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## Lough Erne Route Planner

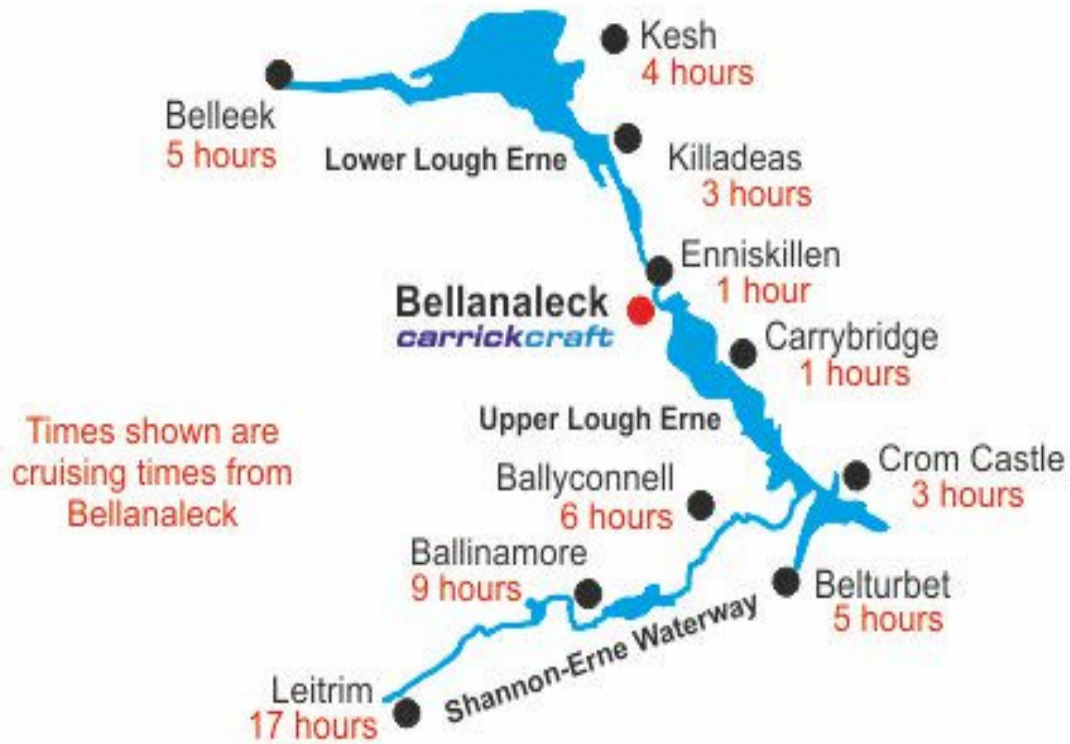
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Lower Lough Erne, the most northerly of the two Loughs, is a great expanse of open water fringed by mountains. Upper Lough Erne is filled with hundreds of islands; many have jetties and make perfect lunchtime picnic stops. Enniskillen, lying midway between Lower and Upper Lough Erne, is a picturesque market town and fascinating heritage centre. By day this busy town brims with shops, museums, a sport centre and castle. By night, Enniskillen comes alive with happy holiday merriment from the wealth of original pubs, clubs, and good restaurants that offer delicious international culinary delights.

The Shannon/Erne Waterway spurs off Upper Lough Erne, linking the Erne system to the mighty Upper Shannon at Leitrim. The link itself is a delightful cruise, meandering through a series of rivers, canals, and Loughs with colourful pubs and eating-places along its banks.

Carrickcraft's marina station on the Erne Waterway System is at Bellanaleck, not far from Enniskillen on the river section between Upper and Lower Lough Erne, and from here a vast network of interconnecting Loughs, rivers and backwaters unfolds that take a lifetime to explore. These waters are framed by magnificent country - lush green rolling meadowlands give way to craggy uplands with spectacular cliffs that then lead on to uninterrupted moorland. This is truly breath-taking Lakeland, unrivalled throughout Europe.

From the Lough the night sky is jet black and studded with a panorama of brilliant stars. The long summer days are so peaceful; hardly another boat will interrupt your calm.



