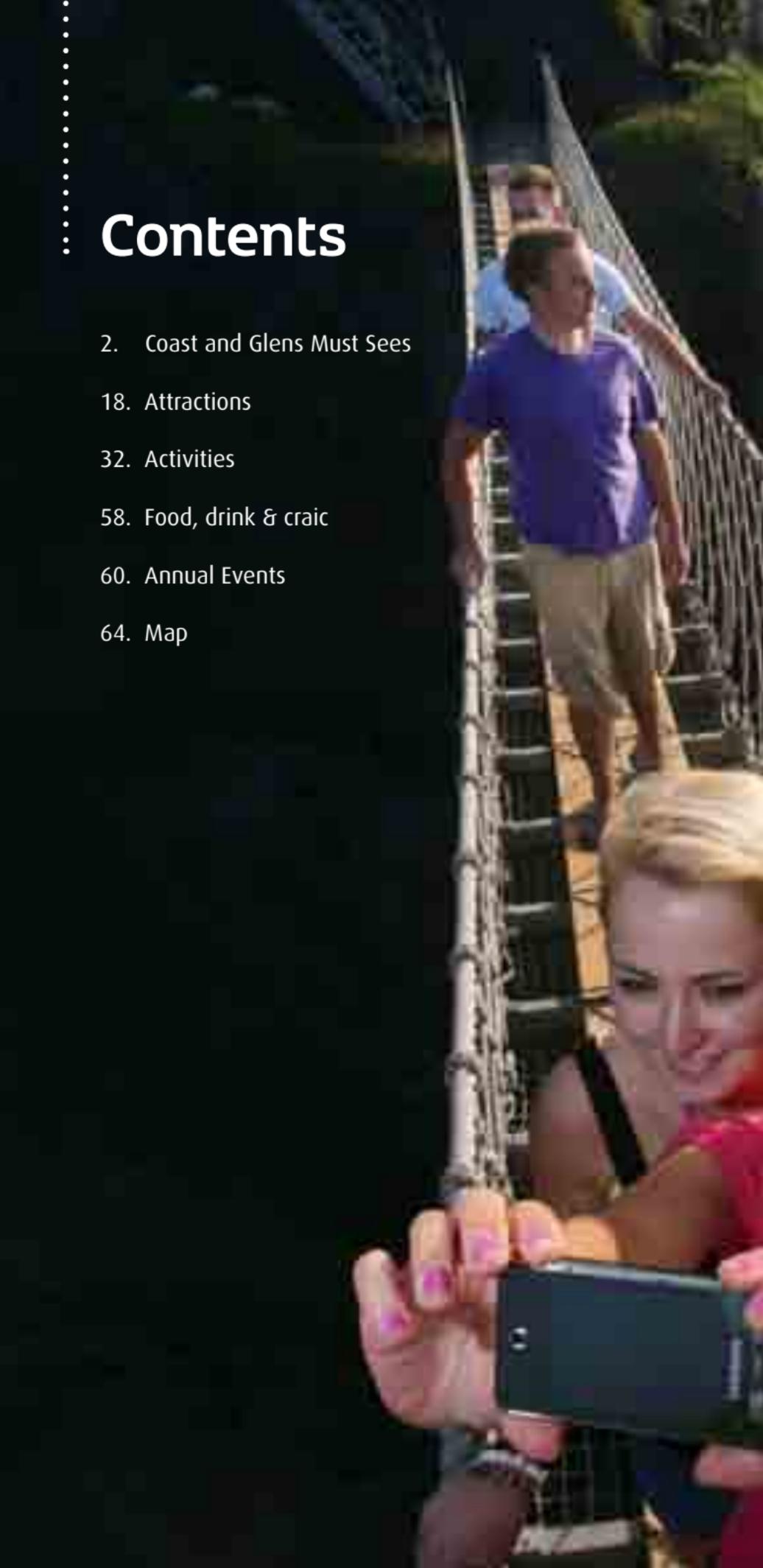


# Moyle

Visitor Guide 2012



the heart of  
the Causeway  
Coast & Glens

A vertical photograph of a suspension bridge. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair is holding a smartphone, taking a picture. In the middle ground, a man in a purple t-shirt and khaki shorts is walking across the bridge. In the background, another man in a light blue shirt is also on the bridge. The background is a dark, dense forest.

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In the northernmost corner of County Antrim lies some of the most breathtaking scenery ever known. From the spectacular nine Glens of Antrim to the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge; from the rugged coastline of Torr Head and Murlough Bay to the unsurpassed beauty of Rathlin Island; from the quiet charm of sleepy villages such as Bushmills, Ballintoy and Cushendun to the bustle of Ballycastle, a friendly market town – this region of Northern Ireland is famous the world over for its history, its legends and the genuine warmth of its hospitality. Here you'll enter a world of lush green forests, sweeping glens, rugged seascapes and sleepy villages; a land of tall tales of battling giants, princesses in peril and tragic, star crossed lovers.

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: Coast and Glens  
: Must Sees





## The nine Glens of Antrim

The famous nine glens, endowed with evocative names and blessed with a diversity of landscape are also rich in history, in folklore and in the natural beauty that is a world away from the frantic bustle of modern life. There are woods, waterfalls, riverside paths, viewpoints and forest parks.

**Nine in number, all along the Antrim Coast road:**

- » **Glencloy - The glen of the hedges**
- » **Glenarm - The glen of the army**
- » **Glenariff - The fertile glen**
- » **Glenballyeamon - Edwardstown glen**
- » **Glencorp - The glen of the slaughtered**
- » **Gleanaan - The glen of the colts foot**
- » **Glendun - The glen of the brown river**
- » **Glenshesk - The sedgy glen**
- » **Glentaisie - The glen of taisie of the bright sides**



## Glenariff

Glenariff 'Queen of the Glens' is the largest and most beautiful of the nine glens and was scooped out by ice to form one of the finest examples of a glacial u-shaped valley. At the bottom of the glen lies the golden one mile curve of **Waterfoot Beach**.



## Murlough Bay

Murlough Bay is a wonderful place for solitude and nature. Buzzards and Peregrine Falcons hunt along the cliff tops while Eider and Fulmar skirt the waves at the bottom.



It has breathtaking views of the surrounding coastline and the bay contains the ruins of an Old Church. Many rare plants grow nearby.

Picnic area and parking.



## Cushendun

This attractive village, owned by the National Trust is best known for its unusual Cornish-style cottages, (the work of Clough William Ellis between 1912 and 1925). The ruins of Castle Carra stands in a field above Rockport House at the north end of Cushendun Bay. This was a 15th century MacDonnell stronghold. There are delightful walks along Glendun River to Glendun viaduct, a most impressive structure built in 1839.

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## Torr Scenic Drive

On a clear day magnificent views can be seen from Torr Head across to Scotland's Mull of Kintyre and the Isles of Jura and Islay. Torr Head was once the site of an ancient fort and a walk up to the disused coast guard lookout rewards you with magnificent views.





## Cushendall

Cushendall is a conservation town and is known locally as “The Capital of the Glens” at the foot of Lurigethan Mountain. Francis Turnley, who built the prominent **Curfew Tower** in its centre in 1817, owned Cushendall, once known as ‘Newtownglens’. Troublesome citizens were confined in this tower. There is a minor road from the shore near Cushendall Golf Club that winds uphill to the remains of the ancient church and graveyard of **Layde**, a quiet place from which to enjoy views of Red Bay and the lush countryside surrounding Cushendall.



## Red Bay Castle

The ruins of Red Bay Castle are located on the main Coast Road between Waterfoot and Cushendall (on the high ground above the Red Arch). The history of the site dates back 750 years when John and Walter Bisset, banished from Scotland in 1224 for the murder of their uncle, purchased the Glens of Antrim from Richard De Burgo and are said to have built the castle on the site. The existing castle is believed to have been built by Sir James McDonnell around 1561. It was the scene for various struggles and battles in the late 16th Century and was abandoned about 1600.

## Rathlin Island

Rathlin Island lies just over six miles from Ballycastle and fourteen miles from the Mull of Kintyre, Scotland. Rathlin Island is situated within the Antrim Coast and Glens Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Rathlin is popular with bird watchers, geologists, botanists, divers and sea anglers – and anyone with a love for wild rugged scenery. It includes several important natural heritage sites and is particularly internationally important for its flora, seabird colonies and in some cases its unique underwater marine life. In addition to this it has many interesting listed buildings and a strong cultural heritage, with story telling, songs, and music. Legend has it that Rathlin Island was the stopping place for Robert the Bruce and the famed spider.





To reach the Island, take the ferry from Ballycastle across Rathlin to the harbour at Church Bay, the trip takes about 25 minutes on the Rathlin Express. As you sail along, you can identify the main features of the North Antrim Coast with Fair Head towering above the sea marking the topmost corner of Ulster. Slough na Morra, 'swallow of the sea', is a whirlpool in the sea south of Rue Point, the southern tip of Rathlin.



You don't have to do the round trip in one day: there are places to stay and a pub and café at the harbour. Visitors' cars are restricted, so 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.

**Rathlin Island Ferry**  
**(Prior booking essential)**  
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[www.rathlinballycastleferry.com](http://www.rathlinballycastleferry.com)

## Ballycastle

The conservation town of Ballycastle is a small rural seaside town placed on the most north-easterly tip of County Antrim. It is surrounded with breath-taking scenery and is steeped in cultural heritage. Ballycastle is awash with original buildings and architecture and has all the charm and character of a traditional Irish village. Ballycastle's Heritage Trail will give you a chance to discover the history of Ballycastle past and present. There is a wealth of activities from golf, tennis, sailing and watersports or less challenging pursuits such as shopping or a leisurely stroll along the beach. Enjoy delicious homemade ice-cream or end the day with a meal or drink in one of the many relaxing restaurants and lively pubs. Tradition and culture run parallel with modern living in this unique town making Ballycastle a must to visit, any time of the year.





