

EXPLORE



COUNTY

MONAGHAN

ROLLING DRUMLINS
AND HIDDEN TREASURES

DISCOVER A RICH AND VARIED COUNTY,
FULL OF GENTLE HILLS AND NORTHERN CHARM.
A COUNTY OF RUGGED BEAUTY AND FRIENDLY
BANTER, WHERE QUIET CULTURE EMBRACES
GOOD CONVERSATION AND NEW DISCOVERIES!



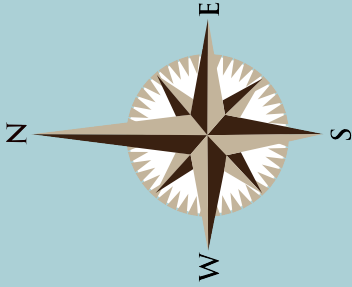
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FOR THAT NEW ADVENTURE



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



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OUR MONAGHAN STORY

OFTEN OVERLOOKED, COUNTY MONAGHAN'S VIBRANT LANDSCAPE - FULL OF GENTLE HILLS, GLISTENING LAKES AND SMALL IDYLIC MARKET TOWNS - PROVIDES A TRUE GLIMPSE INTO IRISH RURAL LIFE. THE COUNTY IS WELL-KNOWN AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE POET PATRICK KAVANAGH AND THE IMAGES EVOKED BY HIS POEMS AND PROSE RELATE TO RURAL LIFE, RUN AT A SLOW PACE.

THROUGHOUT MONAGHAN THERE ARE NO DRAMATIC VISUAL SHIFTS. NO TOWERING PEAKS, RAGGED CLIFFS OR EXPANSIVE LAKES. THIS IS AN AREA OFF THE WELL-BEATEN TOURIST TRAIL.

A QUIET COUNTY WITH A SENSE OF AWAITING DISCOVERY... A PALPABLE FEELING OF GENUINE SURPRISE. HOWEVER, THERE'S A SIDE TO MONAGHAN THAT PACKS A LITTLE MORE PUNCH THAN THAT. HERE YOU WILL FIND A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND ACTIVITIES TO SUIT MOST INTERESTS WITH GLORIOUS GREENS FOR GOLFING, A HOST OF WATERSPORTS AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS AND A WEALTH OF HERITAGE SITES TO WHET YOUR APPETITE FOR ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY.

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AT THIS BOOKLET AND
GET EXPLORING!**



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A CALL TO ADVENTURE

John Mark Green

Set fire to all your maps,
forget how it's always been.
We're explorers of the heart,
learning to dream again.
The adventure of a lifetime,
with Love alone as our guide.
Exotic places beyond imagination –
ones we've longed for deep inside.



come
visit, explore
& discover the
beauty and
variety of
OUR
MONAGHAN





HISTORY AND HERITAGE

a short history of Monaghan

County Monaghan takes its name from the Irish '**Muineacháin**', meaning '**little hills**'. Inhabited from an early era, many relics of the Bronze Age have been unearthed throughout the county over the years. It was later the centre and heartland of the **Kingdom of Oriel**, and an ancient monument at Donaghmoine is reputed to have been the residence of the Kings of Oriel. The arrival of Christianity saw Saint Patrick visit several locations in the county, while his 'right-hand man' – Saint Macartan became patron of the Clogher Diocese of which County Monaghan forms approximately one half. Tiernach of Clones and Dymna of Tydavnet later became two of Ireland's best known saints.

The Vikings were invaders during the 10th – 11th centuries while the Normans arrived thereafter. Prior to the 17th century Plantations, County Monaghan was ruled by the McMahons who controlled four fifths of its area, and the McKennas who controlled the remaining one fifth. When the Elizabethans decided in 1585 to divide Ulster into '**shire-land**', the boundaries of the county were laid out, roughly the same as today's, but it was not until the first decade of the 17th century that the county was officially formed and named.

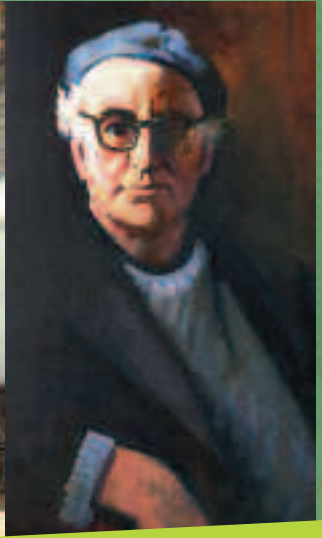
County Monaghan was among the more severely affected counties during the Great Famine of the 1840's, being listed in the half-dozen worst hit in all Ireland. In 1921 County Monaghan became a '**Border County**' and suffered a great deal from the imposed division of the country.

Today there are many heritage sites around the county which bear testament to its rich and varied past. There are heritage trails in several of the towns and villages which feature key sites of interest and there are guided options available too which add to the experience. Sites of particular interest outside of the town trails include Errigal Truagh and Donagh old graveyards, the Temple in Dartrey and Drumirril Rock Art site.

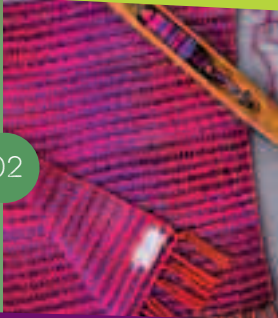
The illustration above shows the battle between Hugh O'Neil (2nd Earl of Tyrone) and James Seagrave at 'The Battle of Clontibret' which was fought in County Monaghan in May 1595. This was part of the Nine Years War between the Crown forces of England's Queen Elizabeth I and the Irish led by Hugh O'Neill. The battle ended in victory for Hugh O'Neill, and was the first severe setback suffered by the English during the war.



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VISITOR ATTRACTIONS



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*"It is not enough to know your craft you have to have feeling.
Science is all very well, but for us imagination is worth far more".*



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PATRICK KAVANAGH CENTRE

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where: **Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9378560**
web: **www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com**
email: **infoatpkc@eircom.net**

The newly refurbished Kavanagh Centre (Open end 2019) tells the story of Inniskeen's most famous son – the poet, Patrick Kavanagh using immersive and interactive techniques to inspire visitors. There are 6 key zones in the exhibition and these focus on different times/aspects of Kavanagh's life.

A multi-media experience provides the emotional core of the exhibition with its visuals and sound effects and this is also used as a performance space for concerts and dramas. Very few writers have rooted their work so physically in recognisable fields and buildings as Kavanagh did and many of these places still exist. Visitors are encouraged to follow the Kavanagh Trail which takes in a number of these sites.

SWALLOW STUDIOS TEXTILES ROOM & GIFT SHOP

02

where: **Annyalla, Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9746614** or **+353 (0) 87 682 1653**
web: **www.lizchristy.com**
email: **info@lizchristy.com**
hours: **Opening hours are 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday.**
Open weekends by appointment.

Swallow Studios is workshop to one of Ireland's best established textile artists, designer and Hand-Weaver Liz Christy. Liz readily welcomes visitors to see herself and her team at work and visitors get to see the different processes in the ancient craft of hand-weaving.

The poetry of Patrick Kavanagh who lived only a few miles away was the inspiration for her Kavanagh Collection and the tradition of the lace-making in the County Monaghan towns of Carrickmacross and Clones inspired the Renaissance Collection. Liz enjoys explaining how the weaver and loom work together to weave her scarves and wraps. In this way visitors get to experience living culture and ancient heritage brought together, with an insight into the unique 'Monaghan Textile Story'.

BREHON BREWHOUSE

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where: **Dunelty, Inniskeen**
tel: **+353 (0) 86 823 0914**
web: **www.brehonbrewhouse.ie**
email: **seamus@brehonbrewhouse.ie**
seamusmcmahon22@gmail.com

Monaghan's micro brewery – Brehon Brewhouse – is housed on the family farm amongst the rolling drumlins of County Monaghan, just a few miles from the birthplace of Patrick Kavanagh, the inspiration for their India Pale Ale – Stony Grey Soil IPA. Brehon Brewhouse creates distinct beers which are brewed with care and affection. Here you can enjoy brewery tours, hear the story of the McMahon family, see the famine cottage, and finish the visit in the tasting room - 'The Cottage' - the McMahon family homestead. Small group bookings of 2-10 people can be accommodated on Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon. Larger groups can be arranged by booking during office hours Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

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CARRICKMACROSS LACE GALLERY

where: **Market Square, Carrickmacross**
 tel: **+353 (0) 42 9664176**
 web: **www.carrickmacrosslace.ie**
 email: **info@carrickmacrosslace.ie**

Visit the gallery to enjoy a splendid array of beautifully designed and hand crafted Carrickmacross Lace. Carrickmacross Lace Co-Op was established in 1984 to exercise quality control for this traditional cottage industry.

They ensure highest standards are maintained in keeping with the ideals that the original lace craft producers established back in the early 1820's. The gallery proudly hosts an extensive range of both traditional and contemporary designs cleverly adapted to the materials and executed with the highest level of expertise. Products range from Christmas baubles to wedding veils, bespoke pieces, commissions, christening gowns, first communion dresses and veils. The gallery also offers a range of classes and workshops for tour groups and sewing guilds.

The Gallery is open 9.30am-5.30pm Monday – Saturday.

ULSTER CANAL STORES VISITOR CENTRE & CLONES LACE MUSEUM

where: **Ulster Canal Stores, Cara Street, Clones**
 tel: **+353 (0) 47 52125**
 email: **ulstercanalstores@outlook.com**
 web: **www.ulstercanalstoresvisitorcentre.ie**

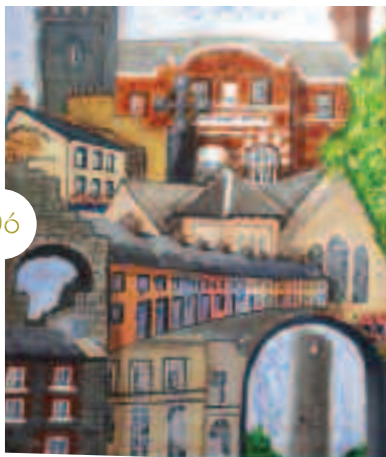
The beautifully restored Ulster Canal Stores is a traditional cut stone building located on the edge of Clones town, on the N54 Cavan Road, with excellent road links with Northern Ireland.