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# Belleek

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A small border town with many and varied shops, ATM machines, pharmacy, post office and a number of pubs serving very good food. There is also a lovely little coffee shop that doubles up as the main supplier of fishing equipment in the town. Belleek is well known for its fine parian china and there are also a number of other makers of crystal and china in the town. There are numerous craft and gift shops, so it won't be hard to find a souvenir of your holiday! At Belleek you are only 7 km from the west coast of Ireland where a short taxi ride will take you to meet and greet the great Atlantic Ocean.

## Visitor Attractions

**Belleek Pottery** Tel +44 (0)28 6865 8501

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

Belleek is most famous for its fine parian china which is the oldest china in Ireland and has been made here for 150 years. The visitor centre is now one of the top 5 visitor attractions in Ireland and features a showroom, museum, video theatre and tearoom. Tours are available on weekdays.



## Explore Erne and Tourist Information Centre

Tel +44 (0)28 6865 8866

An audiovisual exhibition of the history of Lough Erne.

**Fermanagh Crystal** Tel +44 (0)28 6865 8631

Makers of crystal table and giftware. Tours available of the factory and showroom.

**Gilmartin's Irish Craft Shop**

Tel +44 (0)28 6865 8371

Beautiful craft shop on the main street, where you are sure to find the perfect souvenir of your holiday.

## Fishing Tackle

**Belleek Angling Centre** Tel +44(0)28 6865 8181

Located in The Thatch Coffee Shop on the Main Street. Will supply all your fishing needs.

## Golf

**Bundoran Golf Club** Tel +353 (0)71 984 1302

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

A 15 minute taxi journey will take you to Bundoran Golf Club, a Championship links course on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean.

## Taxi

**McMahon's (Mac's Taxis)** Tel +44 (0)78 51705822

Car or 8 seater minibus.

## Eating/Drinking

**Thatch Coffee Shop** Tel +44 (0)2868 658181

The only original thatched building in Co. Fermanagh. Delicious home cooked food in an old world atmosphere. Open 9am to 5pm Mon to Sat. It is also the location of Belleek Angling Centre, so you can stock up on bait or get any fishing equipment you may need.

**The Lemon Tree** Tel +44 (0)2868 659708

Lovely little coffee shop on the main street, with a very varied menu.

**The Black Cat Cove Pub** Tel +44 (0)2868 658942

A traditional Irish pub on the main street of the town. Good food served all day and live entertainment in the evenings. You will often find traditional Irish music here on Thursdays evenings



**The Forge** Tel +44 (0)2868 659714

Restaurant and take-away on the main street, serving great, home-cooked food.

**Moohan's Fiddlestone Pub**

Tel +44 (0)2868 658008

Traditional Irish Pub on the Main Street that also operates as a Guest House. They don't serve meals, but very good pints! Traditional Irish music sessions are often held on Saturdays.

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## ***Kesh***

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A cruise along the beautiful tree lined Kesh River will take you to the village of Kesh, with all the amenities of a small town including ATMs, post office, pharmacy, shops, restaurants and a Tourist Information Office. If you are visiting Kesh in August, you can enjoy the Kesh carnival, an annual week-long celebration. Just north of Kesh, the jetty at Muckros is an out of town alternative, but it can be very busy with jet skiers, especially at weekends.

### *Eating/Drinking*

**The Sizzling Stone** Tel +44 (0)28 68 632484

With new premises in the former Lough Erne Hotel, this restaurant has a well-deserved reputation for amazing steak on a stone. Also serve a variety of dishes to suit all tastes.

**Mayfly Inn** Tel +44 (0)2868 631281

Choose from either the restaurant or bar menu, which is very good and reasonably priced. The bar also has a pool table and live entertainment in the evenings.

**The Pantry Coffee Shop**

Tel +44 (0)28 6863 1749

Lovely little coffee shop on the main street with a great selection of pastries as well as sandwiches and lunch options.



