

Ireland's
West



Your Daily Adventure

FREE Visitor Guide

Best Visitor
Attractions

Historic
Landmarks

Amazing
Natural
Wonders

Fun
Outdoor
Activities

Great
Entertainment
& Experiences

and much more...



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The Fun Starts Here

Ireland's West is a place to get away from it all. There are places in Ireland's Western Regions where you can face into the breeze and listen to nothing but the Atlantic Ocean crashing, places where you can hear the actual sound of silence....

Cead Mile Fáilte

a Hundred Thousand Welcomes – to Ireland's West

With a backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean to its west and the mighty River Shannon to its east, Ireland's West is renowned for its great beauty, activity, history and for its wealth of great visitor attractions and entertainments.

This free publication aims to enhance your visitor experience.

Plenty of choice

Variety is the essence of a good holiday. The contents panel gives you a sense of the range of attractions available from historic houses and museums, adventure centres and island boat trips, mines and gardens, through to folk parks and medieval castle banquets.

Detailed information is included on each attraction / entertainment and shopping experience including location details, opening times, admission rates, sat nav co-ordinates, facilities, parking etc.

Enjoy!

Finally, we do hope that you take the time to explore the rich heritage and delights of Ireland's West and that your 'Daily Adventure' is a rewarding and enjoyable one.



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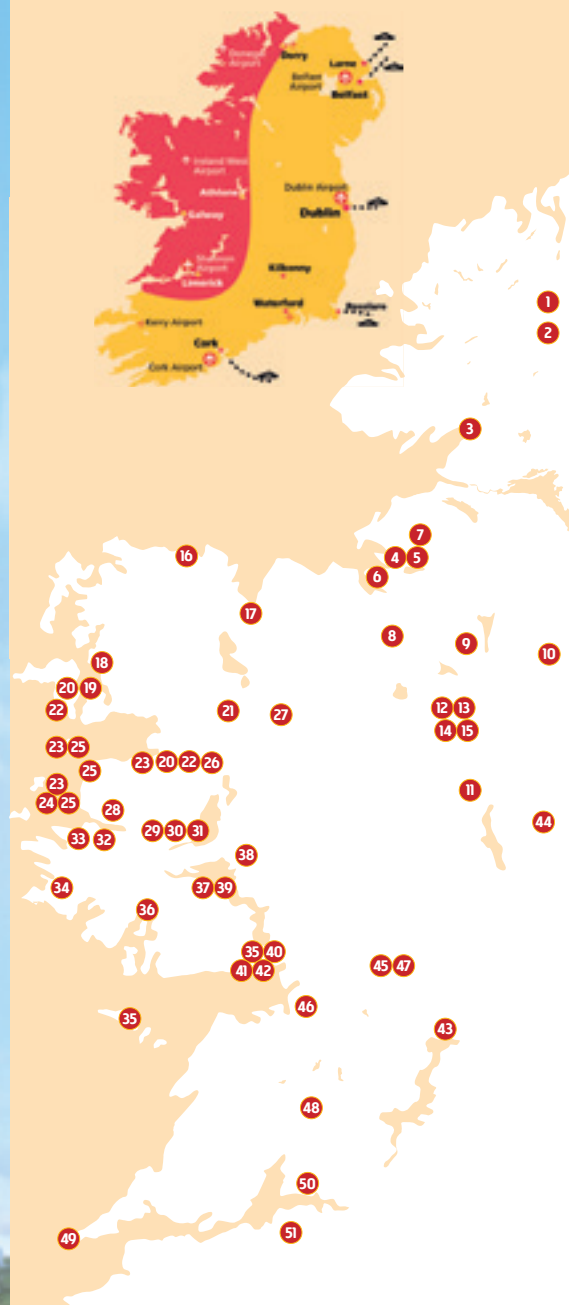


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Opening Dates and Times

Opening Dates and Times are subject to change and may vary throughout the seasons and by day of week. Establishments indicating 'open year-round' may still close, for instance, on Christmas Day. We recommend you verify dates and times directly with each featured establishment, particularly if travelling distances. Entertainments operate subject to demand and pre-booking is normally required.

Admission Rates

The admission rates quoted in this publication are the normal rates for individual adult admissions, children and families. Many of the featured attractions and entertainments do offer special rates for groups, students and seniors. The rates quoted are the 2017 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

Errors and Omissions

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Glebe House & Gallery (The Derek Hill Collection)

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

A Regency House dated 1828, set in woodland gardens, decorated with William Morris textiles, as well as Islamic and Japanese art. The collection includes 300 works by leading 20th century artists; Picasso, Kokoshka and also Irish and Italian artists. Exhibitions are shown in the adjoining gallery. Access to ground floor of the Gallery for people with disabilities.



Visiting

Contact
Glebe House and Gallery
Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: 074-913 7071
glebegallery@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.9520, -7.7308

Opening Times
Gallery: Apr 14 to Apr 23
Daily 11:00–18:30h
House & Gallery: May 27 to Oct 30
Open Daily 11:00–18:30h
Jun & Sept, Sat to Thurs only

Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3, Family €13
Gallery Free of charge

Parking
Car & coach parking available

Sligo Abbey

Abbey Street, Sligo

Known locally as the Abbey, this Dominican Friary was founded in the 13th century. The site contains a wealth of carvings including Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculptures, well preserved cloister and the only sculptured 15th century high altar to survive in any Irish monastic church. It will inspire and enlighten its visitors. Access is by stone stairway.



Visiting

Contact
Sligo Abbey
Abbey Street, Sligo
Tel: 071-914 6406
sligoabbey@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.2710, -8.4700

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Oct 18
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13

Parking
Public car park close to site

Newmills Corn & Flax Mills

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

With the oldest surviving building said to be 400 years old this whole complex is an interesting reminder of a stage in the industrial development of Ireland, which has given way to a more sophisticated, but far less fascinating technology. Experience the pleasure of seeing one of the largest waterwheels in Ireland in action as it drives the machinery of the corn mill.



Visiting

Contact
Newmills Corn and Flax Mills
Churchill Road, Letterkenny
Co. Donegal
Tel: 074-912 5115
newmills@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.9292, -7.8082

Opening Times
May 26 to Sept 27
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Free of Charge

Parking
Parking available

Parke's Castle

Fivemilebourne, Co. Leitrim

A restored plantation castle of the early 17th century, once the home of Robert Parke. The Courtyard grounds contain evidence of an earlier 16th century Tower House structure once owned by Sir Brian O'Rourke who was executed at Tyburn, London in 1591. The Castle has been restored using Irish oak and craftsmanship. Ground floor access for visitors with disabilities.



Visiting

Contact
Parke's Castle
Kilmore, Fivemilebourne
Co. Leitrim
Tel: 071-916 4149
parkecastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.2649, -8.3342

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Oct 04
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13

Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Donegal Castle

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century this Castle has extensive 17th century additions. It is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the Castle owners from the O'Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family. Limited access for people with disabilities.



Visiting

Contact
Donegal Castle
Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Tel: 074-972 2405
donegalcastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.6559, -8.1092

Opening Times
Easter to mid-Sept, Daily 10:00–18:00h
Mid-Sept to Easter, Thurs to Mon
09:30–16:30h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €5
Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3, Family €13

Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery

Carrowmore, Sligo

The largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland, with monuments ranging from 5000 to 5800 years old. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs of which 30 are visible. A restored cottage houses an exhibition relating to the site. Access to the tombs may be difficult for people with disabilities. Visitors are advised to wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.



Visiting

Contact
Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
Carrowmore, Sligo
Tel: 071-916 1534
carrowmoretomb@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.2509, -8.5193

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Nov 01
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission at 17:00h

Admission Rates
Adult €5
Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13

Parking
Parking available

Glencar Waterfall

Glencar, Co. Leitrim

None are quite as scenic as this



Glencar Waterfall is 50ft high and is situated in the Glencar Valley. It served as an inspiration to William Butler Yeats and he mentioned it in his famous poem "The Stolen Child".

The waterfall is very impressive after rainfall and can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk area. There are many more waterfalls visible from the road in the north west region although none are quite as scenic and romantic as this one.

Near the waterfall you will find picnic areas, a children's playground, café facilities, tourism information and ample parking.

Leitrim is defined by water, which influences both the county's character and the activities that take place in the county. The Shannon Erne Waterway, Europe's longest inland navigable waterway, stretches through the county.