The Bistro restaurant serves traditional Irish breakfasts, snacks and dinners, all homemade. Catering for parties or special events is also available.

A permanent exhibition of handmade antique Crochet Lace is on display in the dedicated Clones Lace Museum, with presentations on the history of Clones Lace available by prior booking for groups. Each June, the Canal Stores hosts the International Clones Lace Summer School. Meeting or workshop facilities are available for up to 50 people. **With free WIFI, ample parking, nearby play-park and wheelchair accessible, visitors are guaranteed a warm welcome and a very enjoyable visit. Ulster Canal Stores is open Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm.**



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CASSANDRA HAND FOLK AND FAMINE CENTRE

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where: Ball Alley, Clones
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mob: +353 (0) 86 168 5100 / (0) 86 835 8210
web: www.cassandrahand.ie
email: clonescommunityforum@gmail.com

The Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre is located in the old Round Tower School situated in the historic town of Clones, Co. Monaghan, and was built in 1859 by Cassandra Hand with proceeds from Clones Lace. Clones Lace was a famine relief initiative introduced by Cassandra after she arrived in Clones in 1847 during the worst years of the Great Famine.

With the beautiful image of Clones Round Tower visible through the classroom windows to the front, the remains of Clones Abbey on one side and the remains of a Norman Motte and Bailey on the other, the Folk and Famine Centre is centrally located as a stopping point to explore the town. An exhibition about the Famine in Clones is on permanent display and is being continually added to.

Open daily during the summer months and by appointment at other times throughout the year, the centre caters to visitors from home and abroad, and offers guided walks of the town, exhibitions, room hire, talks, music nights, school visits and so much more.

SAM MOORE OPEN FARM

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where: **Threemilehouse**, Monaghan
tel: +353 (0) 47 57397
mob: +353 (0) 86 232 2601

Sam Moore Open Farm offers a little more than the usual cows, sheep and horses. It also has alpacas, a miniature horse, and pot belly pigs. Children can play and enjoy the toy machinery, while the adults can admire the variety of vintage farm machinery. The tour includes Sam's old cottage, the Forge, nature walk, the fairy fort and fairy lane, indoor/outdoor picnic area, play area and a go kart track for the bigger kids. Suitable for Children of all ages.

CARRICKMACROSS WORKHOUSE

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where: Shercock Road, **Carrickmacross**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9664540**
web: www.carrickmacrossworkhouse.com
email: info@carrickmacrossworkhouse.com
hours: **9am – 5pm Monday – Friday.**
Outside hours by appointment

Carrickmacross Workhouse was built in 1841 to house the poor and is now restored into a Community Training and Heritage Centre, containing the original Children's Dormitory, with Mass Famine Graves onsite.

The Workhouse is opened for 45-minute guided tours at 11.30am and 2.30pm, Monday to Friday all year round – charges apply. A Genealogy Service is also available focused on families from South Monaghan – charges apply.

MONAGHAN COUNTY MUSEUM

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where: 1-2 Hill Street, **Monaghan Town**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 82928**
web: www.monaghan.ie/museum
email: comuseum@monaghancoco.ie

Monaghan County Museum first opened to the public in 1974. County Monaghan has seen many social, cultural and political changes both at local and national level since then. These diverse changes are reflected in the museum's collections of artefacts and displays. Every item in the museum collection is connected to the county in some way; it may have been found here, made here or owned by someone who lived here.

The museum collection covers all aspects of the county's history incorporating archaeology, the early Christian period, the plantation era, transport, conflict, agriculture, lace and folklife. The diverse range of services that the museum offers include; tours of the museum and exhibitions; workshops; walking tours of Monaghan Town; research; educational events; local history and heritage; outreach events and exhibitions and object identification. There are also a number of interactive displays which aid in the accessibility of the museum both physically and intellectually.

Opening times are Monday to Friday 11am – 5pm and Saturday 12pm to 5pm. Admission is Free

SWALLOW YARN BARN

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where: Swallow Studios, **Annyalla, Castleblayney**
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web: www.louiseloughmanartist.com
email: designsbylouise@eircom.net
hours: **10am–6pm Monday – Friday**

Inspired by the Irish landscape and her delvings into Irish folklore and Celtic mythology, Louise Loughman creates a beautiful range of silk products using a combination of hand painting and batik art.

Louise's original handcrafted pieces include wall hangings, framed art, art cards and a collection of colourful hand painted silk scarves and shawls. Louise's creations are sold to craft shops and galleries all over Ireland. Louise also offers a range of dip dyed wool hand dyed on site in Swallow Studios. Visit and enjoy a rich textile art experience.



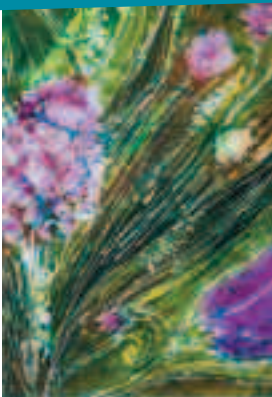
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“ The wealth of time is the only wealth that is more valuable than human resources.”



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MK WOODCRAFTS

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where: **Glaslough**
tel: **+353 (0) 87 648 3952**
web: **www.mkwoodcrafts.com**
email: **mark@mkwoodcrafts.com**
hours: **8.30am – 5.30pm, Monday – Friday**
Outside hours by appointment

In his workshop near the lovely village of Glaslough, Mark's beautifully designed range includes wooden framed mirrors, clocks and solid timber coffee tables as well as bespoke pieces.

MK Woodcrafts use only native burr timbers and their striking natural appearance helps to produce remarkable and unique furniture. Mark can customise pieces to your requirements and is always happy to try new ideas regarding furniture concepts and designs. MK Woodcrafts use only the finest raw materials to produce the highest possible quality finished products.

GLASLOUGH CHOCOLATES

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where: **Main Street, Glaslough**
tel: **+353 (0) 87 091 4321**
email: **glasloughchocolatecompany@gmail.com**
fb: **www.facebook.com/Glaslough-Chocolate**
hours: **2.00pm – 5.00pm, Monday – Saturday**

*The Glaslough Chocolate Company is nestled in the quaint and beautiful historic village of Glaslough. Here Trish makes scrumptious artisan chocolates, handmade in small batches using Belgian chocolate, fresh local cream and butter. **Absolutely delicious!***

Call to see Trish at work and sample her lovely creations for yourself.
The perfect gift for family and friends.

ST. PETER'S TIN CHURCH, LARAGH

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where: **Dooraa, Laragh**
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email: **laraghheritage@gmail.com**
fb: **www.facebook.com/TinChurchLaragh**
www.facebook.com/LaraghHeritageMonaghan

Constructed of tin, St. Peter's Tin Church Laragh is one of a kind in Co. Monaghan and unique on the island of Ireland for its quirky design and carefully considered features.

St. Peter's of historic Laragh Village is literally built on a rock, in a beautiful woodland setting amongst the ferns and ivy. It is anecdotally said that its Swiss-Gothic hybrid style was applied by the mill owner and his wife following their honeymoon in Switzerland – its site carefully chosen to mimic that found in the Swiss Alps. St. Peter's Tin Church Laragh was deconsecrated in the 1950s, was restored by the local community and proudly re-opened in 2014. It is a very popular venue for intimate music recitals, lunchtime dramas, wedding photography, trad sessions, vintage displays, touring choral group performances, harvest banquets etc. Aside from scheduled events the Tin Church attracts a steady flow of visitors to this very rural area in Co. Monaghan.

The Tin Church is open to the public and free to visit 7 days per week from 10am-6pm (including Bank Holidays)



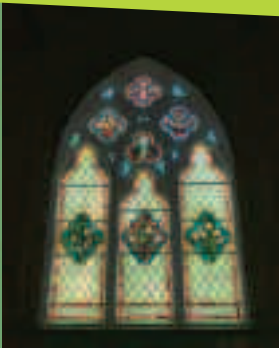
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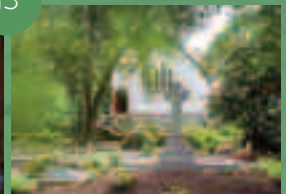
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“ Crafts make us feel rooted, give us a sense of belonging and connect us with our history. Our ancestors used to create these crafts out of necessity, and now we do them for fun, to make money and to express ourselves”.



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COLLECTIVE AT MARKET SQUARE

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where: **Carrickmacross**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 966 4298** or +353 (0) 86 152 5881
web: www.collectiveatmarketsq.ie
email: catherina@collectiveatmarketsq.ie

Collective at Market Square is a wonderful art and craft gallery situated in the Market House, built in 1861 by the Bath Estate.

Catherina is the curator at Collective and has worked in the art and craft business for over twenty years. All products are hand made in Ireland with an astonishing 90% of the art and crafts being made in County Monaghan. The range of products vary from oil paintings, etchings, prints, stained glass, textiles, hand-weaving, batik, knitting, jewellery, woodturning, furniture, baskets, fashion and millinery. **There is a tour bus stop directly in front of the Market House for convenience. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9.30am - 5.30pm.**

MONAGHAN COUNTY LIBRARY - GENEALOGY

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where: **98 Avenue, Clones**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 74712**
web: www.monaghan.ie/library
email: moncolib@monaghancoco.ie
hours: **Mon: 11 am - 8pm, Tue: - Fri: 11 am - 5pm.**

Monaghan County Library in Clones is dedicated to preserving the area's local history, the materials that document the history of County Monaghan and making these materials available to researchers and the general public.