## Loughareema

A lonely and mysterious Moorland Lake, sometimes called the “Vanishing Lake”. One day a sparkling lake, a few days later a bed of cracked mud and not a drop of water in sight, this is indeed a mysterious place.



## Myths & Legends

### Fairy fact The Vanishing Horsemen

Loughareema Lake lies in an area riddled with sink-holes, and it empties rapidly through these to underground watercourses, and can fill again quickly as rainwater drains off the surroundings bogs. The old road ran across the dry bed of the lake and one dark night long ago a Colonel McNeill his coachman and horses drowned when the driver misjudged the state of the water level. It is said their ghosts still haunt the lake.

## White Park Bay

### Area of Special Scientific Interest

A delightful sandy half moon shaped beach between two headlands on the North Antrim Coast. It is one of the first Neolithic settlements in Ireland and three passage are sighted on the surrounding hills. It is backed by sand dunes and cliffs and is a rich area for bird life. Bathing is not recommended due to strong currents. Access to coastal path, youth hostel and car park.



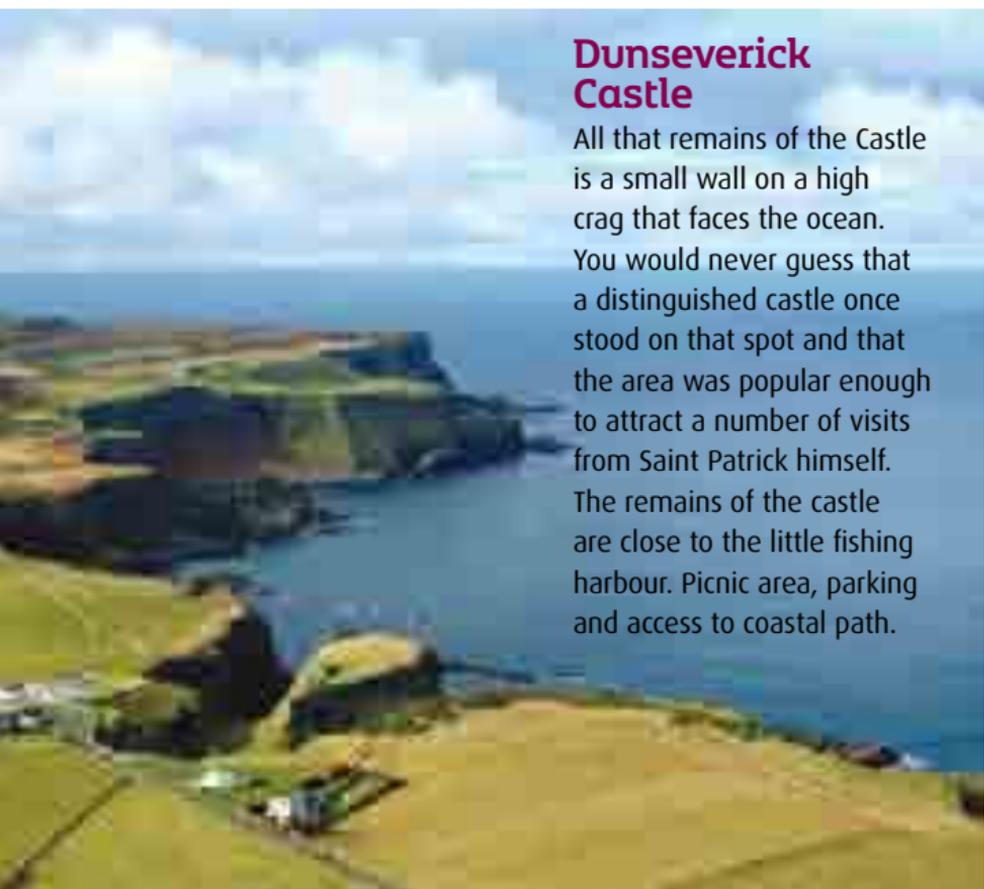
## Ballintoy Harbour

Idyllically situated between the Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede, this area is renowned for its historic harbour, breathtaking views of Rathlin Island and Scotland beyond, spectacular geological architecture, large seabird colonies and rare plants.

The Harbour reached by a steep winding road is a painters paradise with its sea stacks, rocky islands, pools and busy harbour. It is also the start of the 15 mile Causeway Coast Path, one of Europe's great cliff-top and wild beach walks. Picnic area and café.







## Dunseverick Castle

All that remains of the Castle is a small wall on a high crag that faces the ocean. You would never guess that a distinguished castle once stood on that spot and that the area was popular enough to attract a number of visits from Saint Patrick himself. The remains of the castle are close to the little fishing harbour. Picnic area, parking and access to coastal path.



## Portbraddan

Picturesque fishing village under the cliff at the end of White Park Bay. The name means 'port of the salmon', it still has an operational slipway for salmon fishermen.



Portbraddan is noted as the location for the smallest Church in Ireland, St Gobban's. Limited parking. Access to the coastal path.

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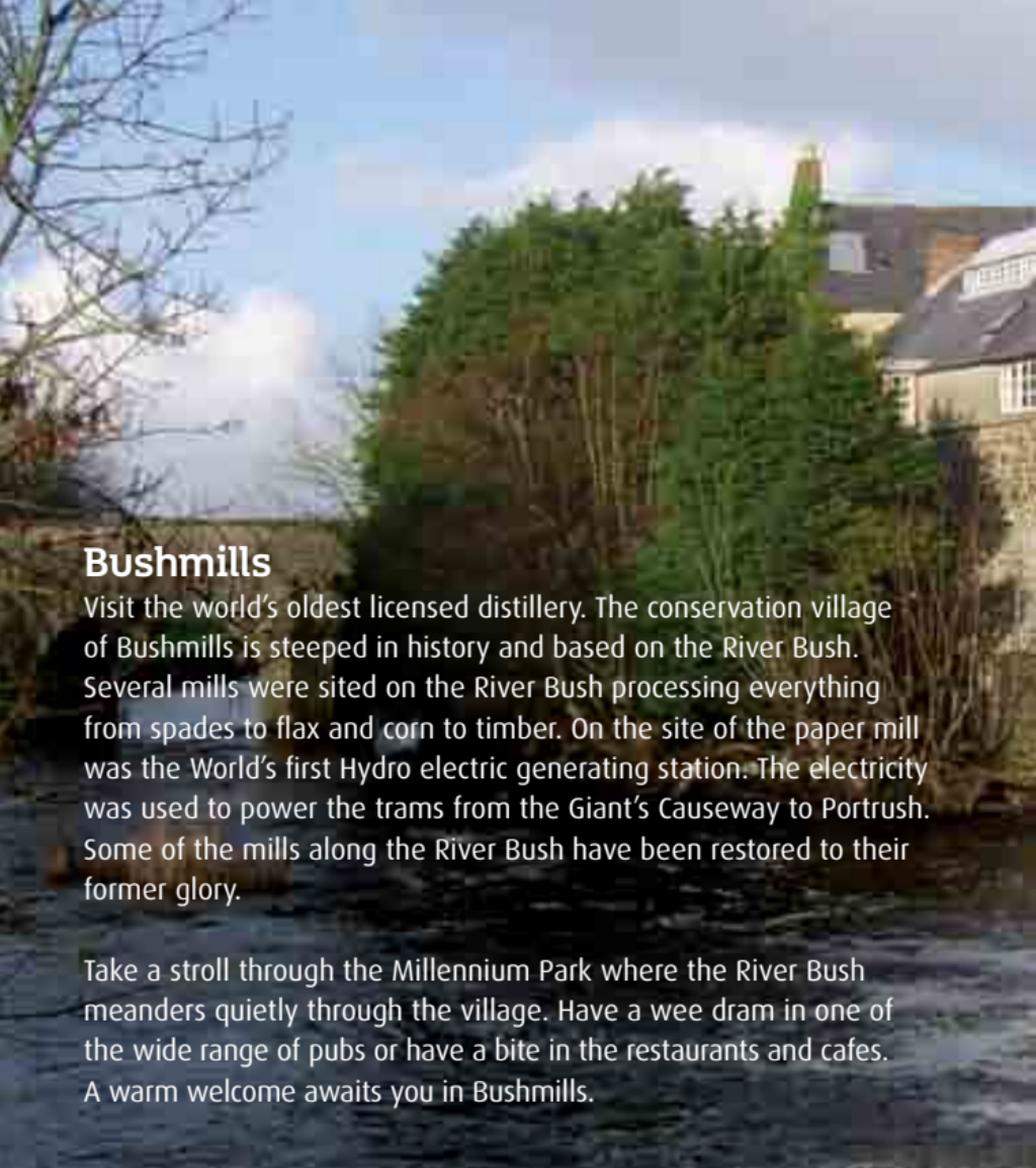


*Daily Ferries  
From Ballycastle  
On The Causeway  
Coastal Route*

**Booking: 028 2076 9299**

Pre-Booking Advisable

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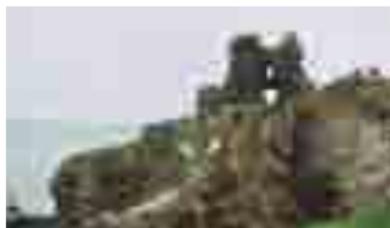
## Bushmills

Visit the world's oldest licensed distillery. The conservation village of Bushmills is steeped in history and based on the River Bush. Several mills were sited on the River Bush processing everything from spades to flax and corn to timber. On the site of the paper mill was the World's first Hydro electric generating station. The electricity was used to power the trams from the Giant's Causeway to Portrush. Some of the mills along the River Bush have been restored to their former glory.

