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November*  
at Castle  
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## *Welcome to Castle Leslie Estate*

**On behalf of the Leslie family, my team and I, we wish to extend a very warm greeting to you. *Céad míle fáilte* and welcome to Castle Leslie Estate, home to the Leslie family for over 300 years. We are delighted to welcome you to our hidden corner of Ireland.**

October and November are very special months to spend at Castle Leslie Estate. It is a beautiful time to admire our 1,000 acres. With the leaves changing from green to red, it is a very cosy time of year as the temperature cools and the days get shorter. We have plenty of stunning scenery and outdoor space for you to enjoy that includes our secluded grass lands, lake views, woodlands and all set in the heart of the countryside.

We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your time with us as you explore our part of Ireland. To truly get the most out of your stay with us, we bring you a flavour of some of the highlights at Castle Leslie Estate and things that you can do in our local area. We look forward to being of service and if we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask any of the team who are always genuinely delighted to help.

Brian Baldwin  
*CEO*

# Things To Do

## In our local area

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### *Golf*

There is an abundance of golf courses situated close to Castle Leslie Estate.

*Concra Wood Golf and Country Club* is a mere 20 minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate and is an 18 hole Championship Golf Course. The golf course was designed by two of Ireland's golfing legends: Christy O'Connor Junior and Senior. Their names are already embedded in Irish golfing history with Christy O'Connor Junior's famous Ryder Cup victory over Fred Couples. Concrawood is a remarkable landscape located in Castleblayney, which is surrounded by Lough Muckno and an overview of the Monaghan drumlins, it is a jewel not only in the northern part of the country, but Ireland as a whole. It will challenge and thrill golfers of all types.

*Rossmore Golf Club* is located just 15 minutes from Castle Leslie Estate and is a very challenging drumlin style golf course. With its undulating fairways, 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 playable all year round and visitors are assured the warmest of welcomes.

We are delighted to offer our guests special Green Fees for these courses. Please contact our Reservations Team directly on **+353 (0) 4788100** or email: **reservations@castleleslie.com** for further details.

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### *Walking*

Sliabh Beagh is an area of upland heathland, blanket bog and outstanding natural beauty that transcends counties Monaghan, Fermanagh and Tyrone. There are several walking routes in the Sliabh Beagh area. These include the Sliabh Beagh Way, a 46km long distance walk, 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 looped walks throughout the Sliabh Beagh region, all of which are way-marked and vary in length from 4km - 15km.

Sliabh Beagh Adventures is an outdoor adventure centre based in Knockatallon Village, Co. Monaghan - the gateway to Sliabh Beagh and offers bike hire to visitors, allowing them to explore the region on two wheels. They also offer battle and target archery and various team games and team-building exercises for groups. Guided walks and cycling tours can also be organised.

For further useful resources on walking the Sliabh Beagh Way, visit [www.sliabhbeaghadventures.ie/sliabh-beagh-way](http://www.sliabhbeaghadventures.ie/sliabh-beagh-way)

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### *Armagh Planetarium*

The Armagh Planetarium is an icon of the space age when inaugurated, the 12m diameter Dome has witnessed the development of planetarium technology over the past half century. Initially equipped with a starball Goto projector, Armagh then pioneered the introduction of the video revolution into planetaria in the 1970's. Today, Armagh Planetarium is equipped with a state-of-the-art digital projector system providing an immersive experience under the full dome.

The technology behind Armagh Planetarium includes a Digistar 7 digital projector with two Sony GTZ270 laser diode projectors providing 4K native resolution and a contrast ratio of up to 20,000:1 on the dome. Images are processed using three computers, a host and a graphic processor for each projector, to produce dynamic, real-time representations of the cosmos onto the dome. A 64bit LED cove lighting system illuminates the dome when entering and leaving. A 5.1 audio system from Dante provides a high quality audio experience to accompany the digital presentations.