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## ***Lower Lough Erne Moorings***

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### *Castle Caldwell*

This is a very peaceful, secluded spot, near Belleek. The 16th century Castle, surrounded by forest, is now a ruin. A walk around the woodlands is a must to experience the "get away from it all" feeling. The Forest Park is a sanctuary for wild birds and deer and there are various short walks and nature trails and a picnic area. At the entrance is the Fiddle Stone, in memory of a local fiddler who drowned in 1770.

### *Lusty Beg*

A private 75 acre island with excellent facilities. There is a restaurant, bar, leisure facilities and plenty of opportunity to explore the island with various walks and nature trails. For restaurant reservations, tel +44 (0)28 6863 3300. From Lusty Beg, you can take the chain ferry to Boa Island with its famous carved stone statues, situated in the Cladragh Burial grounds. If you prefer somewhere more secluded, you may prefer the neighbouring island of Lusty More.

### *White Island*

This important monastic site is only accessible by boat and features the ruins of a 12<sup>th</sup> century church with fantastic Romanesque doorway. Set into a wall, there are six intriguing archaic stone figures that have been gathered from different locations in Co. Fermanagh. Not much is known about them, but it is thought that they date from around the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

*Tom's Island*, which is not actually an island, but a peninsula with a lovely forest walk.

*Davy's Island*. A secluded, wooded island.

## Castle Archdale

Castle Archdale Country Park is an important conservation area with nature trail, butterfly gardens and wildflower meadows. It was originally a plantation castle, but was destroyed in 1689 and all that remains are the fine stable buildings, which now house an Exhibition Centre. Visit the ancient collection of farm machinery or memorabilia of World War 2, when Castle Archdale was an important base for flying boats. For refreshments, there is a pub, a coffee shop serving lunches and sandwiches and a chip shop.

## Magho

From here you can access the very scenic Lough Navar Forest Park and the cliffs of Magho. Venture to the top of the cliffs (a strenuous 8 mile walk) for dramatic views across Lough Erne to the Donegal Mountains.

## Tully Castle

Here you can see the remains of a 17<sup>th</sup> century fortified house and gardens with visitor centre and exhibition. Open from Easter to end of September every day 10am -6pm.

Admission free.

## Tully Bay

A marina-only mooring with Derrygonnelly as the nearest village. Tully Bay Marina is surrounded by breathtaking unspoilt scenery.

## Crevinishaughy Island

There are 2 different jetties at opposite ends of the island, both lovely sheltered areas for an overnight island stay. No facilities on the island, just lots of peace and quiet.

## Inish Davar

Near Rossigh, this island is highly recommended for a secluded picnic and a lovely woodland walk. If you visit in Spring, you'll see it carpeted with bluebells.

**Innishmacsaint** is an important ecclesiastical site. The most notable feature is the undecorated High Cross.

## Carrickreagh

From here, there is a lovely walk of about 5km around Ely Lodge Forest. Or take a walk to the viewing platform for extensive views across Lough Erne.

## Rossigh

This jetty is located in Rossigh Bay and is mainly used by watersports enthusiasts.

## Manor House

Home to Manor House Marine. You will find all service facilities here as well as many leisure activities including tennis court, table tennis and pitch and putt. There is also a par 30, 9 hole golf course on site. The Manor House Hotel is located just up the hill from the marina and has an excellent restaurant and bar with regular live entertainment. There is also a leisure complex and swimming pool at the hotel. Tel +44 (0)28 6862 2200

## Lough Erne Golf Resort

If you fancy some pampering and luxury dining, this 5 star golf resort has it all! [www.loughernegolfresort.com](http://www.loughernegolfresort.com) With 2 championship golf courses, the Thai spa and a number of dining options, this is worth a stop off! The Catalina Restaurant offers fine dining and there are also a number of other more relaxed dining options.



## Devenish Island

One of the most important monastic sites in Ireland dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. There is a very well preserved round tower from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, a small oratory known as St. Molaise's House and a number of ancient churches. The accompanying graveyard is very interesting and contains a superb 15<sup>th</sup> century High Cross. The site is well worth a visit. The main jetty is at Devenish East, but if it's too crowded, try Devenish West.