Take a stroll through the Millennium Park where the River Bush meanders quietly through the village. Have a wee dram in one of the wide range of pubs or have a bite in the restaurants and cafes. A warm welcome awaits you in Bushmills.

## Kinbane Castle

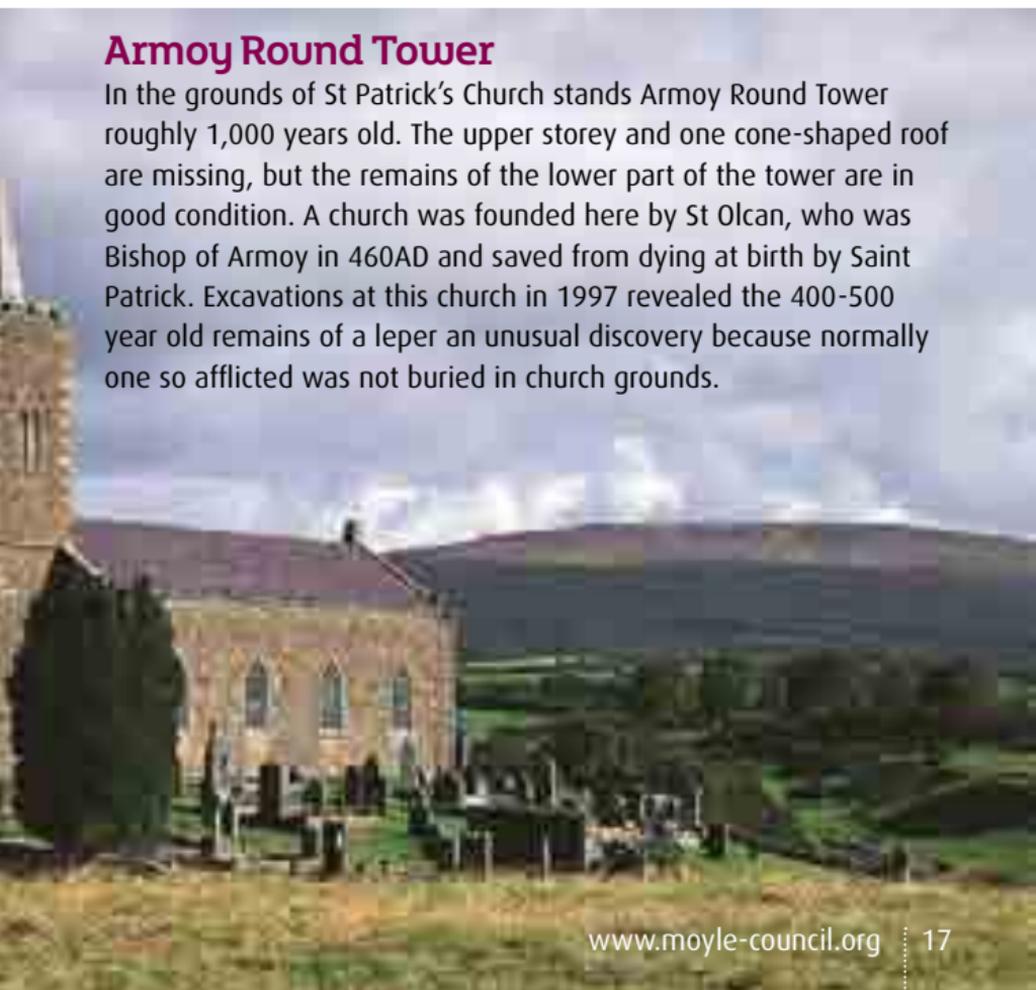
Kinbane Castle is a little-known jewel, a secluded ruin at the bottom of a steep cliff face, the castle commands excellent views of the surrounding coastline with Fair Head to the East and Rathlin Island to the North. There is an air of peace and solitude at Kinbane which is difficult to find elsewhere, perhaps because the castle is slightly off the beaten track. Picnic area, toilets and parking at Kinbane Head.





## Armoyn Round Tower

In the grounds of St Patrick's Church stands Armoyn Round Tower roughly 1,000 years old. The upper storey and one cone-shaped roof are missing, but the remains of the lower part of the tower are in good condition. A church was founded here by St Olcan, who was Bishop of Armoyn in 460AD and saved from dying at birth by Saint Patrick. Excavations at this church in 1997 revealed the 400-500 year old remains of a leper an unusual discovery because normally one so afflicted was not buried in church grounds.



## Bonamargy Friary

Off A2 Ballycastle/ Cushendall Coast Road  
Ballycastle

Remains of a Franciscan Friary founded in 1485 by Rory MacQuillan. East range of cloister, gatehouse and church are virtually complete except for the roof. There are many interesting features including a burial vault containing the remains of the celebrated MacDonnell chieftain, Sorley Boy, as well as several Earls of Antrim.

Open access by path from A2 Coast Road  
at all times. Free admission.

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• Attractions



## Ballycastle Museum

59 Castle Street, Ballycastle  
County Antrim BT54 6AS

Folk/Social history of the Glens in the town's 18th century courthouse. Exhibits include the Glentaisie banner of the first Feis na nGleann (1904).

**Opening times:** July and August  
Monday-Saturday 10am – 6pm  
Sunday 2pm – 6pm  
Free Admission.

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## Myths & Legends

### Fairy fact The Black Nun

Bonamargy Friary contains important tombs. The crypt of the MacDonnell clan is in the main church, close to that of their stewards, the McNaghtens. A small rounded cross with a hole in the centre at the west door marks the grave of Julia McQuillan, a recluse who resided here in the 1600s, better known as 'The Black Nun'. She was famous for her predictions some of which local believers claim to have been fulfilled. There have been many sightings of a headless figure, reported to be the Black Nun haunting Bonamargy.







## **Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge**

119a White Park Road  
Ballintoy BT54 6LS

Take the exhilarating rope bridge to Carrick-a-Rede island and enjoy a truly cliff top experience.

This 30-metre deep and 20-metre wide chasm is traversed by a rope bridge traditionally erected by salmon fishermen. Visitors bold enough to cross to the rocky island are rewarded with fantastic views across to Rathlin Island as well as amazing flora, fauna and bird life. Only a short distance from the rope bridge is the fishery cottage perched precariously on a cliff edge, which is without doubt one of the architectural wonders of its time; a testimony to local tenacity. Come and enjoy an unforgettable experience that is Carrick-a-Rede. Guided tours are available to groups if pre booked. Tea room and shop available on site. Suitable clothing and footwear recommended.

### **Opening times**

28 Feb – 23 May:

10am – 6pm daily

24 May – 31 Aug:

10am – 7pm daily

1 Sept – 31 Oct: 10am – 6pm daily

2 Nov – 27 Feb:

10.30am – 3.30pm daily

Rope Bridge open all year weather permitting. Last entry to Rope Bridge 45 minutes before closing.

### **Admission charges**

Gift Aid Admission (Standard Admission prices in brackets)  
adult £5.60 (£5.09), child £2.90 (£2.63),  
family £13.70 (£12.45)

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## Giant's Causeway

44 Causeway Road, Bushmills, BT57 8SU

A geological wonder steeped in legend and folklore. Discover the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, 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 Mac Cool and search for distinctive stone formations such as the Camel, Wishing Chair, Harp and Organ.

The National Trust is currently undertaking the development of a new visitor facility at the Giant's Causeway at a cost of £18.5 million.

The fabulous new Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience is due to open in summer 2012 and will offer world class interpretation incorporating state of the art multi-lingual audio-guide technology, a refreshed retail and catering offer, Tourist Information with Bureau de Change and upgraded paths and trails network including a new all-accessible trail to Runkerry Head.

Due to this work it is anticipated that there will be traffic disruption and queues at peak times. Visitors are advised to use the Park and Ride facility in Bushmills.

**Visitor Facilities:** Temporary Visitor facilities will be available on site at the Causeway Hotel until the opening of the new visitor centre in summer 2012. and will include: Shop, Tourist Information Centre, Bureau de Change, Toilets, McConaghy's Souvenir Shop, Refreshment and Picnic tables and shuttlebus to the Causeway stones. Other catering facilities nearby include The Nook bar and restaurant.

**Opening times:**

Coastal stones and coastal path open all year.

**Visitor facilities:**

1 Jan – 29 Feb 9.30am – 4pm

1 Mar – 31 May 9.30am – 5pm,

1 June – 30 June 9.30am – 6pm

For information on opening hours from July onwards please contact our visitor centre.

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## Myths & Legends

### Finn MacCool

The legend tells us that the Irish Giant Finn MacCool had a rival – a Scottish giant named Benandonner. Finn MacCool decided to build a causeway to Scotland so that he could challenge his adversary in battle. When the work was completed, the causeway stretched from North Antrim to Staffa. Benandonner accepted the invitation to walk over to Ireland and fight for supremacy. As Benandonner appeared over the horizon, Finn MacCool realised in horror that he had taken on a rival much bigger than himself. He ran home to his wife Oonagh who disguised Finn as a baby and made him curl up in an enormous cradle. Benandonner, faced with the sight of his huge ‘child’, took fright at the thought of the size of his father and fled back to Scotland, tearing up the causeway on his way.

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. The new locomotive and coaches have been designed to recreate the experience of the original tram providing a nostalgic journey linking Bushmills to the WHS at the Giant's Causeway.



## Watertop Open Farm

188 Cushendall Road  
Ballypatrick  
Ballycastle BT54 6RN

Watertop Open Farm is located 6 miles outside Ballycastle in the Glens of Antrim. It offers a great day out for all the family, with a variety of activities on offer such as an assault course, boating, go karting, paddiwagon, pony trekking,

quad train, sheep shearing, tea house and camping for overnight stays. Limited access for disabled.