Armagh's Education team deliver a variety of presenter-led shows under the dome, taking in journeys around the solar system and the stars. These are accompanied by full dome digital planetarium shows that can take the viewer anywhere in the cosmos. The dome can seat up to 95 people for a show. For further details or to make a booking for a show, please visit [www.armagh.space/planetarium](http://www.armagh.space/planetarium)

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### *MK Woodcrafts*

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. For further details, please visit

<https://www.mkwoodcrafts.com/>

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### *GR8 Entertainment*

GR8 is the North East's Number 1 entertainment venue. The facilities include 8 bowling lanes, over 5,000 sq 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.

Opening hours are  
Thursday 4pm to 10pm  
Friday 4pm to 11pm  
Saturday 11am - 11pm  
Sunday 11am - 10pm.

For further details or to make a booking, please visit [www.gr8entertainment.ie/](http://www.gr8entertainment.ie/)

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## *Rossmore Playpark and Giants*

Rossmore Forest Park boasts a new adventure playpark 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 beehive 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. For further details, please visit <https://monaghtourism.com/>

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## *The Garage Theatre*

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 289seated 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. For further details, please visit <https://www.garagetheatre.com/>

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**For details of all our Autumn events or to arrange a booking please visit our website [www.castleleslie.com](http://www.castleleslie.com) or call us on +353 47 88100**

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## *Moments of equestrian adventure...*

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, we have morning and afternoon rides available to book. Come riding with us and enjoy a gripping hack or cross country ride and breathe in our wonderful fresh air and experience the adventure of riding on our 1,000 acres.

However, if the saddle is not for you, why not enjoy a one-hour enchanting horse drawn carriage ride and journey back in time through the tree-lined avenues and bridleways. This is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of Castle Leslie Estate. Carriage rides may be booked through reception or directly with the Equestrian Centre. They are subject to availability and advance booking is essential at €90 per carriage ride (seats 4 adults, or 2 adults and up to 2 children)

**For a complete list of activities visit [www.castleleslie.com](http://www.castleleslie.com) or call reception.**

*Bookings can be made within 24 hours notice or sooner depending on availability and weather conditions.*

*We advise early booking where possible to avoid disappointment.*



## *Moments of lasting bliss...*

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO OFFER you an array of spa specials at The Victorian Treatment Rooms. Our highly-trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic treatments from the 'Eminence' and 'Voya' ranges.

Our skin goes through its own unique transition in response to the changing seasons. To ease that transition guests can enjoy several wonderful facials at The Victorian Treatment Rooms. Some examples of these are below:

**EMINENCE GREEN LAKE FACIAL – €95**  
(60 mins) A phyto facial of rich organic garden nutrient greens, this treatment also includes oxygenated parsley, red clover, yucca and agnus castus blended with mineral rich thermal lake waters.

**VOYA RADIANCE FACIAL – €95 (55 mins)** This organic facial is deeply detoxifying. It helps to revitalise, even skin tone and increases clarity. It incorporates a relaxing facial massage that releases any build-up of toxins which helps improve radiance and restores a glowing complexion.

**VOYA RADIANCE FACIAL – €95 (55 mins)** A Stonecrop Gel Wash is followed by customized skin treatments, skin polish and deep cleaning.

*In addition to our signature facials and our seasonal offers, our highly-trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic therapies from the 'Eminence Organics' & 'Voya' ranges.*

**For a full menu list please visit please visit our Victorian Treatment Rooms brochure here.**

*To contact the Victorian Treatment Rooms directly dial extension 405 or email [victorianspa@castleleslie.com](mailto:victorianspa@castleleslie.com) to make an appointment.  
T&C's apply.*







## *Moments of indulgence to savour...*

AN AGE OLD IRISH HOSPITALITY DECREES that you get out the best linen, pick the finest food and treat your guests to the best. This tradition continues at Castle Leslie Estate. There is little chance of anyone going hungry – from lazy lunches in Conor’s Bar & Lounge at The Lodge, to delightful Afternoon Teas until finally dinner at the 2 AA Rosette award winning Snaffles Restaurant.

Our Executive Head Chef, Aaron Duffy and his team celebrate the Autumn season in abundance and have created some wonderful menus for you to enjoy. Conor’s Bar & Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy traditional style home cooking in a relaxed environment. Choose between the bar, lobby or conservatory.

