and all tastings are over 18 only. Please check our website for further details.

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#### w.www.rathlincommunity.org

Rathlin Island is an iconic landmark off the northern coastline of County Antrim and forms part of the panorama of the Causeway Coastal Route lying just six miles off the coast from Ballycastle. The high sea cliffs lend an aura of mystery and induce the urge to explore what lies beyond, but arguably, its greatest asset is the breeding seabird colony. The island also boasts significant natural heritage sites and is particularly internationally important for its flora and in some cases, its unique underwater marine life. Visitors' cars are restricted and the roads are quiet and ideal for walking and cycling. On the island you can follow the Sustrans National Cycle, Network Route 93 to the West Lighthouse, East Lighthouse and Rue Lighthouse or follow any of eight walking trails. To reach the Island, take the ferry (maximum 40 minutes) from Ballycastle Harbour to Church Bay, Rathlin. You can choose to do a round trip in a day or stay a while and enjoy unique accommodation and hospitality. The island's strong cultural heritage, with storytelling, songs and music is legendary.

### **Places of Interest**

- Kebble and Kinramer Nature Reserve, BT54 6RT Discover orchids and the rare pyramidal bugle, as well as breeding seabirds and waders as you enjoy the walking trails and interpretative panels.
- Roonivoolin Reserve and Trail, BT54 6SB Venture south on the island for amazing views of the coastline, as well as wildlife, such as seals, Irish hare and curlew.

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#### Knockan's Viewpoint

Feast your eyes on panoramic views of Church Bay, Rue Point, the Antrim Coast and the Mull of Kintyre.

### RSPB Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre, BT54 6RT



w. rspb.org.uk/rathlinisland

Experience the hustle and bustle of Rathlin's seabird city as thousands of birds raise their chicks precariously on the cliff edges at the West Light Seabird Centre. This seabird colony is a crowd pleaser, especially when everyone's favourite, the puffin, makes an appearance, with May-July being the best time to see them. Access is via ferry from Ballycastle, then by private bus, or, if preferred, a scenic 4.5 mile hike or cycle across the island. Visit Rathlin Island's famous 'upside down' lighthouse – a member of The Great Lighthouses of Ireland partnership. Please note that there are 98 steps down (and up) to the seabird viewing platform and a further 64 to the bottom of the lighthouse. For seasonal opening information, please visit rspb.org.uk/rathlinisland. Admission charges apply. 18

### Rathlin Island Boathouse Visitor Centre

BT54 6RT t. +44 (0)28 2076 0054 e. rathlin.boathouse@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Dip into Rathlin's rich history with a collection of displays, photographs, images and articles gathering the island's past and present together. Please note disabled access limited. Admission is free. Contact Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre for opening hours t. +44 (0)28 2076 2024.

### Breakwater Art Studio



Rathlin Island, BT54 6TE t. +44 (0)28 2076 3986 w. www.breakwaterstudiorathlin.com

The artist in residence, Yvonne Braithwaite produces works in the form of commissions of local scenes, landscapes and seascapes on Rathlin and around Ireland. Treat yourself to a memento based on her original paintings or other giftware available from the studio. Northcoast Nature Photography Workshops

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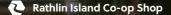
Capture Rathlin Island's wildlife and landscape through a lens with a photography workshop in the company of award winning photographer Tom McDonnell.

### Nine Glens Walking Tours



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Nine Glens Walking Tours invites you to explore Rathlin Island. Enjoy a gentle 2 mile dander and listen to many tales of myth choosing from a selection of three relaxed walks.



The Archway, BT54 6RT e. rathlinshop@hotmail.com

The shop is owned and run by the Rathlin community, stocking a wide range of groceries and general supplies, as well as souvenirs made on Rathlin Island, including jewellery and crafts.

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### Island Treasures Souvenir Shop, BT54 6SA

**m.** +44 (0)7868 663283 **e.** catblaney@yahoo.co.uk

Pick up a souvenir of your visit to Rathlin Island from a selection of prints, paintings, photographs and cards, as well as nautical themed gifts and a range of island-made soaps.

### Rathlin Pony Trekking

**m. +**44 (0)7521 224331 **f.** @rathlinponytrekking

Children's pony rides on the beach with Rathlin Pony Trekking. Rides £5, lasting 5-10 minutes.

## Golf

We are still brimming with pride following our hosting of The 148th Open in July 2019 and the scenes when Irishman Shane Lowry lifted the Claret Jug at Royal Portrush will live long in our memories.

The 148th Open served to enhance the Causeway Coast and Glens' long established reputation for great golf and golf events at Championship Links, including Portstewart Golf Club and Castlerock Golf Club.

And it's not just the courses that are famous - no less than three Major title winners have lived here, namely Fred Daly, Darren Clarke and Graeme McDowell.

As befitting an area rich in golf heritage, there are a number of courses, both links and parkland where golfers may test their skills. For budding golfers, there are courses to develop their swing at less challenging Par 3 or pitch and putt courses.

### LINKS

### Royal Portrush Golf Club

BT56 8JQ **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 2311 **w.** www.royalportrushgolfclub.com

Dunluce Links - 18 Hole Championship Links Course Par 72

Valley Links - 18 Hole Championship Links Course Par 71

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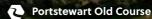
### Portstewart Golf Club



BT55 7PG t. +44 (0)28 7083 2015 w. www.portstewartgc.co.uk

Strand Course - 18 Hole Championship Links Course, Par 72

**Riverside Course** - 18 Hole Links Course, Par 68





BT55 7DA t. +44 (0)28 7083 2549

18 Hole Links and Parkland Course, Par 64





BT51 4TJ **t.** +44 (0)28 7084 8314 **e.** bert@castlerockgc.co.uk **w.** castlerockgc.co.uk

Mussenden Course - 18 Hole Championship Links Course, Par 73

Bann Course - 9 Hole Links Course, Par 68 (18 Holes)

### 2 Ballycastle Golf Club



BT54 6QP t. +44 (0)28 2076 2536 w. www.ballycastlegolfclub.com

18 Hole Links Par 71

### 🔁 Cushendall Golf Club

BT44 0NG t. +44 (0)28 2177 1318 w. www.cushendallgolfclub.com

9 Hole Course, Par 66 (18 holes)

### Bushfoot Golf Club



Portballintrae, BT57 8RR t. +44 (0)28 2073 1317 w. www.bushfootgolfclub.co.uk

9 Hole Course, Par 70 (18 Holes)

Ballyreagh Pitch and Putt and Municipal Links

Portrush, BT56 8LX t. +44 (0)28 7082 2028

9 Hole Course, Par 27

### PARKLAND





Limavady, BT49 9LB t. +44 (0)28 7776 0105 w. www.roeparkresort.com/golf

18 Hole Parkland Course, Par 70

Benone Golf Club

Limavady, BT49 0IQ t. +44 (0)28 7775 0555

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 27



Brown Trout Golf Course **Pay and Play** 

Aghadowey, BT51 4AD t. +44 (0)28 7086 8209 w. www.browntroutinn.com

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 70 (18 Holes)

### Kilrea Golf Course

Kilrea, BT51 5SF t. +44 (0)28 2954 0044 w. www.kilreagolfclub.co.uk

9 Hole Parkland/Heathland Course, Par 68 (18 Holes)

Manor Golf Club

Kilrea, BT51 5RR t. +44 (0)28 2954 1636 / (0)28 2954 0205 w. www.manorhousekilrea.com

9 Hole Parkland Course, Par 64 (9 Holes)

### PITCH & PUTT





Dunluce Rd, Portrush, BT56 8JQ t. +44 (0)28 7082 2311

6 Hole Pitch and Putt

**MINI GOLF** 

🝋 18 Hole Mini Golf

Ballycastle, BT54 6QH t. +44 (0)28 2076 3300

Brilliant fun for all the family. Parking facilities at Sheskburn Recreation Centre. Seasonal opening hours. Admission prices on request.

Benone Holiday & Leisure Park

Limavady, BT49 0LQ t. +44 (0)28 7775 0555

Crazy golf and a nine hole putting green

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## Game of Thrones

Game of Thrones<sup>®</sup> is an original HBO series based on George R.R. Martin's best-selling fantasy novels, A Song of Ice and Fire. Since the pilot in 2009, the show has filmed across various locations in Northern Ireland and many of them are in the Causeway Coast and Glens. For cast members, Michelle Fairley (Catelyn Stark) and Conleth Hill (Lord Varys), it was something of a homecoming, as they originally hail from Coleraine and Ballycastle. Walk in the footsteps of your screen heroes and villains with a guided or self-guided tour.



For full details on scenes and locations download the free NI Screen Game of Thrones® Filming Locations Northern Ireland app for Apple and Android devices. The app also includes information on the unique 10 Doors of Thrones that work together to tell the tale of Season 6. Follow the Journey of Doors and get your Doors of Thrones Passport stamped at three locations in the Causeway Coast and Glens. You don't want to miss these intricately carved doors telling the story of an episode in Season 6.

#5 Frank Owens, Limavady #6 Fullerton Arms, Ballintoy #8 Mary McBride's, Cushendun.



Situated above Garron Point on the Causeway Coastal Route, the hidden village of Galboly is where Sansa and Littlefinger watch Robin practise his swordmanship in Season 5 Episode 1. In Season 6 Episode 4, Littlefinger and Robin agree to march to Sansa's aid with the Knights of the Vale. Please note this site is on private land.



In the quaint village of Cushendun, at the mouth of the river Dun, you will find the magnificent caves that were formed over 400 million years ago. They were used in Season 2 Episode 4 when Melisandre gave birth to the shadow creature, which goes on to kill Renly Baratheon. Please note this site is on private land.

Murlough Bay Slaver Bay and Renly's Camp

The wild and windswept cliffs above Murlough Bay is where brothers Stannis and Renly met in Season 2 Episode 4. On the bay, Tyrion and Jorah were captured by slavers in Season 5 Episode 6.



This rocky headland rises 600ft above sea level and lies just three miles from the town of Ballycastle. In Season 7 Episode 3, Varys confronts Melisandre here about her avoidance of Jon Snow before advising her to leave Westeros forever. It's also where Jon, Daenerys and Drogon share a moment together in Episode 5, and latterly Tyrion and Daenerys in Episode 6. Larrybane The Stormlands and Nagga's Hill, Old Wyk

This dramatic headland, sheltered by Sheep Island, offers views of the spectacular Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. It was used in Season 2 Episode 3 as Renly Baratheon's camp, and where Brienne was named to Renly's Kingsguard. In Season 6 Episode 5 it was the setting for the Kingsmoot.



Inis coastal narbour at the end of a dramatic, twisting road is synonymous with Pyke and the Iron Islands. Theon returns here in Season 2 Episode 2 and is baptised here in Season 2 Episode 3. Season 6 Episode 5 also features Euron's drowning and rebirth here, and the nearby beach played host to Melisandre's burning of Stannis Baratheon's bannerman.



The intertwining beech trees on this avenue are over 200 years old and were planted by the Stuart family to impress visitors as they approached Gracehill House. The Dark Hedges were used in Season 2 Episode 1 as Arya escapes King's Landing along the Kingsroad. Portstewart Strand Coast of Dorne

The 2 mile stretch of golden beach at Portstewart Strand is backed by impressive sand dunes. Here Jaime and Bronn came ashore to rescue Myrcella only to be discovered by Dornish soldiers. It's also where Ellaria and the Sand Snakes vow vengeance against the Lannisters in Season 5 Episode 4.



Seven miles of sand beneath the stunning Mussenden Temple, that sits perched dramatically on a 120ft cliff top. In Season 2 Episode 1 this is where Melisandre burnt the effigies of the Seven Gods of Westeros.



Marking the western extent of the Antrim Plateau, this distinctive headland has spectacular cliffs extending for over 6 miles across the peninsula of Magilligan. Used in Season 5 Episode 10 when the Dothraki horde surround Daenerys after her escape from the Meereen fighting pits on the back of Drogon, and again in Season 6 Episode 1 when Daario and Jorah discover Daenerys' ring whilst searching for her.

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## Taste Causeway

The Causeway Coast and Glens is world renowned not just for its stunning landscape but also its exceptional food and drink, cultivated by passionate people.

Taste Causeway is the unifying vision for the wide array of food and drink producers, artisans, food tourism and hospitality along the Causeway Coast and in the Glens of Antrim. In 2019, at the first time of asking it was named runner-up in the all-Ireland Foodie Destination Awards.

Whether rearing cattle in the lush fields, hauling fish from the stormy sea, plating fine cuisine in award-winning restaurants or serving street food at bustling markets, the members of Taste Causeway are committed to offering fresh, flavourful food and an immersive experience that showcases the Causeway Coast and Glens. During 2020 Taste Causeway collaborated with North West Regional College (NWRC) Business Support Centre (BSC) to develop a bespoke Level 2 Health and Safety Working Practices course for hospitality businesses in the Causeway Coast and Glens. This accreditation provides additional reassurance that the safety of the customer is paramount.

Taste Causeway is also an accredited Slow Food destination, one of only a handful of destinations in Ireland to be awarded the accolade by the global Slow Food Movement. Slow Food stands for Good, Clean and Fair food, and supporting the artisan producer, of which Causeway has in abundance.