The library hosts a range of Genealogy records that can assist with the study of family history and is a comfortable & inviting place to visit.

Assistance with all Genealogy & Local History queries is provided by Catriona Lennon at Monaghan County Library, Clones. Contact Catriona at [tel. 047 74713](tel:04774713) or email: clennon@monaghancoco.ie



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A COUNTY OF NATURAL BEAUTY

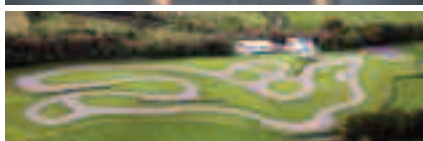
NEW ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO

DISCOVER



EMBRACE

A DIFFERENT PACE OF LIFE



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ADVENTURE AND ACTIVITIES



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“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for a newer and richer experience”.



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RALLY SCHOOL IRELAND

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where: Gola, **Scotstown**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 89098**
web: **www.rallyschoolireland.ie**
email: **info@rallyschoolireland.ie**

Ireland's No.1 Driving Experience Track. Men/Women/Teens & Kids get the thrill of driving on a new purpose-built tarmac track and rally stage.

Open 7 days a week, Rally School Ireland caters for individuals and groups including stag and hen parties and can facilitate team building and road safety days. There is a large variety of supercars to choose from including a Porsche S Carrera 911, Ariel Nomad & BMW M3, classic rally cars, Mark II Ford Escort, BMW 325i and a Mini Cooper. Ages of 10 years and up can be catered for and special deals are also available.

New courses in Driving for Working Experience / Winter Driving and Skid Control training are available in the new Road Safety Centre of Excellence. Further information can be found on www.roadsafetyireland.ie

TANAGH OUTDOOR EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTRE

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where: **Dartrey**, via Cootehill PO
tel: **+353 (0) 49 5552988**
web: **www.tanaghoutdooreducation.com**
email: **info@tanaghoutdooreducation.com**

Tanagh Outdoor Education & Training Centre is located between the Monaghan and Cavan border. The centre provides water-based and land-based adventure activities that challenge groups both mentally and physically.

The activities are designed to promote all aspects of team dynamics including leadership, communication, planning, motivation and of course having fun while taking part. All ages are catered for, small and large groups, family and friends adventure days, schools and colleges, clubs, adventure summer camps, youth groups, residential, etc. Visits can range from half-day activities to a full day, or even a week-long stay.

Activities include: Open canoeing, kayaking, raft building, archery, electronic orienteering, low ropes course, ecology & geography programmes, guided heritage paddles and walks, mudslide, brown bog team tasks, banana boating, forest school, mountain biking, stand up paddle boards.

Booking Essential.

AWOL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

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where: **Derrylevick, Killybrone**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 86224** or **+353 (0) 86 411 9850**
web: **www.letsgoawol.com**
email: **info@awol.ie**

AWOL have been thrilling the people of Ireland for over 20 years with paintball games and adventure activities. AWOL is located on the banks of the River Blackwater, bordering counties Monaghan & Tyrone, only 1 mile from Aughnacloy. Activities offered include canoeing – kayaking – archery – paintball games – total wipeout slide – orienteering – team building tasks – assault course – abseiling – camping – survival skills – river crossing – mountain boarding – canoe camping trips – expeditions – mind benders – raft building and multi activity events. ***Available for family days out, School Tours, birthdays, Stag & Hen Parties, Couples, Work Outings.***

MOURNE CLAY SHOOTING GROUND

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where: Loughmourne, **Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 974 5953** or +353 (0) 87 996 9946
web: **www.clayshooting.ie**
email: **info@clayshooting.ie**

Mourne Clay Shooting Ground offer Clay pigeon Shooting, Indoor Air Rifle Shooting, Archery, Pistol/Hand Gun Shooting, Tuition, Coaching and Training, and can cater for stag parties, hen parties and birthdays as well as corporate entertainment and team building events.

All the necessary equipment is supplied for beginners right up to pro level. All levels of experience and group size can be catered for. Light refreshments on site.

CASTLEBLAYNEY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTRE

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where: Lough Muckno, **Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 87 391 7459**
email: **castleblayneyoac@gmail.com**

Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre is located in the beautiful surroundings of Muckno Lake and wooded parklands. The centre is ideally located to suit the many water sports and outdoor activities programmes on offer.

Under the guidance of experienced professional instructors, tuition is provided in water-sports such as sailing, stand up paddling, wind-surfing, kayaking/canoeing, as well as a variety of other outdoor activities including orienteering, rope-assisted tree-climbing, cycling, and team-building. The aim of Castleblayney OAC is to welcome people of all ages and abilities and encourage all to experience the thrill and challenge of high-quality outdoor learning in a safe, friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

IRISH COUNTRY QUADS

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where: Carrickakelly, **Inniskeen**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 937 8997** or +353 (0) 87 246 0742
web: **www.irishcountryquads.com**
email: **info@irishcountryquads.com**

Irish Country Quads offers activities for all age groups. The family farm offers a highly skilled purpose-built obstacle quad trail which capitalises on the beautiful natural surroundings of the Monaghan countryside.

The trail includes an underground tunnel, overhead bridges, the river, muddy ditches and a competitive speed course. These 4 wheeled all-terrain vehicles can tackle almost anything you need to get through. All levels of experience are catered for and full safety tuition is provided. Waterproofs, helmets, boots and gloves are also provided. Other fun activities include clay pigeon shooting, archery, shuffleboard and air rifle shooting.

Families, tourists, scouts/guides, corporate groups, school tours, football teams, cross-border groups, Confirmation & Communion parties, stag and hen parties can all be catered for. Open all year round to all ages. Booking is essential.



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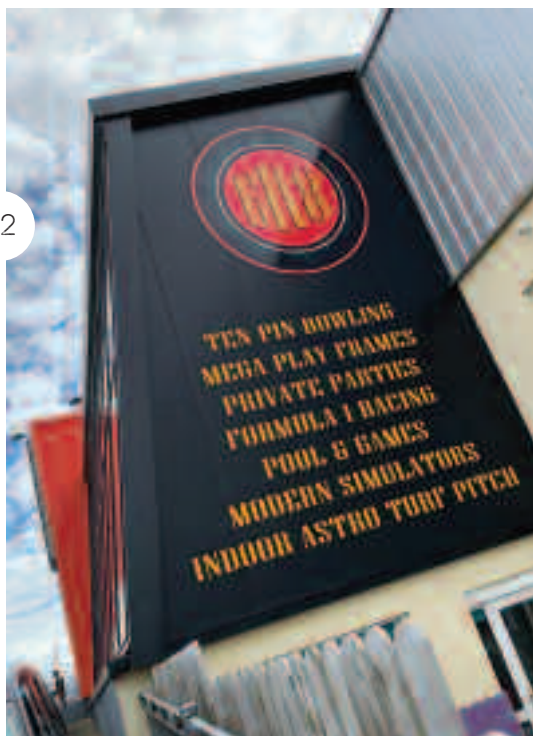
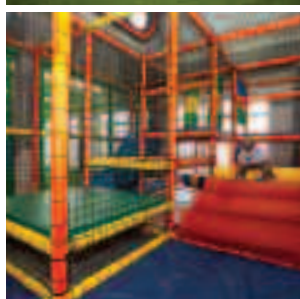
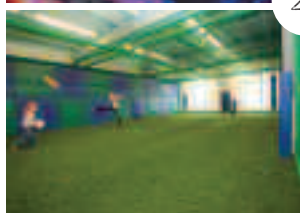


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GR8 ENTERTAINMENT

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where: Monaghan Road, **Castleblayney**
 tel: **+353 (0) 42 9749955**
 web: www.gr8entertainment.ie
 email: gr8daysout@gmail.com

GR8 is the North East's Number 1 entertainment venue. The facilities include 8 bowling lanes, over 5,000sq ft of Mega Play Frames, a Bar and Restaurant, Games, Amusements, Go-Karts, Laser Tag and much more! GR8 specialises in parties for all ages and has established a reputation for quality and value.

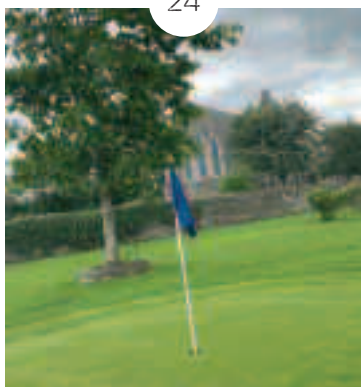
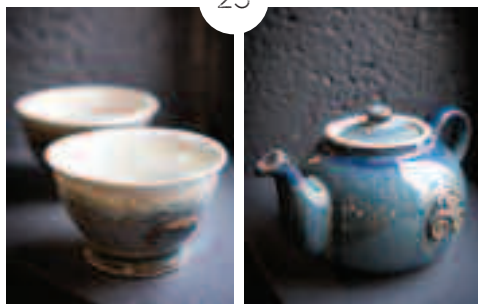
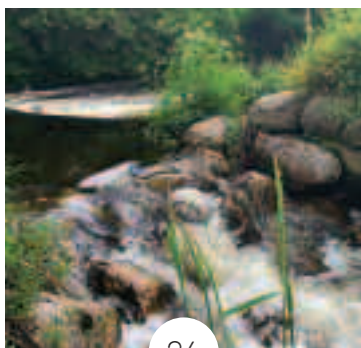
PLANETKIDZ

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where: Unit B1 Monaghan Business Park,
 Clones Road, **Monaghan**
 tel: **+353 (0) 47 75830**
 email: planetkidz26@gmail.com
 fb: www.facebook.com/PlanetKidzMonaghan

This indoor soft play activity centre is suitable for toddlers and children up to 12 years old. Equipment includes slides, observation pod, rope swings, ball pools, rope bridges and climbing frame. There is a relaxing seating area with coffee shop and hot food facility serving fries, paninis, salads and snack foods. CCTV for security and safety. The play centre also caters for mum & toddler groups, school groups & tours, children's parties etc.