Visiting



Contact
Glencar Waterfall
Glencar, Co. Leitrim
www.leitrimtourism.com/stories/glencar-waterfall/



Location
Glencar Waterfall is 13km north of Sligo town, and 8km south of Manorhamilton



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.3403, -8.3731



Parking
Free car parking



Arigna Mining Experience

Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon

One of Ireland's unique attractions

The Arigna Mining Experience will certainly appeal to those looking for a day out with a difference.

Now a popular tourist spot, the visitor centre preserves the energy heritage of this area, and allows visitors an insight into coal mining life as it was in the Arigna Valley for centuries.

With an ex-Miner as your tour-guide, the visit to the museum includes a DVD presentation, a photographic exhibition, an exhibit area and an underground tour to the mine's coal face where lighting



and sound effects add to the reality of the experience. The centre is fully accessible and is an all-weather facility.

The Arigna Mining Experience and its world class tour is close to the borders of Sligo and Leitrim.

Visiting



Contact
Arigna Mining Experience
Carrick-on-Shannon
Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-964 6466
tours@arignaminingexperience.ie
www.arignaminingexperience.ie



Location
19km from Carrick-on-Shannon (R280), 40km from Sligo (R284), 55km from Enniskillen, 145km from Galway (via Boyle)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.0771, -8.1202



Opening Times
Open 7 days a week all year
10:00-17:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €10. Child €6
Senior/Student €8
Family (2+3) €33
Groups 20+ €7pp



Information
Gift shop & Coffee shop serving hot and cold Lunches/Snacks, Tea/Coffee



Parking
200 cars/70 coaches



Eagles Flying

Irish Raptor Research Centre

Ballymote, Co. Sligo

Get up close to the masters of the sky

The multi award-winning attraction for all the family—excitement, fun, photo opportunities and much more at affordable prices.

Ireland's largest Bird of Prey Centre offers the incomparable experience of being up close to eagles, falcons, owls and vultures.

More than 100 Birds of Prey, some of them with a wingspan of 3 metres, and many other animals are waiting for you.

The interactive and highly entertaining **Bird Shows start at 11:00h and 15:00h, every day.**



Some members of the audience have the chance to have a bird landing on their own hand.

Before and after the show enjoy guided tours through the centre, watch birds in aviaries, cuddle animals in the Petting-Zoo or walk the park lands. In case of rain the show is available in the purpose built Indoor Arena.

Visiting



Contact
Eagles Flying
Ballymote, Co. Sligo
Tel: 071-918 9310
www.eaglesflying.com



Location
From Dublin/Sligo (N4), take the N17 for Galway at Collooney, after having crossed Ballinacarrow, take 1st official road left. Follow the signs for Eagles Flying.
From Galway, take N17 to Sligo Having passed Achonry, drive another 6 km and turn right as soon as the old walls of Temple House end. Follow the signs for Eagles Flying



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.1021, -8.5728



Opening Times
Apr 01 to Nov 07: 10:30-12:30h and 14:30-16:30h everyday
Shows start at 11:00 and 15:00h (2 hour programme)



Information
Fully wheelchair accessible



Parking
Free parking for cars and coaches



Fenagh Heritage Centre

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Steeped in history

Heritage Area: Fenagh is steeped in history, with two abbeys and significant archaeological sites complete with descriptions, maps and photographs which depict these local treasures beautifully.

Travel back in time to around the year 400 when Fenagh became the abode of the then High King of Ireland. With the arrival of St. Caillin and the founding of the monastic settlement, Fenagh became a great centre of learning and study on Christianity. Its monks would spread the faith all over Ireland and also to Europe.



The Little Monks Den-Kids Play Area: Indoor soft play area which is based on a monastery theme over three tiers.

The Dolmen Cafe: offers a selection of refreshments and tasty snacks.

Visiting



Contact
Fenagh, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim
Tel: 071-964 5590
fenaghvisitorcentre@gmail.com
www.fenagh.com



Location
5 mins drive from Ballinamore, 10 mins drive from Mohill, 20 mins drive from Carrick-on-Shannon



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.0207, -7.8413



Opening Times
Mon to Fri 10:00-17:30h
Sat and Sun 12:00-17:30h
Closed B/Hols



Information
The Dolmen Cafe serves refreshments and snacks



Parking
Ample parking is available



Strokestown Park & The Irish National Famine Museum

Strokestown, Co. Roscommon

An 18th century mansion



Strokestown Park House is an 18th century mansion in Co. Roscommon that retains its original furnishings and documents. This evocative estate is a capsule in time showcasing an Irish 'Big House' and Georgian Ireland in its purist form. A tour of the house gives an intimate insight into life in

horticultural practices and garden architecture from the 1740s to the present day.

The Irish National Famine Museum tells a different story and highlights the parallels between a tragic chapter of Irish History and contemporary global hunger.

The Big House, upstairs and downstairs.

The walled garden takes you back to the glorious surroundings of a planned Georgian estate and gives a unique insight into

Visiting



Contact
Strokestown Park and the Irish National Famine Museum
Strokestown, Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-963 3013
info@strokestownpark.ie
www.strokestownpark.ie



Location
Strokestown Park is 144km from Dublin & 23km from Longford on N5



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7771, -8.0979



Opening Times
Mar 17 to Oct 31, 10:30–17:30h
Tours three times daily
Nov 01 to Mar 16, 10:30–16:00h
Tours once daily



Admission Rates
Strokestown Park House: Guided Tour. The Irish National Famine Museum: Self-Guided. Victorian Walled Gardens: Self Guided
Adult €13.50, Child €6, U5yrs Free
Concession/Senior/Students €12
Family Ticket (2+4) €28



Information
Strokestown Park Gift Shop stocks a selection of Books, Gifts, Souvenirs, Jewellery and Local Crafts. The Strokestown Park Café is open daily



Parking
Free parking



Lough Key Forest & Activity Park

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Enter a world of Adventure—Fun activities for all

Younger children will enjoy hours of fun on the stimulating play equipment in the Adventure Play Kingdom. Go back in time as you are guided through the 19th century servant tunnels on the Lough Key Experience and get lost among the foliage as the Tree Canopy Walk gently rises 9m above the woodland floor.

New for 2017: 2 new Boda Borg Quests with 7 challenges, a unique weather independent activity with innovative challenges, requiring countless skills, teamwork, trial and error to survive the quests. Boda Borg is suitable for adults and children alike from age 7 to the young at heart! Take in the spectacular vistas of Castle Island from the Lakeside Café,



while indulging in homemade delights, confectionery, tea and coffee. Reacquaint yourself with nature on the many trails along the water's edge and throughout the 350 hectares of parkland. Caravan and Camping Park on-site. Also on site is a 50 Berth Marina, Bike Hire and Segway Tours.

Visiting



Contact
Lough Key Forest & Activity Park
Rockingham, Boyle,
Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-967 3122
info@loughkey.ie
www.loughkey.ie



Location
Just off the N4 (Dublin–Sligo Road)
5 mins from Boyle town and 10 mins from Carrick-on-Shannon



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.9814, -8.2387



Opening Times
Jan, Feb, Nov & Dec: Fri, Sat & Sun,
10:00–17:00h Open outside of these hours for School mid-Term Breaks & Pre-Booked Groups
Mar, Sept & Oct: Thur, Fri, Sat & Sun,
10:00–18:00h. Open outside of these hours for School mid-Term Breaks & Pre-Booked Groups
Apr, May, Jun, Jul & Aug: Mon to Sun,
10:00–18:00h. Late opening Jul & Aug, Sat & Sun. Please check website



Admission Rates
Call for details



Information
Lakeside café and gift shop on-site



Parking
Parking for cars and coaches



King House, Tea Rooms & Tourism Centre

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Café, Craft Shop & Courtyard Farmers Market



Explore King House a magnificently restored 18th century Georgian mansion with the aid of exciting special effects & life size models showcasing the long and compelling history of the house. Former President, Prof. McAleese has kindly donated state gifts from

her time as President of Ireland, which are now on display at King House, along with the award winning Boyle Civic Art collection and Connaught Rangers Museum with facility for tracing soldiers.

King House Tea Rooms Café provides freshly cooked breakfast, lunch and snacks in comfortable surroundings with outdoor seating area.

The Traditional Craft Shop, Úna Bhán Centre, offers a treasure trove of locally produced crafts and gifts, local books and maps, tourist information, an accommodation booking service and office services. The weekly Courtyard Farmers Market provides an excellent range of local produce and artisan foods.