For more details on Taste Causeway food tours, farm tours and food and drink producers go to www.tastecauseway.com









## Discovery Routes and Trails

### Cycling

Cyclists will not be stuck for scenic routes in the Causeway Coast and Glens. With a choice of inland and coastal ways suitable for all levels of ability you can enjoy a memorable experience on two wheels.

- Eagle's Glen Cycle Route (14 miles) A hilly trail centred on the picturesque Glenullin Valley, exploring the historic Errigal landscape and signposting you through Garvagh forest.
- The Lower Bann Cycleway (45 miles) This linear cycle route travels between Toome and Castlerock following the Lower Bann River corridor from Lough Neagh to where the river enters the Atlantic Ocean at The Barmouth near Castlerock.
- Bann Valley Cycle Route (15 miles) Linking Garvagh and Kilrea on quiet country roads, this route traverses the fertile landscape of the Bann Valley, with views beyond, towards the Antrim Hills.

- The Banagher Cycle Route (28 miles) A challenging trail, circling the foothills of the Sperrin Mountains and passing upland through towns and villages and farmland.
  - NCN Route 93 from Ballyshannon to Ballycastle (236 miles) This route is readily identifiable by distinctive signage and offers superb coastal scenery, including some trafficfree cycle paths. These sections are suitable for novice cyclists and families with young children. Experienced cyclists may choose to venture off the signed routes and explore the countryside at their leisure.

For details on more cycling routes in the Causeway Coast and Glens go to www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

### **Bike Hire**

### 🔁 Velo Culture

Portrush, BT56 8NE **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 1100 **w.** www.velo-culture.com

Velo Culture opened its doors in June 2011 and is a family run business just outside Portrush, on the stunning Causeway Coast. Their bike hire fleet is ever expanding and consists of road, mountain, hybrid and electric bikes. For expert advice on the right bike you you, call in for a chat and a cuppa at their coffee shop.

### Bushmills Cycle Hire

Bushmills BT57 8XL **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 2869 **w.** www.bushmillscyclehire.co.uk

Whether you're planning a cycling holiday or just a great day out, Bushmills Cycle Hire is dedicated to providing you with the quality equipment and friendly advice you need to enjoy your trip. With excellent routes both on and off road around the coast, Bushmills Cycle Hire offer a mobile bike hire bringing their hire bikes right to your door or wherever you'd like to start your route. Helmets, pumps, locks and a map are included in the cost of hire.

### Walking

The Causeway Coast and Glens is a haven for walkers. Each and every turn opens up a myriad of sights, smells and sounds, for the ultimate walking experience.

The Moyle Way (27 miles/43km) The route takes you through the heart of the Glens of Antrim, past ancient monuments, across rivers and high mountain tops, and culminates among the woodland waterfalls of Glenariff Forest Park, before reaching the coastal village of Waterfoot.

#### The Causeway Coast Way

(33 miles/52km) Starting in Portstewart, this route passes through the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and finishes in Ballycastle with breathtaking views along the route.

The North Sperrins Way (37 miles/60km) Connecting Dungiven and Castlerock this route provides a contrasting walking experience to the many coastal trails. It traverses higher ground forming the northern foothills of the Sperrin Mountains, passing notable landscape features including Benbradagh and Binevenagh, with spectacular views over Lough Foyle towards Donegal.

### International Appalachian Trail (IAT) (114 miles/184km)

For the ultimate challenge, walkers can follow the International Appalachian Trail (IAT) that traverses the Causeway Coast and Glens. The route is currently benefitting from significant investment that will enhance the experience for walkers.

The aforementioned routes all form part of Northern Ireland's magnificent, circular Ulster Way (625 miles/1000km. There's also lots of inspiration on shorter waymarked trails throughout the open countryside and along the coastline for walkers of all ability at https://www. visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/thingsto-do/walking-and-hiking/walks-andtrails.

## Discovery Routes and Trails

Delve into the history of the Causeway Coast and Glens by following all or any of the Heritage Trails. Details on all the trails can be found on www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com or at a local Visitor Information Centre.

### Ballycastle Heritage Trail

The Heritage Trail presents the stories of the town and covers the culture and heritage; historic buildings, music and legends, as well as the industrial and maritime heritage of Ballycastle.

Bushmills Heritage Trail This walking trail links the Giant's Causeway Park & Ride facility with the village, the Millennium Park and the Old Bushmills Distillery.

Ballymoney Heritage Guide Trail A self-guided tour through the town's finest built heritage.

'Round The Ramparts' Heritage Trail Coleraine's rich history is brought to life through interpretive panels and street signage on this self-guided tour.

Historic Kilrea Walking Heritage Trail Kilrea offers several other scenic walks as well as a town walk. Guided walks are available – contact Maud on +44 (0)28 2954 0723 or Tommy on + 44 (0)7989 397942 for details. Garvagh Heritage Trail A discovery trail exploring the town and its hinterland, with a mix of built and natural heritage sites in the foothills of The Sperrins.

**Discover Portrush Heritage Trail** A self-guided tour exploring the rich, significant natural, historic, built and archaeological heritage of Portrush, together with past traditions and practices.

The Earl Bishop Trail Extending from the Giant's Causeway to Derry/Londonderry, The Earl Bishop Trail links up places associated with the charismatic cleric, Bishop (Frederick Augustus Hervey).

Limavady Heritage Trail The Limavady Heritage Trail draws people's attention to lesser known and visited sites of historical interest. Echoes of the Causeway Heritage Trail Download the Echoes of the Causeway Heritage Trail app and be lured off the beaten track to eight hidden gems of the Causeway Coast and Glens.

The North Sperrins Heritage Trail This driving trail closely follows a section of the North Sperrins Scenic Route and provides visitors with easy access to historic sites. Delve into the history of the Causeway Coast and Glens by following all or any of the Heritage Trails. Details on all the trails can be found on www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com or at a local Visitor Information Centre.

### The Navigation & Plantation **Historical Touring Route**

Focusing on the town of Coleraine, the River Bann and the Ulster Plantation, this driving route takes you on a journey from past to present through beautiful landscape, dramatic scenery and hidden lands.

#### 🝋 The 1718 Heritage Trail

This trail visits the places where families who left Ulster in 1718 to travel to the 'New World' came from, and journeys through the Bann Valley, taking in Coleraine, Aghadowey, Macosquin, Dunboe, Ballywillan, Garvagh, Kilrea, and Ballymoney.

### 🝋 The Causeway Coastal Route

The ultimate driving experience in Northern Ireland follows a stunning 120 mile route from Belfast to Londonderry, hugging the coastline and delivering spectacular views of the countryside and the wild Atlantic. Meet the locals in the pretty villages and seaside towns and walk for miles on golden beaches. It's little wonder the Causeway Coastal Route has been named in the top Epic Drives of the World by Lonely Planet.

Myths and Legends Sculpture Trail (Available from Limavady Visitor Information Centre). Embark on a journey of discovery, of myths and legends and the area's most celebrated and notorious tales. Discover the essence and legacies of Limavady, captured within seven exceptional works of art, depicting the stories in a most original way.

### Picture This (NEW)

Eight feature frames in selected locations allow you to change your perspective and engage in fun and memorable experiences. Take time out and drop in on the communities that take you inland from the coast at Cushendall and Castlerock to the road less travelled. Experience the wildly beautiful Altarichard or the serenity of riverside locations at Camus, Portneal, Swann's Bridge and Burnfoot, while Garvagh Forest will lead you on a trail of discovery. Meet the people who make this place special and engage in activities that seem to fit naturally with the environment. And don't forget to frame your trip with a photo opp to treasure.





## The Glens of Antrim

Endowed with evocative names and blessed with a diversity of landscape, The Glens are rich in history, folklore and natural beauty - each named according to their attributes. Escape to a world away from the frantic bustle of modern life and explore the woods, waterfalls, riverside paths, viewing points and forest parks among Glencloy (the glen of the hedges), Glenarm (the glen of the army), Glenariff (the fertile glen), Glenballyeamon (the Edwardstown glen), Glencorp, (the glen of the slaughtered), Glenann (the glen of the colt's foot), Glendun (the glen of the brown river), Glenshesk (the sedgy glen) and Glentaisie (the glen of taisie of the bright sides).

This section brings you along the coast from Waterfoot, through Cushendall and Cushendun to Ballycastle and Rathlin Island, before sweeping inland to Armoy and the nearby Dark Hedges. There is no doubt this area contains some of the most striking and varied scenery in Northern Ireland.

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### **Places of Interest**

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Waterfoot Beach, BT44 0JE Backed by sand dunes, it is a conservation area known for the presence of the Yellow-rattle flower and the Small Copper butterfly.

Murlough Bay, BT54 6RG Buzzards and peregrine falcons hunt along the cliff tops at Murlough Bay, while eider and fulmar skirt along the bottom. There are different level car parks and picnic areas to enjoy the breathtaking views.

### Torr Head, BT54 6RQ

A remote headland with jaw-dropping vistas stretching over the North Channel as far as Scotland (on a clear day). Loughareema Lake, BT44 0TA A natural phenomenon - a sparkling oasis one day and just a few days later, a bed of cracked mud with not a drop of water in sight.

#### Fair Head, BT54 6RD

It is a ruggedly beautiful and remote area for climbers and walkers. As Northern Ireland's tallest cliff face, Fair Head is believed to be the biggest expanse of climbable rock in either Ireland or Britain. A series of walks begins at the farm car park (nominal charges apply) which is clearly signposted off the Fairhead Road. Anglers should also note that the Fair Head lakes are stocked with trout and can be fished during the summer months.

#### Ballypatrick Forest

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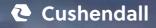
(Grid reference:D181359) Located on the main A2 road before the intriguing Lougharemma and the Glens of Antrim. The forest includes off-road car parking, picnic areas and a waymarked walking trail and watch out for occasional glimpses of the elusive red squirrel and Sika deer. 'Touring in the Trees' caravan site next to the car park.

### 🔁 Craicntour

**m.** +44 (0)7785 114698 **w.** www.craicntour.com

Guided taxi and walking tours of the Glens of Antrim by local man John Robbin, a third level history graduate with a family presence in the area dating back some 400 years. John has a keen interest in local customs, folklore and wildlife and an abundance of witty stories to tell.





Known locally as 'The Capital of the Glens', Cushendall is a conservation town at the foot of Lurigethan Mountain.

### **Places of Interest**

### O The Curfew Tower

A prominent feature of the town built in 1817 by Francis Turnly.

### Red Bay Castle

The ruins of the castle, reputedly built by Sir James MacDonnell lie on the outskirts of the town and date back to around 1561.

#### Layde Old Church, BT44 0NH

The chief burial place of the MacDonnell Clan (after Bonamargy Friary, see page 40).

### O Cottage Wood, BT44 ORR

the Garron Plateau.

Surround yourself in the peaceful setting of the 10 acre Cottage Wood, where you can enjoy a series of interesting walks, viewpoints, picnic facilities and playparks with occasional glimpses of red squirrels.

#### The Cliff Path, BT44 0NG This attractive coastal path hugs the cliffs to the south of Cushendall and offers spectacular views of the Scottish coast, Lurigethan, Red Bay Castle and

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# Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club

BT44 0QW **t.** +44 (0)28 2177 1673 **e.** committee@csbc.co.uk

The club's main activity is sailing, with races for both cruising yachts and sailing dinghies. It is also known for motor boating, rowing and angling.

### 🔁 Red Bay Paddle Co

**m.** +44 (0)7521 358775 **e.** redbaypaddleco@gmail.com

Beginner and improver stand up paddle boarding lessons off Glenariff Beach. All equipment is provided including the boards, buoyancy aids and wetsuits available in various sizes but limited numbers, so customers are welcome to bring their own. Old trainers or wetsuit shoes are advised as there are some rocks which need to be crossed to get to the beach. Lessons run for two hours over three sessions (9am-11am, 12-2pm, 3pm-5pm). Check website for updates.

Toast the Coast NI



**m.** +44 (0)7896 414074 **w.** www.toastthecoastni.com

Celebrate local food, local people and stunning scenery with stories of the coast and countryside as you discover the Causeway Coastal Route. Choose from a range of food tours by guided coach, self-drive, private chauffeur or walking tours throughout the year.



### Glenariff Forest Park

#### **BT44 0QX**

Glenariff Forest Park is a magical experience. 1,000 hectares of planted woodland, lakes, outdoor recreation spaces and conservation areas; catering for many outdoor activities including walking, horse riding and touring. Fuel your activities at the picnic and barbeque areas or the tea house. Make the most of your visit by staying overnight in a touring vehicle.

Known as the Queen of the Glens,

Glenariff Forest is home to many animals of conservation concern, most notably the red squirrel, hen harrier and Irish hare. There are several walking trails through the forest which give spectacular views and glimpses of wildlife, including the 3km Waterfall Walk Trail which twists and turns through Glenariff Nature Reserve. The forest is open daily for visitors on foot, 24 hours a day, but the car park gates are locked at night. Gates open by 8.00am daily and are locked at dusk. The caravan site can be booked through nidirect.gov.uk.

visitcausewaycoastandglens.com



Between Cushendall and Ballycastle is the pretty village of Cushendun, managed by the National Trust and most notable for its unusual Cornish style cottages, (the work of Clough William Ellis).