Opening hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 12-6pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sunday & Bank Holidays 12-6pm, Closed Mondays.



INNISKEEN PITCH & PUTT

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where: **Inniskeen**, Co. Monaghan
tel: +353 (0) 42 937 8230 or +353 (0) 87 139 0612

This 18 hole Pitch & Putt Course is situated on the banks of the River Fane in a picturesque setting. Open Daily 11am – Dusk. Coffee Shop close by. Toilet & Parking facilities available. Pitch and Putt clubs and balls available to rent.

BUSY BEE CERAMICS

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where: No. 1 Main Street, Castle Leslie Estate, **Glaslough**
tel: +353 (0) 47 70687 or +353 (0) 86 108 0738
web: www.busybeeceramics.ie
email: brenda@busybeeceramics.ie
hours: **Wed to Sat 10am – 6pm and Sundays 12pm – 5pm**
Closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm. Outside hours can be arranged.

The very talented Brenda McGinn produces beautiful hand crafted and unique ceramics at her pottery studio in Glaslough village. Brenda also loves to teach ceramics to all ages and a visit to her studio to 'throw your own' pot is an enjoyable and educational experience for individual visitors, school tours and groups. When you create your pot on the Busy Bee potter's wheel, Brenda will glaze and finish your personal creation in her kiln and post to you wherever you are. Children and adults alike love taking part – and getting a little mucky! You can also visit the Busy Bee showroom to view and purchase Brenda's top class hand crafted products. The perfect gift and souvenir of your visit to Monaghan. Busy Bee's is wheelchair accessible and can cater for large or small parties.

COOKING CLASSES AT WHITE HILL HOUSE

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where: Anna Hale, **Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 974 9512** or +353 (0) 87 152 0549
web: www.whitehillcountryhouse.com
email: marymacelroy@eircom.net

Mary McElroy runs cookery classes on site at Whitehill House.

Existing courses include the following:

- Baking Irish Brown Bread and Scones
- Planning weekly Menus
- How to become the Perfect Irish Housewife

Please contact Mary for further information on the above and tailor-made classes. Mary has also joined up with a very talented local historian, Michael Burns, who can advise and guide international visitors regarding their family history queries over an afternoon tea at White Hill House.

MONAGHAN LEISURE CENTRE

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where: Clones Road, **Monaghan**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 81734**
web: www.monaghan.coralleisure.ie
email: monaghan@coralleisure.ie

Facilities include a 26 metre 6 lane swimming pool with a 50m water slide, Children's splash pool with water features, steam room, modern sauna, and relaxing spa pool. A full range of swimming lessons is provided for both adults and children, as well as shallow and deep aqua aerobic classes. The fully equipped modern gymnasium includes two fitness studios to provide for a range of classes to suit everyone. In addition, the Centre has two treatment rooms which include a fully licenced sunbed and private physio, two full size floodlit tennis courts and cater for children's camps and birthday parties.

THE PEACE LINK SPORTS FACILITY

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where: Liseggerton, **Clones**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 52638**
web: www.thepeacelink.eu
email: info@thepeacelink.eu

The Peace Link is a unique state of the art sports facility. Onsite facilities include an IAAF 400m Tartan Athletics track, 3G multipurpose playing pitch certified for GAA, Soccer and Rugby, fully equipped modern gymnasium, Multi-Purpose Room, fully functioning team changing rooms and a 600m² sports hall offering a wide and varied range of activities for all from archery to indoor bowling.



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DROMORE RIVER GUIDED CANOE TOURS

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mobile: +353 (0) 86 083 5748

Guided canoe tours on the Dromore river take place from Halton's Amenity Park in Cootehill. 2-11 people can be catered for at a time.

The canoes are rafted together for safety and cannot tip over. Trips lasts 2.5 - 3 hrs and include a picnic stop. This is a relaxing trip and a wonderful way to pass a few hours with a chance to view the very best scenery in the Cavan/Monaghan area from a different perspective – by boat. **Booking essential.**

ROSSMORE PLAYPARK AND GIANTS

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where: Rossmore Forest Park, **Monaghan**
web: www.monaghantourism.com / www.coillte.ie
email: tourism@monaghancoco.ie

Rossmore Forest Park boasts a new adventure playground which is suitable for children up to 12 years of age. There is a variety of play equipment in the park including swings, zip lines, climbing frames and see-saws and there are also opportunities for exploration. The play park contains natural play items which encourage initiative, creativity and self-confidence with log piles, willow tunnels, and bee hive huts all waiting to be explored.

Another key feature in the park is its resident giants. **Roddy den Drum** overlooks the lake and **Big Ross** is asleep under the playpark with only his head and feet visible. There are more giants than these two - **so visitors are asked to keep watch for any new ones that appear.**



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ADVENTURE & ACTIVITIES

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*"The art of a people is a true mirror to their minds."
Jawaharlal Nehru*

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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ÍONTAS ARTS, THEATRE & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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where: Conabury, **Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9753400**
web: www.iontascastleblayney.ie
email: info@iontascastleblayney.ie

Iontas - 'a place of wonder' - is a community arts, theatre and resource centre based in Castleblayney. It is an award winning theatre which showcases a wide variety of dance, drama, comedy and musical acts.

There is a beautiful open gallery space with monthly art exhibitions. The Gallery Café is open weekdays from 9am-2pm serving hot lunches and homemade food in a warm and friendly atmosphere. A varied selection of rooms are available for conferencing, private and community bookings. Bar & café offerings are also available during events or upon request.

THE MARKET HOUSE, VENUE & GALLERY

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where: Market Street, **Monaghan Town**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 38162**
email: themarkethouse@eircom.net

The Market House was built in 1792 to the designs of a talented amateur architect of the time called Samuel Hayes. It is built of local grey limestone and is considered one of the most delicate and elegant 18th century buildings in the north of the country. The Market House holds arts events such as exhibitions, musical performances, readings, workshops and rehearsals. It has a venue with seating for 75 people. The building is fully accessible and is also available for civil ceremonies.

THE GARAGE THEATRE

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where: Monaghan Education Campus, Armagh Road, **Monaghan**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 39777**
web: www.garagetheatre.com
email: info@garagetheatre.com

The Garage Theatre, located at the CMETB Education Campus on the Armagh Road, presents a diverse and inspiring year-round programme of drama, music and comedy to the widest possible audience. The purpose built Theatre is a 289 seated venue with a Café and Bar in the foyer.

The theatre provides a venue for touring theatrical groups who produce a high quality of professional theatre. It also acts as a space for local amateur groups and is a resource for the local community.

MONAGHAN OMNIPLEX

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where: Monaghan Retail Park, Clones Rd, Killyconigan, **Monaghan**
tel: **+353 (0) 46 9046047**
web: www.omnplex.ie/monaghan
email: monaghan@omnplex.ie

A modern, centrally located 5-screen cinema located in Monaghan showing all the latest releases. Omniplex Monaghan features include free parking, Ben & Jerry's scoop cabinet, an Omniplex MAXX screen, Candy King Pic'n'Mix, assigned seating, automated ticket purchase & collection points, 3D performances and wheelchair accessible screens.



CYCLE TRAILS AND BICYCLE HIRE



“At the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair should be messy and your eyes sparkling”.

“It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men’s hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.”
Robert Louis Stevenson



SLIABH BEAGH CYCLING

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web: www.irishtrails.ie

Sliabh Beagh is a mountainous area straddling the border between County Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland and County Fermanagh and County Tyrone in Northern Ireland. It is an area of beautiful, unspoiled countryside which is well suited to cycling.

The five cycle routes in Sliabh Beagh are on minor country roads. They vary in length from 29 to 60 kms and are suited to those with good levels of fitness. They are fully signed routes in an anti-clockwise direction and run through counties Fermanagh, Monaghan & Tyrone with Route 1 linking to the Carleton trail in Co. Tyrone and Route 3 linking to the Kingfisher trail in County Fermanagh.

KINGFISHER CYCLE TRAIL

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web: www.kingfishercycletrail.com
www.monaghantourism.com

The Kingfisher Cycle Trail was the first long distance cycle trail in Ireland and follows minor country roads through the border counties of Fermanagh, Leitrim, Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan.

Comprising several looped rides, the Monaghan loop of the Kingfisher Cycle Trail is over 35 kms in total and starts in Clones, winds through Scotshouse, Newbliss, Killeevan and back into Clones. The route takes you along quiet local scenic roads and through quaint villages, allowing you to enjoy it at your own pace.

THE ULSTER CANAL TRAIL

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web: www.cycleni.com/74/ulster-canal-cycle-trail/

The Ulster Canal Trail is a 77 km linear cycle trail between Maghery, Co. Armagh and Clones, Co. Monaghan.

The trail travels through a rich, scenic tapestry of lowland lakes and rushing rivers. An array of tourist attractions are situated along the route and include forest parks, historic houses and galleries with plenty of opportunity to stop at traditional restaurants and pubs to savour local specialities.

DRUMLIN TRAILS BIKE HIRE

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where: McQuaid's Fuel Station, Knockafubble, **Emyvale**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 88108** or
mobile: +353 (0) 86 827 3421 / (0) 87 632 8396
web: www.drumlintrails.com
email: info@drumlintrails.com

A bike hire business where visitors can rent a bike for a day or a week. Drumlin Trails also offer a variety of interesting trails in the north of Monaghan and surrounding counties. Bikes for hire also include 10 top of the range e-bikes. These electric bikes give gentle assistance on some of the many drumlin hills in the area. Located at McQuaid's Fuel Station between the villages of Glaslough & Emyvale. Open 8:30am to 9:00pm daily and available to contact outside these hours.