Snaffles Restaurant serves hearty morning breakfasts to put a ‘pep in your step’ on these Autumnal mornings, and serves wonderful sophisticated seasonal dishes each evening.

*All of our dining options must be booked in advance of arrival, and we ask that all guests adhere to the most up-to-date government guidelines. Due to social distancing, we cannot permit a ‘walk-in’ policy and reservations must be booked in advance of arrival.*

**You can book dining online here or contact us via reception.**



## *Moments of outdoor adventure...*

OUR ACRES OF WOODLANDS, lakes and grasslands make it the perfect location for a wide variety of outdoor activities.

During your stay, wander through our undulating Irish countryside, there are many attractions to see; from the Equestrian Centre and working farm, to the unique flora and fauna and historical sites. These include building ruins, a Gothic Lodge, Walled Garden originating from 1850, the Pinetum, St. Salvator's Church and an Integrated Wetlands project.

There is a host of outdoor activities to avail of at Castle Leslie Estate including:

### **Walking**

There are a variety of exceptional walks, from short jaunts to long leisurely strolls. Wander throughout the Estate grounds and around the village of Glaslough. Breathe in the fresh country air and stunning scenery as you walk throughout the beautiful landscape of our estate. With several walks mapped out, all of which containing stunning scenery, Castle Leslie Estate has something for everyone.

### **Falconry**

Experience a unique insight into the noble and ancient art of Falconry which offers a stimulating, unique, and memorable experience. The majestic, beautiful birds are captive bred both in Ireland and abroad. They include different species of falcons, hawks, owls, and the magnificent golden eagle. We have four different packages which you can choose from, and bookings can be made 72 hours in advance.



### **Clay Target Shooting**

Experience the thrill of Clay Target Shooting at Castle Leslie Estate. Glenn Ross is an ICPSA accredited Safety Officer and Coach and recognized by An Garda Siochana to carry out gun competency training. He has represented Ireland 11 times at Home International level and once at the World Cup in Rome 2005. He has won the Ulster Open twice and Irish Grand Prix twice in recent years and has 11 Ulster Inter-Provincial badges, 10 of which are winning badges.

### **Archery**

Test your strength and accuracy to the full in a versatile and competitive sport. Archery will not disappoint in the entertainment, satisfaction and fun that it offers. Archery is extremely competitive and really gets a group energized quickly. Your qualified instructor will always accompany you. All necessary equipment is included.

### **Fishing**

The Leslie family have been the custodians of the stunning 'Glaslough' or Green Lake for generations. The lake is brimming with monster pike, and fishermen widely consider it to be one of Ireland's best-preserved loughs. In fact, in 1991 a fisherman reeled in a catch weighing 38lb 9oz (17.5kg) and broke Ireland's 18 year record. Fishing is charged per rod (person) per day and includes the use of a boat.

### **Boating**

Enjoy a morning or afternoon boating on our glistening Glaslough Lake or 'Green Lake'. While away the hours by relaxing on one of our boats and admire the stunning scenery all around you including our ancient woodlands, gardens and of course our beautiful Castle.

**Please contact us at reception for information, prices and to make a booking for any of our onsite activities.**

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## TEAM MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

# James Devers

IN EACH EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER, we feature one of our amazingly talented and hardworking team members. This month we are delighted to feature James Devers for our Q&A session.



*What is your name?*

James Devers

*Where are you from?*

Ballina, County Mayo.

*What is your title at Castle Leslie Estate?*

Head Chef at The Lodge

*How long have you been working at Castle Leslie Estate?*

2 years

*What does your job entail?*

The day to day running of Conor's Bar & Lounge kitchen and the Snaffles Restaurant kitchen

*What do you like most about your job?*

Having such a talented team of chefs that are able to create and produce wonderful quality dishes

*What do you like to do when you are not working?*

I love music, listening to records or going to concerts. I also adore travelling

*Where is your favourite place in the world?*

Sai Kung, Hong Kong

*What is your motto or personal mantra?*

There is always a solution!