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### **Places of Interest**

Glendun Viaduct An impressive structure built in 1839 by the world renowned English architect, Sir Charles Lanyon.



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**Cregagh Wood**, BT44 0QD An ancient woodland site, abundant with specialist flora and residence to a population of red squirrels. Cushendun Beach, BT44 0PJ A rural, sandy beach with views across to the Mull of Kintyre on a clear day and access to walking trails and the beautiful Glendun Valley.



### 🝋 Turais Chois Abhann Doinne (Cushendun Tours)

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Based in Cushendun in the beautiful Glens of Antrim, Turais Chois Abhann Doinne (Cushendun Tours) provide walking tours focusing on the landscape, culture, arts and heritage of the Glens and surrounding areas. Tours are tailored to suit individual / group needs by Jude, your local qualified guide.

## Cushendun Old Church

33 Bay Road, BT44 0PS t. +44 (0)28 2176 1522 w. www.theoldchurchcentre.com

Built in 1840 as a Church of Ireland place of worship, the Old Church has been given a new lease of life as a community led Arts and Heritage Centre, where visitors can learn about the life of the building, Cushendun village and the rich history of the area. It is open to the public on Saturdays and

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Ballycastle (three times crowned the Best Place to Live in Northern Ireland by The Sunday Times) is a small seaside town, where tradition and culture run parallel with modern living. The popular beach runs from the pier at Ballycastle Marina at the western end to the stunning Pans Rock in the east.

### **Places of Interest**

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Ballycastle Museum, BT54 6AS Housed in the town's 18th century courthouse and market building, the museum explores the fascinating history of the Irish Home Industries Workshop and the important role it played in the Arts and Crafts Revival in Ulster. Free admission. Seasonal opening hours apply.

Bonamargy Friary, BT54 6QP Built by Rory McQuillan, the friary was claimed by the MacDonnell Clan in the 16th Century. It contains a sealed burial vault, wherein lie the coffins of several Earls of Ulster and chieftain, Sorley Boy MacDonnell.

#### Ballycastle Forest

Ballycastle forest, on the slopes of Knocklayd Mountain, was first planted in 1931. Most of this early woodland has now been clear felled and replanted, producing a more diverse range of wildlife habitats and offering panoramic views of the coast to the north and Rathlin Island, and on a clear day the Scottish Islands of Islay and Jura are visible.

### Abhainn Cruises Boat Tours



**m.** +44 (0)7845 370231 / +44 (0)7864 684857 **w.** www.abhainncruises.com

Explore the legendary coast, steeped in history and mythology, on a private charter tour. Skippers Tim and Ben are qualified tour guides and will entertain your group with tales of smuggling, stories of shipwrecks, Scottish Kings and Viking raids, all while you enjoy the scenic seascape, enthralling geology and wonderful wildlife around you. Swim under Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, explore the 'Sound' of Rathlin Island or visit the puffins at Bruce's Cave. Whichever experience you choose, you will enjoy a warm welcome and plenty of 'craic' on-board RHIB Endurance or RHIB Stormborn.

# 🔁 Dunfin Farm



BT54 6QF **m.** +44 (0)7572 979729 **e.** frankdevlin88@gmail.com **w.** www.dunfinfarm.com

Found in the heart of Glenshesk, one of the nine Glens of Antrim, the townland of Dunfin is home to a traditional sheep farm, offering a sheep experience and farm walk, Irish boglands and peat cutting and a working farm experience.

#### Northern Embrace a Ireland Giant Spirit





BT54 6RG **m.** +44 (0)7583 396073 **e.** info@loughfadden.com

Lough Fadden is a premier natural Still Water Trout Fishery located in Murlough Bay in an area of outstanding natural beauty just outside Ballycastle in the Glens of Antrim. The lough is open to fly fishers Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat and Sun from 9am.

# 🔁 Kintra Boat Tours



**m.** +44 (0)7813 680485 **e.** kintraboats@gmail.com

Kintra boat tours sail all year round from Ballycastle along the Causeway Coast and Rathlin Island, one of Ireland's most spectacular wildlife habitats with breathtaking scenery. Kintra is a modern purpose built passenger boat for sightseeing tours, licenced by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for 55 passengers. Their skippers are incredibly knowledgeable about the geography, history and the wildlife of the coast and Rathlin Island and they also have an on-board wildlife guide. Trips depart from Ballycastle Harbour daily during the summer months and can be booked online or by telephone. Follow them on Facebook for daily updates. Prices start from, Adults £20 Children (U16) £15.

### 🔁 Watertop Farm

BT54 6RN **t.** +44 (0)28 2076 2576 **w.** www.watertopfarm.co.uk

Watertop Open Farm is located 6 miles outside Ballycastle in the Glens of Antrim. Family activities include pony trekking and pony rides, boating, pedal karts, quad train, Paddiwagon, activity barn with super inflatable slide and enclosed climbing activity frame, low ropes assault course, mini golf, and a monster underground slide. There are scenic walks and small animals to hold. Home-baked produce served in The Lakeside Tea Room.

# 🔁 Sea Haven Therapy



Ballycastle, BT54 6BT t. +44 (0)28 2076 1132 w. www.seahaventherapy.com

Treat yourself to natural seaweed baths while enjoying views of Rathlin Island, Fair Head and even Scotland on a clear day. A range of relaxation therapies is also available, including massages, facials, reflexology and more. Alternatively, enjoy an exhilarating water cycle experience around Ballycastle Bay on Sea Haven Therapy Waterbikes, the first of their kind in Ireland.

### 🔁 Ballycastle Harbour & Marina

### Ballycastle BT54 6BT

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Ballycastle's superb 74-berth marina offers excellent scope for marine travel around Ireland and Scotland with fully serviced visitor berthing and shore-side facilities.

# Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd



Ballycastle, BT54 6BT t. +44 (0)28 2076 9299 w. www.rathlinballycastleferry.com

Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd welcomes thousands of visitors to Rathlin every year, both day trippers and overnight guests. Up to date ferry timetables, travel restrictions/conditions and booking procedures are available on their website www.rathlinballycastleferry.com.

#### $\overline{\mathbf{a}}$ Causeway Coast Sailing

Ballycastle, BT54 6HF m. +44 (0)7881 482356 (No texts) w. www.causewaycoastsailing.com

Enjoy a sail on Antrim's scenic coast on their yacht departing from Ballycastle Marina or Rathlin Island. Learn the ropes of sailing or simply enjoy the ride and the views of the Causeway Coast.

### **Ropebridge Charters**

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Departing from Ballycastle, on board Torra, discover fishing reefs/wrecks, sharking, scuba diving, Scottish shooting trip, sea safari trips along the Causeway Coast and Rathlin Island as well as Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and **Ballintoy Harbour.** 

Naturally North Coast and **Glens Artisan Market** 



### m. +44 (0)7723 622008 w. www.naturallynorthcoastandglens.co.uk

Naturally North Coast and Glens Market is an award-winning roaming market that provides you with the opportunity to experience a unique artisan market in and around the Causeway Coast and Glens. These markets are a fantastic showcase of local culture, heritage and traditions, a perfect destination for anyone searching for an authentic experience. The markets can be found on a rotating schedule in various locations.

### Lady Lynda Fishing Trip

t. +44 (0)28 2076 9665 m. +44 (0)7712 167502

The Lady Lynda offers fishing trips around the North Antrim Coast. Drift fishing, deep water anchoring and wreck fishing experiences are all available.

#### Harbour Gallery 7

Ballycastle, BT54 6AA m. +44 (0)7864 310826

The Harbour Gallery sells a wide variety of handcrafted and locally produced gifts. Exhibitions and workshops run throughout the year.

# The Puffin Gallery



Ballycastle, BT54 6AD m. +44 (0)7718 163972 w. www.thepuffingallery.com

The Puffin Gallery offers an eclectic range of quality designer crafts and fine art made in Northern Ireland and Ireland. Exhibitions and workshops are run regularly.

# 🔁 Armoy

Leaving Ballycastle on the Causeway Coastal Route there is an option to loop inland through Glenshesk and Glentaisie, skirting Knocklayd Mountain, before arriving in the village of Armoy.

### **Places of Interest:**

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### Armoy Round Tower, BT53 8RL Located in the grounds of St Patrick's Church, founded by St Olcan in the 5th century.

- Breen Oakwood Nature Reserve, BT53 8YH A veritable haven for bird watchers with a small population of red squirrels, often visible in spring, while bluebells and wood anemones add a splash of colour. Open all year round.
  - Altnahinch Reservoir & Dungonnell Dam, BT44 9JS Located at the head of the River Bush, with a native stock of free rising brown trout, it is ideal for fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing. The season runs from 1 March to 31 October and anglers need a DAERA Game Fishing Licence and Permit. Fishing from boats is not permitted.

### 🔁 Jam at the Doorstep



BT53 8RP **f.** @jamatthedoorstep **m.** +44 (0)7880 593492

Jam at the Doorstep produce a range of jams, chutneys, curds, salted caramel sauce and sticky toffee and Christmas puddings all from their farmhouse kitchen, based on the edge of Armoy village. They also offer regular workshops. Their new Farmshop is now open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Bespoke Equestrian Ireland

Armoγ, BT53 8XL **t.** +44 (0)28 9099 4221 **w.** www.horsebackridingtoursireland.com

Horseback riding holidays are available to explore the Causeway Coastal Route, combining exclusive regional experiences and authentic culture and cuisine with top class horse riding.

# Causeway Coast Discovery Centre



Armoy, BT53 8XL t. +44 (0)28 9099 4221 w. www.causewaycoastdiscoverycenter.com

Authentic cultural activities and audio-visual presentations create memorable experiences and bring to life the culture, heritage and history of the Causeway Coastal Route.

### Sheans Horse Farm - Riding Centre



Armoy, BT53 8XL **m.** +44 (0)7759 320434 **w.** www.sheanshorsefarm.com

Experience the freedom, fun and buzz of horse riding at Sheans Horse Farm, rated as one of the top horse riding centres in Ireland. Suitable for all levels from beginners to experienced riders. The Coastal Canters experience is part of the Giant Spirit Collection.



# The Causeway Coast

The next section of the Causeway Coastal Route takes you from Ballintoy to Coleraine and inland to Kilrea and Garavgh. It too promises extraordinary beauty with spectacular coastal scenery, dramatic cliffs and headlands, and natural rural landscapes as far as the eye can see.

We recommend you take your time, enjoy the journey and immerse yourself in some of the experiences along the way. Visitors should note that the Carrick-a Rede car park is open for accessing the Causeway Coast Way. Charges are: £1.00 for 1 hour, £2.00 for up to 4 hours, £4.00 for over 4 hours, National Trust Members FREE.

### **Places of Interest:**

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Portaneevy Viewpoint, BT54 6LR Located on the B15 near Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge, it has undergone recent redevelopment of car park and picnic areas, coastal walk, landscaping and cliff edge viewing platforms. If you can't cross the bridge, treat yourself to panoramic views to the Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge, Rathlin and further afield to the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland.

# **Ballintoy Harbour,** BT54 6NA

Accessed by a spectacular, steep winding road, it is a painter's paradise with sea stacks, rocky islands, pools and a busy harbour, leading to one of Europe's great cliff-top and wild beach walks. A large car park and picnic facilities are available beside the harbour café.

Kinbane Castle, BT54 6LP This little-known secluded ruin located at the bottom of a sheer cliff face is a hidden gem, guaranteeing the visitor an air of peace and solitude which is often not easy to find. Access closed for 2021 due to improvement works. Whitepark Bay, BT44 6NH

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A delightful sandy half-moon shaped beach situated between two headlands. Backed by sand dunes and cliffs, even the local cows like to hang out at the beach. Bathing is not recommended due to strong currents.

- Portbraddan Harbour, BT57 8TA The 'chocolate box,' picturesque Portbraddan Harbour is nestled beneath the cliff at the end of White Park Bay. There is parking and access to the coastal path.
- Dunseverick Castle, BT57 6LP All that remains of the castle is a small wall on a high crag that faces the ocean. Nearby is the dramatic Dunseverick Waterfall that flows directly into the sea.



Magheracross Viewpoint, BT57 8UY Two new, spectacular viewing platforms, extending out to the edge of the headland are due to open in the summer of 2021. The improved layout and car park will provide the perfect pitstop on the Causeway Coast, whether cycling, driving or on foot. Take a break to appreciate the stunning views of Whiterocks beach and Dunluce Castle.

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# Ballintoy

# 2 Xplore Outdoors



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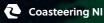
Based in Ballintoy, Xplore Outdoors offer clients the opportunity to sample the delights of the Causeway Coast & Glens by sit on top kayak. Sit on top kayaks provide a fun, safe environment for all ages, they are stable, comfortable and easy to paddle. Private 1.5 - 2 hour guided trips. Highly experienced, friendly and enthusiastic guide. All equipment required is supplied.

### Causeway Coast Kayaking Tours



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Fully guided tours and experiences of the Causeway Coast by kayak, including sea and food tours, twilight/moonlight paddles and Game of Thrones<sup>®</sup> location tour.





e. splash@coasteeringni.co.uk w. www.coasteeringni.co.uk

If you enjoy rock scrambling, adventure swimming, belly flopping, cliff jumping and water splashing you will love coasteering with some of the most experienced and highly trained coasteering guides in the UK & Ireland. Sessions are catered to suit all ages, abilities and sea conditions. All safety equipment is provided.

