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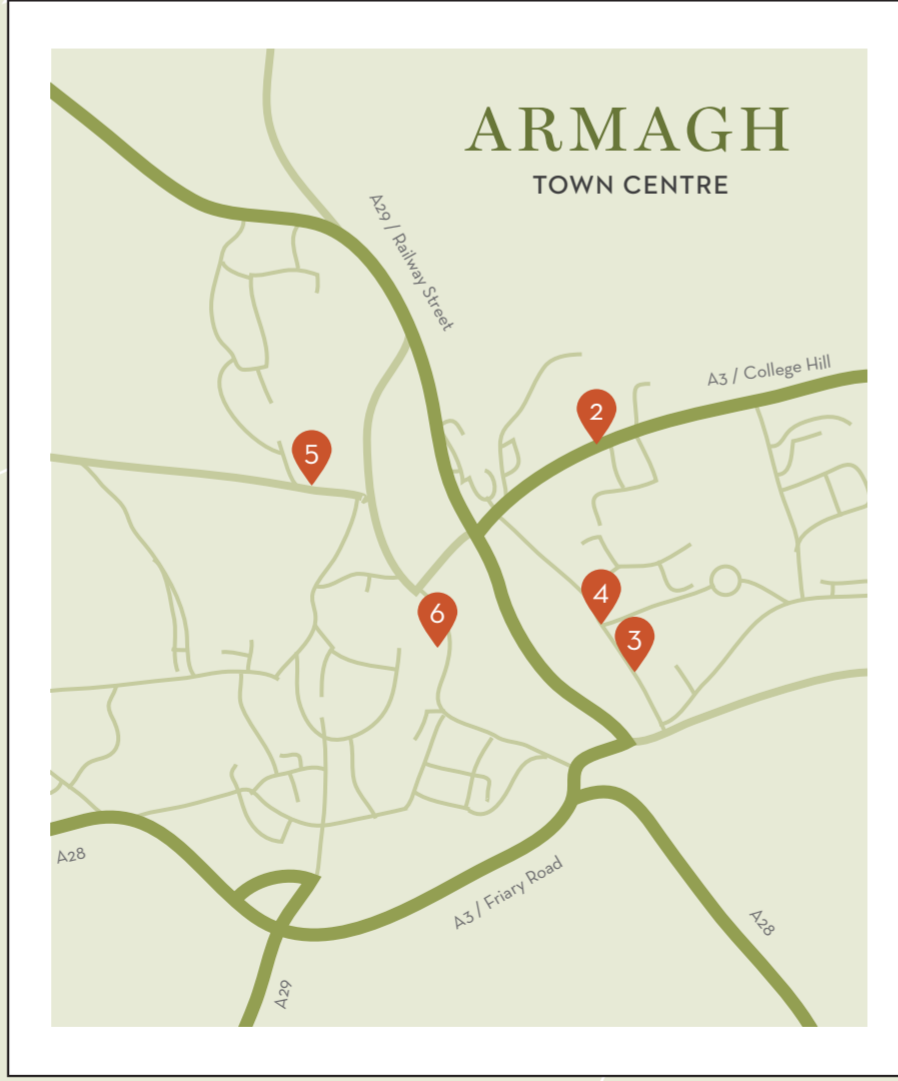
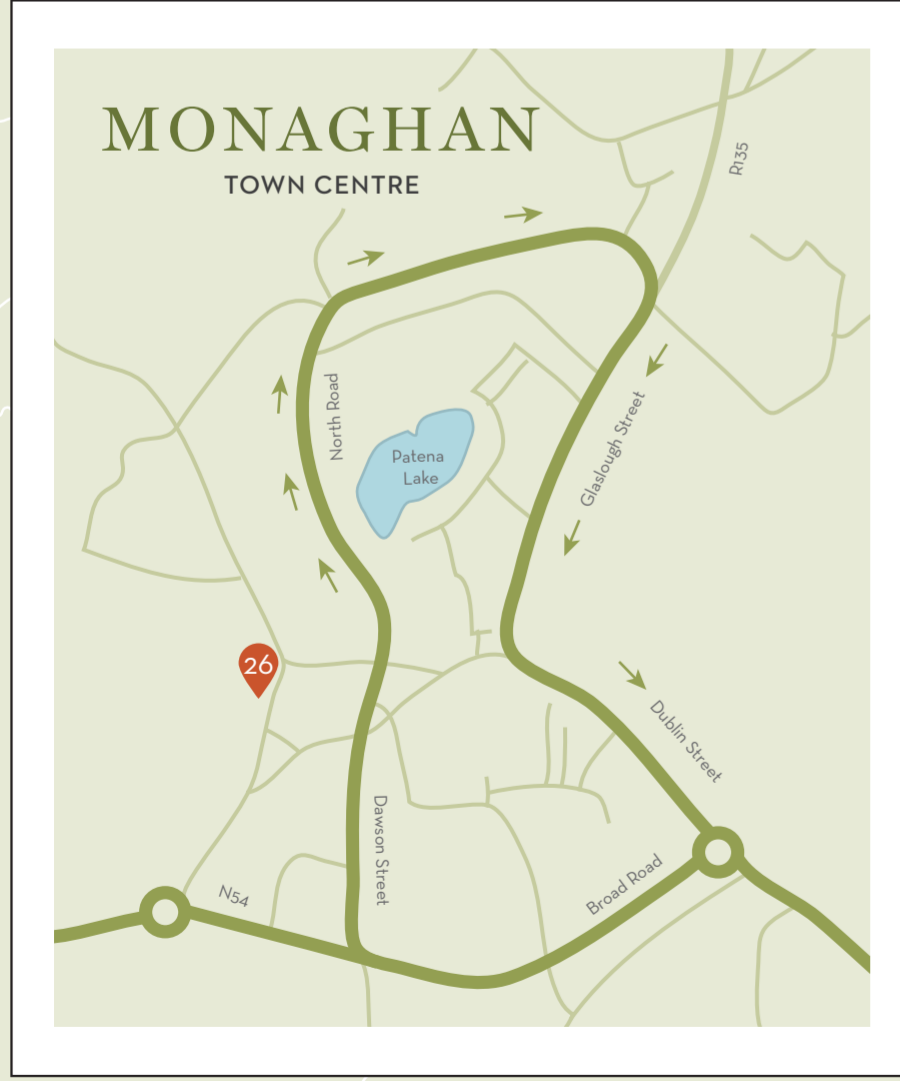
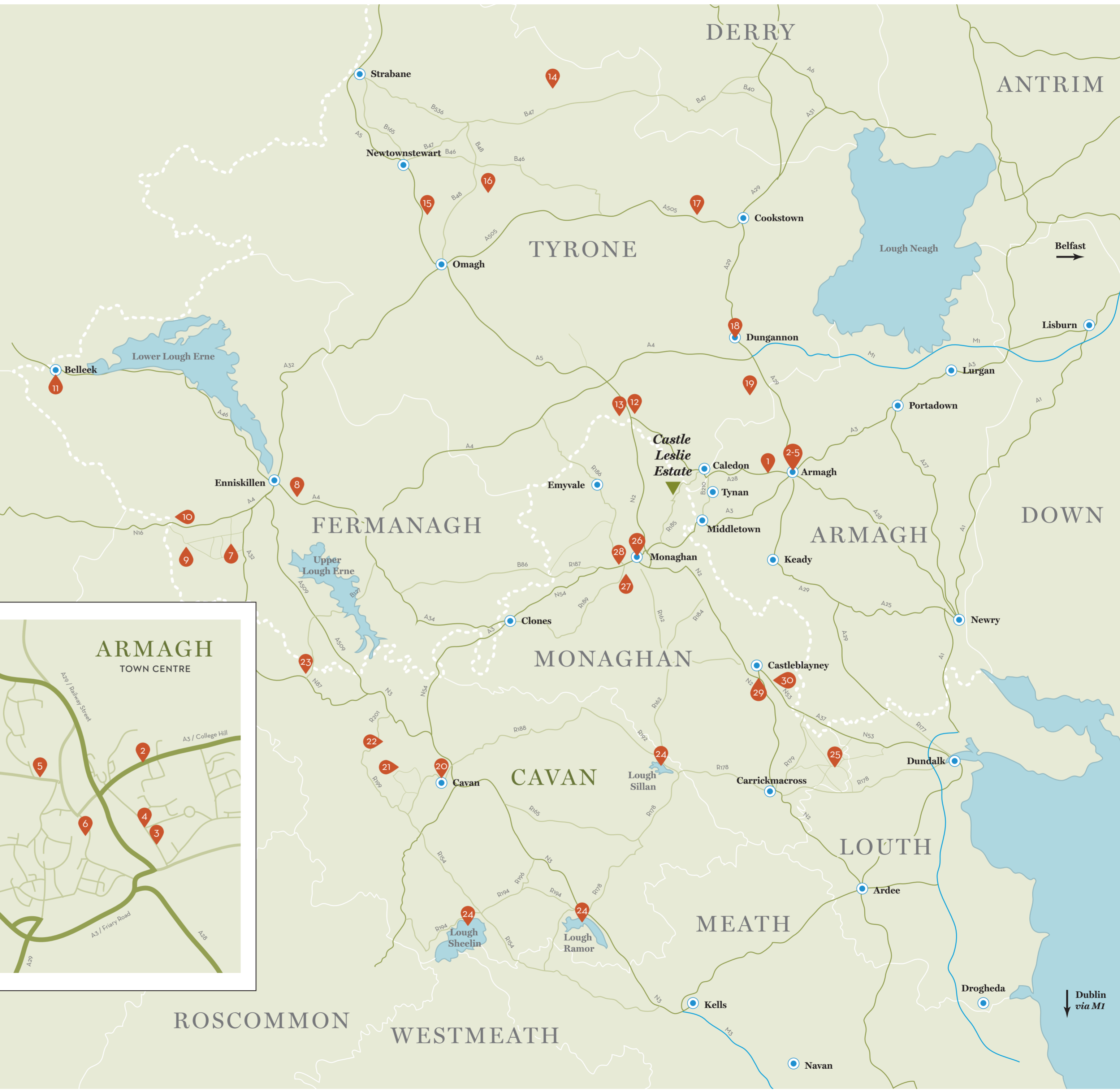
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Navan Fort is the most important archaeological and historical site in Northern Ireland. There is free access to the Fort, but to appreciate the site's history it is best to go into the Navan Centre, which has been creatively built into the side of a grass bank, to look like a large Bronze Age cairn.