BICYCLE HIRE

Monaghan Plant Hire

Dublin Road, Monaghan: +353 (0) 47 74444 or
Monaghan Road, Castleblayney: +353 (0) 42 9740875
web: www.monaghanhire.com
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McQuaid's Cycle Hire

Knockafubble, Emyvale
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FOREST PARKS AND AMENITIES

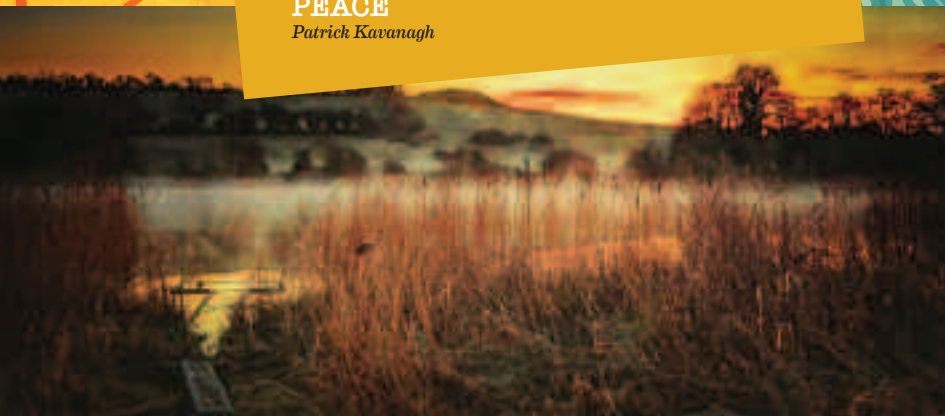


And sometimes I am sorry when the grass
Is growing over the stones in quiet hollows
And the cocksfoot leans across the rutted cart-pass
That I am not the voice of country fellows
Who now are standing by some headland talking
Of turnips and potatoes or young corn
Of turf banks stripped for victory.
Here Peace is still hawking
His coloured combs and scarves and beads of horn.

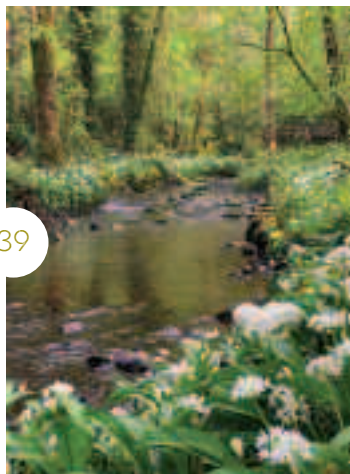
Upon a headland by a whinny hedge
A hare sits looking down a leaf-lapped furrow
There's an old plough upside-down on a weedy ridge
And someone is shouldering home a saddle-harrow.
Out of that childhood country what fools climb
To fight with tyrants Love and Life and Time?

PEACE

Patrick Kavanagh



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39 ROSSMORE FOREST PARK

web: www.coillte.ie
www.monaghantourism.com

Rossmore Forest Park is located 3.5km south west of Monaghan Town on the R189 to Newbliss. It was formerly part of the Barony of Rossmore created in 1796 and covers over 320 hectares with many forest walks, a wonderful Playpark for children, a Giant Sculpture trail (with more giants in the pipeline), and remnants of its past life as an estate.

The site of the castle can still be seen in the park, in addition to a walled garden, pet cemetery, fish hatchery and reservoir. A further attraction is an avenue of Yew trees which runs for approximately 500m from the walled garden. The 6 colour-coded walks range in length from 2 - 8kms, are mainly in the forested area and are well signposted.

40 DARTREY FOREST

web: www.monaghantourism.com

Dartrey Forest was formerly the estate of the Dawson family and is currently managed by Coillte as a commercial forest.

The Forest is bordered by a Famine wall which stretches half way along the road from Cotehill to Rockcorry. There are several walks in the forest and it is also famous for a number of historical monuments, in particular a temple of architectural significance which was designed by James Wyatt in 1770 and is modelled on the Pantheon in Rome. There are three walks (Fairfield, Deer and Temple Loops) which are colour coded and vary in length from 2.1km to 7.2km.

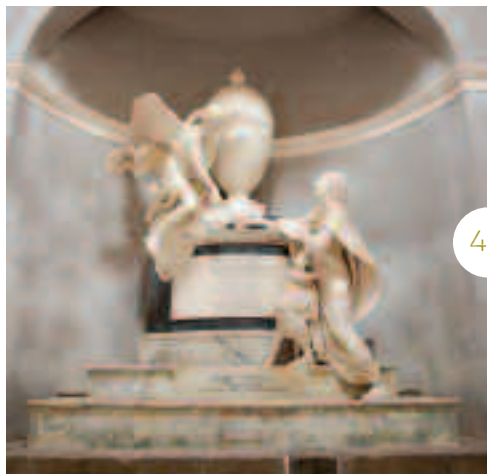
41 LOUGH MUCKNO LEISURE PARK

web: www.monaghantourism.com

Lough Muckno Leisure Park in Castleblayney was originally part of the estate of the Blayney family from whom the town of Castleblayney takes its name. The twelfth Lord Blayney, the last to hold the title, sold the estate in 1853 to Henry Thomas Hope, after whom Hope Castle is named.

The grounds of the estate now form the wonderfully scenic Lough Muckno Leisure Park and the Castleblayney Heritage Trail takes in some historical sites within the park. Facilities include walking trails, picnic areas, an Adventure Playground, Outdoor Activity Centre and Open Swimming area. Lough Muckno is also an Angling Centre of Excellence with unrivalled access for anglers. There are 4 competition level angling stretches on the lake.

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42 SENATOR BILLY FOX MEMORIAL PARK

web: www.monaghtourism.com

Senator Billy Fox Memorial Park covers an area of approximately 6.3 hectares and is located in Bawn, Co. Monaghan on the Cavan – Monaghan border.

The park has many bitmac surfaced walkways throughout the mature woodland. A river runs through the park crossed by a bridge at three locations, as well as spectacular views of a waterfall.

43 HOLLYWOOD LAKE

web: www.monaghtourism.com

This small, lakeside park has the following facilities: nature walks, children's playground, picnic areas etc. Swimming, boating and fishing are also possible here. The park is signposted off the Ballinode to Scotstown road.

44 TOWN PARK, BALLYBAY

web: www.monaghtourism.com

Lough Major is situated in the town centre of Ballybay and the Town Park has parking facilities, picnic areas, toilets, walking trails, football/basketball court, outdoor gym, fishing stands and an inclusive playground.

45 PETER'S LAKE, MONAGHAN

web: www.monaghtourism.com

This lake, in the centre of Monaghan town, is a beautiful amenity area with walks, seating areas, angling stands and a waterfall feature in the lake.

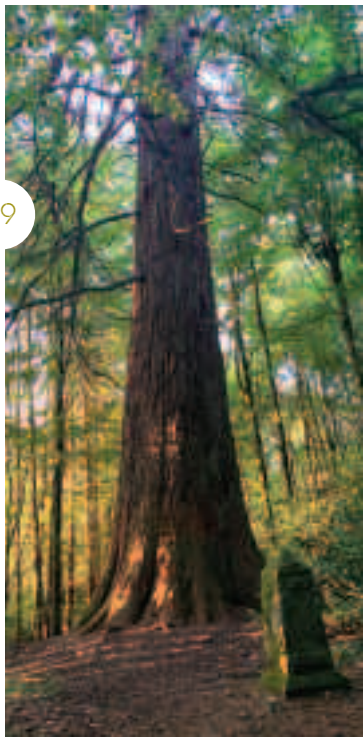
46 DERRYGORRY/FAVOUR ROYAL FOREST

web: www.millenniumforests.com

Derrygorry/Favour Royal Forest is situated approximately 15km north of Monaghan Town, the two woodlands are part of one forest that lies beside one another on both sides of the border. Scenic walking trails and picnic areas are available here.



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WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS



"It is not the mountain we
conquer, but ourselves".



MONAGHAN WAY WALK

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where: **Clontibret to Inniskeen**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 81 122**
web: **www.irishtrails.ie/trail/monaghan-way/24**
email: **tourism@monaghancoco.ie**

The Monaghan Way is a long-distance walking route that explores just some of county Monaghan's rich heritage.

The perfect way to enjoy the Monaghan countryside, the walk mixes gentle sloping hill gradients with flat stretches of open countryside. There are no long or steep climbs and the route reaches a maximum altitude of 317m at the summit of Mullyash. The walk from Clontibret to Inniskeen is 33.5 miles / 54 km in length and should be tackled over one or two days. The Monaghan Way Walk is closed annually from 12 midnight on December 24th to 12 midnight December 25th.

SLIABH BEAGH WAY

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web: **www.walkni.com/walks/188/sliabh-beaghtway**

There are several walking routes in the Sliabh Beagh area. These include the Sliabh Beagh Way, a 46km long distance walk, way marked from St. Patrick's Chair & Well in Co. Tyrone, entering Co. Monaghan at Lough More, going over Bragan Mountain, carrying on through the lower moorland behind Knockatallon and into Fermanagh via Mullaghfad, Jenkin Carnmore/Carnrock, winding its way through Tully Forest and aptly ending at Donagh.

There are also 36 loop walks, throughout the Sliabh Beagh region, all of which are way marked and vary in length from 4km - 15km. These routes take the walker through a variety of landscapes.

KNOCKATALLON WALKS

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where: **Sliabh Beagh Hotel & Tourism Centre, Knockatallon**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 89014**
email: **knockatallon@eircom.net**

The Knockatallon Looped Walks are a series of four looped walks in the Sliabh Beagh hills of north Monaghan, including the Tra, Rock, Bragan and Esh walks.