Visiting



Contact
King House
Military Road, Boyle, Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-966 3242
kinghouse@roscommoncoco.ie
www.kinghouse.ie



King House Tea Rooms
Mob: 087-643 0326
Úna Bhán Tourism Centre
Grounds of King House
Boyle, Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-966 3033
patricia@unabhan.ie
www.unabhan.ie



Location
Military Road, Boyle, Co. Roscommon



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.9730, -8.3019



Opening Times
King House: Tues to Sat, 11:00–17:00h Apr to Sept. (Sun in Jun, Jul & Aug)
King House Tea Rooms Café and Úna Bhán Tourism Centre: Mon to Sat 08:00–17:00h Apr to Sept (Sun in Jun, Jul & Aug)
Courtyard Market: Every Sat 10:00–14:00h



Admission Rates
King House Guided Tour: Groups, Seniors/Students €3, Adults €5



Parking
Free



Zipit Forest Adventures

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Unique, exciting and fun adventure challenge



Zipit Forest Adventures is a great day out for all the family or anyone looking for an exhilarating and challenging outdoor activity in a natural setting. Ireland's first High Wire Aerial Forest Adventure with 1.5 km of activities and over 850 metres of Ziplines. Climb high into cargo nets, surf with a difference, or try cycling over

a tree top bridge on a BMX before zipping down one of the many ziplines.

Qualified instructors will give you a short initiation course to explain the features of the course and equipment. There are five circuits suitable for different heights, ages and abilities and if you need any help or encouragement the instructors are never far away.

You can also avail of the Café within the Visitor's Centre together with other activities that will ensure a great days entertainment. Other courses: Tibbradden Woods – Dublin 16 Farran Forest Park – Cork Telephone 051-858 008

Visiting



Contact
Zipit Forest Adventures
Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle
Co. Roscommon
Tel: 051-858 008
info@zipit.ie
www.zipit.ie



Location
Just off the N4 (Dublin–Sligo Road)
5 mins from Boyle town and 10 mins from Carrick-on-Shannon



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.9840, -8.2397



Opening Times
Feb to May, Sept to Nov: Sat & Sun
Mon to Fri, open for group bookings only, booking required.
Jun to Aug: 7 days
Open School Mid-term breaks, Easter and B/Hols. Closed Dec & Jan
Booking Online at www.zipit.ie
Booking required



Admission Rates
7–8 yrs €15, 9–11 yrs €23
12–14 yrs €25, 15+ yrs €30. Group discounts available. Min Height Restriction of 1 metre. Min. age 7 yrs



Information
Lakeside Café



Parking
Extensive parking for cars & coaches



Boyle Abbey

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

A well preserved Cistercian Monastery founded in the 12th century. Though mutilated in the 17th & 18th centuries when it was used to accommodate a military garrison, Boyle Abbey retains its ability to impress visitors as one of the most formidable of the early Cistercian foundations in Ireland. Restricted access for people with disabilities.



Visiting



Contact
Boyle Abbey
Boyle, Co. Roscommon
Tel: 071-966 2604
boyleabbey@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.9737, -8.2969



Opening Times
Apr 06 to Sept 27
Daily 10:00-18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13



Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre

Ballycroy, Westport, Co. Mayo



Ballycroy National Park offers a variety of activities such as Interactive Exhibition, Nature Trail, Guided Walks and Kids Club. Visit Ginger & Wild Café on-site for bird's-eye view of Achill Island, the Nephin Beg Mountains and the Wild Atlantic Way serving homemade lunches and snacks using locally sourced produce and quality ingredients. Check website for regular Special Events.



Visiting



Contact
Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre
Ballycroy, Westport, Co. Mayo
Tel: 098-49888
ballycroyvisitorcentre@ahg.gov.ie
www.ballycroynationalpark.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.0245, -9.8235



Opening Times
Mid-Mar to Oct
Open 7 days, 10:00-17:30h



Admission Rate
Free



Parking
Large Car Park, Bus/Coach Parking, Disabled Parking. Free Parking

Céide Fields

Ballycastle, Co. Mayo



Céide Fields - the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world with field systems, dwelling areas & megalithic tombs. The walled fields are almost 6,000 years old. The Visitor Centre, located beside breathtaking cliffs and rock formations, has won several awards, including the Gold Medal for architecture. Weather protective clothing and footwear advised.



Visiting



Contact
Céide Fields
Ballycastle, Co. Mayo
Tel: 096-43325
ceidefields@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.3051, -9.4569



Opening Times
Apr 06 to End of May
Daily 10:00-17:00h
Jun to Sept, Daily 10:00-18:00h
Oct 01 to Nov 01, Daily 10:00-17:00h
Last tour 1 hr before closing



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13



Parking
Parking available

Achill Island

Achill Island, Co. Mayo



Activities, Festivals & Events for all the family



trail in Ireland from Achill to Westport.

Achill's activities include: surfing, kayaking, sailing, horse riding, scuba diving, kite surfing, abseiling, climbing, hillwalking, swimming, fishing/angling, golf, cycling and much more.

Achill, on the West Coast of Ireland offers the visitor spectacular views, natural landscapes and several Blue Flag beaches. The Great Western Greenway offers cyclists and walkers amazing scenery on this fantastic new route, 42km the longest off-road walking and cycling

If you want relaxation, this is the place for painting, photography, garden tours and island trips, craft and art centres/galleries, spiritual/health and sport workshops.

Visit www.achilltourism.com for information for all festivals and events throughout the year.

Visiting



Contact
Achill Tourism
Achill Island, Co. Mayo
Tel: 098-20400
info@achilltourism.com
www.achilltourism.com



Location
N59 into Mulranny, R319 onto Achill Island



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.9521, -9.9961



Opening Times
Year round 9:00-17:00h



Information
A range of accommodation, restaurants, cafés & bars



Parking
Free on-site parking for cars & coaches



The Jackie Clarke Collection

Ballina, Co. Mayo



The award winning Jackie Clarke Collection—one man, 100,000 items—spanning 400 years of Irish history. Located in a restored 19th century bank in the centre of Ballina with a newly designed walled garden. Special features of the attraction include a memory booth where you can record your own memories and interactive touch-screens throughout. Suitable for all ages.



Visiting



Contact
The Jackie Clarke Collection
Pearse Street, Ballina, Co. Mayo
Tel: 096-73508
clarkecollection@mayococo.ie
www.clarkecollection.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.1150, -9.1531



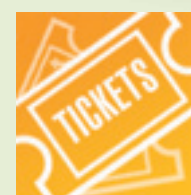
Opening Times
Tues to Sat, 10:00-17:00h
Specialist tours can be booked in advance



Information
Entrance is located at the side of the building on Walsh Street



Parking
Street parking pay & display
Coach parking available



TopAttractionsIreland.com

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TopAttractionsIreland.com



Great Western Greenway

Westport to Achill, Co. Mayo



Idyllic countryside, walking & cycling trails

Escape the bustle of urban life on the 42km Great Western Greenway, the longest off-road walking and cycling trail in Ireland.

The World Class Great Western Greenway is a traffic free cycling and walking trail which follows the route of the renowned Westport to Achill railway which closed in 1937.

The Greenway traverses Ireland's Atlantic coast between Westport town and Achill Island and visits the picturesque villages of Newport and Mulranny. It passes by some

of the West of Ireland's most dramatic landscapes and offers magnificent views of Clew Bay and its many islands. A variety of outdoor activities and iconic visitor attractions are all located within easy range of the Greenway.



Visiting



Contact
Great Western Greenway
Westport to Achill, Co. Mayo
info@mayotrails.ie
www.greenway.ie

Location
Achill to Mulranny section
Distance 13km
Official access point at Achill Island Hotel, Mulranny Park Hotel and in Mulranny just off N59 travelling to Bangor
Mulranny to Newport section
Distance 18km
Official access point in Mulranny just off the N59 travelling to Bangor and in Newport just off the N59 travelling to Mulranny
Newport to Westport section
Distance 11km
Official access point in Newport just off the N59 travelling to Westport and in Westport just off the N59 travelling to Newport



National Museum of Ireland – Country Life

Castlebar, Co. Mayo



Our past made present with the National Folklife Collection

Set in the spectacular grounds of Turlough Park House, the award-winning **National Museum of Ireland – Country Life** is a leading visitor attraction in the western region.

The museum houses the **National Folklife Collection** and provides a fascinating insight into the daily lives of people in rural Ireland, from 1850 to 1950.

A wide range of exhibits and interactive displays appeal to young and old alike. Explore our agricultural and maritime past, traditional trades and crafts, fashion and textiles, religion, festivals, beliefs, and more.