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# Enniskillen

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Enniskillen is the county town of Fermanagh and by far, the largest settlement in the area. It is built on a natural island separating Upper and Lower Lough Erne, and there is a selection of mooring locations dotted along the banks. It is home to many attractions, so visit the Tourist Information Centre on Wellington Road where you will find helpful information and brochures. There is a 24hr shop on Queen Street for essentials. There are also a number of ATM machines, post office, pharmacy and all the amenities you would expect of a large town.

## Visitor Attractions

### Enniskillen Castle and Museum

Tel +44 (0) 2866325000

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



Enniskillen has been the main crossing point of the Erne throughout history and the castle has guarded this strategic location since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It now houses 2 museums - the Fermanagh County Museum and the Inniskillings Museum.

### Forthill Park and Coles Monument

A wooded town park in the centre of Enniskillen. There are 180 spiral steps up the monument with magnificent views of Enniskillen and the surrounding area. Open 1.30pm - 3.00pm, tickets can be purchased at the Tourist Information Centre.

**Marble Arch Caves** Tel+44(0)28 6634 8855

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

This Global Geopark is a short taxi journey from Enniskillen but is worth it for one of the finest show caves in Europe. Discover a fascinating underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers.

**Florencecourt** Tel +44 (0)28 6634 8249

An 18<sup>th</sup> century National Trust property, set in a dramatic backdrop of mountains and forests with beautiful nature walks and a children's play area. Could be combined with a visit to Marble Arch Caves as these 2 visitor attractions are in the same area.

## Shopping

**The town centre** is built around the long main street, where you will find many high street shops as well as small boutiques and independent traders. As the main retail hub in the area, the town is busy and bustling and has a unique character.

**Erneside Shopping Centre** With a jetty right outside the Shopping Centre, it couldn't be more convenient. You will find many high street shops and there are also 2 supermarkets beside the Erneside if you need to top up your provisions for the boat.

### Buttermarket Craft and Design Centre.

Housed in a restored dairy market, this is the place to go for crafts and local produce.



## Golf

**Lough Erne Golf Resort** Tel +44 (0)28 6632 3230

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

Just 10 minutes from Enniskillen, the new Lough Erne Resort has 2 golf courses - the championship Castle Hume Golf Course and the new Faldo course, designed by Nick Faldo. There is also a very good restaurant and bar at the resort.

**Enniskillen Golf Club** Tel +44 (0)28 6632 5250

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

Located within the confines of the Castlecoole Estate, just a few miles from the town centre, Enniskillen Golf Club is a parkland course, which commands outstanding views of the town and surrounding countryside

## Leisure Activities

### Fermanagh Lakeland Forum

Tel+44 (0)28 6632 4121 [www.lakelandforum.com](http://www.lakelandforum.com)



A large sports and leisure centre with swimming pool, fitness centre, soft play area for toddlers and cafeteria. Beside the forum is The Zone, an outdoor leisure facility for children and young people, with tunnels, slides, jungle walk, cargo nets and much more. Entrance to The Zone is free of charge.

**Enniskillen Omniplex** Tel +44 (0)28 6632 4777  
Seven screen cinema showing all the latest movie releases.

## Accommodation

### The Enniskillen Hotel

Tel +44 (0)28 66321177 [www.enniskillenhotel.com](http://www.enniskillenhotel.com)  
Contemporary hotel just a short walk from the town centre. Enjoy a meal in Becketts's Grill or take a whiskey tasting session in Wildes's Bar.

### The Westville Hotel

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 0333 [www.westvillehotel.co.uk](http://www.westvillehotel.co.uk)  
Boutique hotel within walking distance of the town centre. Great food and entertainment at weekends in the bar.

### Killyhevlin Hotel

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 [www.killyhevlin.com](http://www.killyhevlin.com)  
On the water's edge, with its own jetty, the Killyhevlin also has a health club and spa.