Opening times: Easter Week  
May Day Bank Holiday  
End of June to the end of August  
11am – 5.30pm

Admission charge: £3.00 adult  
£1.50 child (activities extra)

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## Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway

Giant's Causeway Station  
Runkerry Road  
Bushmills BT57 8SZ

**Opening times:** Seasonal opening

**Admission charges:** Adult Return £7.50 Adult Single £6.00  
Child Return £5.50 Child Single £4.00  
Concession Return (over 60's) £6.50 Concession Single £4.50  
Family Return £25.50 (2 adults and up to 3 children)  
Children under 3 free.

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## Causeway School Museum (NEELB)

52 Causeway Road, Bushmills, Antrim BT57 8SU

The Causeway School Museum is a stunning building situated beside the Giant's Causeway. Built in 1915 by the architect Clough Williams Ellis in memory of the local landowner Lord Edward MacNaghten, the school provided local children with a modern building and revolutionary teaching methods. The school now operates as a museum and an education centre for visiting schools. The museum houses some fascinating artefacts and some important artwork by the renowned Ulster sculptress Rosamund Praeger.

For more information please visit the NEELB website, [www.neelb.org.uk](http://www.neelb.org.uk) and follow the link for the Causeway School.

To arrange a visit please call Gwynn Rainey.

**t:** (028) 9448 2211  
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[www.causewayschoolmuseum.co.uk](http://www.causewayschoolmuseum.co.uk)





## Old Bushmills Distillery

2 Distillery Road, Bushmills  
Co. Antrim BT57 8XH

Visit Ireland's oldest whiskey distillery for the ultimate Bushmills experience. Watch whiskey making take place and enjoy a wee taster too as we unlock the secrets of 400 years of distilling at the home of Irish whiskey.

Please note unsuitable for those with walking difficulties or wheelchair users. Children under 8 are welcome to visit the Distillery but are not permitted to join the guided tour. Whiskey / Gift shop and restaurant are open to the public. Phone for admission charges, tour times and group booking information.

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or (028) 2073 3272

e: [visitors.bushmills@diageo.com](mailto:visitors.bushmills@diageo.com)

[www.bushmills.com](http://www.bushmills.com)

## Rathlin Seabird Centre

At the Seabird Centre, get close up views of Northern Ireland's biggest seabird colony with puffins and other seabirds

jostling for space as they congregate in their thousands to breed from May to July. Staff is there to provide helpful assistance, binoculars and telescopes. However, please note this is a natural site with



## Play Time

4 Bayview Road, Seafront,  
Ballycastle BT54 6BT

Play Time is a new indoor soft play area for children from 0-8 years. There are two separate safe areas for ages 0-3 year and 4-8 year olds. While the kids are having fun the parents can watch on and enjoy a cuppa in the café. Play Time is ROSPA approved and

staff are fully trained.  
Birthday parties available.  
Opening times:  
September – April Tuesday -  
Sunday 10am-5pm  
May – August Monday – Sunday  
10am – 6pm.

Admission charges:  
£3.00 per hour/ £4.50 2 hours.

m: 077 8376 9476

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## Rathlin Boathouse Visitor Centre

Spend time in the Boathouse Visitor Centre for a dip into Rathlin's history. The Boathouse houses a collection of displays, photographs, images and articles' gathering the island's past and

present together. Disabled access limited.

Open May – End of August,  
Monday – Sunday 9.30am – 5pm.  
**Admission free.**

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unimproved paths and trails with over eighty stairs to negotiate to visit a viewing platform.

This site, therefore, may not be suitable for all visitors.

Please contact the reserve for further information.

Opening times: 10am to 4pm

daily from April to the end of August.

Admission charge: Free, but donations to help us continue our work here are welcome.

t: (028) 2076 0062

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



## Glenariff Forest Park

Glenariff Forest Park is a beautiful scenic area based in one of the famous nine 'Glens of Antrim'. The unique Waterfall Walkway, opened 80 years ago, has been significantly upgraded along its 3 mile length which passes through a National Nature Reserve. The waterfalls provide a rich backdrop for photographers, as do the other forest trails that offer panoramic landscapes and peaceful riverside walks. A visitor centre, exhibition, interactive display, tea rooms, restaurant, and a caravan/camping site complement this "Gateway to the Glens". Disabled access.

Forest Park opens daily from 10am.

All facilities are open Easter – October. Admission charges apply.

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## Ballypatrick Forest

A unique feature in Ballypatrick is the fine “Irish Ford” where the drive and the stream become one! A waymarked Wildlife Trail leads from the Horseshoe car park past deer lawns and fenced wildlife ponds, offering a chance to catch a glimpse of the resident deer, ducks and dippers as well as geese and otters along the Glenmakeeran River. Picnic area and carparking.

**Opening times:** June and September weekends only.  
July and August Monday – Sunday. **Admission charges apply.**

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## Cottage Wood, Cushendall

This woodland park is a haven of peace in the centre of the village. There is a series of interesting walks, viewpoints, picnic facilities and play park through this 10 acre site, look out for the red squirrels! Pedestrian access from Shore Road. Disabled access. The main entrance and car parking facilities are provided at the top of High Street.

**Open access all year.**





### The Folklore of Trees

There has been a strong link in the Glens of Antrim between the hawthorn tree and fairies. Small, gnarled hawthorns, often of great age, survive on slopes and in fields where other obstructions to the plough have long since been removed. Stories abound of the misfortunes that have befallen those foolish enough to cut down a 'skeoch' as they are known (someone struck dumb or even a man's head turned back-to-front). Not everyone will admit to believing in fairies, few would dare to cut down a hawthorn tree.



### Millennium Park, Bushmils

In 1999, then Northern Ireland Minister of State, Mo Mowlam opened the Millennium Riverside Park in Bushmills – a newly developed facility by Moyle District Council in a derelict area beside the River Bush. With access for the disabled, the development includes footpaths, fishing bays, picnic areas and signage. The Millennium Riverside Park can be accessed from Dunluce Road, Bridge Street and Main Street Car-park by the new Millennium Footbridge over the River Bush, making the park more accessible for the less mobile and those residents and children living on that side of the Town. Open access all year.

A man in a white t-shirt and dark trousers and a woman in a red strapless top and white skirt are walking hand-in-hand on a sandy beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The woman is holding a thin stick or wand. The background shows the ocean and some distant figures.

# : Activities

## Walking

### Long Walks over 20 miles

#### Causeway Coast Way

33 miles

This route, from Portstewart to Ballycastle, passes through the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a World Heritage Site and several Areas of Special Scientific Interest. It includes views of wide bays, sandy beaches, dramatic cliffs and off-shore rocks.

#### The Moyle Way

26 miles

Starting at Fairhill Street, Ballycastle and through Ballycastle Forest this route takes the walker through a magnificent land of geology, wildlife, history and folklore, this route passes a wealth of rivers, ancient monuments and exposed hill summits before reaching its end in the beautiful Glenariff Forest Park.



## Medium Walks - Portbraddan

5 to 20 miles

### Ballintoy to Bushmills

12.4 miles

Discover the wonders that lie along the Causeway Coast, including Portballintrae, Portbraddan, Dunseverick Harbour and the Giant's Causeway. The route includes walking on beaches, across rocks and along cliff top paths following the Causeway Coast Way, one of the most spectacular cliff top paths in the UK!

### Glenariff Scenic Walk

5.9 miles

The trail allows the more able person to enjoy walking through mature woodland, along the edges of steep sided river gorges with waterfalls and open moorland. The trail first takes you down the Inver River gorge, nearly to the Ess-na-Crub Waterfall. This part of the trail is set in mature woodland with varied woodland flora including bluebells. Once you cross the river at the bottom of the trail, you begin a long and winding climb from about 60 metres elevation to 260 metres, over about 1.1km. From the upper sections of the route there are views of the Glens and of the Mull of Kintyre across the sea. You ford the upper reaches of the Glenariff river at the top of the trail. At this point you are on peat moorland. Your way back gives spectacular views straight down the Glen to the coast and the sea beyond.

## Short Walks Up to 5 miles

### Carrick-a-Rede

2 miles

Famous for its rope bridge, (unique in Ireland) – which connects the mainland to Carrick-a-Rede Island. The island until recently was an active salmon fishery, with an old fisherman's bothy and old ropes, nets still to be seen. Now a major tourist attraction offering an exhilarating coast path and rope bridge experience from the cliffs to the rocky island, with stunning views of Rathlin and the Scottish Isles, as well as a noisy seabird colony.

### Cushendun

1.2 to 1.5 miles

Cushendun is a beautiful seaside village on the North Coast alive with small shops and pubs.

A series of scenic paths wind through the village, beach front, harbour, and Glendun River.

### Giants Causeway

2 miles

Giant's Causeway, renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt, is the only World Heritage Site in N Ireland. Resulting from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago, this is the focal point for a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has attracted visitors for centuries. It harbours a wealth of local and natural history. Other noteworthy items include: a Spanish Armada shipwreck site ('La Girona') & many traces of the legendary giant – Finn MacCool.

### Glenariff Forest Park Waterfalls Walk

1.5 miles

From Glenariff Forest Park follow the way marked trail (Waterfall Walk) down the steps, along the boardwalks through Glenariff Nature Reserve. Walk through the river gorge and past spectacular waterfalls. Damp conditions ideal for ferns, mosses and liverworts with several rare species present.