The museum galleries, with no admission fee, are spread over four floors in a modern and architecturally unique building. Next door, visitors can also see **Turlough Park House** – the 19th century, Gothic style ancestral home of the Fitzgerald Family.

Enjoy coffee or lunch at **Brambles Café** or browse Irish crafts in the Museum Shop.

Cycling to the Museum
Cycle along the Great Western Greenway cycle route from Castlebar to the Museum.

Bicycle parking facilities available in the Museum grounds.



Ideal for family visits

The National Museum of Ireland – Country Life is an ideal place for all of the family to enjoy. The museum and house is set in beautiful parkland, gardens and woodland walks, including an ornamental lake. The site is also overlooked by an ancient round tower.



Visiting



Contact
National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park Castlebar, Co. Mayo
Tel: 094-903 1755
tpark@museum.ie
www.museum.ie/country-life

Location
Located in Turlough village, off the N5. Just 8 km from Castlebar

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.8840, -9.2125

Opening Times
Tues to Sat: 10:00–17:00h
Sunday: 14:00–17:00h
Closed Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday

Admission Rates
Free admission

Information
Museum shop selling books, gifts, craftware and locally produced products
Museum Café offering meals, snacks, hot & cold drinks and free WiFi

Parking
Free car parking is available on-site



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Clew Bay Cruises

Westport, Co. Mayo



The unspoilt beauty of Clew Bay awaits

Clew Bay Cruises welcomes you to the unspoilt beauty of Clew Bay with its unrivalled beauty and secluded beaches.

No visit to Westport, or Mayo would be complete without a cruise on Clew Bay. The bay is home to a thriving seal colony, beautiful secluded beaches, breathtaking views of Croagh Patrick, Murrisk Abbey and Bertra Beach (with its untouched sand dunes).

You'll enjoy sailing past the many sheltered islands, Inishgort Lighthouse and finish the cruise a few metres from the shore of Dorinish Island; which John Lennon owned and

stayed on. The remains of the huts and dwellings used by the hippies that called the island home can be clearly seen.

Onboard commentary will guide you through the history of Clew Bay, from battles to tragedies, from the Ice Age to modern day.



John Lennon's Clew Bay Island Paradise

Bought in 1967 for the sum of £1,700, John Lennon planned to turn the remote island of Dorinish in Clew Bay into a hideaway retreat, shortly before he was shot dead. Described by Yoko Ono as "a place where we thought we could escape the pressures and spend some undisturbed time together".

Join the cruise and sail right by the shores of the island, and you can see for yourself the beauty and serenity.

Visiting



Contact
Clew Bay Cruises
The Quay (Westport Harbour)
Westport, Co. Mayo
Tel: 087-606 6146
info@clewbaycruises.com
www.clewbaycruises.com



Location
Departing from Westport Harbour, 5 minute drive from Westport Town Centre. Take the Quay Road (R335). Located opposite the Clew Bay Heritage Centre



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.8021, -9.5548



Opening Times
Daily Sailings from May to October. Find departure times online or in your local hotel/tourist office. (Sailing times vary each day due to tides)



Admission Rates
Adult €20. Senior/Student €15
Child (5-17 yrs) €10. US Free
Family (2+2) €45. Family (2+3) €50
Book online at
www.clewbaycruises.com



Information
On-board: hot & cold refreshments, wide variety of snacks, fully stocked bar and free binoculars



Parking
On-site parking available for both cars & coaches



Clare Island Ferry— O'Grady's

Louisburgh, Co. Mayo



Journey to the beautiful Clare Island



The O'Grady Family have been operating a service to Clare Island since 1880.

The "Pirate Queen" named after the infamous 16th century Grace O'Malley (Granuaile), who lived on Clare Island during the course of her life as a "chief commander and director of thieves and murderers at sea".

The "Clew Bay Queen" licensed to carry 96 passengers takes 20 minutes to make the crossing and is the largest ferry on the Clare Island service. The "Sea Sprinter" is licensed to carry 35 passengers and takes 10 minutes to make the crossing.

The journey gives enough time to view and photograph a most spectacular coastline which includes Achill Island, the Nephin Mountains, Clew Bay, Croagh Patrick, Killary Harbour, Renvyle and Inishbofin. Special trips to and from Inishturk and Achill Island can be arranged for groups.

For group activities on the island please visit the website www.clareislandadventures.ie

Visiting



Contact
Clare Island Ferry
Roonagh Point, Louisburgh
Co. Mayo
Tel: 098-23737, 086-851 5003
bookings@clareislandferry.com
www.clareislandferry.com



Location
Roonagh Quay is located on the R335, 8 km west of Louisburgh



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7617, -9.9038



Opening Times
Regular daily services year round from Roonagh Quay to Clare Island Times vary and are subject to weather conditions. Please visit our website for details or call us



Admission Rates
Purchase your tickets online to avail of online discount or book your tickets at
bookings@clareislandferry.com



Parking
There is a large car park at Roonagh Point



Blue Flag Beaches of Mayo

Enjoy a day at the beach

With such an extensive coastline around Mayo, you would expect to find quality beaches... and you won't be disappointed. The naturally stunning formations of the coastline provide long stretches of golden sand and impressive sand dunes. With several beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to never be far away from a great day out at the beach.

The miles of beaches are great for swimming, exploring rock pools and all sorts of beach fun.

There are plenty of water activities to be enjoyed

from sub-aqua, sailing, diving, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and surfing. Go dolphin or whale watching or relax with the many boat experiences and cruises available. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there's no better place for a holiday or a day out. There's so much to see and do!



Visiting



Contact
For up-to-date listings of current Blue Flag Beaches visit
www.blueflagireland.org



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Ely Baly: 54.1612, -10.0838
Mullaghroe: 54.1431, -10.0701
Golden Strand: 54.0151, -9.9911
Silverstrand Dugort: 54.0123, -10.0178
Keem: 53.9666, -10.1936
Keel: 53.97186, -10.0736
Dooega: 53.9213, -10.0252
Mulranny: 53.8999, -9.7759
Bertra: 53.7892, -9.6586
Carrowmore: 53.7697, -9.8211
Clare Island: 53.7999, -9.9511



Inishturk Island

Co. Mayo

Island of the Wild Boar



Inishturk is a small, beautiful island located 9 miles off the west coast of Mayo. It rises boldly from the wild North Atlantic in wall-like cliffs to the northwest and steep hills to the north. Only 5km by 2.5km in size, the island offers plenty to

do and see; hill walking, scuba diving, angling, fishing, swimming and boat trips to neighbouring islands. Historical places of interest include: Port An Dun, the remains of a 9th Century fort; The Old Church, dating back to the 16th Century; The Present Graveyard; and The Signal Tower, rising 722ft above sea level. Community Club open daily May to September, where during summer weekends you can enjoy 'ceol agus craic' with some of the finest musicians in Ireland.



Visiting



Contact
Inishturk Island
Co. Mayo
Tel: 087-131 7426
inishturkdevelopment@gmail.com
www.inishturkisland.com

Location
Access to the island is by ferry and takes about 50 minutes
www.omalleyferries.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7040, -10.1135

Opening Times
Open all year

Information
Cahir View Restaurant, local shop, local B&B's and the Community Club (bar facilities and music)
Loop walks, sandy beaches & bird watching, make this place an artists paradise



Westport House

Westport, Co. Mayo

Best Leisure Tourism Innovator 2017



Create memories to treasure at Ireland's most beautiful historic home—Westport House. It is the perfect destination for family fun, adventure and camping.

NEW in 2017: The Pirate Adventure Park includes NEW Chair-O-Planes and Helter Skelter rides. Killary Adventure offers

high ropes, zipwires, orienteering and archery in the stunning woodland. The Birds of Prey Centre returns to the farmyard with shows & hawk walks. Test your head for heights on the Giant Ferris

Wheel—at 36 meters tall, it is twice the size of the "big house"! Plan a sleep over, where you bring your own tent or van—or hire a beautiful Bell Tent for hassle-free camping. Magical memories are guaranteed.

Visiting



Contact
Westport House
Westport, Co. Mayo
Tel: 098-27766
info@westporthouse.ie
www.WestportHouse.ie

Location
When driving, follow signs to Westport Quay. If walking from town centre, via the NEW pedestrian gate on Church Lane (opposite the new Sentinel statue near the Octagon).