The centre has detailed exhibitions displaying finds from the fort and the nearby man made pond, the King's Stables. These include the skull of a Barbary Ape, which showed that the people at the site were advanced enough to trade with Africa, the skull of a huge hound and a long curved trumpet horn. There is also an exhibition about the excavation of the fort between 1961 and 1971, with old photographs and an enigmatic hologram showing how the fort's appearance changed from the Bronze Age to the present day. Visitors are also introduced to the legends of the site with an entertaining film in the audiovisual theatre. The centre operates year round.

**Address:** 81 Killylea Road, Armagh. BT60 4LD  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 3752 9644  
**W:** www.armagh.co.uk/navan-centre-fort/

**2 Armagh Planetarium**  
Armagh Planetarium is a world renowned astronomical educational establishment whos purpose is to bring astronomy to a wider audience. Its exhibition hall has lots of interactive displays, original star gazing instruments from the Observatory and high tech equipment on show. You can see pictures from the NASA telescope, and in the Earthanarium Gallery, you can spy on areas of Northern Ireland by way of a satellite link-up. The best part of the Planetarium is the video room, where you lie back in reclining seats to watch a lifelike show about the stars projected into the hemispherical ceiling.

**Address:** College Hill, Co. Armagh  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 3752 3689  
**W:** www.armaghplanet.com

**3 The Mall**  
The Mall is a pretty treelined park, set in streets of Georgian terrace houses designed by the famous 19th century Armagh architect, Francis Johnston. The park used to be a venue for horse racing, cock fighting and bull baiting and now hosts an occasional cricket match and has a war memorial at one end.

**Address:** Armagh, Co. Armagh, BT61 9AX  
**W:** www.armagh.co.uk/place/the-mall/

**4 Armagh County Museum**  
The County Museum on the east side of the Mall has a collection of local artefacts, antiques, stuffed animals and a small art gallery which has a number of oil paintings, pastels and cartoon sketches by Irish poet, George Russell.

**Address:** The Mall East, Armagh, BT61 9BE  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 3752 3070  
**W:** www.nmni.com/acm

**5 Shambles Market**  
The Shambles Market is located centrally and set between Armagh's two famous Cathedrals. It is open on Tuesdays from 8am to 4pm. This open market has a mind-boggling assortment of items including clothing, fruit and vegetables, flowers, household fabrics, music, tools and jewelry.

**Address:** Cathedral Rd, Armagh, County Armagh BT61 7QX  
**T:** +44 28 3752 8192  
**W:** www.marketdirect.ie/shambles-market

**6 The Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre**  
State-of-the-art venue and conference centre situated in the heart of Armagh.