## **Glenariff Forest Park, Rainbow Walk**

0.4 miles

This is an optional detour on the Waterfall Walk. It includes crossing the Rainbow Bridge and taking a path along the banks of the Glenariff River. Many varieties of woodland flowers such as lesser celandine, wood sorrel, bluebell and wood anemone can be seen in the spring time. The trail then turns deeper into the mature broadleaved woodland before it brings you back to the river. The trail crosses over the Rainbow Bridge again to rejoin the Waterfall Walk.



## **Glenariff Forest Park View Point Trail**

0.6 miles

This trail starts as a tarmac path leaving the car park through mature stand of larch trees to a view point on the edge of the Glen. From here you can enjoy views of the 'U' shaped glacially formed glen in front and below you, the vista includes views down to the coast and across the sea you can see the Mull of Kintyre. The path then goes past the tearooms and takes a route through mature woodland and ornamental gardens before returning you back to the tearooms and carpark.

## Ballycastle Heritage Trail

Ballycastle Heritage Trail is a unique interpretative walking experience within Ballycastle town centre highlighting significant points of interest that tell a story to the visitor of the past and present of Ballycastle. The trail links the town centre to the seafront via the Tow River path, a perfect track for the visitor to explore. For more information contact Ballycastle Tourist Information Centre t: (028) 2076 2024

## Glens Town and Village Tourist Trails

The Glens Town and Village 3D Tourist Trails is the perfect way for you to get out and explore the stunning 9 Glens of Antrim. Hidden in every location you will discover fascinating stories, historical facts and many of the myths and legends of the area. The trail can be downloaded free from [www.moyle-council/tourism](http://www.moyle-council/tourism) or [www.treasuretrails.co.uk](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk) or a brochure can be picked up from Ballycastle Tourist Information Centre. t: (028) 2076 2024.

Trail available from Easter 2012.

## White Park Bay

3 miles

This spectacular sandy beach forms a white arc between two headlands on the North Antrim Coast. Its secluded location means that even on a busy day there is plenty of room for quiet relaxation. White Park Bay has been in the care of the National Trust since 1938 and it remains one of the most natural coastline sites in N Ireland. The beach is backed by ancient dunes and species rich chalk grasslands, which are carpeted in rare plants, including many orchids. The site is also fossil rich with archaeological evidence everywhere.



## **North Antrim Cliff Path to Dunseverick**

4.8 miles

This well maintained walkway follows a key section of the longer Causeway Coast Way and Ulster Way. Nearly 5 miles in length, this section of coast from the Giant's Causeway to Dunseverick Castle is officially referred to as the North Antrim Cliff Path (and maintained by The National Trust). The spectacular cliff landscape and rich biodiversity of the coast merges effortlessly with the surrounding farmland, where grazing cattle and sheep are common place. And it is this mix of conservation and working farm practices which have created rich mosaics of wild habitats for birds, plants and insects. And the built heritage is note worthy, with the promontory fort and later stone castle of Dunseverick Castle being an added interest.

## **Rathlin Harbour to the RSPB Seabird Centre**

4 miles

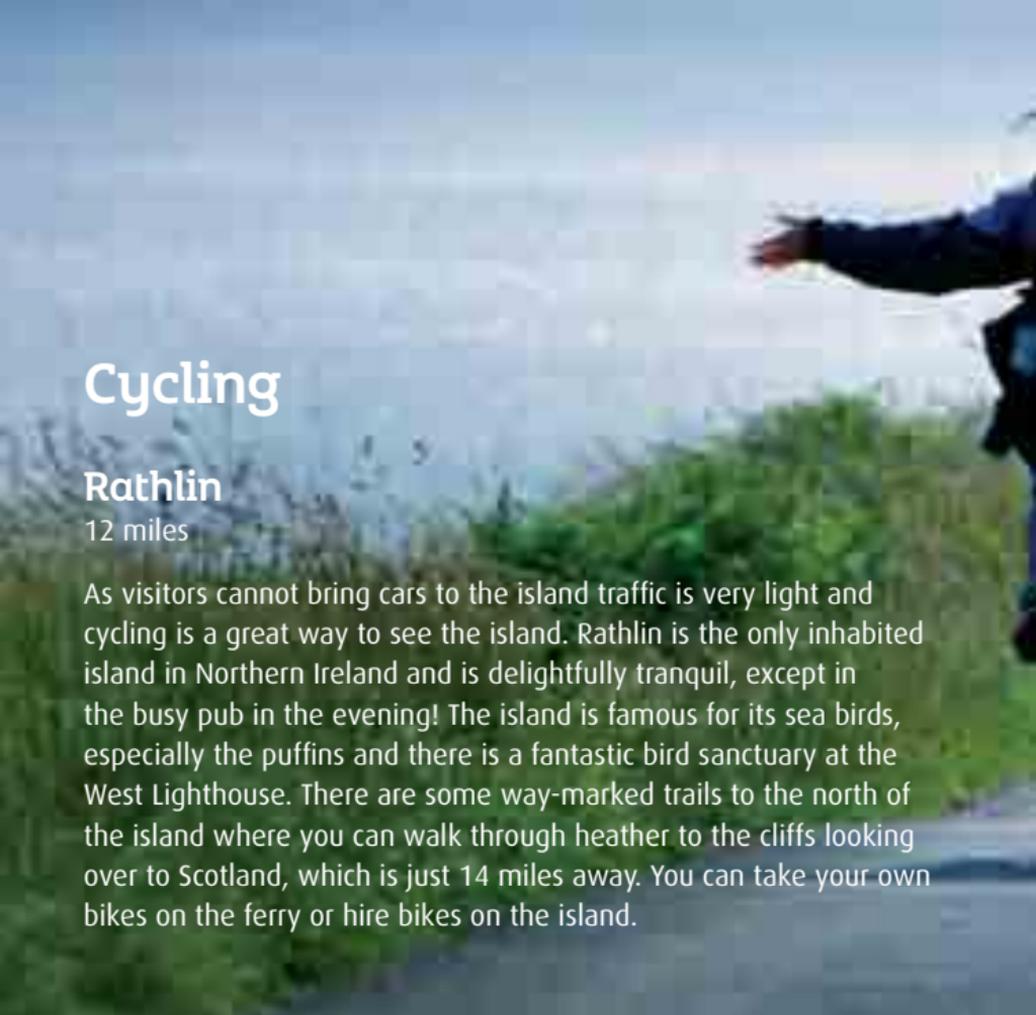
This walk leads from Rathlin harbour to the West Lighthouse. Rathlin is renowned for its importance for wildlife. Highlights on this walk include Knockans RSPB Reserve, Kinramer ASSI and Keble National Nature Reserve where the cliffs and stacks support the largest seabird breeding colony in Northern Ireland.

## **Rathlin Island Roonivoolin Walk**

4 miles

Take the route less travelled on Rathlin Island and venture south to the RSPB Roonivoolin Reserve. Amazing views of the coastline can be enjoyed as well as wildlife such as seals, Irish hare and curlew.





## Cycling

### Rathlin

12 miles

As visitors cannot bring cars to the island traffic is very light and cycling is a great way to see the island. Rathlin is the only inhabited island in Northern Ireland and is delightfully tranquil, except in the busy pub in the evening! The island is famous for its sea birds, especially the puffins and there is a fantastic bird sanctuary at the West Lighthouse. There are some way-marked trails to the north of the island where you can walk through heather to the cliffs looking over to Scotland, which is just 14 miles away. You can take your own bikes on the ferry or hire bikes on the island.

### Ballycastle

35 miles

This circular route links the coastal resort town of Ballycastle to the Giant's Causeway using the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route and returning via Bushmills and the country roads of North Antrim, which are signed as part of the NCN 93. Starting from Ballycastle a steady climb takes you west past the caravan parks. This is also the main coastal drive and can be busy with cars.

Leave yourself time to walk the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope Bridge before a steep decent into Ballintoy village where refreshments and accommodation are available. Two miles further and you see the white sand of White Park Bay with the quaint village of Portbraddan the next attraction.

Passing the castle at Dunseverick you arrive at the Giant's Causeway visitor centre where you park your bike and walk to the famous stones. From the Causeway take the traffic-free path along side the tourist railway into Bushmills, home of the famous whiskey. The inland route on the return is less dramatic but offers tranquillity and very enjoyable cycling away from traffic, on a signed route using quiet roads. You are cycling towards the dome shaped Knocklayde mountain. After crossing the main road close to Knocklayde you can follow the signed route NCN 93 to Ballycastle or turn right and cycle around the mountain entering Ballycastle from the East.



## Cycle Hire

### Soerneog View Hostel & Cycle Hire

John & Jennifer McCurdy  
Quig, Rathlin Island

t: (028) 2076 3954

e: john\_jennifer@btinternet.com  
[www.n-irelandholidays.co.uk/rathlin](http://www.n-irelandholidays.co.uk/rathlin)

### Rest A While B & B

Gail Torrens  
Bushmills  
90 Castlenagree Road

t: (028) 2073 2869

e: [restawhile.net@gmail.com](mailto:restawhile.net@gmail.com)  
[www.restawhile.net](http://www.restawhile.net)



## Cushendall

25 miles

This route rises from sea-level to 290m and links the beaches at Glenariff and Cushendall to the hills of the Antrim Plateau passing through some of the famous Glens of Antrim.

Following minor roads which are sometimes hilly, the route also uses approximately 3 miles of the coast road which can be busy at times. From Cushendall the route climbs around the east side of Cross Slieve rewarding the cyclist with stunning views over the Irish Sea. After a short descent care is needed at the junction of the 'B' road where the route turns right into Cushendun. Cyclists should then travel inland following a minor road underneath the dramatic viaduct before slowly climbing Glendun, with its wooded slopes giving way to open moorland. Turning back towards Cushendall at the stone bridge a further short climb reaches the high point of 290m, and gives panoramic views of the surrounding hills and distant Irish Sea. The route then descends Glenaan before meeting the main road northwest of Cushendall. After Cushendall the route follows the coast road to the beaches at Waterfoot from where a minor road leads towards the scenic waterfalls of Glenariff. From the waterfalls return via the second minor road on the left to join the road to Cushendall.