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.8055, -9.5398

Opening Times
Westport House open daily from March 01
Pirate Adventure Park, Birds of Prey Centre, the Carnival Adventure Activity Centre open when the primary schools are closed
Please check www.WestportHouse.ie before you travel

Admission Rates
Westport House: Adult €13, Child €6.50
Pirate Adventure Park: Adult €21, Child €16.50, Family (2+2) €60
5% discount on
www.WestportHouse.ie

Parking
Free parking available



Clare Island Fast Ferries

Clare Island, Co. Mayo

Offering a warm welcome



Clare Island Fast Ferries is a family-run business operating to Clare Island and Inishturk Island for generations.

Clare Island:
The trip takes 10 minutes on a fast ferry, the True Light. The island has much to offer with its natural beauty, majestic cliffs, scenic walks and its beautiful

golden beach. The island boasts many historical buildings including the castle of Grace O' Malley (Granuaile) and the Cistercian Abbey.
Inishturk:
The trip to Inishturk takes 45mins on a 97 passenger ferry, Naomh Ciaran II, allowing sufficient time to capture the panoramic views of the coastline. Inishturk is a haven of peace and beauty steeped in history. The varied terrain, endangered flora and traditional ways make it the perfect getaway from everyday stress and hustle.



Visiting



Contact
Clare Island Fast Ferries
Clare Island, Co. Mayo
Tel: 098-25045
086-887 0814
087-660 0409
info@clareislandfastferries.com
www.clareislandfastferries.com

Location
Ferry departs from Roonagh Pier, 30 mins from Westport. 1 km from Louisburgh turn right and continue to the end of the pier

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7618, -9.9037

Sailing Times
Call or check online for sailing times
All sailings are subject to weather and other conditions

Ferry Rates (Single / Return)
Tickets from office at Roonagh Pier
Family and group rates available
Book online
www.clareislandfastferries.com for 10% discount

Parking
Large car park at Roonagh Pier. Free of charge and protected by CCTV



Kiltimagh Wildlife Park & Pet Farm

Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo

A fun day out for all the family



Kiltimagh Wildlife Park & Pet Farm is located in the heart of the West of Ireland with excellent views and surroundings.

Probably the largest range of pets and exotic animals on any pet farm in Ireland can be seen. These include Asian Palm Civet,

Coati Mundi, Maras, Rhea Llamas, Wallabies as well as lots of furry friends, all waiting to be cuddled.

There is also a reptile house with an extensive range of animals and visitors are given the opportunity to get up close and personal with the reptiles making it a truly hands-on experience.

Relax in peaceful surroundings, enjoy a picnic or get a snack from the coffee shop, while the young ones can explore the adventure play area or enjoy a pony ride.

Special events are held at Halloween.

Visiting



Contact
Kiltimagh Wildlife Park & Pet Farm
Develeash, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo
Tel: 087-761 8630
info@kiltimaghpetfarm.com
www.kiltimaghpetfarm.com

Location
Located on the R322 between the N17 and Kiltimagh

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.8594, -8.9357

Opening Times
Apr to Oct: open daily 10:00–18:00h
Oct to Apr: Sat & Sun 12:00–16:00h
Other times by appointment

Admission Rates
€8 for adults and children

Information
Tea shop selling snacks and refreshments

Parking
Large free carpark on-site



Delphi Resort

Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway



Be part of the adventure!

Delphi Resort is a 4* resort set in a stunning location in the heart of the Delphi Valley near Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway. The on-site Delphi Adventure Centre provides 20+ outdoor activities (water and land) for people of all ages and abilities including kayaking on Killary Fjord, Zip 'n' Trek in the Delphi forest, Coasteering at Old Head beach, archery, mountain biking and surfing. It caters for individuals, families, couples, leisure groups, corporate groups, sports teams, school tours and youth groups.



Delphi Resort also has a 4* hotel and spa with Thermal Suite, a conference room, bar, restaurant and hostel on-site. Surrounded by beautiful and rugged mountainous scenery, it is the perfect place on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) to experience the great outdoors through adventure!

Visiting



Contact
Delphi Resort
Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-42208
info@delphiresort.com
www.delphiresort.com



Location
10mins from Leenane, 30mins from Westport, 80mins from Galway



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.6218, -9.7544



Opening Times
Resort Open year round (except certain dates Dec and Jan)
Adventure Hub Daily 09:00–18:00h
July, Aug & Halloween 09:00–21:00h



Admission Rates
1.5hrs.....€17.50/Child....€25/Adult
1/2 Day.....€35/Child....€50/Adult
Full Day.....€70/Child....€89/Adult
Family Full Day.....€288 (2A+2C)
Family Half Day.....€153 (2A+2C)
Discounts available for large groups



Information
4* Hotel, 814 Restaurant, 814 Bar
Wild Atlantic Hostel, café and shop



Parking
Free car & coach parking at resort



Connemara Seaweed Baths

Leenane, Co. Galway



Soak. Relax. Detox. Revive

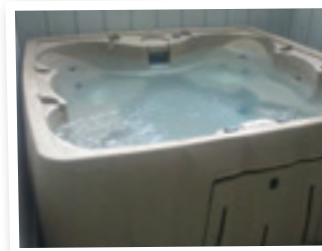
Situated on the shores of Ireland's only fjord, these baths are the only salt water seaweed baths in the West of Ireland (Galway, Mayo & Roscommon). Seaweed is hand cut daily and is fresh with essential nutrients and minerals. Bathing in salt water is essential for the release of minerals and nutrients found in seaweed and is Ireland's oldest spa treatment.

As well as relaxing tired muscles, saltwater seaweed baths provide a natural cure for skin ailments from psoriasis to eczema and also helps to relieve associated pain of arthritis and rheumatism.

Single bathing rooms are available, with spectacular

fjord views and double rooms for couples that provide a quiet serene haven from the hustle & bustle of everyday life. Seaweed baths are not suitable for pregnant women and persons with overactive thyroid and high blood pressure. Swim suits available.

New for 2017: Irelands only salt water jacuzzi seaweed bath



Visiting



Contact
Connemara Seaweed Baths
Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-42408
info@connemaraseaweedbaths.com
www.connemaraseaweedbaths.com



Location
Beside Leenane Hotel overlooking Ireland's only fjord on the N59



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5946, -9.7047



Opening Times
Mar to Nov, 7 days 11:00–18:00h
(Group bookings available outside these hours)



Admission Rates
€25 which includes seaweed bath and steam room
Special Offer €20 with this guide



Parking
Free car parking



The Sheep & Wool Centre

Leenane, Co. Galway



Learn about the sheep and woollen industry



The Sheep & Wool Centre is a visitor attraction situated in the heart of Connemara on the breathtaking Killary Harbour. The Centres mission is to foster awareness of the traditional sheep and wool-craft industry in the west of Ireland.

The museums focus is on the history of sheep and

woolly or sheepish questions! The Sheep and Wool Gift Shop stocks everything from knitting yarn and ceramics to woollens and souvenirs, with prices to suit most pockets. The café on-site, Bia Blas specializes in home cooked food and baking.

wool handcrafts with daily demonstrations in carding, spinning and weaving. A short introductory DVD is also available in English, Irish, French, German & Italian. A visit to the museum will answer all your

Visiting



Contact
The Sheep and Wool Centre
Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-42323
info@sheepandwoolcentre.com
www.sheepandwoolcentre.com



Location
Leenane lies on the N59, Connemara's coastal scenic route
The museum is located in the centre of the village



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5971, -9.6937



Opening Times
Mid Mar to Sept 09:30–18:00h
Oct 09:30–17:30h
Nov to Mid Mar Closed



Museum Tour Times
July/Aug
10:00/11:30/14:00/15:30/17:00h
May/June/Sept
10:00/11:30/14:00/15:30h
Mar/April/Oct
10:00/11:30/14:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Child €3, Family €13
Student/Senior €4



Information
Gift shop, Café on-site



Parking
Free parking



Killary Adventure Company

Leenane, Co. Galway



Outdoor activity centre



Killary Adventure Company is located on one of the most stunning parts of the Wild Atlantic Way overlooking Killary Fjord, and is also on the Blueway Trail for water activities. Offering over 20 different adventure activities suitable for all those aged 8 and over, this

is a fantastic stop to make on your trip to Connemara in Ireland's west. You can stay for anything from 3 hours to a week or more! Choose to do activities as a family or drop the kids off for a fun-filled day as part of the

daily summer camps. Join on your own or with a group of friends and try the High Ropes Course, the Burma Bridge and Skyfall, the famous Turf Challenge Course or take in the deep blue waters of Killary Fjord on a Kayaking trip.