They range from 6-10 kilometres in length; two of which are on quiet country roads that are suitable for all abilities, and two are over more challenging terrain such as forest tracks and open moorland. The main trailhead for the walks is the Sliabh Beagh Hotel & Tourism Centre. Sets of walking cards are available and the walks are well way-marked using colour-coded discs and double-pointed arrows so that the walks can be followed in either a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

The Knockatallon Ramblers organise regular guided walks in the Sliabh Beagh area at weekends throughout the year. Further information can be found on their Facebook page and via www.knockatallonramblers.wordpress.com

EMY LOUGH LOOPED WALK

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where: **Emy Lough, Emyvale**
web: **www.monaghantourism.com**

This 4km looped walk around the picturesque Emy Lough is suitable for all levels of fitness and takes around 1 – 1.5 hours to complete. The walk uses minor roadways and a lakeshore path. The trailhead is at a car park and there is a picnic area nearby.

ROSSMORE PARK WALKS

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where: Rossmore Forest Park, **Monaghan Town**
web: www.coillte.ie
www.monaghantourism.com
Email: tourism@monaghancoco.ie

There are six looped walking trails in the forest park which cater for all abilities and they are colour coded for ease of use. The trails include the following:

The **'Access for all Trail'** (0.8 km, **30 mins**, red markers)
The **'Barn Hill Lake Loop'** (1.7 km, **45 mins**, orange markers)
The **'Twin Lakes Loop'** (2.6 km, **1 hour**, white markers)
The **'Priestfield Lake Loop'** (2.9 km, **1 hour**, green markers)
The **'Castle Trail'** (3.0 km, **1 hour**, brown markers)
The **'Rossmore Loop'** (8.0 km, **2.5 hours**, blue markers)

Picnic areas, car park facilities and a newly developed children's playpark are all available within the park. Admission is free and opening times are daylight hours.

BALLYBAY WALKING TRAILS

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where: **Ballybay Town**
web: www.monaghantourism.com

The walking trails in Ballybay consist of three looped walks, including the Town Park Walk, The Lough Major Walk and The Corbrack Lane Walk. They range from 0.5 - 4.5km in length and begin from the Town Park, where there are good parking facilities, picnic area, public toilets (with disabled access), and additional recreational facilities.

BALLYBAY WETLANDS WALKS

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web: www.enterprisingmonaghan.ie

Located just outside the town of Ballybay, on the Clones Road. There are a number of scenic walks through the 65 acres of wetlands which are recognised as being regionally important as a site for wintering migratory bird life including the Whooping Swan and the Siberian Widgeon. The centre is also a year round refuge for a wide spectrum of waterfowl and wildlife.

ULSTER CANAL GREENWAY

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where: Old Cross Square, **Monaghan**
web: www.ulstercanalgreenway.com
email: info@ulstercanalgreenway.com

The Ulster Canal Greenway is a 4.5km walking/cycle mainly flat path and is suitable for all abilities. The route runs through Monaghan Town, along the former tow path of the abandoned Ulster Canal. It includes viewing points and information stands about the various habitats along the Canal.

CARRICKMACROSS LOOPED WALKS

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

The Carrickmacross looped walks consist of five great walks throughout the beautiful market town on the ancient route from Leinster into Ulster. There is a walk to suit every ability, including the Town, Avenue & Lakeside Walk, The Town & Country Ramble, The Lakes Walking Trail, The Four Counties Walking Trail, and the Pilgrim's Way Tin Church Trail. These range in distance from 4 - 32kms and are also suitable for cycling.

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THE DIAMOND, MONAGHAN TOWN



THE DIAMOND, CLONES



“ My father used to say that stories are part of the most precious heritage of mankind”. Tahir Shah.

HERITAGE TRAILS



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MONAGHAN TOWN HERITAGE TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

Monaghan is a town rich in architectural heritage. From 1513 to 1589 it was the headquarters of the chiefs of the McMahon clan, whose power was eventually broken by the English in the late 16th/ early 17th century. Monaghan was basically a Presbyterian town for the next two centuries, and a colonial centre of commerce and local government.

This self-guided trail will take you to many of Monaghan's finest historical buildings from the 18th & 19th centuries. Visits to the County Museum, Peter's Lake, the Old Railway Station, Rossmore Monument, The Market House and the Courthouse are all included on the walk.

WALKING TOURS OF MONAGHAN TOWN

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email: patrickjoesphsherry@gmail.com

Guided walking tours of Monaghan Town are available during the summer season. The tour takes in key locations of interest spanning the history of the town from its earliest beginnings in the late 16th century up to the present day.

These guided tours are free of charge and take place every Saturday from Easter Saturday to the end of September. Tours meet at The Diamond/Westentra Arms Hotel, Monaghan Town at 11am and last approx. 1.5 hours.

CLONES TOWN HERITAGE TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

Clones Town began as a monastic settlement c.500 when St. Tiernach founded his monastery there and this was the most important site in Monaghan for centuries afterwards. The trail is self-guided and takes in a variety of stops along the way, starting at the Old Market House and going on to visit The High Cross, St. Tiernach's Church, Motte & Bailey Fort, St. Tiernach's Grave, The Cassandra Hand Centre and the Canal Stores. You will learn about the Gaelic chiefs - the McMahons, how the town suffered during the Famine and how the establishment of the Irish Free State impacted on Clones, the improvement of Clones in the 19th century, especially with the coming of the railways and the unsuccessful Ulster Canal and how there are proposed plans to revive it.

HISTORIC TOWN OF CLONES WALKING TOURS

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tel: +353 (0) 47 52125
email: ulstercanalstores@outlook.com

There is nothing like a walking tour in the company of a local guide to make you feel welcome. Clones Town is steeped in history and these walks are guided by local historians and trained guides. The walking tour takes you on a journey and visits sites as far back as Monastic 6th century, where you can learn the secrets and facts behind Historic Clones. Tours depart from The Ulster Canal Stores, Cara Street, Clones at 11am, taking place every Saturday from May to October, and lasting approx. 1.5 hours. Everyone is welcome to join but comfortable walking attire is a requirement.

CARRICKMACROSS HISTORIC TOWN TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

The heritage trail in the old garrison town of Carrickmacross takes 35-40 minutes to walk and is the perfect opportunity to get under the skin of this Co. Monaghan crossroads.

Carrickmacross was developed around a castle built by the Earl of Essex in 1630 (the convent of the St. Louis Nuns stands on the original site). One of the most striking buildings in the town today is St. Joseph's, a Roman Catholic Church dating from 1866. Inside, you'll find ten stained-glass windows designed by Ireland's master of the art, Harry Clarke. Along with St. Joseph's, other sites of note include the ruins of the historic Magheross Church, St. Finbar's (Church of Ireland), the Famine Graveyard, Courthouse & Toll House.

WALKING TOURS OF CARRICKMACROSS

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web: www.carrickmacrosschamber.com
email: info@carrickmacrosschamber.com

This guided walking tour of Carrickmacross aims to bring alive the vibrant history of the Town, its famous residents, like Patrick Kavanagh, and other cultural items such as Carrickmacross Lace.

The tour takes place every Saturday from May to October, departing from the Courthouse at 11am. There is no charge to take part in the tour and it takes approximately 1.5 hours. No booking is required; however numbers will be restricted due to health and safety reasons. Large groups and those who would like to organise a private tour, please contact the Chamber of Commerce directly.

CARRICKMACROSS KAVANAGH HERITAGE TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

This self-guided heritage trail consists of a variety of stops through Carrickmacross and the surrounding locality frequented by Patrick Kavanagh during his visits to the town and often serving as the inspiration for his prose and poetry. Brochures are available locally.

GLASLOUGH HERITAGE TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

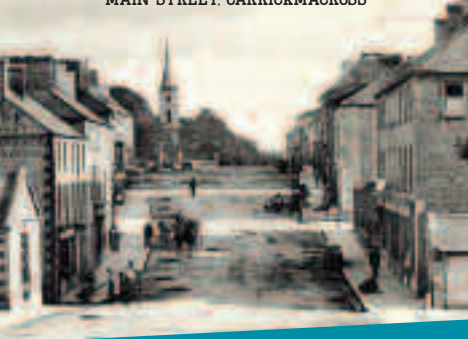
'One Village, Two Voices Glaslough Village Heritage Trail' is a self-guided app tour of the historical village of Glaslough. Take a walk through Glaslough village and hear the stories of the Leslie family and the village community and the way the two have been closely linked for over 350 years. Starting beside the Famine Monument and finishing at Saint Salvator's Church, the trail follows a route of two kilometres around the village and into the Castle Leslie Estate. This easy to follow trail through the village is part of Ireland's Ancient East, a network of stories in the landscape stretching back 5,000 years. The app is available to download for free.



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MAIN STREET, CARRICKMACROSS



GLASLOUGH VILLAGE - FAIR DAY



“Heritage - be proud of it for you will be its legacy. It's your responsibility to carry on and learn your heritage. Otherwise, it will be lost.”
Kailin Gow, Bitter Frost

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GUIDED WALKING HERITAGE TRAILS OF GLASLOUGH

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tel: +353 (0) 83 874 0702
web: www.glasloughtidytowns.com
email: glasloughtidytowns@gmail.com

Guided heritage walking tours of Glaslough village are available every Friday and Saturday at 4pm during June, July and August. All group bookings available for any day of the week.

THE PATRICK KAVANAGH TRAIL, INNISKEEN

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where: Inniskeen
tel: +353 (0) 42 9378560
web: www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com
email: infoatpkc@eircom.net

The Patrick Kavanagh Trail features local sites relevant to Kavanagh's life and featured in his work as well as sites of general interest. Walkers and cyclists are encouraged to explore the unique drumlin landscape of South Monaghan through the eyes of Patrick Kavanagh.



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CASTLEBLAYNEY HERITAGE TRAIL

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web: www.monaghantourism.com

This self-guided trail takes visitors on a pleasant walk to several sites of historical significance in the town of Castleblayney and through Lough Muckno Leisure Park.