### Rathlin Adventures



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Immerse yourself in nature and have some fun. Feel empowered and let yourself be inspired with some outdoor adventures. Choose from stand up paddle boarding, rock climbing and abseiling at various locations on the Causeway Coast.

🔁 Glenmore Complex



BT54 6LR **m.** +44 (0)7894 572258 **w.** www.glenmore.biz

The Magheralough fly fishing lakes are stocked with rainbow and brown trout. If you have never been fly fishing before, there are lessons available and rods for hire.



# Active Adventures NI



w. www.activeadventuresni.com

'Adventure For All' in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment, with sessions led by fully qualified, highly experienced and enthusiastic guides. Feel safe to challenge yourself and push beyond your comfort zone, OR, just have some good ol' fashioned craic. Multiple activities such as Kayak Tours/ Sessions, Paddle boarding Tours/Sessions, Coasteering, Beginner's Courses, Workshops and Team Building Days are available. Private, group or corporate bookings can be facilitated.



m. +44 (0)7775 911198 w. www.farandwild.org

Far and Wild operate a variety of green adventure tours in the north west of the island such as Causeway Coast sea kayak tours, moonlight kayak tours, cycle tours and immersive coasteering adventures. All the bespoke tours celebrate the unique local heritage and natural environment.

# Bushmills

The Conservation Village of Bushmills, home to the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery, is steeped in history. It is a wonderful place to stop and browse for a unique gift or memento of your trip to the Causeway Coast, with some wonderful places to eat and enjoy the finest, local produce.



 The Boat House Gallery at Innisfree Farm

Bushmills, BT57 8SU t. +44 (0)28 2073 1582 / +44 (0)7876 516032 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The Boat House is home to Causeway Creative, a collection of six local artists, making and selling an exciting range of original art and crafts (ceramics, glass, textiles, jewellery, paint, pastels and much more) in partnership with the National Trust. Admission free. Open Mon, Wed - Sat including Bank Holidays.

# 🔁 Gallery 1608

Bushmills, BT57 8QB **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 1324 **w.** www.gallery1608.co.uk

Gallery 1608 in Bushmills is Northern Ireland's largest gallery, bringing together the very best of Irish art and bespoke craft. It represents many of Ireland's top artists and caters for all tastes and budgets. Open 7 days a week, all year round.

### 🔁 Castlecat Studio Gallery & Trove

Bushmills, BT57 8TW t. +44 (0)28 2074 1682 w. www.jamesmcnultyartist.co.uk

Discover oil, watercolour and pastel paintings by James McNulty, inspired by the Causeway Coast, with an eclectic mix of decorative, vintage, retro and new treasures on sale in Trove. Open every Sat, 11am to 6pm. Please phone ahead for other opening times.

# 🔁 The Designerie

Bushmills, BT57 8QD **t.** +44 (0)28 2073 2606 **w.** www.thedesignerie.co.uk

Enter The Designerie, where you will find the largest collection of handmade Irish products available on the Causeway Coast, with over 60 designer makers represented. Makers House, on the first floor, is home to Designer Makers who make and sell from their studio pods as well as the Designerie Home Collection. Current artists/makers in residence are Linen Lane, Fee McToal Millinery, Taylor Yates, Susan Francesca Hunter and Laura McIlveen Photography.



### River Bush Salmon Station

Bushmills, BT57 8QJ t. +44 (0)30 0200 7860 e. bush@daera-ni.gov.uk w. www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling

When conditions are right, high quality salmon angling is available on three stretches of the river which are all situated within walking distance of the village. A DAERA game rod licence is required along with your DAERA permit or day ticket to fish the three angling beats.

### 🔁 Causeway Fun Farm

Bushmills, BT57 8SU **m.** +44 (0)7546 937013 **f.** @causewayfunfarm

Causeway Fun Farm has a wide range of animals and a milking viewing gallery with a large indoor play area and café. Seasonal opening hours.



Portballintrae is a seaside village close to Bushmills with a small sandy beach and pretty harbour area. There is a car park, picnic area, toilets and shop adjacent to the beach. Popular with families with small children, it is not suitable for swimming due to dangerous conditions. The small harbour is a focal point for many water activities in the village. Runkerry Beach is also a wonderful place to explore but is not suitable for bathing or watersports due to rip currents.

### **Places of Interest**

### Lissanduff, BT57 8RT

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An ancient water ritual site high above the village with a pair of earthen concentric rings, specially designed to retain water for purposes of worship in the early Bronze Age.

### Paul Blanchard at The Coast Office

Portballintrae, BT57 8YU m. +44 (0)7593 516552 f. @TheCoastOfficePortballintrae

Treat yourself to a guided kayak trip along the Causeway Coast or try some rock pool explorations. Surfing and stand up paddle boarding lessons are available or for something totally unique and unforgettable, try a traditional boat experience on board a 'Drontheim'.

### 🝋 Portballintrae Boat Club

Portballintrae Harbour, BT57 8RT t. +44 (0)28 2073 2301

For general harbour enquiries t. +44 (0)28 7034 4768.

### Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway

Bushmills, BT57 8SZ t. +44 (0)28 2073 2844 w. www.giantscausewayrailway.webs.com

The Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway follows the breathtaking two mile extension of the original Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Hydro Electric Tram Track. Please telephone or email for operating times and/ or group bookings.  $\bigcirc$ 

Northern Ireland's favourite holiday resort offers a unique blend of the contemporary and nostalgia with the chance to indulge in some new and good old fashioned activities in this quintessential seaside town. Relax in the harbour surroundings and enjoy a cocktail at sunset or seek out the eclectic mix of bars and restaurants dotted throughout the town.

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### **Places of Interest**

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### Whiterocks, BT56 8NF

A striking landmark on the Causeway Coastal Route with its magnificent chalk cliffs backdrop. A boardwalk gives access to the beach. There is a viewing platform and shower facilities for water sports users, particularly bodyboard and kayak surfers, but beware of rip tides. The cliffpath walk is pretty special with panoramic views of the stunning landscape.

### West Bay Strand, BT56 8EY Located close to the town with all its attractions, West Bay Strand has been much loved by families for generations. Take a stroll along the recently upgraded promenade or grab a seat and watch the world go by. No matter what time of the year you will see watersport enthusiasts enjoying the Atlantic waves.

East Strand, BT56 8DZ

Backed by impressive sand dunes and Royal Portrush Golf Club, the beach stretches from Portrush town to Whiterocks and is a favourite spot for watersports.

### 🝋 Elementary Escape Rooms

Portrush, BT56 8DA m. +44 (0)7977 992130 w. www.elementaryescaperooms.com

For a really fun experience, visit the only escape room experience in Northern Ireland. Your skills will be tested as you are locked in a themed room with an hour to search for clues and solve a series of puzzles to secure your escape. Opening Hours: Wed-Sun 12-8pm. Booking essential.

### 🔁 Causeway Campers

Portrush, BT56 8PB **m.** +44 (0)7769 355427 w. www.causewaycampers.com

Modern motorhome and campervan hire available from Causeway Campers. Based in Portrush, they offer a convenient handover of a wide range of van styles at competitive prices. Causeway Campers is guaranteed to have a van to suit all customers. Free parking for your vehicle is offered during the period of your rental meaning collecting a van and heading off on the trip of a lifetime couldn't be easier.

### 🕐 The Milk Hut @ Chestnutt's Farm

### BT56 8NE m. +44 (0)7858 893302 f. @chestnuttsfarm

The first of its kind in Northern Ireland, the giant milk vending machine is connected directly to the milking parlour and provides I litre specially designed bottles of fresh farm milk to eager consumers. Special 0.25 litre bottles have proved extremely popular with local kids, who can choose their own milk shake flavouring or a special chocolate spoon from Chocolate Manor. Coffee tastings are sometimes available in partnership with local coffee company, Causeway Coffee.

### The Portrush Tour Company

m. +44 (0)7542 045771

Walking tours of Portrush giving an insight into the fascinating archaeology and folklore of the town and surrounding area. Booking essential.

### RNLI Museum and Souvenir Shop

#### **BT56 8DQ**

The Lifeboat Station details the history of the RNLI and its connections to Portrush.

Portrush Nature Reserve and Coastal Zone

BT56 8AP t. +44 (0)28 7028 3600 e. john.cowan@daera-ni.gov.uk

The Portrush Coastal Zone is a centre for marine and coastal education showcasing Northern Ireland's wildlife and heritage found under the sea and along our coasts. The centre's viewing platform affords excellent views towards the sea where dolphins, seals and harbour porpoises can sometimes be spotted. Contact the Coastal Zone for seasonal opening times.

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### Margey & Bjourson Art Studio and Gallery

Portrush, BT56 8BU **m.** +44 (0)7841 593762 **w.** www.adrianmargey.com

This studio and gallery space is shared by local artists, Adrian Margey and Evana Bjourson. Margey specialises in colourful, contemporary depictions of Irish landscape, iconic local landmarks and musical traditions, while Bjourson is best known for her stunning portraits and seascapes. Open during the summer season on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday only openings throughout the rest of the year. Private viewings available by appointment.

# Frankie Creith Art & Creative Workshops



Portrush, BT56 8BN **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 2010 **w.** www.frankiecreithart.com

Frankie Creith is an internationally exhibited artist and tutor, whose work has been published, televised and held in private and public collections worldwide. Original artwork, prints and gifts, inspired by her beloved Causeway Coast are available in the gallery. Or why not enrol in one of the creative workshops on offer which are suitable for all abilities. Gallery is open daily, Monday to Saturday during July and August 10am - 5.30pm. Otherwise, Thursday and Friday 1pm - 5.30pm, Saturday 10am - 5.30pm or by appointment.

### 🔁 The Arcadia

Portrush, BT56 8JE **m.** +44 (0)7525 496968 **f.** @arcadiaportrush

This landmark location, with its own beach, is a stunning setting for coastal weddings, an art gallery, wellness retreats, weekly yoga, Pilates, Zumba & Tai Chi Classes, seasonal coffee shop. The studio space is also available to hire for workshops and seminars.

# 🔁 Atlantic Craft NI



Portrush, BT56 8PB t. +44 (0)28 7082 4810 / +44 (0)7731 457263 w. www.atlanticcraftni.com

Atlantic Craft is the only working traditional heritage craft studio on the Causeway Coast, producing a range of home grown willow basketry, straw products and driftwood craft. Talks and demonstrations can be arranged for groups. Exhibitions and workshops teaching traditional basketry skills and straw work are also available. 2

### The Gallery (Fine Art Landscape Photography)

Portrush, BT56 8BL t. +44 (0)28 7082 5400 w. www.giantscausewaygallery.com

Peter Nash Photography, The Gallery, specialises in landscape photography capturing the natural beauty that defines our coastline - from the wildness of the Atlantic Ocean to the serene calmness of the dawn breaking and the drama of spectacular sunsets that enhance the mystical magic of the Causeway Coast.

# 🔁 Woodies Surf Shop



Portrush, BT56 8DA t. +44 (0)28 7082 3273 w. www.woodiessurfshop.co.uk

Board hire, equipment sales and tuition. Get in contact for advice and check out their Facebook and Instagram pages for daily surf reports.

# Alive Adventures



Portrush, BT56 8EY **m.** +44 (0)7935 952532 **w.** www.aliveadventures.co.uk

Have some fun with Alive Adventures. Operating from West Strand, it offers surf hire, surfing, paddle boarding and kayaking lessons, electric bike hire and sales, scavenger hunts, bodyboarding, kids beach games and more!

# 🔁 Sub6 Surf and SUP School



### m. +44 (0)7748 257717 w. www.sub6life.com

Based at East Strand in Portrush, the Fully Accredited ASI (Academy Of Surfing Instructors) Surf & Stand Up Paddle School provides SURF and SUP lessons for all levels of surfers. Whether you are a complete beginner surfer, or more experienced and searching for extra surf coaching, SUB6 can tailor the lesson to your requirements. Stand up paddle board sessions are run from Portrush Harbour or Portballintrae Harbour. Surf equipment is available from the online surf store.

### North Coast Watersports Centre

Portrush, BT56 6AN t. +44 (0)28 7034 7202

The centre allows year round access to high quality amenities for both local and visiting water sports users. The centre has toilet and changing facilities and can be used either for individual usage or hired for group/club events.

### Portrush Harbour

### BT56 8DF t. +44 (0)28 7082 2307

The harbour, on the west side of the town is enclosed by two piers where it is possible to berth alongside a pontoon or to pick up moorings in the harbour area.

### 🝋 Coleraine Yacht Club

BT56 8DF m. +44 (0)7771 615334 w. www.coleraineyachtclub.co.uk

CYC provides sailors with a pathway to reach your potential in the sport, whether it be recreation or competitive sailing.

### 🔁 Portrush Yacht Club

BT56 8DF **t.** +44 (0)28 7082 3932 **w.** www.portrushyachtclub.com

Portrush Yacht club is a Royal Yachting Association recognised training centre, offering a suite of courses in boat handling, dinghy sailing, first aid etc. PYC is a family oriented club with facilities for all ages.