Visiting



Contact
Killary Adventure Company
Leenane, Connemara, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-43411
adventure@killary.com
www.killaryadventure.com



Location
Located in Leenane on the Clifden Road, 60 mins from Galway 35 mins from Westport and 30 mins from Clifden



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5942 -9.7675



Opening Times
Activities start at 10:00 and 14:00h daily throughout the year



Admission Rates
1/2 Day: Child €31 Adult €46
Full Day: Child €49 Adult €87
Special prices available for groups and families. Call for details



Information
Facilities include:
Double/Twin/Dorm rooms,
Restaurant for guests staying in the centre



Parking
Coach and car parking available



Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden

Connemara, Co. Galway



Ideal destination for a day out

Originally built as a castle in 1867 and now home to the Benedictine order of nuns, this Abbey and 1,000 acre Estate is steeped in history with tales of tragedy and romance, engineering initiatives, model farm, royal visits, spirituality and education.

Experience the Victorian atmosphere of the Abbey, Gothic Church and Head Gardener's House.

Enjoy the beautiful tree lined avenues, nature trails and lakeshore walks.

Explore the magical 6 acre Victorian Walled Garden where only Victorian varieties of flowers

and vegetables are grown. Vegetables and herbs from the garden are used in the café where traditional home cooked food is made to the recipes of the Benedictine nuns.

The Tea House by the Walled Garden is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the breathtaking views over the Connemara National Park.



Visiting



Contact
Kylemore Abbey
Kylemore, Connemara, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-52001
bookings@kylemoreabbey.com
www.kylemoreabbey.com



Location
Just 1 hour from Galway City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5618, -9.8880



Opening Times
Estate: Jan 11:00–16:00h
Feb 11:00–17:00h
Mar & Apr, & Nov 10:00–17:00h
May & Jun 09:00–18:00h
July & Aug 09:00–19:00h
Sep & Oct 09:30–17:30h
Dec 10:00–16:30h



Admission Rates
Adult €13. Senior €10. Student €9
Family with children aged >10 €26
with children aged 11–17 €35



Information
Mitchell's Café and Garden Tea House Contemporary and traditional home cooking and baking
Craft and Design Shop Crafts, gifts, handmade chocolates and Kylemore pottery



Parking
Free car parking with no time limits



Clifden

Clifden, Co. Galway

The perfect base to explore Connemara

Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean, 12 Ben Mountains and preserved boglands, lies the town of Clifden on the Coast of Connemara. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery and beautiful rugged coastline. Lots to do with championship golfing, horse-riding, adventure centres, walking, cycling, hill walking, beaches, fishing, scuba diving, painting, national parks, abbeys, castle ruins and over 5,000 years of living history. Regarded as the capital of Connemara, it is the ideal base for touring the region or engaging in an outdoor holiday.



The Sky Road Tour Justifiably famous for the views it affords, the Sky Road route takes you up among the hills overlooking Clifden Bay and its offshore islands, Inishturk and Turbot Island.



Visiting



Contact
Clifden
Connemara
Co. Galway
www.visitconnemara.com



Location
On the N59 from Galway



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.4889, -10.0207



Information
Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafes and shopping available



Parking
On street parking available



Connemara National Park

Letterfrack, Co. Galway



Scenic mountains, expanses of bogs, heaths & woodlands



Connemara National Park is situated in the West of Ireland in County Galway and covers some 2,000 hectares of scenic mountains, expanses of bogs, heaths, grasslands and woodlands. The Park was established and opened to the public in 1980. It is one of six National Parks in

Ireland managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The Park facilities include a 3-D exhibition, Walks, AV Theatre, Playground, Picnic Areas, Toilets and

Tea Room. Summer programmes for adults and children include, Guided Nature Walks, Fun with Nature for Kids, Connemara Pony Information and Evening Talks. The Park entrance is on the Clifden side of Letterfrack Village on the N59. The Park grounds are open all year and the Visitor Centre is open from March to end of October.

Visiting



Contact
Connemara National Park
Letterfrack, Co. Galway
Tel: 095-41054 / 076-100 2528
cnp@ahg.gov.ie
www.connemaranationalpark.ie



Location
Connemara National Park is situated on the N59 Clifden to Westport on the Clifden side of Letterfrack Village



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5506, -9.9456



Opening Times
Visitor Centre
Open daily Mar to end of Oct
09:00–17:30h
Park grounds open all year



Admission Rates
Free admission



Information
Tea room open daily Mar, Apr, Sept & Oct 10:00–17:00h. May, Jun, Jul & Aug 09:30–18:00h. Winter opening Sat & Sun only (Limited Hours)



Parking
Free car and coach parking available



Aran Island Ferries

Connemara, Co. Galway



Passenger Ferry to the Aran Islands

Immerse yourself in traditional Irish history, culture and heritage on the beautiful Aran Islands with Aran Island Ferries, a company with 34 years of experience sailing the waters of Galway Bay. The award-winning family run ferry company offer daily sailings to each of the islands from Ros a Mhíl Port, with an average sailing time of 40 minutes. The company have established a strong relationship with the service providers on the islands



that enable them to offer a more all-inclusive package to visitors. These include bus transfers from Galway City to the port for all sailings, mini-bus tours, jaunting carts and bike hire, entrance to the heritage centres, a range of accommodation, and lunch or evening meals on the Islands.

Visiting



Contact
Aran Island Ferries
Ros A' Mhíl Pier
Connemara, Co. Galway
City Office located at
37-39 Forster St, Galway City
Tel: 091-568 903
info@aranislandferries.com
www.aranislandferries.com



Location
Ferry is located at Ros A' Mhíl Pier
38 km from Galway. City Office is on Forster Street in Galway City Centre



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2655, -9.5592



Sailing Times
Daily sailings all year round
Office open 08:30–17:30h
Please contact office for sailing times



Admission Rates
Excellent individual, family and group rates available



Information
Tea / Coffee / Bar Facilities onboard



Parking
Parking available at port



Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Conamara

Ros Muc, Co. Galway

This state-of-the-art visitor centre celebrates the culture, and landscape of the Connemara Gaeltacht. The area's unique heritage attracted Patrick Pearse, leader of the 1916 Rising, to spend his summers here in the early 20th century. Visitors can explore the interactive exhibition, and then take a short stroll through the landscape, up to Pearse's original cottage, which he had built in 1909.



Visiting



Contact
Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh,
Conamara
Ros Muc,
Co. Galway
Tel: 091-574 292
tanphiarsaigh@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.3863, -9.6200



Opening Times
Summer, Daily 09:30–18:00h
Winter, Daily 09:30–16:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13



Parking
Car & Coach parking available

Glengowla Mines & Working Farm Experience

Oughterard, Co. Galway



Aughnanure Castle

Oughterard, Co. Galway

Aughnanure Castle lies in picturesque surroundings close to the shores of Lough Corrib. The castle is a particularly well-preserved example of an Irish tower house. Visitors will find the remains of a banqueting hall, a watch tower, an unusual double bawn, bastions and a dry harbour. Restricted access to castle grounds for visitors with disabilities.



Visiting



Contact
Aughnanure Castle
Oughterard, Co. Galway
Tel: 091-552 214
aughnanurecastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.4188, -9.2754



Opening Times
Mar 02 to Oct 27 Daily 9:30–18:00h
Oct 28 to Nov 01 Daily 9:30–17:00h
Average length of visit 45 mins



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13



Parking
Car & coach parking

Discover the Hidden History of Connemara

Buried beneath the Connemara Powder Mountain lies a way of life long abandoned and almost forgotten...

Let the team at Glengowla Mines lead you on a journey of discovery of how lead and silver were mined from the roots of the Connemara Mountains in the 1800s. The constant dripping of water, the 'miners breath' and if you are brave enough - a moment of darkness will set the scene! Learn of the miners working conditions before the mines closed in 1865. Pan for gold at our gold panning station and keep any gems you find! Glengowla Museum has artifacts collected during the mines excavation & history on the area.

On the surface, the Powder Magazine, Blacksmith's Workshop and the Agent's Cottage have been restored and contain items rescued from the mine. A hand windlass and a horse-gin have been constructed.

Take the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely stroll through the working farm along the old Connemara railway line and discover some of the local flora and fauna. Make a day of it and bring your own picnic! Afterwards visit the gift shop which offers all sorts of gifts with a focus on minerals and gems.

Discount on presentation of this booklet. 20% off Adult Ticket to mines only in 2017. T&C apply.