Key points of interest include Hope Castle, Alms Houses, St. Maeldoid's Church of Ireland, Forester Hall and the Muckno Gate lodges. The trail panels tell the story of how Lough Muckno got its name and of powerful local families such as the McMahons. The story of the infamous Hope Diamond is also told.



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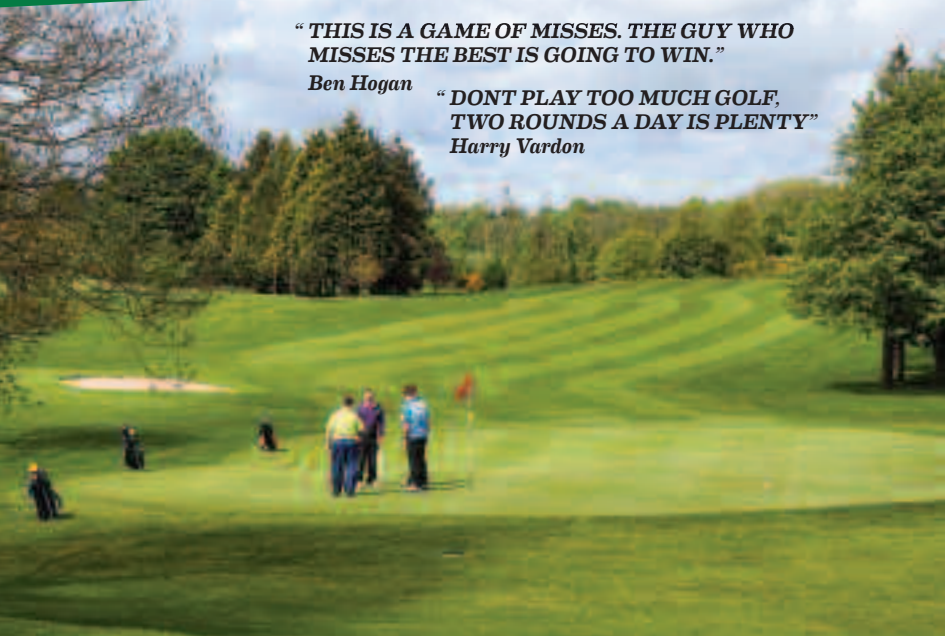
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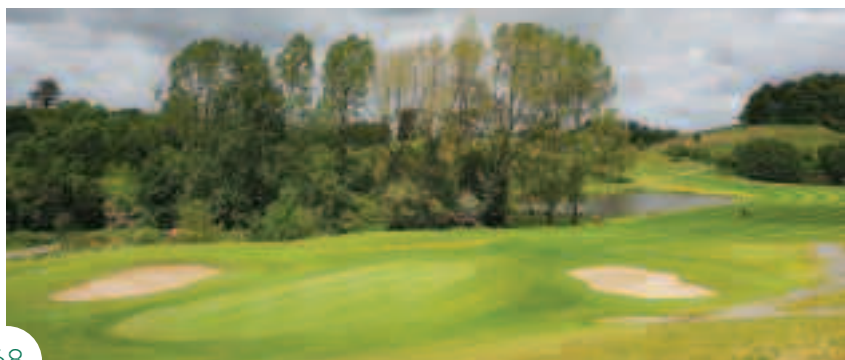
PARKLAND GOLF

***“ THIS IS A GAME OF MISSES. THE GUY WHO
MISSES THE BEST IS GOING TO WIN.”***

Ben Hogan

***“ DONT PLAY TOO MUCH GOLF,
TWO ROUNDS A DAY IS PLENTY”***
Harry Vardon





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ROSSMORE GOLF CLUB

where: Cootehill Road, **Monaghan**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 81316**
web: www.rossmoregolfclub.ie
email: info@rossmoregolfclub.ie

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This quality 18 hole golf course is of championship standard. From the highest point of the course there is a panoramic view of much of the northern part of the island of Ireland from Slieve an Iarann in Leitrim through Slieve Cuilceagh and Slieve Beagh into the Sperrins in Tyrone and Derry. With its undulating fairways and its numerous streams and lakes, this parkland course offers the ideal golfing combination of challenging yet enjoyable golf over its 18 holes. The course is one of the driest courses in Ireland and is playable all year round and visitors are assured the warmest of welcomes. There is a professional Golf Shop, Restaurant & Bar on site.

CLONES GOLF CLUB

where: Hilton Park, **Clones**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 56017**
web: www.clonesgolfclub.com
email: clonesgolfclub@eircom.net

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Clones Golf Club, established in 1913, is located at Hilton Park, 2.5 miles from Clones. The golf course boasts a 20 hole course over approximately 155 acres of rolling parklands. The 18 hole course was designed by Dr Arthur Spring and was officially opened by Barry McGuigan. The course is now highly acclaimed and is an ideal venue for the society golfer. It is an all-weather open Parkland Course with many water features open all year around. It is a challenging course for all levels of ability. After an enjoyable round of golf visitors and members can relax over a drink in the homely and friendly Clubhouse.

CONCRA WOOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

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where: Dundalk Road, **Castleblayney**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9749485**
web: www.concrawood.ie
email: info@concrawood.ie

Concra Wood Golf & Country Club is an 18 hole golf course which was designed by Christy O'Connor Junior & Christy O'Connor Senior. The course is of championship standard and is playable all year round. The course overlooks the stunning Lough Muckno. It has a luxurious clubhouse with a bar and restaurant with stunning views to soak in while relaxing. There is a pro shop with all the latest golfing gear and PGA professional coaching and lesson service, fully functioning changing rooms with showers and a driving range, putting green and newly designed chipping green. Concra Wood Golf Club has been host to 3 Europro Tour Events in 2012-2014 and most recently held the European Monaghan Challenge Tour event in 2018.

MANNAN CASTLE GOLF CLUB

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where: **Carrickmacross**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9663308**
web: www.mannancastlegolfclub.ie
email: info@mannancastlegolfclub.ie

Nestling in the drumlins of South County Monaghan, Mannan Castle Golf Club is an 18 hole parkland course set in the tranquil surroundings of the 12th Century Mannan Castle and is full of character and challenge. It is a quality approved golf course, approved to Fáilte Ireland standards, which means the services and facilities have been independently checked out before you tee-off. The golf club includes full clubhouse facilities, a 10 bay automatic-tee driving range, short game practice area, 2 putting greens, 6 pitch and putt holes and a fully stocked Professional Shop. Visitors and society groups are welcome.

NUREMORE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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where: Dublin Road, **Carrickmacross**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 966 1438**
web: www.nuremore.com
email: golf@nuremore.com

Nuremore Golf club has been described as one of the most picturesque parkland golf courses in Ireland. The 18 hole Championship golf course is set in tranquil surroundings and rolling drumlins. This superb par 71 course makes use of surrounding lakes and landscape to be enjoyed at any time of the year and whether you're a beginner or an experienced golfer a round of golf on the Nuremore course is bound to frustrate and delight in equal measure! It is the past home of the PGA Ulster Open and 1998 home of the PGA Irish Club Professional Tournament. There is a club room and a Professional Shop located in the modern Golf Pavilion.

PARKLAND GOLF



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COARSE AND GAME ANGLING



COUNTY MONAGHAN IS AN ANGLER'S PARADISE WITH ITS MULTITUDE OF LAKES AND RIVERS WITH ANGLER ACCESS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WELL-ESTABLISHED ANGLING CENTRES IN THE COUNTY AND A HOST OF FISHING VENUES THAT WILL CATER TO THE NEEDS OF ALL ANGLERS.

THE MAIN CENTRES ARE BALLYBAY, CARRICKMACROSS, CASTLEBLAYNEY, CLONES AND MONAGHAN BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SMALLER TOWNS AND VILLAGES THAT WOULD ACT AS SUITABLE BASES FOR YOUR ANGLING TRIP.

COARSE ANGLING

There are no licence or permit requirements for coarse fishing in Co. Monaghan and many angling centres contain the commonly found coarse fish species – bream, roach, rudd, hybrids, pike, perch and eels. Some waters contain tench and carp. The centres based in the Erne Catchment in Monaghan – Ballybay, Rockcorry, Newbliss, Bawn/Latton and Clones – are within a compact geographical area and are only a short journey from each other. Carrickmacross is the centre of a network of premier coarse angling waters which produce excellent catches annually and Castleblayney is situated on the shores of Lough Muckno which has recently been developed in terms of angling access and is now one of Europe's premier coarse angling fisheries. Monaghan Town is an ideal base for fishing the waters of north Monaghan and South Tyrone.

GAME ANGLING

Angling associations, riparian owners and in certain cases Inland Fisheries Ireland, control fishing on some game angling waters and some have made day permits available. A state licence is also required when fishing for salmon and sea trout and local regulations may apply. Game angling waters include: The Bunnoe and Knappagh rivers and Lough Mourne (Ballybay); Loughs Boughagh, na Garnaman and Creevy and The River Fane (Carrickmacross); The Clarebane, Mullaghduff and Frankfort rivers and Milltown Lough (Castleblayney); Emy Lough, Lough More, The Bragan Lakes and The Monaghan Blackwater in North Monaghan.

Fishing guide services and boat hire are available on request and there is plenty of good advice and helpful local knowledge freely available from Monaghan anglers. A number of angling festivals are held in the county each year.