# Angling

## River Bush – Reserved fishing

Situated close to the Giant’s Causeway on the North Antrim coast, the River Bush offers top class salmon fishing. Angling on the lower part of the river has been divided into several day ticket stretches to give the best fishing possible, with a variety of methods available to suit conditions.

Nearest town	Bushmills
Species	Salmon, brown trout and sea trout
Season	1 March to 20 October
Methods	Fly Worm and Shrimp with Spinning under certain conditions* *Spinning is allowed on the New and Town stretches when the water level is in the green on the marker post situated on the Arch of the upstream road bridge in Bushmills.
Size limit	All trout under 25.4 in length, and all juvenile salmon, must be returned unharmed to the water
Licence	DCAL Game Fishing Licence
Permit	DCAL Game Fishing Licence permits available from River Bush Salmon Station, 21 Church Street, Bushmills, BT57 8QJ t: 0300 200 7860 If calling from outside Northern Ireland t: (+4428) 9151 3101
Day Tickets	Day tickets available from River Bush Salmon Station, 21 Church Street, Bushmills, BT57 8QJ t: 0300 200 7860 If calling from outside Northern Ireland t: (+4428) 9151 3101
Disabled Facilities	Access provided from car park

## River Bush – Unreserved Fishing

Close to the North Antrim coast the unreserved stretch of the River Bush offers the chance of a good day's fishing in a variety of scenic settings.

Nearest towns / villages	Bushmills, Dervock, Armoy
Species	Salmon, Brown trout, Sea trout
Season	1 March to 20 October
Methods	Fly only from 1 March to 30 June. Fly fishing, worm fishing and spinning from 1 July from Belisle bridge to Walkmills and on the Stracam tributary to Dervock.
Size limit	Minimum tameable size for brown trout is 25.4 cm
Licence	DCAL Game Fishing Rod Licence
Permit	DCAL Fishing Permit available from River Bush Salmon Station
Other restrictions	A short stretch above Benvardin Bridge is closed to anglers.

## Dun, Dall & Glenariff Rivers

Nearest town	Cushendun, Cushendall and Waterfoot
Species	Brown Trout, Sea Trout and Salmon
Season	1st March – 31st October
Methods	All legal methods
Size limit	10 inch for Trout. Salmon: 2 fish bag limit per day (catch and release river system)
Licence	Fishery Conservancy Board Game Licence
Permit	Glens Anglers Permit
Permit Outlets	O'Neill's Country Sports, 25 Mill Street, Cushendall BT44 ORR t: (028) 2177 2009, Mace, 5 Main Street, Cushendun BT44 OPH t: (028) 217 61355
Disabled Access	Not Good

## Angling at Margy, Carey and Glenshesk Rivers

Ballycastle Angling Club manages this fishery on behalf of DCAL and has established a hatchery to supplement salmon and sea trout stocks.

Nearest town	Ballycastle
Species	Salmon, sea trout and brown trout
Season	1 March to 31 October
Methods	Margy River –fly fishing only between Bonamargy Bridge and Drumahamman Bridge (along the golf course). Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing between the Margy Bridge and the sea. Carey & Glenshesk Rivers – Fly fishing, spinning and worm fishing after 1st July (club member advocate catch and release)
Daily bag limit	2 fish bag limit for salmon
Licence	DCAL fishing rod licence
Permit	DCAL Game Fishing Permit
Day ticket outlet	Moyle Outdoor Angling and Leisure, 23 Ann Street, Ballycastle BT54 6AA t: (028) 2076 9521
Size limit	All trout under 25.4 in length, and all juvenile salmon, must be returned unharmed to the water
Licence	DCAL Game Fishing Licence
Permit	Nearest distributors O’ Neills’ Country Sports, 25 Mill Street, Cushendall BT44 ORR t: (028) 2177 2009

Contact	DCAL waters are managed by Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure t: 0300 200 7860 If calling from outside Northern Ireland t: (+4428) 9151 3101 e: dcalangling@dcalni.gov.uk www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling
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## Tennis

### Sheskburn Recreation Centre

7 Mary Street  
Ballycastle BT54 6QH  
5 Grass and 6 All Weather  
(Floodlit) tennis courts.

t: (028) 2076 3300  
e: [cnicholl@moyle-council.org](mailto:cnicholl@moyle-council.org)  
[www.moyle-council.org](http://www.moyle-council.org)



## Horse Riding

### Shean's Horse Farm

38 Coolkeeran Road,  
Armoyn BT53 8XL

Sheans Horse Farm is a Riding School and Pony/Horse Trekking Centre on the 400 acre McKinley family in the hills of North Antrim. Here you can also have top quality hacking on miles of off-road tracks that wind high into the beautiful North Antrim Hills. Stunning uninterrupted views can be had as far as Lough Foyle and the Sperrin Mountains, Inishowen and Malin Head in Donegal and to counties Tyrone and Fermanagh.

Our trusted team of riding school horses means we can provide riding lessons for all abilities of riders. Special care is taken with nervous riders and beginners. We can combine a lesson with a trek so that all abilities can enjoy the riding, scenery and test their skills. Whether you're a total beginner or a confident rider, experience the freedom, fun and buzz of horse riding at Shean's Horse Farm.



Open all year round.  
Booking by appointment.

m: 077 5932 0434  
e: [danny@sheanshorsefarm.com](mailto:danny@sheanshorsefarm.com)  
[www.sheanshorsefarm.com](http://www.sheanshorsefarm.com)

## Turf Cutting



Take yourself back in the midst of time to experience the traditional craft of hand turf cutting, engage in the activity and become registered as an honorary member of The Guild of Irish Turfcutters with photographs and certificates to prove it. Daily demonstrations available from 1st April.

For further information contact Danny at Shean's Horse Farm on m: 077 5932 0434

## Golf

### Ballycastle Golf Club

Cushendall Road, Ballycastle  
BT54 6QP

Ballycastle Golf Club, founded in 1890, lies at the foot of the Glenshesk on the world famous Causeway Coast. The 18 hole course is both parkland and links, with spectacular views of Rathlin Island and the Mull of Kintyre. The Rivers Margy and Carey come into play on the first five holes.

The clubhouse offers warmth, hospitality, good craic and friendship to all.

No of holes: 18

Length of course: 5744 yds

Club hire available.

t: (028) 2076 2536

e: [info@ballycastlegolfclub.com](mailto:info@ballycastlegolfclub.com)

[www.ballycastlegolfclub.com](http://www.ballycastlegolfclub.com)

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### Cushendall Golf Club

21 Shore Road  
Cushendall BT44 0NG

Set in the heart of the nine glens of Antrim and right on the shores of Red Bay, Cushendall is a beautifully situated course with the river Dall meandering through seven of its nine fairways.

Though a relatively short course which rewards accuracy rather than length, the visitor is assured of a warm welcome in the clubhouse, with superb views across to the Mull of Kintyre and Scottish coast.

No of holes: 9

Length of course: 4794yds

Club hire available.

t: (028) 2177 1318

e: [cushendallgc@btconnect.com](mailto:cushendallgc@btconnect.com)





## Adventure Activities

## **Ardclinis Outdoor Adventure**

Sundial House  
11 High Street  
Cushendall BT44 0NB

Ardclinis are most often based in the Glens and on the North Antrim Coast, but can run mobile courses at your choice of site in Northern Ireland and further a field. Activities on offer: abseiling, archery, Canadian canoeing, coastering, pioneering, orienteering, hill walking, mountain biking, rafting, ropes courses, communication games, bridge building, powerboating, climbing and lazer tag.

t: (028) 2177 1340  
e: [info@ardclinis.com](mailto:info@ardclinis.com)  
[www.ardclinis.com](http://www.ardclinis.com)

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## **Bushmills Education Centre (NEELB)**

Bushmills Education Centre is a fully staffed multi-purpose centre located on the outskirts of Bushmills. It is one of the best equipped residential centres in Northern Ireland.

t: (028) 2073 1599  
e: [elizabeth.gibson@neelb.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.gibson@neelb.org.uk)

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## **Climbing**

The cliff at Fair Head stretches for three miles, sporting some 366 routes. These are the best that traditional climbing has to offer, straight lines, with striking cracks that shoot up at all over the place, providing bomber protection, indeed the phrase "protection on demand," sums up Fair Head Climbing. It is the ultimate climbers playground and the quantity of three star routes is testament to its brilliance.

t: (028) 2076 2024  
[www.fairheadclimbers.com](http://www.fairheadclimbers.com)

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## **Northcoast Nature, Wildlife Photography Workshops**

Wildlife photographic workshops on Rathlin Island with award winning photographer Tom McDonnell, as seen on BBC Countryfile and UTV Lesser Spotted Ulster.

t: 077 2308 7668  
e: [tommcdonnell@live.com](mailto:tommcdonnell@live.com)  
[www.clikpic.com/tommcdonnell](http://www.clikpic.com/tommcdonnell)



Water  
activities



## **Aquaholics**

26 North Street  
Ballycastle BT54 6BW

PADI 5 star dive centre offering a full range of dive courses for beginners to experienced divers. Also high speed powerboat thrill trips along the scenic Causeway Coast. Boat trips available for charter to the West Coast of Scotland and Donegal.

Open 7 days a week.