## Fishing Tackle

### Fishing Tackle & Bait, Sligo Road

Tel: +44 (0)28 6632 2008  
[www.fishingtackleandbait.co.uk](http://www.fishingtackleandbait.co.uk)

Ireland's largest fishing tackle shop

## Eating/Drinking

There are plenty of restaurants and pubs in Enniskillen to suit all tastes. Below is just a small selection. Many of the pubs serve food and often have entertainment in the evenings. There are also a number of takeaways a short distance from the moorings if you prefer to eat on the boat but not to cook!

### Blakes of the Hollow

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 0918

A well preserved Victorian pub in the heart of Enniskillen. The original bar remains unchanged at the front of the pub, but it is a lot more modern when you go into the larger bar at the back. **Café Merlot** provides creative modern dining in a relaxed atmosphere and **Number 6 Restaurant** is an elegant fine dining restaurant upstairs.

There are a number of bars within the building catering for all tastes, whether it is watching live sports on the big screen, live entertainment or a game of pool. There is also a club for partying into the wee small hours.

### Dollakis

Tel +44 (0)66 342616

Very popular Greek restaurant, known for its friendly service and authentic Greek food.

### The Linen Hall

Tel +44 (0)28 6634 0910

Part of the Wetherspoon's chain of pubs, very good value for basic food and drink.

### The Jolly Sandwich

Tel +44 (0)2866 322277

Very good little café for breakfasts and lunches

### Crow's Nest Bar and Bistro

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 5252

Very popular pub in Enniskillen. A choice of 2 bars here with food served all day and live entertainment on Saturdays. The Thatch nightclub upstairs is open Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun. There is also a traditional Irish music night on Tuesdays.

## Taxi

### FlexiCabs

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 4848

### Star Taxis

Tel +44 (0)28 66323232

### Diamond Taxi

Tel +44 (0)28 66328484



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# Upper Lough Erne Moorings

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## Ardhowan

If you need to stock up on groceries, there is a shop at the petrol station, about 400 yards along the main road, heading towards Enniskillen.

**Ardhowen Theatre** Tel +44 (0)28 6632 3233 [www.ardhowentheatre.com](http://www.ardhowentheatre.com)

Heading south from Enniskillen takes you to The Ardhowen Theatre, a venue renowned for staging an excellent variety of performances from musical and theatrical to children's entertainment. It also has a very good restaurant and 2 bars.

**Castle Coole** Tel +44 (0)28 6632 2690

Not far from the Ardhowen, on the opposite side of the road is Castle Coole, a magnificent National Trust Irish Country House, one of 3 beautiful National Trust properties in Co. Fermanagh. Set in a beautiful wooded landscape park, it is ideal for family walks.

## Killyhevlín Hotel

This 4\* hotel has its own jetty, so is very convenient for bar and restaurant facilities. There is a choice of formal dining in the **Kove Restaurant** or informal meals in the **Boathouse Grill**. The hotel also has a health club and spa facilities.

Tel +44 (0)28 6632 3481

## Culky

A lovely secluded mooring if you fancy some peace and quiet. No facilities here except a picnic table. Best avoided at weekends during high season as it gets busy with water skiers.



## The Moorings

**Carrickcraft's** marina on Lough Erne. Ideal location to start or end your cruise, with easy access to both Upper and Lower Lough Erne. From the jetty, it is about 10 minutes walk to the small village of Bellanaleck,

**The Moorings Restaurant** Tel +44 (0)78 7342179

On site restaurant, serving good food in a very relaxed atmosphere. Open weekends only.

## Bellanaleck

The small village is located just a short walk from Carrickcraft's marina on Lough Erne. There is a small supermarket, a post office and a very good chip shop!

**The Sheelin Antique Lace Shop and Museum** Tel +44 (0)2866 348 052 [www.irishlacemuseum.com](http://www.irishlacemuseum.com)

Housed in a beautiful thatched building, the museum is a treasure trove of lace and antiques, both on display and for sale.