For more detailed information on angling in Monaghan visit

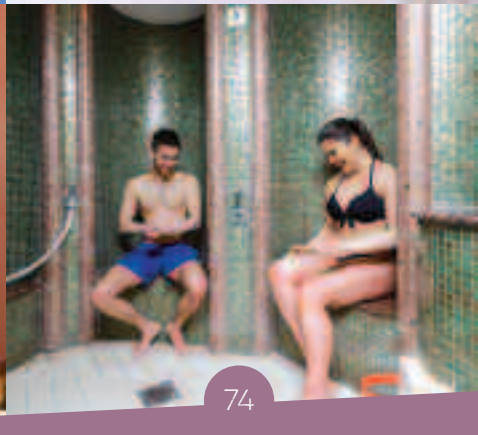
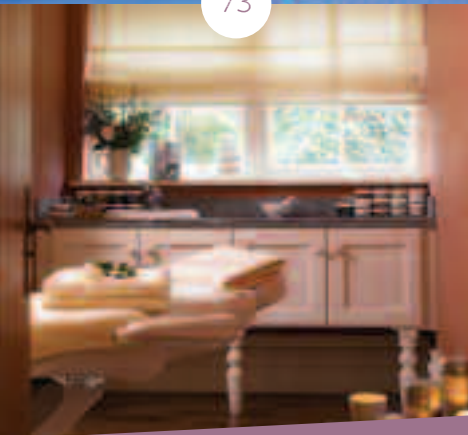
www.monaghantourism.com

www.fishinginireland.info



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS



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VIDA SPA

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where: Nuremore Hotel, **Carrickmacross**
tel: **+353 (0) 42 9661438**
web: **www.nuremore.com**
email: **info@nuremore.com**

The treatment rooms at Nuremore offers a wide range of facial, body and beauty treatments. With a highly trained team visitors will experience a luxurious, rejuvenating journey.

THE VICTORIAN TREATMENT ROOMS

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where: Castle Leslie Estate, **Glaslough**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 88100**
web: **www.castleleslie.com**
email: **victorianspa@castleleslie.com**

A visit to the Victorian Treatment rooms at Castle Leslie Estate will leave you feeling refreshed and revitalised. With seven treatment rooms, a relaxation area, sauna and an outdoor hot tub overlooking the stables, it's the perfect place to ease your weary muscles after taking part in one of the many activities available on the Estate.

Their highly trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic therapies from the 'Eminence Organics' & 'Voya' ranges. Signature treatments include the 'Never a Dull Moment Facial', 'Grip Fast' Back, Neck & Shoulder Massages, Chocolate Truffle Wrap, LA Stone Therapy.

Opening times: Mon - Wed: .. 10am-6pm
Thurs: 10am-9pm
Fri-Sun: 10am-6pm

LIR SPA

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where: Hillgrove Hotel, **Monaghan Town**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 72929**
web: **www.hillgrovehotel.com**
email: **info@hillgrovehotel.com**

The Hillgrove Hotel's luxurious Lir Spa & Wellness Centre is the ultimate haven in luxury and sheer relaxation and an ideal place to spend time unwinding. It provides you with the perfect atmosphere to ease away those everyday stresses, to get fit or just keep in shape.

In an increasingly hectic world, you can look forward to being pampered from head to toe in expert hands. Facilities include seven treatment rooms, hydrotherapy pool, pedi spas, herbal sauna, monsoon showers, ice fountain, mud rasul and relaxation room. There is also a coffee dock and hair salon on site. The hair salon can be contacted on 047 73266.



“It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves”.



EQUESTRIAN CENTRES



CASTLE LESLIE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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where: **Castle Leslie Estate, Glaslough**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 88100**
web: **www.castleleslie.com**
email: **info@castleleslie.com**

Castle Leslie Estate offers an idyllic setting for outdoor activity and adventure. It is the perfect place to discover the thrill of exploring the beautiful Irish countryside on horseback. Riders of all ability are welcome. There is expert tuition, gentle hacks and exhilarating cross-country rides. The Equestrian Centre combines the authentic charm of a 1,000 acre private country estate with all the amenities you'd expect from one of Ireland's best horse-riding locations including 300 new cross-country jumps along 21 miles of meandering bridleways, a mile-long all weather gallop, indoor area with cross country fences and tiered seating for 200 plus private dining/viewing room, Dressage Arena, Outdoor Ménage, Sand Gallops and SJI approved show jumps. BHS, SJI & AIRE approved.

MULLAGHMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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where: **Mullaghmore, Tydavnet**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 89645** or **+353 (0) 87 660 0629**
web: **www.horseridingmonaghan.com**
email: **maresemccarra@hotmail.com**

Mullaghmore Equestrian Centre is a family run, AIRE approved centre. It is in a picturesque quiet location in the countryside just four miles north of Monaghan town beside the beautiful Sliabh Beagh Mountains. The horses and ponies are of a quiet disposition offering riders of all ages a great opportunity to trek and train for a skill of a lifetime. There are facilities to cater for disabled people and a chance to experience a novel pastime in the open air. Come and Enjoy!

CLONCAW EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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where: **Glaslough**
tel: **+353 (0) 47 88882** or **+353 (0) 86 975 1009**
web: **www.clonkaw.com**
email: **geraldine@clonkaw.com**

Clonkaw Equestrian Centre in Glaslough offers a safe environment with fully qualified instructors to take care of riders and make learning a positive experience. Clonkaw Equestrian Centre is owned by Geraldine Bellew who is pursuing her main interest of teaching and coaching riders of all levels and ages from seven upwards. Young children beginner lessons are on a one to one basis only. Special needs children are welcomed initially as private students with the aim to integrate them into regular group lessons. Group lessons are limited generally to 6–8 riders. The centre's facilities include an indoor school with a sand/rubber floor, an outdoor sand arena, a grass show jumping area, a cross-country course over 85 acres with fences of all heights, and stables for long- or short-term livery. The centre is AIRE and BHS approved.

TOURIST SERVICES

MONAGHAN TOURIST OFFICE

(Seasonal: June to Sep)

Market House, Monaghan

tel: +353 (0) 47 81122

www.monaghantourism.com

VISITOR INFORMATION POINTS

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Carrickmacross Branch Library

tel: +353 (0) 42 9661148

Castleblayney Branch Library

tel: +353 (0) 42 9740281

Carrickmacross Workhouse

tel: +353 (0) 42 9664540

Ulster Canal Stores, Clones

tel: +353 (0) 47 52125

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

*Monaghan County Library, Clones
Local History & Genealogical Services*

Catriona Lennon

tel: +353 (0) 47 74713 / 74712

email: clennon@monaghancoco.ie

Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones

tel: +353 (0) 47 20626 / 52997

Carrickmacross Workhouse

tel: +353 (0) 42 9664540

Monaghan Ancestral Research,

6 Tully, Monaghan (Postal Enquiries Only)

Monaghan Reunite Genealogy Project

www.countymonaghanfund.com

Clogher Historical Society

www.clogherhistory.ie

GETTING HERE AND GETTING AROUND



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tel: +353 (0) 42 9740618

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www.cavancarrental.ie

email: info@rent-a-car.ie

tel: +353 (0) 818 252252

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BUSES

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www.buseireann.ie

Translink

www.translink.co.uk

McConnons Buses

www.mcconnonsbuses.ie

Collins Coaches

www.collinscoaches.ie

Matthews Coaches

www.matthews.ie

Conlon Coaches

www.conlontravel.ie

Fitzpatrick Coaches

www.fitzpatrickcoaches.com

Rice Coaches

www.ricecoaches.ie

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT TO COUNTY MONAGHAN ACCOMMODATION

There are many excellent approved accommodation providers in the county offering a wide variety of accommodation for all budgets and tastes.

Types of Accommodation Available

Hotels and Guesthouses / Bed & Breakfasts / Specialist Historic Accommodation / Self Catering Accommodation

www.monaghantourism.com



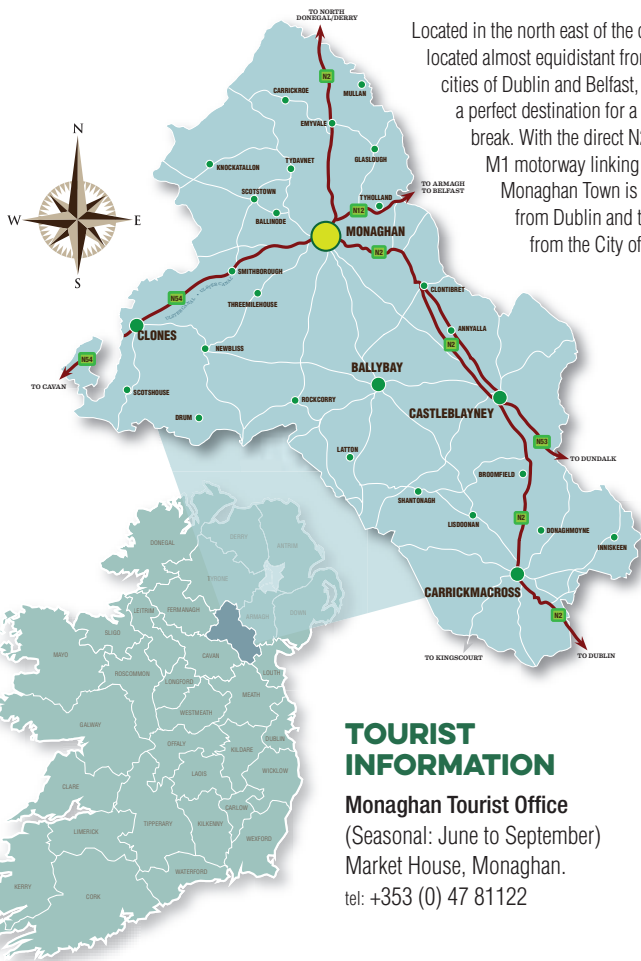
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I am the splendid impulse
That comes before the thought.
The joy and exaltation
Wher in the life is caught.

AN EASY ACCESS

LOCATION



Located in the north east of the country and ideally located almost equidistant from the two principal cities of Dublin and Belfast, County Monaghan is a perfect destination for a getaway or holiday break. With the direct N2 from Dublin, or the M1 motorway linking back on to the N2, Monaghan Town is now only 1 hr 30min from Dublin and the same driving time from the City of Belfast.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Monaghan Tourist Office
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