Sea Safari trips from £20 pp

Try - a - Dive £75pp

Diving Courses from £75

t: (028) 7083 2584

m: 079 6816 4748

e: [dive@aquaholics.org](mailto:dive@aquaholics.org)

[www.aquaholics.org](http://www.aquaholics.org)

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## **Aquasports**

Ballycastle Marina  
Harbour Road  
Ballycastle BT54 6BT

Experience island hospitality on Rathlin with wildlife trips around the island, see puffins, etc and seals at the 'upside down' lighthouse and Bruce's cave.



Trips to Islay and the islands – Sanda, Gigha, Jura and Iona for Golf and Whisky trail. Visit the Giant's Causeway and North Antrim Coast by sea.

t: (028) 7082 3563

m: 079 6230 9670

e: [alanwilson@aquasports.biz](mailto:alanwilson@aquasports.biz)

[www.aquasports.biz](http://www.aquasports.biz)

## Ballycastle Sea Fishing Co-operative

MCA licence boat coded and safe.

Chris McCaughan

m: 077 5134 5791 or

t: (028) 2076 2074

cpmccaughan@aol.com

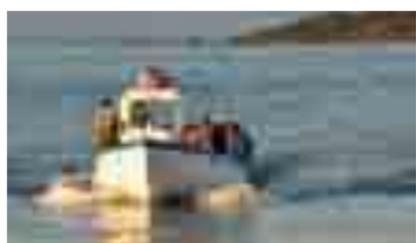
[www.ballycastle.info](http://www.ballycastle.info)

Sea Fishing £20pp

All rods and tackle supplied free for 3 hours.

April – End October.

Daily trips: 11am, 2pm, 7pm



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## Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club

Coast Road

Cushendall BT44 0AF

t: (028) 2177 1673

[www.csbc.co.uk](http://www.csbc.co.uk)

CSBC facilities include changing and toilet facilities, a secure boat park and social area with bar.

CSBC host a series of events and races throughout the year. The sailing school provides a wide range of training courses from Easter to Halloween.





## **Ballycastle Marina**

14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT

Ballycastle's superb 74-berth marina is situated on the spectacular North Antrim Coast. It offers excellent scope for marine travel around Ireland and Scotland.

A new purpose built on-shore visitor facility at Ballycastle Harbour has recently opened to provide visitors with modern toilet, shower, kitchen and laundry facilities as well as internet access. The Harbourmaster's office and meeting facilities will also be accommodated within the new building.

t: (028) 2076 8525

m: 078 0350 5084

e: [ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org](mailto:ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org)

[www.ballycastlemarina.com](http://www.ballycastlemarina.com)

## Kayaking

The North Coast Sea Kayak Trail stretches 100km from Magilligan to Waterfoot along the North Coast's rugged headlands and spectacular sandy beaches. The East Coast Canoe Trail will stretch 150km from Waterfoot to Portaferry taking in picturesque fishing villages, sea loughs and islands. These trails have been designed for canoeists by canoeists, further detailed information and waterproof guides can be downloaded from [www.canoeni.com](http://www.canoeni.com)





## Predators Charters Ltd

9 Bellisk Drive  
Cushendall BT44 0AX

Angling, scenic tours along the North Antrim Coast, bird watching, seal watching, birthday parties, corporate entertainment, diving, Campbeltown runs, Islay whisky tours, TV filming.

t: (028) 2177 1828

e: [info@predatorireland.com](mailto:info@predatorireland.com)

[www.predatorireland.com](http://www.predatorireland.com)

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## Kintyre Express

Benmhor, Campbeltown, Argyll  
PA28 6DN

Campbeltown – Ballycastle passenger ferry service.  
Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Bicycles are carried free of charge.

Journey time approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

Boat also available for private charter.

Timetable: Friday & Monday  
Oct- April.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday May, June, September.  
7 days a week July and August.

t: 01586 555 895

e: [info@kintyreexpress.com](mailto:info@kintyreexpress.com)

[www.kintyreexpress.com](http://www.kintyreexpress.com)

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## Causeway Coast Sailing

Enjoy a days sailing on Antrim's scenic Causeway Coast on a 24ft yacht departing from Ballycastle Marina or Rathlin Island. Sailing trips from £17pp.

Contact Chris Carton

m: 077 5922 8111

e: [info@causewaycoastsailing.com](mailto:info@causewaycoastsailing.com)

[www.causewaycoastsailing.com](http://www.causewaycoastsailing.com)



Other activity  
providers  
operating in Moyle



## Adventure Activities

### **Moonjumper**

t: (028) 7035 6356

e erika@moonjumper.com

www.moonjumper.com

### **Outdoor Ireland North**

m: 079 7340 8056

e: loretto@outdoorirelandnorth.co.uk

www.outdoorirelandnorth.co.uk

### **Shuttersheep Photostudio & Workshops**

m: 078 0546 4512

e: philip@philiptadams.com

www.stuttersheep.com

### **Xplore Outdoors**

m: 077 7335 9773

e info@xploreoutdoors.co.uk

www.xploreoutdoors.co.uk



## Walking

### **Rathlin Island Walking Tours**

m: 07745566924

e: paul.quin33@hotmail.com

www.rathlinwalkingtours.com

### **Treasure Trails**

m: 079 8085 9028

e: nisouth@treasuretrails.co.uk

www.treasuretrails.co.uk

### **Walk on the Wild Side**

Walking, climbing and abseiling

m: 07714835977

e: walkwithmarty@googlemail.com



## Water Activities

### Coasteering

t: 0845 521 3145

e: splash@coasteeringni.co.uk

www.coasteeringni.co.uk

### Causeway Lass

m: 077 1211 5751

e: surveyor.cm3@virgin.net

www.fishportrush.net

### Irish C

m: 078 7253 7550

e: info@irishc.com

www.irishc.com

### Mobile Team Adventure

m: 0774901 1283

e: info@mobileteamadventure.co.uk

www.mobileteamadventure.co.uk

### North Irish Lodge Dive Centre

m: 077 5381 6069

e: caroline.steele@btconnect.com

www.activityholsni.co.uk

### Robin Ruddock

m: 078 5840 4801

e: robinruddock@gmail.com

www.robin-ruddock.com

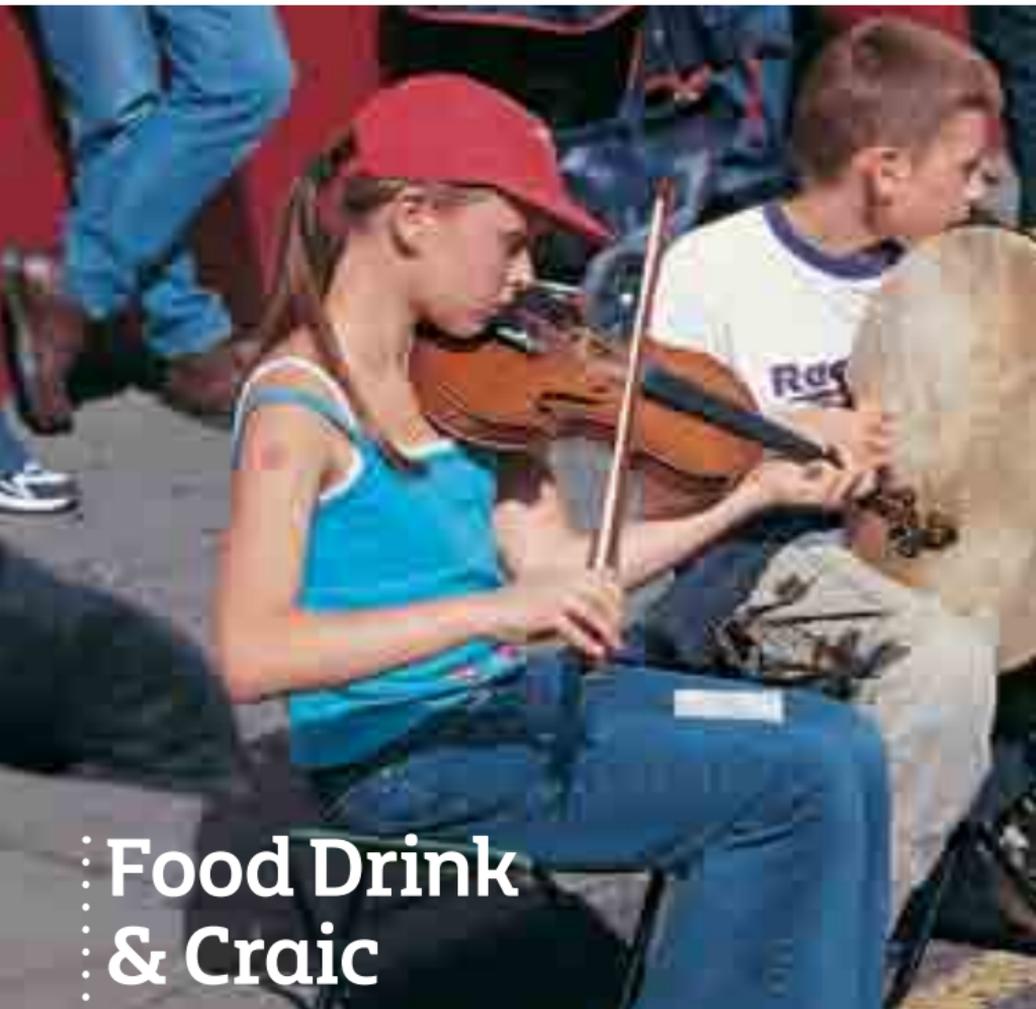
### Simply Sea Kayak

m: 077 7335 9773

e: info@simplyseakayak.com

www.simplyseakayak.com





## Food Drink & Craic



**Naturally**  
NORTH COAST  
[www.naturallynorthcoast.com](http://www.naturallynorthcoast.com)

### Food & Drink

Much of the food served in Moyle will have been raised, caught and grown locally. Traditional recipes are very much to the fore, but expect the district's accomplished chefs to serve up their own contemporary twists.