**Address:** Market Street, Armagh, Co. Armagh, BT61 7BW  
**T:** +44 28 3752 1821  
**W:** www.themarketplacearmagh.com

## FERMANAGH

**7 Florence Court**  
There is something for all the family at this warm and welcoming 18th-century property, the former home of the Earls of Enniskillen. The house enjoys a peaceful setting in west Fermanagh, with a dramatic backdrop of mountains and forests. There are glorious walks to enjoy, as well as fine vistas and play areas. There is even a charming walled garden.

Every aspect of life in this classical Irish house, with its fine interiors and exquisite decoration, are brought to life on fascinating guided tours.

Outside there are numerous places to explore, including a sawmill, ice house and thatched summer house.

**Address:** Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, BT92 1DB  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 6634 8249  
**W:** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/florence-court/

**8 Castle Coole**  
Less than two kilometres from Enniskillen is Castle Coole, described as the leading neoclassical mansion in Ireland. The first Earl of Belmore went broke building the house in the late 18th century and the decorations were left up to his son. The house has some curious examples of the period's love of symmetry including keyhole coverings on doors with no keyholes as well as fake doorways and hallow columns.

Open from 1 – 6pm Friday to Wednesday, May to August.

**Address:** Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, BT74 6JY  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 6632 2690  
**W:** http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/castle-coole/

**9 The Marble Arch Caves**  
The caves are approached from the Marlbank Scenic Loop, which offers super views of Lower Lough Macnean and limestone fields similar to those of the Burren in County Clare. Watch out for free guided tours of this area. The caves were formed through 50,000 years of water seeping through these limestone flags. Tours around the caves begin with a boat trip underground, but have comfortable shoes on because it ends by foot. On display are fantastic stalactites and climbing stalagmites, and some underground waterfalls. As well as your walking shoes, carry some warm clothes as the underground temperatures tend to be quite chilly. The caves are very busy during peak season so try to pre-book tours when possible.

**Address:** 43 Marlbank Road, Legnabrocky, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 6634 8855  
**W:** www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com

**10 Corralea Activity Centre**  
The only water park of its kind in Ireland! At 7m diameter and sitting above water level, any trampoline is impressive to look at, so imagine 3 trampolines all connected by various walkways and logs and all floating on the beautiful Upper Lough Macnean. This floating waterpark is guaranteed to be fantastic fun for everyone!

**Address:** Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh, BT 935DZ  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 66 386 123  
**E:** info@activityireland.com

**11 Belleek Pottery**  
When you step into the world of Belleek Pottery you enter one of Northern Ireland's oldest and most fascinating attractions. Original and unique pieces are made using traditional methods passed down from generation to generation. One of the most collectable and prized sets is the Black Mark range.

**Tour Times:**  
Monday to Friday: 9am -12.15pm & 1.45pm - 3.30pm (last tour Friday at 3pm).  
Tours every 30 minutes. Visitor Centre open all year round Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm, additional opening at weekends except January and February  
**Address:** 3 Main Street, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, BT93 3FY  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 6865 8501  
**W:** www.belleek.ie

## TYRONE

**12 Aghnacloy Golf Club**  
Founded in 1995, this 9 hole parkland course is located in Aghnacloy, County Tyrone. Shower and changing facilities are available. Visitors welcome any day except Sat.

**Green Fees** – Weekend: €20, Weekdays: €15  
**Address:** 99A Tullyvar Road, Aghnacloy, Co. Tyrone BT69 6BL  
**T:** +44 (0)28 85557050

**13 Sliabh Beagh Walk**  
Take Glaslough Road in the direction of Emyvale. Enter Emyvale and turn right on the N2. Continue on the N2 and enter Northern Ireland (the road changes to the A5). Continue forward entering onto Mill Street entering Aghnacloy. Park on the main street in Aghnacloy. The route begins next to this on Ravella road.

**Address:** Ravella Rd Aghnacloy BT69 6AT  
**www:** http://www.walkni.com/walks/188/sliabh-beagh-way/

**14 Sperrin Mountains**  
Desolate and beautiful are the best words to describe the 64 kilometres of the Sperrin mountains stretching along the Tyrone-Derry border. The range's gently curving slopes give the Sperrins a deceptively low appearance but they actually reach a peak of 682 metres as the farms and woodlands of the lower sections melt into the bog and heather moorland of the top. The only hustling and bustling on the mountain is done by the wildlife with kestrels, sparrowhawks, rabbits, badgers and hares all having made homes in the Sperrins. Rivers at the foot of the mountains offer excellent trout fishing.