### Portrush Surf School



BT56 8DF **m.** +44 (0)7894 854791 **w.** www.portrushsurfschool.com

Portrush Surf School runs 2 daytime sessions each day, 10am - 1pm and 2pm -5pm including a 30 min check in time and 30 mins shower downtime, ensuring you get 2 full hours surfing time in the water. Exclusively based at Portrush Yacht Club, visitors benefit from indoor private male and female changing rooms and fantastic steamy hot showers all included in the price of your lessons. There is a café and bar for pre and après surf with family and friends.

### Troggs Surf Shop

BT56 8BN t. +44 (0)28 7082 2335 / +44 (0)7748 257717 w. www.troggs.com

Troggs have been trading since 1984 and have over 30 years of professional surfing experience, building a reputation as a leading Surf Shop in the UK and Ireland.

### 🝋 Causeway Coasteering

m. +44 (0)7872 537550 w. www.causewaycoasteering.com

Coasteering is a thrilling, dynamic way to explore and enjoy the incredible coastline, combining jumping, climbing, swimming, scrambling and caving. These sessions offer the ultimate in coastal exploration and excitement. The team provides an excellent experience based on friendliness, 'craic', genuine care for customers and the local marine environment, expert knowledge of the coastline and crucially, how to leverage it for coasteering fun.

# Causeway Adventures



Portrush **m.** +44 (0)7713 081886 **e.** causewayadventures@gmail.com **w.** www.causewayadventures.co.uk

Causeway Adventures activities include canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing, orienteering, guided walks, beachcombing and basic bush crafting offering environmental learning through adventurous activity. Causeway Adventures is a small, not for profit, activity provider and the team have spent many years exploring and getting to know the Causeway region and have many stories to share.

### 🔁 Freedive Northern Ireland



Portrush, BT56 8DF **m.** +44 (0)7725 408980 **w.** www.freedivenorthernireland.com

Discover the magic of freediving or snorkel with seals, through underwater canyons and into caves on the Causeway Coast at the only school of its kind in Northern Ireland with training and trips provided. Paddle board lessons and cave tours are available also.

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# 🔁 Causeway Boats



Portrush Harbour, BT56 8DF m. +44 (0)7712 115751 w. www.causewayboats.com

Operating daily all year round from Portrush Harbour, Causeway Boats offer fishing, scenic or foodie experiences onboard their charter boats, 'Causeway Lass' and 'Causeway Maid'.

# 🔁 Lady Karen Charters

Portrush Harbour **m.** +44 (0)7955 740131 **w.** www.seaanglingportrush.co.uk

Boat licensed and insured for 8 people offering sea fishing at anchor, or on the drift. All sea angling and sightseeing trips are weather dependent!

# 🔁 Causeway Sea Tours



**m.** +44 (0)7720 440117 **w.** www.predatorireland.com

Climb aboard for a sea tour around the Causeway Coast, taking in the wonderful sights of Dunluce Castle and the Giant's Causeway. Traditional sea angling charters including 2 hour mackerel trips are also available.

Rock Ocean and Mountain (ROAM)



**m.** +44 (0)7453 315941 **w.** www.rockoceanandmountain.co.uk

ROAM offers a range of bespoke private sessions in paddle boarding and rock climbing for all levels of ability in some of the most beautiful locations the Causeway Coast has to offer! Equipment is provided for all sessions and all guides are highly qualified and accredited.

# Portstewart

Portstewart has been a popular holiday destination since Victorian times. Walks along the Portstewart Promenade provide spectacular views across the sea to the Inishowen Peninsula, while the shopping area offers colourful art galleries, craft and gift shops, not to mention award winning ice cream parlours, cafés, pubs and restaurants. The Nun's Walk connects the town to Portstewart Strand. Bring your fishing nets for some rockpooling along the way.

### **Places of Interest**

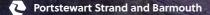
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### **Portstewart Crescent**

This is a popular spot with a play park. The aptly named Witch's Hat and tiered seating provide a performance area for seasonal concerts and entertainment shows.

Agherton Old Church, BT55 7HT Lying on the outskirts of the town you will find the citadel of Congal Clairingneach, King of all Ireland in 161 B.C.



BT55 7PG t. +44 (0)28 7083 6396 w. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/portstewart-strand

The magnificent two-mile strand of glistening golden sand is one of Northern Ireland's finest beaches and is complemented by the recent addition of the award winning beach restaurant 'Harry's Shack'. It is a perfect spot for family picnics and long walks into the sand dunes, which are a haven for wild flowers and butterflies. The Bann Estuary is a sanctuary for waders, wildfowl and nesting birds. Dogs are welcome on leads. Facilities: toilets, beach showers and beach are open all year to pedestrians, vehicle admission charges apply.



Aquaholics Dive Centre and Sea Safaris



Portstewart, BT55 7BE **t.** +44 (0)28 7083 2584 **w.** www.aquaholics.co.uk

Aquaholics is a PADI 5 Star Dive Centre providing dives and courses for all levels along the spectacular north coast, including the extremely popular 'TRY A DIVE'. Aquaholics also has 2 fast hard boats with cabins and toilets for sea safari trips exploring the wildlife and amazing coastline. Departure points from Portstewart and Ballycastle.

### Boy Matthew Sea Fishing Trips

Portstewart Harbour, BT55 7DW m. +44 (0)7764 514270 w. www.boymatthew.co.uk

3hr fishing trips from Portstewart harbour, twice daily. Boy Matthew is fully insured and licenced for 12 passengers. Families, groups and individuals all welcome. Rods and tackle supplied. Booking necessary.

### Portstewart Galleries

BT55 7AE t. +44 (0)28 7083 4600 w. www.irishartgroup.com

The Portstewart Galleries are specialists in contemporary Irish art, publishers of fine art prints and cards by Irish artists. You can also pick up vintage fountain pens, vintage movie posters and antiguarian maps of Ireland.

### 🝋 Causeway Coast Foodie Tours



**m.** +44 (0)7912 408256 **w.** www.causewaycoastfoodietours.com

Causeway Coast Foodie Tours was founded by Causeway Coast native Wendy Gallagher in 2016. During her personally guided experiences, Wendy displays her passion for local food and drink as she recounts the stories of our unique food heritage and produce and the environment in which it is grown, reared or created. You will be introduced to the people that give it that taste of place, be they farmers, fishermen, artisan producers or chefs. Expose your senses to our rich sea, agriculture and landscapes, in a memorable and truly unforgettable experience that takes you on a seasonal food journey from source to plate or glass.



Ocean Warriors Mobile Surf Shack



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**m.** +44 (0)7921 164134 **w.** www.oceanwarriors.co.uk

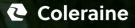
Portstewart Surf Hire, Beach & Kite Shop. Open (conditions permitting): Weekends -Easter to Halloween. Daily - July & August 10am - 5pm, also by special arrangement for parties & events. Based at the entrance to Portstewart Strand, you can hire everything you need for a great day at the beach/in the sea from their comprehensive stock of surf and body boards, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and wetsuits, available in all sizes from kids to adults. From fun/stunt/power kites to sun cream, there are lots of beach accessories available too.

# Flowerfield Arts Centre



BT55 7HU **t.** +44 (0)28 7083 1400 **w.** www.flowerfield.org

Opening times: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Situated in the beautiful Flowerfield Park, Flowerfield Arts Centre is the only dedicated multi-arts venue on the Causeway Coast and usually presents a varied arts events programme throughout the year, including live music, family theatre, film and a packed creative learning timetable for both children and adults. Its galleries house the very best of visual arts and craft exhibitions and the centre also boasts both ceramics and glassmaking studios as well as a FabLab, supporting and promoting creative makers on the Causeway Coast. Spaces also include meeting rooms, workshop rooms, a 130 seated auditorium and gift shop.



Coleraine is the principal town on the Causeway Coast. Situated on the banks of the River Bann, it boasts an attractive pedestrian area with award winning floral displays. Soaked in history, with charm and character, the town offers a unique mix of old and new.

### **Places of Interest**

- **Mountsandel Wood,** BT52 1TL A Mesolithic site on the edge of the town. Believed to have been inhabited by the first huntergatherers in Ireland dating back to 7700-7400BC.
- **Camus Cross and Bullaun Stone**, BT51 3RY The only existing High Cross in County Londonderry. The Bullaun Stone is an example of a primitive font.
- Coleraine Town Hall and Coleraine Museum, BT52 1DP Host to temporary museum exhibitions and an opportunity to explore 'Irish History Starts Here'.
  - **St Patrick's Church,** BT52 1AR The original site of the Early Christian Church founded by St Patrick in the 5th Century AD.
- Phoenix Peace Fountain, BT52 1PS A symbolic art piece gifted by the communities of the United States to the communities of Northern Ireland, inspired by the Northern Ireland peace process of May 1998.
- Guy L Wilson Daffodil Garden, BT52 1SA A memorial to the father figure of Irish daffodil breeders, Guy Livingston Wilson, situated within the grounds of Ulster University, with over 1500 old and modern varieties, bursting with magnificent shades of yellow in springtime.

#### Christie Park, BT51 3AB

Located between Coleraine's two bridges along the banks of the River Bann it leads to Somerset Riverside Park where you will encounter 'The Source' sculpture celebrating the significance of the the Mountsandel site which has been referred to as 'the cradle of humanity in Ireland.'

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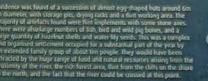
















### Cheeky Chimps Soft Play Adventure Centre

Coleraine, BT52 2JB **t.** +44 (0)28 7034 3005 **f.** @cheekychimps.info

Let your kids enjoy a fun filled adventure at Cheeky Chimps Coleraine, the perfect place for your own little monkeys to run riot. Your children will have a great time, filled with adventure and learning possibilities. While the kids are letting off some steam and enjoying a fun-filled adventure, the adults can relax and de-stress in the café area. Open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm.

### 🔁 Score Football Centres

Coleraine, BT52 2EB **t.** +44 (0)28 7032 6922 **w.** www.scorefc.com

Score FC is an indoor 4G football facility where lots of fun can be had, with £3 kick abouts for Under 16's, 5-a-side football and holiday camps. It also includes a Jumplanes trampoline park. Changing facilities and a café are available on site.

### 🔁 The Jet Centre

Coleraine, BT51 3AW t. +44 (0)28 7035 0000 w. www.thejetcentre.co.uk

The Jet Centre is the region's premier entertainment centre with fabulous fun activities to suit all ages. The centre features: an 8-screen cinema showing all the latest movies – it even has two screens with luxury VIP recliner seating; Alley Cats indoor soft play centre; a beautifully landscaped 18-hole outdoor mini golf course that is floodlit and open into the evening; Superstrikes Bowling Alley which has 14 lanes and 4 mini bowl lanes; and a new outdoor gem mining attraction which is great fun. The centre also has pool tables and an extensive arcade with the most recent amusement machines.

# 🔁 Coleraine Leisure Centre

BT52 1PE t. +44 (0)28 7035 6432 w. www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Coleraine Leisure Centre offers a 6 lane 25m pool, and a smaller learner pool, suitable for parents with younger children. The Health Suite includes a sauna, steam room and spa bath. The centre has a full range of drop in exercise classes, ranging from pilates to spin.

## The Scotti Rooms

Coleraine, BT52 1QB **m.** +44 (0)7814 264584 **e.** cuilrathainhcc@gmail.com

The Scotti Rooms is a small community museum. Learn more about Ulster Scots heritage with a local guide, who will take you on a historic walking tour of Coleraine.

# 🔁 Coleraine Marina

Coleraine, BT52 1EY **m.** +44 (0)7738 115851 **e.** coleraine.marina@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Situated five miles upriver from the entrance to the River Bann, with easy access to bus and train routes, Coleraine Marina provides fully serviced berthing. Facilities include diesel refuelling facility and crane lifting opportunity for those wishing to clean or repair boats and yachts.

### Perfections Wellness Spa



Coleraine, BT52 1LA t. +44 (0)28 7035 5306 w. www.perfectionswellnessspa.com

Perfections is a multi-award winning, urban retreat salon located in Coleraine town centre. It provides a relaxing, luxury experience with an extensive range of treatments. Relax your mind and leave with your body feeling refreshed, rejuvenated and revived.

### The Edge Watersports at The Crannagh Activity Centre

Coleraine, BT52 1SB t. +44 (0)28 7051 1481 / m. +44 (0)7710 015067 w. www.thecrannaghcomplex.com

Open: Mon-Sat: 11am-9pm, Sun 1pm-9pm. Voted Tourist Attraction/Business of the Year from 2016 to 2019, awarded Trip Advisor Certificates of Excellence for 2017, 2018 and 2019 and Trip Advisor Travellers Choice Award 2020. Activities include water skiing, wakeboarding, banana boating, tube rides, kayaking, canoeing (Canadian Boats) and stand up paddle boarding. Group bookings are welcome and multi-activity packages are also available.

# 🔁 Steve Hodge Mountaineering

**m.** +44 (0)7773 359773 **w.** www.shmountaineering.co.uk

Looking for an adrenalin rush? Choose from a wide range of rock climbing, mountaineering and mountain skills courses, as well as adventure days including coasteering and tyrolean traverse, all on the Causeway Coast. All specialist equipment is provided. Activities are tailored to suit all levels of ability. Steve Hodge Mountaineering is an Accredited member of the Association of Mountain Instructors.