Visiting



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Glengowla Mines
Oughterard, Co. Galway
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glengowlamines@eircom.net
www.glengowlamines.ie



Location
3 km west of Oughterard village 300 metres off the N59 Galway/Clifden Road (20 mins drive from Galway, 40 mins from Clifden)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.4184, -9.3744



Opening Times
Mid Mar to Mid Nov 10:00–18:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €10.50, Senior/Student €9.50
Child €4.50, Family €27
Cater for school tours and groups
Additional charge applies for turf cutting and sheep dog herding demonstrations



Information
Gift Shop



Parking
Free Coach & Car Parking at the Visitor Centre



Quiet Man Museum

Tours & Gift Shop

Cong, Co. Mayo

The Quiet Man Cottage Museum is a novel concept which will give the visitor a total Quiet Man experience as if they were actually 'on-set'. Visited by the Wayne family and Maureen O'Hara. Guided tours of the film locations from the museum daily at 11am. Stay at Michaelen's Manor B&B themed on the movie. Gift shop on-site and online. A must for any Quiet Man enthusiast. Ghost Tours available.



Visiting



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Cong Village, Co. Mayo
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info@quietman-cong.com
www.quietman-cong.com



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.5408, -9.2880



Opening Times
Daily 10:00–16:00h
Apr 01 to Oct 31



Admission Rates
Museum €5. Tour and Museum €15



Parking
Car parking available

Glengowla Farm

Glengowla is also a working farm where you can see Connemara ponies, meet Bob the sheep dog, pet the lambs and for advanced group bookings sheep dog herding demonstrations and turf cutting demonstrations are available.

Advanced bookings are required. Contact Keith 087-252 9850.



Pure Skill

Galway City

Fusion of sport



Pure Skill, is a 25,000 sq ft indoor sport and leisure destination located in Knocknacarra Galway, only minutes from the city centre. Using advanced automated and electronic technologies, Pure Skill is the first of its kind in the world and a must visit family attraction. In the Pure Skill Circuit you complete 10 sports from around the world including, Gaelic, Soccer, Hurling, Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Baseball, Basketball,

Golf Putting and Golf Chipping. Everybody completes a scorecard out of 100 points and it takes 2 hours to complete the circuit.

All sports are independent cages with automatic ball collection systems and are activated by time card technology. It is fully floodlit with astroturf flooring and music surround sound for an amazing experience. Suitable for ages 9 to adult.

There is also a section for interactive sports where you can enjoy the unique Visual Sports System.

It is weather independent, non contact, gender neutral and great fun.

Visiting



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Pure Skill
Knocknacarra, Galway City
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Location
Knocknacarra, Galway City, 3 mins from Leisureland and 10 mins from City Centre



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2709, -9.1005



Opening Times
Summer 11:00–20:00h daily
Winter 12:00–19:00h
Pre booking essential



Admission Rates
Please visit the website



Information
50 seater coffee shop on-site, adjacent to Dunnes Stores and B&Q



Parking
Extensive parking for cars and coaches



Trad on the Prom

Salthill, Galway



Ireland's Number 1 Music, Song & Dance Experience

Performers who have captivated audiences in extraordinary and groundbreaking productions such as 'Riverdance', 'The Chieftains' and 'Lord of the Dance' have gathered together on ONE STAGE to present an unforgettable entertainment experience. It's a truly remarkable experience suitable for all ages and nationalities.

Yvonne Fahy on accordion and bodhrán, producer and host **Chris Kelly** on guitar and concertina supreme **Padraig Rynne**.

Dance: The show features a stunning line-up of six world champion Irish dancers including **Clare Greaney** (six-time World Champion), **Fergal and Cathal Keaney** (lead Lord of the Dance), **Colm Conneely** and **Michael and Matthew Gardiner** (Riverdance).

Song: Singers include Eurovision star **Marc Roberts**, Multi- AIMS winner **Sean Costello** and The Chieftains vocalist **Yvonne McMahon**.



Music: Trad on the Prom showcases the amazing talents of legendary musician **Máirín Fahy**, featured soloist with Riverdance. Máirín is joined on stage by **Gerard Fahy** (musical director and composer of 'Lord of the Dance') on the uilleann pipes, whistles and bouzouki, multi-instrumentalist



Visiting



Contact
Trad on the Prom
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Salthill, Galway
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Location
The Promenade, Salthill, overlooking Galway Bay, just 2km from Galway city centre



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2590, -9.0825



Opening Times
May 16 to Sept 28
Tues, Thurs & Sun: 20:30h



Admission Rates
Adult €30
Senior €28
Student €25
Youth (13–18yrs) €20
Child (0–12yrs) €15
Family (2A+2C) €75



Parking
Free Parking



Galway Atlantaquaria

National Aquarium of Ireland

Salthill, Galway City



Connect with the sea at Galway Atlantaquaria

Ireland's largest native species aquarium at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way, located alongside the world famous Salthill promenade, and overlooking Galway Bay. A visit to the aquarium is a must-see for the family, friends or 'wanderlust' adventurer.

Galway Atlantaquaria is designed to engage and inform. There is always something new to see with over 60 species of fish, over two floors, 70 exhibits, feeding times and tours. Featuring native Irish sharks, jellyfish, conger eels and clownfish, it's a great place to visit.

Tours are designed to be fun,



educational and interactive and suit all ages. Our friendly staff will enable visitors to have the opportunity to 'hold' a starfish, touch a spiny spider crab and feed the fish.

The Aquarium offers a wealth of science, engineering and beach safari workshops throughout the year themed to connect people with the sea. Workshops are suitable for children aged 5 and up!

Visiting



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Galway Atlantaquaria
The Promenade, Salthill, Galway City
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www.nationalaquarium.ie



Location
Located on the seafront at Salthill overlooking Galway Bay



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2599, -9.0737



Opening Times
Mar to Oct: Open Daily from 10:00h
Nov to Feb: Wed to Sun from 10:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €12, Family (2+2) €33
Senior €8.50, Student €9
Child €7.50, extra child €4.50
under 2 Free
Group Rates Available



Information
Arabica Coffee House, Lighthouse Gift Shop, The Royal Villa Restaurant, Home Aquariums



Parking
Free car parking



Simply the Best Irish Show of the Year

Ranked by TripAdvisor as the number 1 attraction in Galway for the last nine years. Trad on the Prom consistently proves to be the highlight for the many thousands of visitors to Ireland each year.



"The music and dancing was incredible. If you get the chance you have to go!"
"Excellent show with amazingly talented musicians and dancers"

Book online at
www.tradontheprom.com

Portumna Castle & Gardens

Portumna, Co. Galway

Portumna Castle and Demesne occupy a magnificent location on the shores of Lough Derg on the River Shannon. Although gutted by fire in 1826, the Castle is still an imposing example of Irish architecture in the early 17th Century. The ground floor of the castle is open to the public and houses an exhibition on the history and restoration of the building.



Visiting

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SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0929, -8.2185

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Oct 17
Daily 09:30-18:00h
Oct 18 to Oct 31 Weekends Only
09:30-17:00h.
Groups on Wed & Thurs by prior booking. Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3, Family €13

Parking
Car & coach parking close to site

Dunguaire Castle

Kinvara, Co. Galway



Be inspired on the shores of Galway Bay



Dunguaire Castle and its history lies at the heart of Ireland's literary revival in the early 20th century. It was built in 1520 by the O'Hynes clan on the picturesque shores of Galway Bay. In 1924, the castle was bought and repaired by Oliver St. John Gogarty, the famous surgeon and literary figure. It became the venue for meetings

of literary revivalists such as W.B. Yeats, his patron Lady Gregory, George Bernard Shaw, Edward Martin and J.M. Synge. The castle gives an insight into the lifestyle of the people who lived from 1520 to modern times.

From April to October you can experience the banqueting style of the medieval era at the renowned castle banquet. Savour a goblet of mead in the inner quarter while mingling with the Ladies of the Castle. In the tradition of the medieval 'King Guaire' enjoy a delicious four course dinner with fine wines, stories and excerpts selected to lift the soul and lighten the heart.

Visiting

Contact
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www.shannonheritage.com

Location
Located on the N67, near Kinvara

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.1418, -8.9253

Opening Times
Apr to Oct 10:00-17:00h
Last admission 16:30h
Opening times may be subject to change
Dunguaire Castle Banquet at 17:30 & 20:45h (reservations necessary)
For further details call 061-360 788
Book online at
www.shannonheritage.com

Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family, Senior, Child rates etc

Parking
Free, for coaches and cars
A Shannon Heritage Attraction



Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre

Kenagh, Co. Longford

The centre interprets an Iron Age bog road that was built in the year 148 B.C. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe. Inside the interpretive centre, an 18m stretch of the preserved trackway is on permanent display in a hall specially designed to preserve the ancient wooden structure.