**The Sheelin Kitchen** Tel +44 (0)28 6634 8219

Just beside the lace museum, this lovely little café serves breakfast and lunch Tues-Sun 10am to 6pm

## Tullyinishmore

Inishmore is the largest island on Upper Lough Erne with 2,500 acres. A visit to the island will give you an insight into Ireland in days gone by. The only public mooring on Inishmore is at Tully jetty or Carrybridge. In the evenings, Tully is a lovely place to see the full effect of the sun setting.

## Carrybridge

Home to Carrybridge Boat Company, you will find all facilities here such as service block, water etc, although the closest shops are in the village of Lisbellaw, about a 40 minute walk from Carrybridge.

**Carrybridge Lakeside Lodge** is located at the marina and offers good food in the restaurant and entertainment in the bar on Saturday evenings. Tel +44 (0)28 6638 7148



## Knockninny

You will find good facilities here and a small beach area, which is lovely in good weather. There is a very nice walk of about 7km to the top of Knockninny Hill where you will be rewarded with panoramic views of Upper Lough Erne. **Knockninny Country House Hotel** is located right beside the jetty. It is advisable to telephone in advance. Tel +44 (0)28 6774 8590

## Naan Island

There are no facilities here but it is a lovely out of the way location for an overnight stop. There are no paths on the island, so a walk will see you scrambling through bushes and trees.

## Tírraroe

An ideal location for a quiet lunchtime stop. This is a small jetty with picnic tables.

## Share Holiday Centre

**The Share Centre** is an outdoor activity and adventure centre offering lots of activities for all ages. There is also an indoor leisure centre, swimming pool and coffee shop. It is a private marina and a small fee is charged to moor at this location, but it entitles you to free use of the facilities. More details are available at [www.sharevillage.org](http://www.sharevillage.org) or tel +44 (0)28 6772 2122. The closest town is Lisnaskea, the second largest town in Co. Fermanagh.



## Corradillar

There are no facilities here and it is quite exposed, nevertheless, it is a nice location for a short stop.

## Derryad

A small jetty not far from the Lisnaskea Boat Club if you plan to pay them a visit. Or you could take a taxi into the town of Lisnaskea.

## Inish Rath

There are many islands in Upper Lough Erne worth a visit, but the most notable of these is Inish Rath, which is home to a welcoming Hare Krishna Community. It is a centre for the Hindu faith but also a nature reserve, where you can enjoy the peaceful woodland walks. [www.krishnaisland.net](http://www.krishnaisland.net)  
Tel +44 (0)28 6772 1512.

## Geaglum

Recently refurbished, this jetty now has a lovely picnic area and a small pebble beach.



## Derryvore

Located in Trial Bay, from this jetty it is just a short walk to Trinity Church, the family church of Lord and Lady Erne.

## Crom Estate National Trust

This is one of Ireland's most important nature conservation areas, with 2000 acres of woodland to explore. There are a number of woodland walks and nature trails. The old farm buildings have been converted into a visitor centre and tearoom. There are 2 castles - the older castle is close to the visitor centre and the well-preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century castle is still inhabited and not open to the public.

For further details, call +44 (0)28 6773 8118.



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# Belturbet

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One of Ireland's best known fishing centres with ample mooring at the large marina. The traditional market town is a short walk away from the moorings, with many shops, restaurants, banks and a post office. The town is centred around the Market Square, known as the Diamond and it comes alive during the summer months welcoming visitors from across the globe. The town has a rich history which is evident in the many buildings and heritage sites which can still be seen today. Tourist information and maps of the town can be found at the Railway Station Visitor Centre.

## Visitor Attractions

### Heritage Walking Trail

Starting in the centre of town, this walking trail takes you around the important historic sites, with information panels and plaques, providing further information. Maps available at the Railway Station.

### Turbet Island Motte and Bailey

An important part of the history of the area, today this is a great place to go for a walk and enjoy the surroundings of peace and quiet.

**Belturbet Station** Tel +353 (0)49 9522 074

A historic old railway station, which was the connecting point of the Cavan and Leitrim narrow gauge railway and the GNR standard gauge railway. It has now been completely restored and houses a visitor centre and tea room.