### 🔁 Island Equestrian Centre

Coleraine, BT52 2NL t. +44 (0)28 7034 2599 w. www.theislandequestriancentre.com

Riding lessons from beginner to advanced standard, provided by BHS qualified instructor. Livery is also available.

### Causeway Flying Club / Ulster Seaplane Association

**t.** +44 (0)28 7082 5544 **m.** +44 (0)7703 723097 **e.** mark@adelphiportrush.com

Take a scenic Microlight or Seaplane flight along the spectacular Causeway Coast. Take the controls and experience the thrill of flight. No previous experience necessary. Prices £60 to £120 for ½ hour flight.

### 🔁 Causeway Speciality Market

Coleraine, BT52 1ED **m.** +44 (0)7702 910884 **e.** csm@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Causeway Speciality Market is a bustling, organic, speciality food and craft market held around Coleraine Town Hall on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to 4pm.

# 🔁 No 6 Queen Street

Coleraine BT52 1BE t. +44 (0)28 7035 2558 f. @No6QueenstreetColeraine

No 6 sells unique hand crafted products made in Northern Ireland by over 80 artists and craft workers.





Blackhill, BT51 4HH **m.** +44 (0)7714 367890 **w.** www.blackheathpottery.com

Nestled in the courtyard of the historic grounds of a Georgian property, Blackheath Pottery looks to the past for inspiration, honouring the craftsmanship that existed all over Ireland in years gone by. The handcrafted pottery is made with passion, diligence and ingenuity. Grab your little piece of pottery perfection.

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### Niverside Theatre

Coleraine, BT52 1SA t. +44 (0)28 7012 3123 w. www.riversidetheatre.org.uk

The Riverside Theatre is Northern Ireland's oldest operating regional theatre, set on the busy Ulster University Coleraine campus. The Riverside Theatre venue itself is an intimate 278 – 350 seat auditorium offering a vast annual programme, for children and adults, of comedy, dance, music, drama and art. The theatre also has a licensed bar, and a café. Truva Riverside serves up a fresh authentic Mediterranean inspired menu, with stunning views across the River Bann.

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# Ballymoney

Ballymoney is one of the oldest towns on the island of Ireland, with an interesting mix of historical features and modern life.

### **Places of Interest**

#### Ballymoney Town Hall and Museum, BT53 6BE

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A History Resource Area contains a selection of books and history files available to visitors researching the local area or family histories. There is also a wealth of material on the history of the town and its famous characters.

### Ballymoney Old Church

**Graveyard and Tower**, BT53 6JB An example of the town's fine built heritage, with over 400 headstones, the oldest dating to 1610.

Dooey's Cairn Neolithic Tomb at Dunloy, BT44 9DZ (Grid Reference D0216 1830). Believed to be the best preserved court tomb in the Causeway Coast area dating from c4000-2000BC. The Joey & Robert Dunlop Memorial Gardens, BT53 6JR If you are a motorbike road racing fan you will want to pay homage to two of Northern Ireland's most celebrated sporting heroes.

### Riverside Park, BT53 7AG Located on the edge of town, Riverside Park has 40 acres of parkland, complete with trim trails and green gym.

Megaw Park, BT53 6BS A recreational area with an exciting and challenging mix of traditional and interactive play equipment and facilities.

The Honourable The Irish Society

**t.** +44 (0)28 7034 4796 **w.** www.honourableirishsociety.org.uk/go-fishing

The Honourable The Irish Society owns and manages Northern Ireland's finest salmon, trout, pike and coarse fishing on the Lower Bann River. Season/day rods are available on private beats, also season permits for unrestricted stretches both game and coarse. Game fishing is also available on the Clady River, Agivey River, Macosquin/Rhee River and Ballymoney River – all tributaries of the River Bann, and the River Roe, which runs through Limavady into Lough Foyle. For information regarding permits, prices and booking of Lower River Bann fishing please contact the office. For tourist packages, please contact Tourist Angling Agent Cressabelle: +44(0)7564 059031, e: info@cressabelle.com

### 🝋 Bann Valley Fishery

BT53 7NW **m.** +44 (0)7825 141635 **f.** @BannValleyFishery

Bann Valley Trout Fishery offers quality brown and rainbow fishing in the most tranquil of settings. It is set in a quiet rural location between Ballymoney and Kilrea and is the ideal spot to get away from it all and enjoy some fly fishing. The established manmade lake has been created by the McFadden family and is designed to attract wildlife with the addition of an island in the centre of the lake providing sanctuary for ducks, water hens and swans.

Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Treasure Island Play Centre

BT53 7DB **t.** +44 (0)28 2766 0260 **w.** www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities for all the family, including the pirate themed soft play centre for children under twelve.

#### 🔁 Drumaheglis Holiday Park & Marina

BT53 7QN **t.** +44 (0)28 2766 2743 **w.** www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Drumaheglis Marina is a modern 5 star, award winning facility, offering caravanning, camping, glamping, berthing and slipway services, and excellent home cooking at the Slipway Café. One of the few and most attractive access points to the Lower River Bann, it is an idyllic woodland riverside base to stay and relax for cyclists, walkers and water enthusiasts alike.

#### 🔁 Rosepark Farm



Ballymoney, BT53 7DU **m.** +44 (0)7961 124136 **w.** www.roseparkfarm.co.uk

Rosepark Farm is a family run fun farm, based just 4 miles outside of Ballymoney. Visitors can get hands on with many animals including rabbits, snakes, alpacas and deer.

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# Kilrea

A busy market town with two nine-hole golf courses, Kilrea is situated on the scenic inland route from Coleraine beside the River Bann.

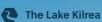
#### **Places of Interest**

The Mercers Arms, BT51 5QJ A historic building located in the town diamond and testimony to the town's links to the Plantation of Ulster, when surrounding townlands were granted to the Worshipful Company of Mercers by King James I for settlement.

#### Bann Bridge, Portneal

The majestic Bann Bridge, with its unique 6-arch feature dates back to the 18th century and marks the boundary between County Londonderry and County Antrim.







BT51 5RR m. +44 (0)7845 874 499 w. thelakekilrea.com

Get ready for an adventure packed day at The Lake Kilrea Water Park. This family friendly park features a floating aqua park (including the world's biggest certified floating slide), pedalos, canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, zip line, climbing wall, archery and much more. Onsite catering, changing facilities, toilets and warm showers. Children's safe play area and easy free onsite parking are available also.

# **River Bann Tours**



t. 0845 564 4764 (UK only) e. contact@riverbanntours.co.uk w. www.riverbanntours.co.uk

Take a gentle cruise along the picturesque Lower River Bann to discover its rich, cultural heritage. Explore the outstanding local attractions, native wildlife and scenic towns and villages.



Standing south of Coleraine and close to both the Bann and Agivey rivers is the town of Garvagh, which like so many other towns in the area has a fascinating story to tell. With its situation so close to the rivers, as you would expect, Garvagh is the ideal spot for the game and coarse angler (with permits and licences).

#### **Places of Interest**

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Garvagh Pyramid, BT51 5EF A surprising feature within Garvagh Forest, (see opposite page) this folly was created as a burial chamber for Lord Garvagh in the 19th Century.

Errigal Old Church, BT515BQ Built around 560 A.D it was originally known as "Errigal Adamnan" after St. Adamnan - its patron.

# Carvagh Museum and Heritage Centre

BT51 5AE **t.** +44 (0)28 2955 8544 **w.** www.garvaghmuseum.com

This is a rural folk museum located in what was the walled garden of Garvagh House, the former seat of the Canning family. It is an exceptional collection, comprising over 3,500 artefacts and is a valuable resource used by many and provides a fascinating insight into times gone by.

#### Carvagh Forest Trails

BT51 5AF w. www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

For exhilarating experiences, check out the Garvagh Forest Trails. Launched in 2019, you will find a range of walking, cycling and mountain bike trails to enjoy. There are four different grades of cycle trails within the forest, each offering a different challenge. Explore this wonderous woodland on foot, following the waymarked walking trails. The forest is also a haven for lovers of nature and wildlife. The bluebells in May are a sight to behold.

#### **7** Temple Springs Fishery

BT51 5BH **m.** +44 (0)7830 345286 **e.** burtsurf250f@gmail.com

Temple Springs is a catch and release bait fishing facility for large and small groups against a backdrop that stretches from Garvagh Forest to Corky mountain and Slemish in the East. All tackle and bait is supplied. The onsite fishing lodge is a great spot to grab some rest and get the BBQ going.

#### Swatragh, BT46 5QF **t.** +44 (0)28 7940 1206 **w**. www.friels.ie

Friels Historic Bar & Restaurant

Located close to Garvagh Forest Trails, mountain bikers will appreciate the bike wash and changing facilities available here. Book in advance. Motorhome spaces and camping pitches also available. But if it's a little bit of history you are after, then gather round. Smell the herbs and taste the nettle soup made in an original Famine pot that was used to serve up to 300 people every day during the Potato Blight. And if you like a good yarn, pull up a seat around the roaring fire and listen to the words and stories of the local poet, Mick McAtamney - traveller and adventurer. Having spent 50 years in Northern America, Mick returned with just one possession - a walking stick, hand carved in San Quentin Jail and you can see it on display in the front bar.

## 2 Skydive Wild Geese

BT51 5LQ **t.** +44 (0)28 2955 8609 **w.** www.wildgeeseskydive.com

For something completely different, book a skydive with Skydive Wild Geese, one of the best equipped centres within the British Parachute Association. Min. 4 and max. 12 persons per course.

# Binevenagh and Beyond

This section highlights the area stretching from Castlerock to Magilligan, and inland to Limavady and the North Sperrins. Dominated by the distinctive headland of Binevenagh with its dramatic cliffs, there are spectacular panoramic views over Magilligan and Inishowen, and even Islay and Jura in Scotland. The railway journey between Coleraine and Derry/Londonderry which passes beneath Mussenden Temple is definitely worth the trip – so says Michael Palin who named it one of the 'Great Railway Journeys of the World'.

#### **Places of Interest:**

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Downhill Forest, BT51 4RP Reconnect with nature in the magnificent setting of 85 hectares of mixed commercial woodland, planted around a beautiful lake and home to two of the biggest Sitka Spruce specimens in Ireland.

#### Bishop's Gate, BT51 4RP

You can only but admire this fine classical gate which serves as the entrance to woodland walks in the Black Glen and Port Vantage, part of the Downhill Demesne (see page 11).

#### Gortmore Viewpoint,

Bishop's Road, BT49 0LJ Pay a visit to the Celtic Sea God, Manannan Mac Lir and enjoy spectacular views over Lough Foyle and the Magilligan countryside.

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Ballyhacket Viewing Point, BT514SU Behold wonderful panoramic views towards the north and east to Donegal, the Antrim Hills and the Causeway Coast.

**Downhill Strand**, BT51 4RP This stunning beach may be recognisable to you as it regularly features in TV and film dramas, including the highly acclaimed Game of Thrones® series. Situated at the base of Mussenden Temple and against the background of towering cliffs, it is probably one of the most photographed beaches on Irish shores.

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Binevenagh Mountain (GR C703 318) Located within the Binevenagh Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the mountain and forest is the perfect place to get away from it all with some hill walking or fishing. The lake on the summit is stocked with rainbow and brown trout.

# Castlerock

The village of Castlerock is a small, quiet resort, situated less than a mile from where the River Bann meets the sea at The Barmouth with its own distinctive vibe, in contrast to the neighbouring seaside towns. It has a wonderful sandy beach with extensive dunes backing onto the championship golf course and is a popular place enjoy forest and coastal walks, birdwatching, angling or tennis.

### St Paul's Church

Articlave, BT51 4UP m. +44 (0)7940 281737

Discover the history of St Paul's, built in 1691 and learn about the early history of the parish on a self-guided tour from Easter to Halloween, Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Guided tours on request.

### Surf Shack

Main St, BT51 4RA m. +44 (0)7740 858426 w. www.surfshackcastlerock.com

Coffee and surf rental located right opposite the magnificent Castlerock beach. Grab a brew and enjoy the view or get active at the outdoor yoga and Qigong sessions (seasonal and subject to weather).

# The Chocolate Manor



Main Street, BT51 4RA **m.** +44 (0)7919 332843 **w.** www.thechocolatemanor.com

Producing luxurious, hand-crafted chocolate, personalised for you is only a small, but delicious, part of what they do at The Chocolate Manor. As well as creating unique and indulgent treats, they offer a range of experiences that reveal the mysteries of the wonderful world of chocolate. They love to craft chocolate and you will too, so why not indulge in a hands-on experience like no other in their purpose-built workshop? They run scheduled sessions or you can book yourself in for a unique and personal experience. If you stop by when they're making chocolate, you'll be able to watch them at work.

#### Moorbrook Trout and Carp Fishery and Coffee Shop

BT41 4SW **t.** +44 (0)28 7084 9408 **w.** www.moorbrooklodge.co.uk

Trout and carp fishery and tackle emporium. Stocked with brown and rainbow trout for fly fishing and a bait stream where children can fish with worms for perch and roach. Tackle hire available and fully qualified instructors are on site for tuition. There is also a coffee shop on site open to all.