Many restaurants specialise in seafood harvested from the local waters. Local lamb, beef, pork and poultry is amongst the best anywhere, and is featured on most menus. Look out for the district's many Home Bakeries with their mouth watering traditional breads and cakes!

Look out for 'A Taste of Ulster' and 'Naturally North Coast' signs displayed in establishments noted for making the most of fine local produce.



## Music

Music, dance and craic, you'll find it all in Moyle, particularly in summertime.



The towns and villages are alive with the sound of music and laughter and many of the pubs host music, stories, song and ceili sessions every week.

For extensive lists on all eating and entertainment establishments visit [www.moyle-council.org](http://www.moyle-council.org) or call in to Ballycastle TIC.



## Shopping

Shopping in our main towns is an experience not to be missed; the charm and character of our independent family run shops make the towns all so unique. The individual shops offer a variety of goods which together rival any modern shopping destination. Whether you are looking for the perfect gift, a fabulous new outfit, essentials for your home we can offer an unparalleled range of goods for those in search of 'something different'. As well as choice, quality and value you can be sure of a warm welcome and friendly service that lets you know that your custom is appreciated.

To make sure your shopping experience is hassle free parking is available at a number of locations in the main towns.



# Annual events

## Halloween Parade and Fireworks

31st October, Ballycastle

Fancy dress parade, entertainment and fun for all the family to enjoy, followed by a spectacular fireworks display illuminating the skies of Ballycastle.

t: (028) 2076 2024

e: [tourism@moyle-council.org](mailto:tourism@moyle-council.org)

**For a detailed events list please visit:**  
**[www.moyle-council.org/tourism](http://www.moyle-council.org/tourism)**



## **Ballycastle & District Horse Ploughing Championships**

17th March

This popular, traditional ploughing match has been taking place in the Ballycastle area for over 100 years and attracts ploughmen from all over Ireland. A great day out for the family.  
t: (028) 2076 2783

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## **Walk the Glens Festival**

2nd – 3rd June, Cushendall

t: (028) 2177 1378  
e: [info@walktheglens.co.uk](mailto:info@walktheglens.co.uk)  
[www.walktheglens.co.uk](http://www.walktheglens.co.uk)

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## **Olympic Torch Relay**

3rd June

Moyle District Council will be hosting the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay on Sunday June 3rd 2012 when the Olympic Torch will pass through Glenariff, Cushendall, Ballycastle and Bushmills on its way to the mark the start of the Olympic Games. Events and themed celebrations will take place to mark the Torch passing through the area. These will be published in due course. Come along and join in the celebrations and mark this once in a life time occasion.

t: (028) 2076 2024  
e: [tourism@moyle-council.org](mailto:tourism@moyle-council.org)  
[www.moyle-council.org/tourism](http://www.moyle-council.org/tourism)



## Co Antrim Junior & Senior Grass Hard Court Tennis Championships

8th –14th July, Mary Street, Ballycastle

t: (028) 2076 3300

e: [cnicholl@moyle-council.org](mailto:cnicholl@moyle-council.org)

[www.moyle-council.org](http://www.moyle-council.org)



## Armoy Motorcycle Road Race Club

27th – 28th July, Armoy

In July visit Armoy and experience the region's exciting Armoy Road Race. Billed the 'Race of Legends' the three mile circuit harks back to the 1970's and the days of the

famous 'Armoy Armada' but has been brought bang up to date by the organisers. Top riders include Guy Martin, Ryan Farquhar, Michael and William Dunlop.

t: (028) 2075 1490

e: [slsruenshesk@aol.com](mailto:slsruenshesk@aol.com)

[www.amrrc.com](http://www.amrrc.com)

## Ballycastle Junior Tennis Championship

5th – 10th August

Mary Street, Ballycastle

t: (028) 2076 3300

e: [cnicholl@moyle-council.org](mailto:cnicholl@moyle-council.org)

[www.moyle-council.org](http://www.moyle-council.org)

## Ballycastle Senior Tennis Championship

13th –19th August

Mary Street, Ballycastle

t: (028) 2076 3300

e: [cnicholl@moyle-council.org](mailto:cnicholl@moyle-council.org)

[www.moyle-council.org](http://www.moyle-council.org)



## Heart of the Glens Festival

4th – 12th August, Cushendall

Held every August in the village of Cushendall, this nine day festival covers a wide range of

events for all age groups including an opening parade, food festival, vintage family fun day, Lurig Mountain Run, Fireworks and the Waves of Tory.

t: (028) 2177 1378

e: [cushendall@nacn.org](mailto:cushendall@nacn.org)



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## The Ould Lammas Fair

27th – 28th August, Ballycastle

One of Ireland's oldest traditional fairs held each year in Ballycastle on the last Monday and Tuesday in August. Savour the atmosphere of the livestock sales and the many hundreds of stalls selling

souvenirs and bric-a-brac of every description. Sample the local specialities Dulse, a dried edible seaweed and the deliciously sweet chewy toffee Yellowman made from a closely guarded recipe.

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## Giants Causeway Cycling Sportive

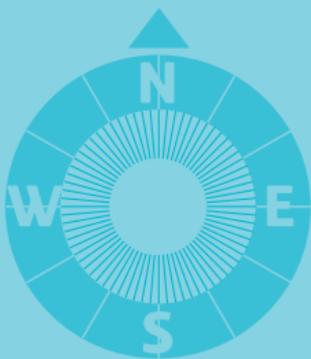
15th September

With 3 routes through an incredible landscape steeped in myth and legend, this iconic event is fast becoming the most talked about sportive on the Irish cycling calendar.

e: [info@cycleni.com](mailto:info@cycleni.com)

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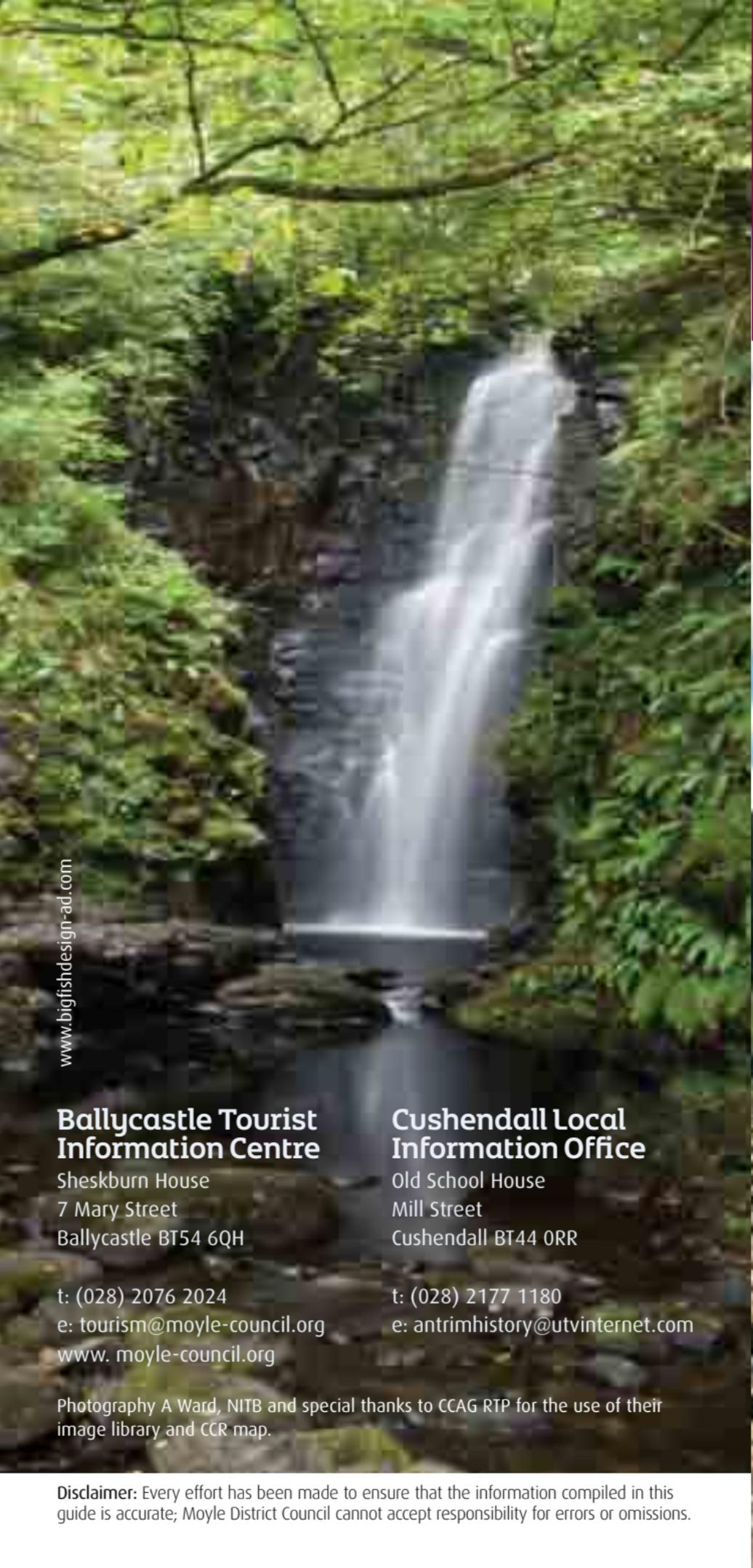


# Key

- Causeway Coastal Route
- Additional Scenic Routes
- Motorways
- Roads
- Railway
- Ferry Crossings
- Causeway Coast and Glens Region
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Golf Courses
- Marinas
- Airports





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