*What is the one thing, you cannot live without?*

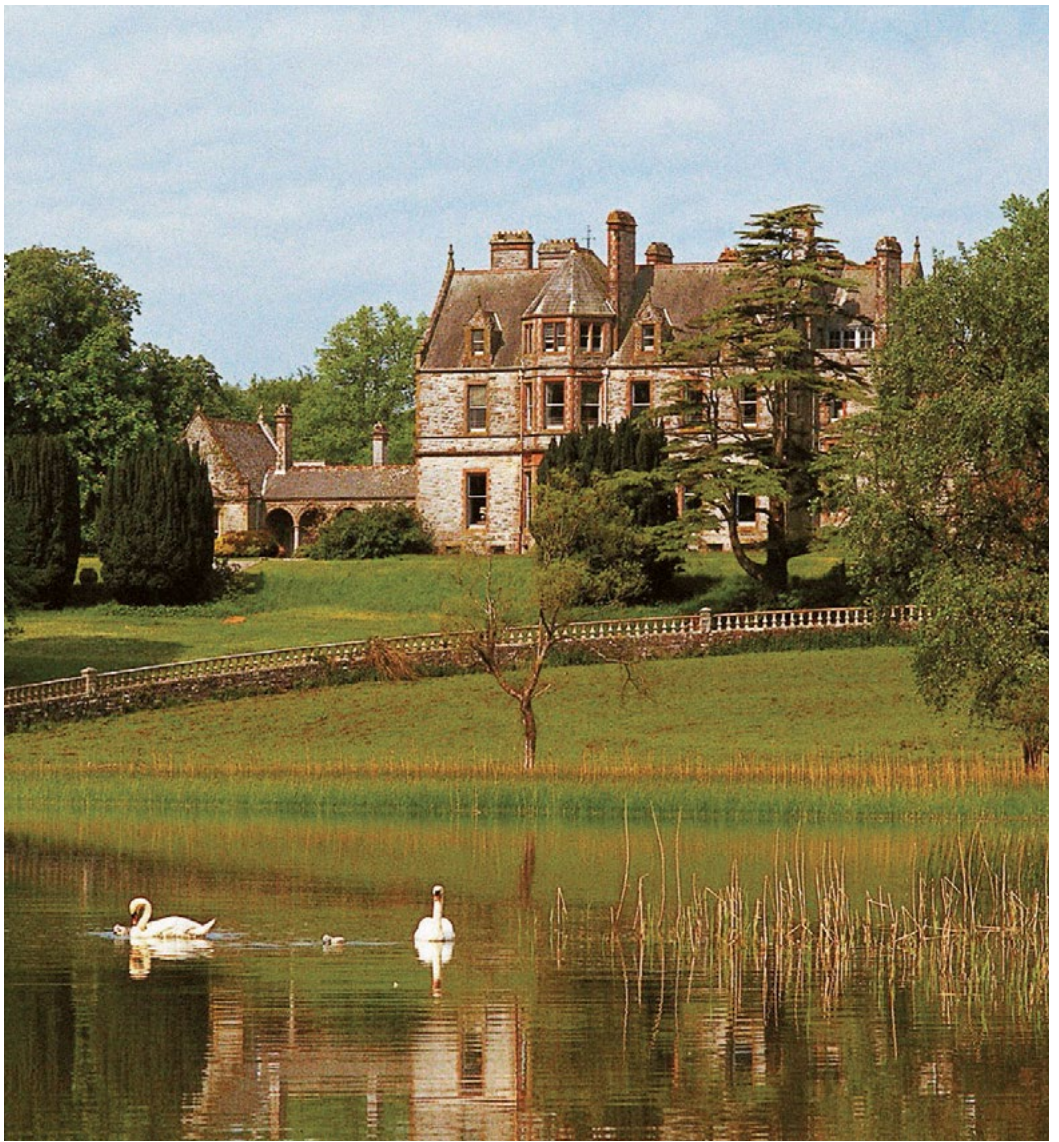
Sushi

*If you could have any superpower, what would it be?*

Invisibility

*What is your favourite thing on the menu at Castle Leslie Estate?*

The new Silver Hill Duck dish that has launched on the new menu in Snaffles. It's divine.



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