Visiting

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SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.6127, -7.8454

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Oct 04
Daily 10:00-18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Free of Charge

Parking
Car & coach parking available

Athenry Heritage Centre

Athenry, Co. Galway

History The Fun Way



The award winning Athenry Heritage Centre is the ideal place to have fun while exploring history. The 'Medieval Experience' provides visitors of all ages the opportunity to be part of Athenry's Anglo-Norman past.

Dress up in medieval costume and become a Knight, a Lord or Lady of the Manor. Find your inner Robin Hood with the centre's have-a-go archery and engage with medieval history through interactive exhibits including weapons and armour from the Middle Ages.

Other exhibits include the Medieval Dungeon, the Market Street and models of the ancient walled town of Athenry. Tour guides are available for all visitors to the centre.

Relax in the picnic area and explore the wooden maze too. Discover the best preserved medieval town in Ireland and visit a place immortalised by the song 'The Fields of Athenry' as a town rich in history and culture.

Visiting

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Athenry Heritage Centre
St. Mary's, The Square
Athenry, Co. Galway
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athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com
www.athenryheritagecentre.com

Location
Exit Junction 17 M6 Dublin-Galway motorway. 17 km from Galway City
Athenry train station is a 7 minute walk. Tickets available on irishrail.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2992, -8.7464

Opening Times
March to May
Mon to Fri: 10:00-16:30h
June to Aug
Mon to Sun: 10:30-17:00h
Group bookings by appointment

Admission Rates
General Admission:
Adult €5, Child €4
Medieval Experience:
Adult €8, Child €6.50
Family(2+2) €26
Discounts for Students/Seniors
Discount for OPW Heritage Card
Group discount available

Parking
Pay & Display Parking



Athenry Castle

Athenry, Co. Galway

Athenry - the most notable medieval walled town surviving in Ireland, owing its foundation to Meiler de Bermingham who built his castle there c. 1250. The castle consists of a three storey tower with parts of the original enclosure wall still surviving today. The interior now contains an audio-visual room and exhibition with guided tours available on request.



Visiting

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athenrycastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.3001, -8.7446

Opening Times
Apr 06 to Oct 01 Daily 09:30-18:00h
Oct 02 to Nov 02 Mon to Thurs only,
09:30-17:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13

Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Craggaunowen

—The Living Past Experience

Near Quin, Co. Clare

A Re-creation of Celtic Ireland



Craggaunowen—Experience Ireland's original award winning Pre-historic Park. Explore the roots of the people, homesteads, animals and artifacts of over 1,000 years ago which have touched and shaped how we live today.

Visit the Crannog—an artificial island dwelling defended by a hidden pathway in the water. Travel back in time to the life of the hunter-gatherer in the Ring Fort. You will see how the

Celts carried out their every-day activities as they cooked over open fires or in pits; ground corn for making bread or porridge on hand-powered querns; made pottery, wooden bowls, goblets and platters. See the Brendan Boat—a leather hulled boat built by Tim Severin who sailed across the mid-Atlantic, re-enacting the voyage of St. Brendan and the early Christian monks reputed to have discovered America centuries before Columbus! Craggaunowen Castle a 16th century restored Medieval Castle built in 1550 stands defiantly on a crag overlooking the lake and enjoys magnificent views of the countryside. Observe rare animal breeds such as wild boar and soay sheep—specimens of the pre-historic era.

Visiting



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www.shannonheritage.com



Location
Located off the R469 near Quin Co. Clare



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8128, -8.7893



Opening Times
Open Apr to Oct
10:00–17:00h (last Admission 16:00)
Opening times may be subject to change



Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family, Seniors, Child rates etc



Information
Tearoom and Gift Shop

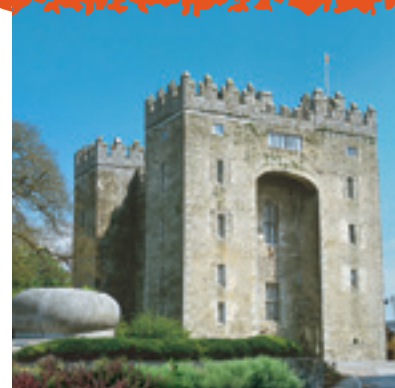


Parking
Free for coaches and cars
A Shannon Heritage Attraction



Bunratty Castle and Folk Park

Bunratty, Co. Clare



A window to the past

Bunratty Castle and Folk Park is one of Ireland's top visitor attractions. A visit to the Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland, and the captivating Folk Park is a wonderful experience for all the family.

Built in 1425, the majestic Castle was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. It now contains mainly 15th and 16th Century furnishings, tapestries and works of art, which capture the mood of the times. Marvel at the finest collection of medieval furniture in the country, which brings to life a vital part of our medieval past. Included are eight

farmhouses, two watermills, a blacksmith's forge, a church, a display of 19th century agricultural machinery and lots more...

A restored village street complete with pub, post office, school, doctor's house, hardware shop, printers, drapery shop, and pawnbrokers provide the main focal point for the park which will enchant and mesmerise both young and old. There is also a fabulous new children's playground, including slides, swings, zipwire, Viking head ship, hammock and sand play area for little ones (and not so little!) to enjoy!

Visiting



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Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
Bunratty, Co. Clare
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www.shannonheritage.com



Location
Bunratty is a ten minute drive from Shannon Airport, just off the N18 dual carriageway between Limerick & Ennis—follow signage on N18



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6986, -8.8111



Opening Times
Bunratty Castle & Folk Park is open daily year round 09:00–17:30h
Last admission to the folk park 16:15h
Last admission to the castle 16:00h
Closed Dec 24, 25 & 26
Opening hours are extended during summer months.
See www.shannonheritage.com



Banquet Times
Reservations Necessary
17:30 & 20:45h, year round



Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family, Seniors, Child rates etc



Information
The Bunratty Gift Shop and speciality shops on the village street
Selection of dining options—Tea Room (Mar to Oct) & Mac's Pub (Mid-Jan to Dec 23rd—limited opening during off peak season)



Parking
Ample free parking for coaches and cars

A Shannon Heritage Attraction



Loop Head Lighthouse

Kilbaha, Kilrush, Co. Clare

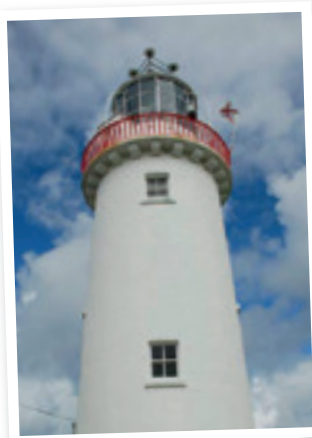


At the tip of West Clare

The enchanting Loop Head Lighthouse is located at the tip of the Loop Head Peninsula at the furthest point west on the Clare coastline and is a discovery point along the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way. The wild and rugged Atlantic coastline, contrasting sharply with the sheltered Shannon Estuary truly sets a breathtaking backdrop to the Lighthouse.

Visitors have the opportunity to be guided to the top of the Lighthouse and take in the magnificent views.

An exhibition focusing on the history of Irish Lighthouses and the people who have operated them since the 17th century is located in



one of the Light Keeper's Cottages. Other highlights in the locality include the Bridges of Ross, an important habitat for cliff nestling birds.

Visiting



Contact
Clare County Council
Ennis, Co. Clare
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www.clare.ie



Location
25km from Kilkee on the R487



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.5630, -9.9205



Opening Times
Mar 16 to Nov 05
10:00–18:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Children €2
Family €12 (up to 3 children)



Information
Limited refreshments available on-site



Parking
Free car parking



Stonehall Wildlife Park

Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

Stonehall hosts a wide variety of rare & domestic animals, from Llamas, Alpacas, Ostriches, Emus, Rheas and a large variety of Parrots & Birds of Prey.

Enjoy the nature trail walk.

Caters for all weather conditions. Visit the indoor pets corner, bring your picnic and enjoy the indoor play area where there are a variety of go-karts and bouncy castles for the children.



Visiting



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SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6080, -8.8680



Opening Times
April, May, June, Sept, Oct
Sat & Sun 11:00–18:00h
July & Aug. Open 7 days a week
Mon to Sat 11:00–18:00h
Sun 11:00–18:00h
Nov to Mar closed
Open Dec for Santa's Grotto



Admission Rates
Adult €8, Children €8
Separate rate for Santa's Grotto



Parking
Parking facilities for coaches & cars



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