**W:** http://www.walkni.com/destinations/sperrin-mountains/

**15 The Ulster American Folk Park**  
The Ulster American Folk Park in Camphill is one of Ireland's most remarkable and popular museums. It chronicles emigration trends from Ulster to America since the 18th century beginning somewhat unusually with the emigration of Ulster's Protestant community who by 1770 were leaving for North America at a rate of 10,000 a day.

There is an indoor gallery detailing the reasons for emigration, but it is the outdoor park which really brings history to life. It features reconstructions and original buildings from 18th century Ireland - highlights include a squat Catholic chapel from 1768, an early 19th century single room cabin, the Mellon Homestead, a Presbyterian meeting house, a mock-up of part of a ship that would have taken emigrants across the Atlantic and an American street similar to those constructed by the Pennsylvanian settlers, who Benjamin Franklin said made up two thirds of the state's population. The museum is open Easter to September from Monday to Saturday between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and Sundays between 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Costume guides and craftworkers answer visitors questions and explain crafts like spinning, candlemaking and weaving.

**Address:** 2 Mellon Road, Castletown, Omagh, Co Tyrone BT78 5QU  
**T:** +44 (0) 28 8224 3292  
**W:** http://www.nmni.com/uafp

**16 Gortin Glen Forest Park**  
The 400 hectares of Gortin Glen Forest Park offer a wonderful opportunity to walk or drive through this particularly scenic spot. There is an 8 kilometre tarmac road through the forest's conifer trees. Wildlife in the park includes a pack of Japanese sika deer. There are some wildlife enclosures and some small nature trails through the park.

Open daily from 10am  
**Address:** Gortin, Co. Tyrone  
**T:** +44 28 8167 0666  
**W:** www.nidirect.gov.uk/forests

**17 Wellbrook Beetling Mill**  
The process known as beetling was the final stage of linen production, when the linen was beaten with wooden hammers driven by water to smooth the material out and give it a sheen. This mill at Wellbrook near Cookstown operated for 200 years up until the early 1960's as part of Ulster's hugely important linen industry. The mill's machines are still in working order and visitors are given a noisy demonstration of the process.

**Address:** 20 Wellbrook Rd, Cookstown, County Tyrone BT80 9RY  
**T:** +44 28 8675 1735  
**W:** www.nationaltrust.org.uk

**18 The Linen Green Complex**  
Housed in the former Moygashel Linen Mills, the Linen Green complex includes a range of designer shops and factory outlets, plus a visitor centre with an exhibition covering the history of the local linen industry. It's a good place to shop for bargain men's and women's fashion, shoes, accessories and linen goods or to stop for lunch at the Deli on the Green.

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat, 9:30am-5:30pm  
**Address:** Moygashel, Main Rd, Dungannon, BT71 7HB

**19 Benburb Valley and Castle**  
The main attraction of the park is the Heritage Centre, a charmingly restored linen weaving factory that still houses original machinery from the 1800s. Various galleries showcase the warping, weaving, beetling and dyeing processes required to produce the finished cloth. Benburb Castle was constructed by Gaelic chieftan Shane O'Neill in 1616. Not far from the park entrance, the castle is located on a high on a cliff.

**Address:** 89 Milltown Rd, Benburb, Dungannon, BT71 7LZ

## CAVAN

**20 Cavan Town**  
Enjoy shopping, interesting churches, grave of Owen Roe O'Neill, Liferforce Mill working baking mill and visitors' centre, Cavan Crystal Factory, Ireland's second oldest crystal factory which ran tours around its hand blowing and cutting operation, canoeing on the Erne River, and County Cavan Swimming and Leisure Complex.

**21 Killykeen Forest Park**  
Killykeen Forest Park is located 8km west of Cavan town towards Killeshandra. The park is woven around the waters of Lough Oughter and is popular with anglers, boaters and canoeists. The famous Clough Oughter Castle is visible from the shore of the park. For further information and a map of Killykeen visit Coillte Outdoors, the recreation website of Coillte, which owns and manages Killykeen Forest Park.