## Golf

### Co. Cavan Golf Club

Tel +353 (0)49 433 1531 [www.cavangolf.ie](http://www.cavangolf.ie)

This 18 hole parkland course is one of the oldest in Ireland, established in 1894. It is just a 15 minute taxi journey from Belturbet.

**Belturbet Golf Club** Tel +353 (0)49 9522 287

9 hole parkland course.

## Taxi

**Benny Corby** Tel +353 (0)87 2561243

## Eating/Drinking

There are a number of pubs and restaurants to choose from in Belturbet. Most of the pubs serve bar food and you will often find live entertainment in the evenings.

**Seven Horse Shoes** Tel +353 (0)49 9522 216

Good traditional pub and restaurant with a hotel attached. They serve excellent food in the restaurant and a great carvery for Sunday lunch.

### Ben's Restaurant and Takeaway

Tel +353 (0) 49 952 4089

Very good Asian restaurant, serving a mix of Thai, Malaysian and Chinese food. They often have house daily specials.

**Widow's Bar** Tel +353 (0) 49 9522274

Traditional olde worlde pub where you will get a very warm Irish welcome and a great night's craic. They normally have traditional Irish music on Tuesdays and Sundays and more modern offerings on Fridays and Saturdays.

## Horse-Riding

### Redhills Equestrian Centre

Tel +353 (0)47 55042

[www.redhillsequestrian.ie](http://www.redhillsequestrian.ie)

Surrounded by the hilly countryside of Co. Cavan and located in the picturesque village of Redhills, about 15km from Belturbet.



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# Ballyconnell

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Travelling from Lough Erne, the first mooring on the Shannon/Erne waterway is at **Aghalane**. It is not close to a town or any shops, but there is an excellent new service block. Next, is the town of Ballyconnell. Located at the Erne end of the Shannon Erne Waterway, this small town is well worth a visit. The marina itself is quite impressive with a recent addition of 18 berths giving plenty of space. Shops, pubs, restaurants and an ATM machine are about 5 minutes walk. There are also a number of lively pubs and night clubs for the young at heart. There is a map board of the town and surrounding areas at the marina. Pay a visit to Orlaghs Cottage where the tourist information centre will advise you of the many legendary names associated with this little town including William of Orange, Conal the Victorious and Saint Patrick. Just a mile from the town is the Slieve Russell Hotel and Country Club, with an 18 hole golf course, several restaurants and lounge bars, a superb leisure centre and a luxury spa. For a lovely walk, The Woodford River Walk takes you from the bridge in Ballyconnell along the Woodford River to Annagh Woods, through the woods and back onto the river path.

## *Leisure Activities*

### **ODD (Outdoors and Dirty)**

Tel +353 (0)49 952 3877 [www.odd.ie](http://www.odd.ie)

Located in Bawnboy, about 10 minutes in a taxi from Ballyconnell. For an adrenaline fuelled day of extreme activities including paintball, archery and hovercraft racing!

### **Bear Essentials**

Tel +353 (0) 87761 0537 [www.beaessentials.ie](http://www.beaessentials.ie)

Also located in Bawnboy about 10 minutes' drive from Ballyconnell, this teddy bear gift shop and visitor centre is a treat for children and adults alike. There are also beautifully landscaped gardens with picnic areas and a children's playground.

## *Eating/Drinking*

There are many bars and restaurants within walking distance of the marina. There are also a number of lively pubs and nightclubs for the young at heart!

**The Anglers Rest** Tel +353 (0)49 952 6391

A pub and restaurant with a reputation for the best steaks in the area! Good wholesome food and live music some evenings.

**Sophia's Ristorante** Tel +353 (0)49 952 7787

A very nice Italian restaurant located just beside the bridge.