#### Eleanor-Jane McCartney, Glass Artist

Barmouth, BT51 4XG **m.** +44 (0)7752 315476 **w.** www.irishglassartist.com

Eleanor-Jane designs and makes small batch fused glass and vitreous enamel pieces and welcomes commissions. She regularly hosts enjoyable glass workshops, created to suit your needs, based at her studio at The Barmouth, Castlerock.



Limavady town is nestled between the picturesque Roe Valley and Binevenagh Mountain. The town itself is characterised by family owned independent retailers, with a unique choice not found in many of the high streets. History and mythical stories make Limavady a charming and intriguing town to visit.

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#### **Places of Interest**

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William Ferguson Massey Statue, Connell Street BT49 0EP A celebrated figure who lived in Limavady until he was 14, before immigrating to New Zealand. William Ferguson Massey later served as Prime Minister from 1912-1925.

#### Limavady Union Work House, BT49 0AQ

History buffs will also be interested in the Work House which opened on the 15th March 1842 and is reported to be one of the best preserved buildings of its type in the whole of Ireland. Tours are available by appointment (t. +44 (0)28 7776 5438 or e. manager@lcdi.co.uk).

The Green Lane Museum, BT49 9NN Delve into the 19th and 20th Century history of the Roe Valley with stories of rural life, including farming, local trades and the linen industry. It is located within the Roe Valley Country Park.

Rough Fort, (GR C 659 230) One of the best preserved Raths in Ireland, dating back to 500 AD, the Rough Fort is regarded as the haunt of the fairies, locals were loath to damage it for fear of retribution from the 'wee folk'. Benone Strand, BT49 0LQ Seven miles of golden sand make it one of the longest beaches in Ireland and a natural adventure playpark.

Magilligan Point Nature Reserve, BT49 0LP

> Located close to the tip of one of the largest sand dune systems in the British Isles, the cycling of sand around the foreland and out to the Tunns Bank at Magilligan Point has been going on for centuries. Visitors will be treated to excellent views of seabirds using the narrows and in winter, migrating waders and wildfowl.

Martello Tower, BT49 0LR Built during the Napoleonic Wars, it is the most northerly of the towers around the coast of Ireland, marking the entrance to Lough Foyle.

Lough Foyle Trail, (GR C614 236) Every year bird watchers are captivated by the sight of overwintering Whooper swans and Brent geese from the Arctic. Visitors will enjoy interpretative signage and paths adjacent to the shore with up to 8kms of trail to explore.

#### 🝋 The Roe Valley Country Park

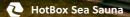
#### BT49 9NN

Combining heritage and legend with natural environment, the country park features a variety of woodland with riverside walks ranging from 2-7 miles. For the adventurous, the North West Orienteering Club has developed a permanent course within the park and organises events throughout the year and produces various maps for the activity.

#### Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers

(Ballykelly/Limavady) **f.** @RVARLimavady **e.** rvaresearchers@gmail.com

Delve into your and our history with guided walks for families, small groups and individuals, bookings or drop-ins from June to August on the last Saturday in each month, 11am-3pm.





Benone, BT49 0LQ w. www.hotboxseasauna.com

HotBox is an authentic Finnish wood burning sauna located on the Causeway Coast. Based predominantly at Benone Beach, Northern Ireland's original mobile sea sauna can be found there most weeks from Wednesday through to Sunday, offering 90 minute sauna sessions for up to 6 people at a time. Prebooking required. Take a plunge into the cold Atlantic Ocean and sweat away your woes in this box of heat.





BT49 0FJ **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 0650 **w.** www.roevalleyarts.com

#### **Opening times:**

Monday and Tuesday: CLOSED Wednesday: 10am - 4pm Thursday: 10am - 4pm and 7pm - 9pm Friday: 10am - 3pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm

This award winning arts and conference centre provides an arts and heritage events programme throughout the year, including theatre, music, local histories, film and creative learning. The venue's three galleries include the Ritter Gallery, which houses the Limavady Museum Collection. Other spaces include the 221 seat Danny Boy Auditorium, Dance Studio, Arts & Crafts Workshop Rooms, Meeting Rooms and a Visitor Information Centre for the area. Check website for additional opening hours.

#### Roe Valley Leisure Centre and Kidz Ahoy

BT49 0ND **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 4009 **w.** www.rvlc.co.uk

A modern leisure complex, comprising of two pools, sports halls, fitness suite, health suite, spin studio, squash court and meeting rooms. The Kidz Ahoy Soft Play Area is state of the art, based on a pirate theme, featuring ball cannons, ball levitator, zip line, a giant slide and more.

# 🔁 Roe Part Resort Spa



Limavady, BT49 9FB t. +44 (0)28 7776 2929 w. www.roeparkresort.com/spa

Indulge yourself and recalibrate your mind and body in the stunning setting of Roe Park Resort Spa. Choose from a selection of relaxation treatments and beauty therapies, or chill out in the relaxation suite, sauna and steam suites and pool.

### 🔁 Benone Holiday & Leisure Park

BT49 0LQ t. +44 (0)28 7775 0555 w. www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/seedo/caravan-parks

Benone is a 4\* caravan and camping holiday park with glamping lodges, a nine hole par three golf course, putting green, golf practice range, crazy golf, 4 tennis courts, café, sports hall and outdoor heated splash pools, as well as activity areas with play parks and boardwalks to the Blue Flag beach.

#### Long Line Surf School & Long Line Water Trails



BT49 0LQ **m.** +44 (0)7738 128507 **w.** www.longlinesurfschool.co.uk

Surf School: Surf and SUP lessons, kids camps and surf hire. Prices start from £20. Water Trails: Stand up paddle board (SUP) lessons on the River Roe where beginners also learn about the heritage of the local area. More advanced night trails and water trails are available.

# 🔁 Blokart World



Benone Strand, Limavady m. +44 (0)7703 209989 w. www.blokartworld.com

Experience the thrill of piloting a wind powered craft along the beautiful beach at Benone. Booking in advance is essential as they can only sail at low tide which changes every day. Join them for some adrenaline filled fun!

# Limitless Adventure Centre



Limavady BT49 9EB **t.** +44(0)28 7772 2235 **w.** www.limitlessni.com

Limitless Adventure Centre boasts Northern Ireland's only hovercraft track. Visitors of all ages can experience the thrill of flying a Hovercraft as well as Powerturn Buggies, Archery, Laserclay Shooting, Lasertag and Football Golf. Open 7 days a week.



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#### Carrowmena Activity Centre (Glamping/Camping/Residential)



Limavady, BT49 9EB **t.** +44 (0)28 7776 3431 **w.** www.carrowmena.co.uk

Carrowmena Activity Centre is the perfect location to stay, play and explore the beautiful Causeway Coast. They are a family run Glamping Site offering fantastic onsite facilities for Luxury Bell Tents x11, Glamping Pods x6, Camping Pitches x10 and can facilitate a range of wet and dry activities to get your heart pumping. They offer the Adventurous Famous Maize Maze in July & August.

#### 🔁 The Ranch Paintballing

Limavady, BT49 9EZ **m.** +44 (0)7514 733322 **f.** @theranchpaintballing

Enjoy a paintballing experience, guaranteeing lots of fun for children (aged 8 and over), and adults with a competitive streak!

#### Crindle Stables



Limavady, BT49 9ED **m.** +44 (0)7738 516106 **w.** www.crindlestables.com

This family run equestrian centre offers a wide range of horse riding lessons, quirky horse riding activities as well as bespoke experiences, catering for the beginner to the advanced rider, ideal for a memorable occasion. Their main aim is to provide a fun, learning and therapeutic experience for all. Those looking for an adrenalin high can jump to the stars with a specialist show jumping lesson, or enjoy a relaxing horse riding hands on experience, meandering on horseback whilst enjoying the beautiful scenery.

#### 🔁 Faughanvale Pony Trekking Centre

BT47 3EF **m.** +44 (0)7710 985335 **f.** @faughanvalestables

Faughanvale Stables offer a wide range of facilities including an indoor sand arena, an outdoor floodlit arena, fantastic hacking and a cross country course for more advanced riders. Lessons are scheduled on a regular basis, for riders of all experience. Sunday sessions run every week catering for children with special educational needs. Themed fun days and events run throughout the year.

# Binevenagh Adventures



Swann's Bridge **m.** +44 (0)7720 203095 **w.** www.binevenaghadventures.com

Binevenagh Adventures' owner, Angie Dunne, will be using her 20+ years of outdoor pursuits experience to make sure you take home amazing memories, both on the water and on the mountain. Families, school groups, youth groups – this is for you!

#### 🔁 Duncrun Fishing Lakes

BT49 0JD

**m.** +44 (0)7835 604874 /+44 (0)7842 119953 **w.** www.duncrunfishinglakes.com

Duncrun Fishing Lakes provide remarkable fly and bait trout angling and fishing lodges. Suitable for amateur and experienced anglers, they also cater for mountain bikers, orienteering group bookings, snorkelling, hiking and camping. The facilities are dog friendly and include a BBQ. Open all year round.

#### Ulster Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club

w.www.uhpc.co.uk

The Ulster Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club (UHPC) is the only hang gliding and paragliding club in Northern Ireland and is affiliated with the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA). In addition, they also welcome paramotorists and powered hang glider pilots, whose flying activities closely align with non-powered equivalents.

#### 🔁 Cloud Surfer Ireland

**m.** +44 (0)7518 680389 **w.** www.cloudsurferireland.com

Based in Limavady/Dungiven, Cloud Surfer Ireland is a paragliding school with a difference offering paragliding training and tandem flights throughout the year over Binevenagh.

# 🔁 Ulster Gliding Centre



BT49 0LA **m.** +44 (0)7709 808276 **w.** www.ulsterglidingclub.org

Ulster Gliding Club is a gliding facility set in beautiful Bellarena on the shore of Lough Foyle.

#### 🔁 Claggan Fruit Farm

116 Highlands Road, BT49 9LY t. +44 (0)28 7772 2544 f. @ClagganFruitFarm

Experience the joy of tasting freshly picked berries and the tell-tale stains on your lips and fingers. This 'pick your own fruit farm' grows strawberries, raspberries, blackcurrants and gooseberries, ripe for picking in season (Mid-June to Mid-August).

# Pulse Fitness Adventures



Limavady, BT49 0HE m. +44 (0)7793 542468 w. www.pulseadventures.co.uk

Stop, slow down and look around you. Pulse Fitness Adventures combines a passion for indoor workouts with outdoor fun featuring guided walks around the local area, ladies weekend retreats and day packages which include hike and paddle boarding, ladies cycling tours and hiking events.

# Dungiven

The market town of Dungiven (meaning Given's Fort) lies nine miles south of Limavady, near the foot of Benbradagh Mountain. The surrounding areas contain many places of historical significance including Dungiven Castle. The first castle was built by the O'Cahan clan but the existing structure was constructed by Robert Ogilby in the 1800s. It now operates as a Gael Scoil and is not open to the public.

#### **Places of Interest**

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- Dungiven Priory and O'Cahan's Tomb, BT47 4PF The ancient Augustinian Priory was founded by the O'Cahan Clan in 1100AD and occupies a picturesque site 200ft above the River Roe.
- **Bovevagh Old Church**, BT47 4NP Commonly interpreted as deriving from Maeve's Church, this church has been in ruins since 1622.
- Benbradagh Mountain Lying within the Sperrin Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it is steeped in folklore, while the summit offers a panoramic view over the Sperrins, Roe and Bann Valleys and
- into Donegal. Tannyranny Church Located on the slopes of Benbradagh the remains of this old church date back to the 18th century.

- Banagher Glen and Forest Three miles south of Dungiven, off the B74 is a secluded, steep wooded glen leading to Altnaheglish Reservoir and Banagher Dam. Walkers will be inspired as they navigate a route through one of the oldest ancient oak woodlands in Ireland. Banagher Glen is a Nature Reserve and Special Area of Conservation.
- Banagher Old Church, BT47 4SR This impressive ruin is a religious site dating from the late 11th or early 12th century. Legend has it that sand gathered from a nearby tomb brings the beneficiary good luck!

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The Auglish Stone Circles, BT47 4TT An intriguing example of late Neolithic stone circles and alignments. The most southerly of the circles is the most complete with a total of 42 stones.

### **V** Flax Mill Textiles

Dungiven, BT47 4QD t. +44 (0)28 7774 2655 w. www.flaxmill.eu

Flax Mill is the only active weaving mill in the County of Derry using natural fibres to make linen cloth. The mill is owned by Marion Baur – a member of the Ulster Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers. It produces finished products from both hand and machine woven cloth, including linen tableware and several other bespoke items like scarves and handwoven blankets. A library is open by appointment.

# Cashel Lake View

17 Birren Road, Dungiven, BT47 4SH **m.** +44 (0)7999 013250 **e.** casheltrout@hotmail.com

Open daily, Cashel Rainbow Trout Fishery provides some of the most excellent and intensive angling in Europe. Set deep in the heart of the Sperrin Mountains in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the lake is fed naturally from the adjacent River Roe. Stocked with quality rainbow trout, it is for fly fishing only.

#### 🔁 The Ponderosa Bar



974 Glenshane Rd, BT47 4SD t. +44 (0)28 7774 1987 w. www.theponderosabar.com

Let a local guide introduce you to the art of turf cutting and cut your own turf sod. And the instruction continues as you get to pull your own pint of Guinness in Paddy Joe's old time pub. Available Monday-Friday during daylight hours and weather permitting. Suitable for groups of 3-33. Bespoke packages for groups of 10 or more are available to include traditional Irish dancing and some trad music.