**22 Lough Oughter Castle**  
Clough Oughter castle occupies a man-made island on Lough Oughter and probably dates back to the Anglo-Norman de Lacy's in the 13th Century. The castle changed hands several times in its history and it was here in 1649 that Eoghan Roe O'Neill, one of the great Irish Chieftans died. The castle was badly damaged in 1653 during a Cromwellian siege and has remained abandoned ever since. The site at Lough Oughter can be reached by following the signs from the main Cavan to Belturbet Road (N3). The loughshore site offers beautiful views of Clough Oughter castle which can only be reached by boat (hire available locally). The surrounding landscape provides perfect examples of the many drumlins that dominate Lough Oughter and help to shape this intricate and enchanting setting. Ample parking and picnic seating are available on site as well as some information on the surrounding area.

**W:** www.cavan.ie

**23 The Cavan Way**  
The Cavan Way (17km) provides a pleasant hill and valley walking connection between the Leitrim Way at Dowra, a small village community near the source of the River Shannon and the Ulster Way at Blacklion Village. The Cavan Way map guide is published by Cavan County Council and available from Eastwest Mapping & tourist offices in the region.

**Address:** c/o Ballyconnell Engineers Office, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan  
**T:** 049 95 26121  
**W:** www.cavancoco.ie

**24 Fishing in Cavan**  
Cavan's lakes offer good coarse fishing for pike, perch, bream and roach. Brown trout can also be caught in Lough Sheelin. Boats on Lough Sheelin can be hired from Finnea in County Westmeath. Other fishing lakes include Lough Ramor where there is a campsite and Lough Sillan where there is a camping and caravan park.

## MONAGHAN

**25 Patrick Kavanagh Rural and Literary Resource Centre**  
Considered by many as one of Ireland's best poets, Kavanagh's work is little known outside Ireland, but the centre in the village chapel of Iniskeen offers a good introduction to his life and work. The centre is open all year between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays (June to September) and Sundays (March to November).

Around the town are other Kavanagh memorials including a plaque with some of his writings, his grave and his childhood home. The last weekend in November is the town's annual Patrick Kavanagh weekend. The museum also has material on local history and nearby are the remains of a 6th century St. Daig monastery and round tower.

**Address:** Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan  
**T:** 042 93 7856  
**W:** http://www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com/

**26 Monaghan County Museum**  
Monaghan County Museum has been serving the people of Monaghan for over 35 years, during which, it has diversified to match the needs of a changing community. This award winning museum has a professional commitment to excellence in caring for and displaying its collection, as well as making that collection as accessible as possible both intellectually and physically. The museum has a number of outreach exhibitions throughout the county. The museum displays have been recently updated with new accessible exhibits and the museum website and the border museum portal website both have up to date information on collections and events.

**Address:** 1-2 Hill Street, Monaghan, Co.Monaghan.  
**T:** 047 82928  
**W:** www.monaghan.ie/en/services/museum

**27 Rossmore Forest Park**  
Little remains of the original Rossmore castle, but the surrounding park has great forest walks, fishing and picnic spots. The park's more interesting sites include Iron Age tombs, a pet cemetery and Californian sequoias, the tallest trees in Ireland. A gold collar or lunula from 1,800 B.C. was discovered here in the 1930s. It is now on view in the National Museum in Dublin.

**Address:** Newbliss, Co. Monaghan  
**T:** 047 71818  
**W:** http://www.discoverireland.ie/Activities-Adventure/rossmore-forest-park/73229

**28 Coral Leisure Centre**  
Facilities include a large swimming pool, learner pool, relaxation area, large gym areas with cardio and weights area and a spacious studio.

**Address:** Monaghan Leisure Complex, Clones Road, Co. Monaghan.  
**T:** 047 8724  
**W:** www.coralleisure.ie

**29 Iontas Theatre Castleblayney**  
Iontas is home to a wonderful 308 seat theatre. They have been host to many great names over the years and always have a fabulous line up. They facilitate a programme of quality, accessible engagement with all art-forms for the people of Castleblayney and its hinterland. See their website to get a full list of upcoming events.

**Address:** Conabury, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan  
**T:** 042 9753400  
**W:** www.iontascastleblayney.ie

**30 Concra Wood Golf and Country Club**  
Concra Wood Golf and Country Club boasts an 18 hole, par 72 course situated in Castleblayney, County Monaghan. The golf course was designed by two of Ireland's golfing legends: Christy O'Connor Junior and Senior. Lough Muckno may be a well kept secret, but not for much longer. As it drapes itself lazily around tree-bound islands and along the shore, the lough promises one of Ireland's most beautiful and evocative settings for golf.

**Address:** Dundalk Road, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan  
**T:** 042 9749485  
**W:** www.concrawood.ie



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