**Pól O'D** Tel +353 (0)49 952 6228

A modern restaurant on the Main Street

## *Golf*

### **Slieve Russell Hotel Golf and Country Club**

Tel +353 (0)49 952 6444

Just a mile from the town of Ballyconnell, the highly acclaimed Slieve Russell Golf and Country Club has always proved very popular with our visitors. It boasts a challenging 18 hole golf course and several restaurants and lounge bars to choose from. For the non-golfers, there is a superb leisure centre and fitness suite, including tennis courts. If you prefer to be pampered, why not try the Ciuin Spa and Hydrotherapy suite with a wide range of spa treatments available.

## *Taxi*

**Benny Corby** Tel +353 (0)87 2561243

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# Haughton's Shore

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A very attractive marina on the shores of Lough Garadice with very good service facilities. It is also a very good area for fishing. The closest towns are at Ballymagauran and Newtowngore, both about a 30 minute walk from the mooring, where you will find shops, restaurants and pubs.

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# Ballinamore

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This friendly town located at the foot of the Sliabh An Iarainn, translated as The Iron Mountain, boasts two marinas. Groceries can be purchased at the local supermarket and there is an ATM machine. There is a map board of the town and surrounding areas at the marina and a Tourist Information Office in the main street, in Smyth's Gift Shop. The restored library in the town now houses an interesting heritage and genealogical research centre where you can trace your Irish roots. A series of way marked hill walks have been developed in the nearby Sliabh An Iarainn Mountain, varying in length from 30 minutes to 3 hours. They are marked on a map board at Aghacashel Post Office and further details can be obtained in the shop. It is about a 15-minute taxi drive from Ballinamore.

## Visitor Attractions

### Glenview Folk Museum

Tel +353 (0) 7196 44157 [www.glenviewmuseum.ie](http://www.glenviewmuseum.ie)

A privately owned collections of Irish artefacts, located just beside lock 4. Run by the Kennedy family, who will be happy to provide tours of the museum, including a reconstructed 1930's street scene. There is also a very good restaurant on site.

## Horse Riding

### Drumcoura Equestrian Centre

Tel +353 (0)71 964 5781

[www.drumcoura.ie/horseriding.html](http://www.drumcoura.ie/horseriding.html)

Drumcoura Equestrian Centre specialises in Western Horse Riding and boasts a purpose built equestrian forest trail. The lake resort features tennis and archery and they even have a western style "saloon" bar. Don't forget your cowboy hat!

## Golf

**Ballinamore Golf Club** Tel +353 (0)71 964 4346

[www.ballinamoregolfclub.ie](http://www.ballinamoregolfclub.ie)

This newly designed parkland course is right on the Shannon/Erne Waterway, which provides a challenging water hazard for some holes.

## Eating/Drinking

Like most Irish towns, there is no shortage of pubs in Ballinamore. A short walk up the Main Street will reveal any number of options - many also serve good food. Below is just a selection.

**Smyth's Siopa Ol** Tel +353 (0)7196 44955

Just a few minute's walk from the marina, this pub and restaurant has a really friendly pub atmosphere and great food served all day.

### Priors Restaurant and Pub

Tel +353 (0)71 9644574

A popular pub with locals, Priors offers good value food and friendly service and is located at the top end of the main street. It is well known as the town's sports bar and shows all major sporting events. You will also find regular music nights and it can be quite lively at weekends.

**The Poor Scholar** Tel +353 (0)71 9645516

A popular pub on the Main Street, serving pub grub. Also good for entertainment with pool table, darts and juke box.

### Nina's Pizzeria

Tel +353 (0) 7196 44986

Amazing pizzas, either sit-in or take-away.

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# Keshcarrigan

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A timeless little village steeped in the folklore of Sheebeg and Sheemore, the two surrounding mountains regarded as home to the fairies or "little people". The warrior Fionn Mac Cumhal is said to be buried on Sheebeg. The view from the summit of Sheebeg is breathtaking. Keshcarrigan is well known for the great music pubs.

## Eating/Drinking

**Gertie's** Tel +353 (0)71 964 2252

One of the best music pubs in Ireland, you will be guaranteed a great night. The food is also very good and they do a popular all day breakfast and a Sunday roast.

**McKeon's Bar** Tel +353 (0)71 962 2001

A friendly local pub with a cosy open fire and live music at weekends.