#### Dungiven Sports Centre

BT47 4LG t. +44 (0)28 7774 2074

The Dungiven Sports Centre features a range of indoor and outdoor facilities, including a gym, sports hall, dance studio, changing rooms, a kitchen and a floodlit 3G pitch.

### 🔁 Wanes World

Dungiven, BT47 4LN **t.** +44 (0)28 7774 1245 **f.** @wanesworlddungiven

Wanes World is a large soft play and interactive party centre for children up to 11 years.

# ÉCONOMUSÉE

The ÉCONOMUSÉE Craft Reach Northern Europe Project sees the combination of culture, craft and tourism as local artisans open their doors to visitors to watch them at work and learn about the heritage and traditions of their skills. Canada, Norway, Greenland, Iceland, The Faroe Islands, Sweden, Ireland and Northern Ireland are all partners involved in this initiative, which was developed in Québec. For more information on ÉCONOMUSÉE, please visit www.economusee.eu

# Broighter Gold Rapeseed Oil



Limavady, BT49 9DY **m.** +44 (0)7912 076607 **w.** www.broightergold.com

Broighter Gold Rapeseed Oil is produced on Broglasco Farm in Myroe, on the edge of Lough Foyle. Group bookings can be arranged by email. Opening hours Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm. Please note that the days may change due to production demands and therefore contact should be made before arriving.





Ballycastle, BT54 6AA w. www.ursaminorbakehouse.com

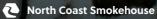
Ursa Minor is a real bread bakehouse and vegetarian cafe founded by husband and wife Ciara and Dara O'hArtghaile. Making real, naturally leavened sourdough loaves and unique patisserie as well as brunches/ lunches using locally grown, seasonal produce. They also hold regular events and classes to teach their craft.

#### 🔁 Broughgammon Farm



Ballycastle, BT54 6NP m. +44 (0)7976 270465 w. www.broughgammon.com

Broughgammon is an award winning, forward thinking family farm, artisan butchery, shop and cafe offering farm tours, supper clubs, artisan workshops and a peek into the workings of a sustainable small holding. Focusing on regenerative farming practices they specialise in cabrito (kid goat meat), free range rose veal, seasonal wild game and homegrown veg. Farm, shop & café open: Fri-Sun, 11am-4pm and open all other days for farm tours by appointment only.





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Ballycastle, BT54 6EZ m. +44 (0)7835 403340 / (0)7835 403339 w. www.northcoastsmokehouse.com

North Coast Smokehouse is a family run business, specialising in smoking goods naturally – particularly smoke-roasted organic salmon, smoked sea salt, smoked pepper and smoked dulse seaweed. Visit artisans Ruairidh and Melanie at their smokehouse and experience the traditional craft of food smoking.

# Tours & Tour Guides

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# Glenara Elite Tours & Travel



**m.** +44 (0)7718 805633 **w.** www.glenaraelitetravel.com

Glenara Elite Travel is a tour operator from and based on the Causeway Coast, with lots of local knowledge from a variety of professional guides and storytellers from the area. This combination offers unique insights and anecdotes you won't get elsewhere, which is all part of what makes their tours extra-special. You'll be impressed with their punctual pick-ups and bespoke and flexible services. The luxury coach tours are kept small to medium-sized for a more personalised experience so from the moment you step onto one of the luxury midi coaches, a journey of discovery begins.

Tour options include: Causeway Coast Tour, Game of Thrones Tour, River Bann Tours, Walking Tours and Historical Tours.

#### About Ulster

Craiganee, Ballycastle, BT54 6NE **m.** +44 (0)7779 319676 **e.** petra@aboutulster.com

Guided tours are available in English and German specialising in geology, nature, history, legends, Christian Heritage and whiskey.

#### Rathlin Walking Tours with Paul Quinn



**m.** +44 (0)7745 566924 **e.** paul.quinn33@hotmail.co.uk

Experience a bespoke event with a walking or driving tour on the Causeway Coast, in the company of a qualified and experienced local guide. Special interests include birds and flowers, Rathlin Island, The Glens and the Causeway Coastal Path.

#### Sam Turtle Blue Badge Guide

**t.** +44 (0)28 2955 7993 **e.** saturtle@hotmail.com

A fully qualified Blue Badge Guide since 2000, Sam specialises in farming, with a good knowledge of sports and experience of guiding throughout the Island of Ireland.

#### Tommy Collins MBE, Blue Badge Guide

**t.** +44 (0)28 2954 0645 or **m.** +44 (0)7989 397942 **w.** www.beguided.co.uk

Tommy has been around a while, so he knows a thing or two and likes to share his knowledge with you - his interests include walking in rural Ireland, vintage vehicles, local history, folklore, Irish and Scottish traditional music, ornithology, conservation, Ulster Scots history and Pre-Christian Ireland and farm tours. Tours can be planned for church groups, tourists, conference delegates, tour operators and corporate groups.

#### Dr. Tim Conway, Blue Badge Guide

**m.** +44 (0)7802 957567 / +353 (0)83 8838483 **w.** www.irelandnorth.com

This Blue Badge tour guide specialises in Irish history, golf tours, genealogical research, Giant's Causeway and Derry~Londonderry.

# Born To Run Tours



**m.** +44 (0)7375 104895 **w.** www.borntoruntours.com

Born To Run Tours provide guided sightseeing running tours along the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route. On a leisurely run along the cliff path, experience the Giant's Causeway, enjoy the breathtaking sea views and visit Game of Thrones<sup>®</sup> filming locations off the beaten track.

#### **Northern Ireland Premier Tours**

**t.** +44 (0)28 9099 4221 **w.** www.northernirelandpremiertours.com

Enjoy an exclusive guided tour experience with a special focus on the Glens of Antrim, the Giant's Causeway, Causeway Coast and the Game of Thrones® locations. Featuring a living, breathing story told by passionate locals and great characters, ready to ensure you have an unforgettable experience.

# Dalriada Kingdom Tours

m. +44 (0)7752 659202 w. www.dalriadakingdomtours.co.uk

Dalriada Kingdom Tours is a leading tour guiding company on the Causeway Coast. It is a brand demonstrator for Northern Ireland - Embrace a Giant Spirit and proudly provides an authentic old world guided tour experience at the Giant's Causeway with their Dander with Dalriada tour. All of the guides are professionally trained with a wealth of local knowledge. They are primed to deliver tours that suit the needs and wants of their quests, creating wonderfully unique experiences for every tour. The experiences can also be purchased at our local Visitor Information Centres.

#### Lynchpin Tours

**m.** +44 (0)7974 663136 **w.** www.lynchpintours.com

Lychnpin Tours offers escorted or selfguide tours for short breaks or long stays and for small or large groups. These customised tours can be scenic, golf or themed to suit your needs.

### Nutt Travel



Coleraine, BT52 2DH

**t.** +44 (0)28 7035 1199 **w.** www.nutttravel.com

A long established local, family run business with over 30 years of experience, specialising in competitively priced ferry crossings between Ireland, UK, IOM & Europe with Stena, PO, Irish Ferries, DFDS, Steam Packet & Brittany Ferries. Offering short breaks, camping and touring packages for both self-drive and guided tours to suit individuals or groups. Opening hours: Monday -Friday, 9am-9pm; Saturday 9am-1pm.

#### **Photography Tours NI**

**m.** +44 (0)7850 334580 **w.** www.photographulster.com

Grab your camera and learn all the tricks of the trade with an all-in-one day tour and photography workshop with a local professional photographer. Transport is provided and tailored to the itinerary and workshop.

# **Events**

7-8 May	Rhythm of the Bann
28 May - 6 June	Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival
9-10 July	Stendhal Festival
30-31 July	Armoy Road Races
12-14 August	Stendhal Festival
28-31 August	Auld Lammas Fair
11-12 September	Salmon & Whiskey Festival
October	Glens Storytelling Festival
27-30 October	Halloween Happenings
October	(Halloween) Ballylough Tree Illuminations
November	Atlantic Sessions

All events are subject to covid-19 restrictions. Visit www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/whats-on for updates.

Causeway Coastal Route - Events

visit cause way coast and glens.com

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# How to Get Here

The Causeway Coast and Glens can be easily accessed by air with three airports within a 90 minute drive: Belfast International Airport, George Best Airport and City of Derry Airport with direct flights from a number of international destinations. It is also less than 3 hours drive from Dublin Airport.

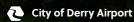
# 🔁 Belfast International Airport

BT29 4AB t. +44 (0)28 9448 4848 e. feedback@bfs.aero w. www.belfastairport.com

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BT3 9JH **t.** +44 (0)28 9093 9093 **w.** www.belfastcityairport.com





Airport Road, Eglinton, BT47 3GY t. +44 (0)28 7171 0784

There are two main ferry ports in Northern Ireland at Belfast and Larne. These can be reached from Great Britain via Cairnryan, Liverpool and the Isle of Man.





(Terminal Building Larne Harbour, Larne BT40 1AW) t. 0800 130 0030 e. customer.services@poferries.com w. www.poferries.com\_





(Victoria Terminal, 4 West Bank Road, Belfast BT3 9JL) t. +44 (0)84 4770 7070 (General Reservations) e. info.uk@stenaline.com w. www.stenaline.co.uk

# 🔁 Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd



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e. info@rathlinballycastleferry.com
w. www.rathlinballycastleferry.com

Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd operates two ferries on the scenic route across the Sea of Moyle between Rathlin Island and Ballycastle Harbour. MV Rathlin Express crosses in 20 minutes and the Spirit of Rathlin, carrying cargo and passengers, crosses in 40 minutes.

# 🔁 Lough Foyle Ferry

The Pier, Greencastle, County Donegal t. +353 (0)74 938 1901 e. info@loughfoyleferry.com w. www.loughfoyleferry.com

Operation of seasonal ferry route from Easter-October between Magilligan Point and Greencastle, Co. Donegal. (Service under review - check website for details).

# 🔁 Translink

(LANYON PLACE STATION East Bridge Street, Belfast BT1 3NR)

t. +44 (0)28 9066 6630
e. feedback@translink.co.uk
w. www.translink.co.uk

Bus and Rail Services throughout Northern Ireland and Cross Border.

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#### Translink: NI Railways

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Discover the Causeway Coast with NI Railways, one of the world's great railway journeys between Londonderry and Coleraine, allowing you to experience the stunning and breathtaking scenery of the spectacular Causeway coastline.

#### 🔁 Translink: Ulsterbus

Explore the spectacular Antrim coastline with Ulsterbus. The Antrim Coaster 252 ticket (seasonal) is terrific for a day out, or look out for the Causeway Rambler (seasonal), this bus service offers reliable and comfortable bus travel for both local people and visitors, whether they want to enjoy the stunning landscape or visit great attractions along part of the scenic Causeway Coast.

#### Kintyre Express

Benmhor, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6DN t. +44 (0)15 8655 5895 e. info@kintyreexpress.com w. www.kintyreexpress.com

Campbeltown - Ballycastle passenger ferry service (Seasonal service). Journey time is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Storage for luggage, golf clubs and bikes.

Ballycastle - Port Ellen passenger ferry service. Journey time is approximately 1 hour. Taste of Islay Trip with tour of Ardbeg Distillery. Online bookings: www.kintyrexpress.com/ ferry-service.html





# Visitor Information Centres

#### **Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre**



Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre, 14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6BT

- t. +44 (0)28 2076 2024
- e. ballycastlevic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### **Ballymoney Visitor Information Centre**

Ballymoney Town Hall, 1 Townhead Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6BE

- t. +44 (0)28 2766 0230
- e. ballymoneyvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### Bushmills Visitor Information Centre



Main Street, Bushmills, BT57 8QA

t. +44 (0)28 2073 0390 (seasonal opening) e. bushmillsvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### **Coleraine Visitor Information Centre**

Coleraine Town Hall, 35 The Diamond, Coleraine, BT51 1DE

t. +44 (0)28 7034 4723e. colerainevic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### **Limavady Visitor Information Centre**



Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, 24 Main St, Limavady, BT49 0FJ

t. +44 (0)28 7776 0650e. limavadyvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### Portrush Visitor Information Centre



Portrush Town Hall, 2 Kerr Street, Portrush, BT56 8DG

t. +44 (0)28 7082 3333 (seasonal opening) e. portrushvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

#### **Rathlin Boathouse Visitor Centre**

Church Bay, Rathlin Island, BT54 6RT

t. +44 (0)28 2076 0054 (seasonal opening)
e. rathlinboathouse@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

# Tourism information is also available from:

#### **Cushendall Local Information Office**

Old School House, Cushendall, BT44 0RR

t. +44 (0)28 2177 1180e. antrimhistory@gmail.com

#### Castlerock Community & Visitor Information Centre

2A Circular Road, Castlerock, BT51 4XA

t. +44 (0)28 7084 9303w.www.coastlinecastlerock.org

Giant's Causeway Visitor Information Centre



44 Causeway Road, Bushmills, BT57 8SU

t. +44 (0)28 2073 1855
e. giantscausewaytic@nationaltrust.org.uk
w. www.giantscausewaytickets.com



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