

What's On

Week Commencing Monday 16 Nov 2020

All information correct at time of publication. Please note due to changing Covid-19 restrictions, some events and activities may be postponed or cancelled at short notice.

EVENTS

Thur 19 Nov

NORTHERN LIGHTS LIVE

8pm (online via Flowerfield and YouTube Pages)

Via Flowerfield and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre enjoy an evening of music and words from two acclaimed artists whose work is inspired by the distinctive land and seascapes of the Causeway Coast and Glens. Acclaimed writer Bernie McGill in conversation with Dr Jessica Bates, with music by the wonderful Hannah McPhillimy. www.roevalleyarts.com / www.flowerfield.org

Thur 19 Nov (7 pm onwards)

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS CHRISTMAS

Christmas in the Causeway Coast & Glens is going virtual. Accompanying the virtual Christmas Lights Switch Ons a packed programme of festive activities will be revealed on the Causeway Coast and Glens Events Facebook page soon. Lights Switch Ons as below:

Ballymoney, Thursday 19 November

Limavady, Saturday 21 November

Ballycastle, Thursday 26th November

Coleraine, Friday 27 November

Portstewart, Saturday 28th November

Dungiven, Saturday 28 November (8pm)

Garvagh, Monday 30 November

Portrush, Friday 4 December

Kilrea, Saturday 5 December

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/christmas/

www.facebook.com/CausewayGlensEvents

Sat 21 Nov

CAUSEWAY COAST ADVENTURE DAY

The Giant's Causeway, Bushmills

10am to 4pm

Join Geology Rocks Adventure Tourism for a day packed with rock climbing and abseiling on coastal cliff faces near the Giant's Causeway followed by lunch and a coasteering session. Cost is £60 (£67 with lunch). Suitable for ages 12 upwards. Telephone to book on 028 2073 1855.

www.geologyrocksat.com

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NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Life Photography, 12a Railway Road, Coleraine, BT52 1PD

Christmas themed photo session lasting 30 minutes including 4 digital images. 1 8x6 print and a snowflake decoration. Why not bring PJs and snuggle up in front of the fire to await Santa's arrival? Photographic backgrounds accommodate up to 4 people. £100

www.lifephotography.co.uk/ Tel: 07704 388487 E: Emma.600@outlook.com

Sat 21 Nov

CAUSEWAY SPECIALITY MARKET

The Diamond, Coleraine

9am

Over 45 stalls with gourmet food, seasonal produce, local art and unique craft. Promoting entrepreneurship crafters, farmers and artists. Supporting 'shop local'. Market running weekly up to 19 December.

Sat 21 Nov

WALK WITH NUALA – BINEVENAGH

10am - 2pm

Medium grade walk through Binevenagh Forest and on to top of Binevenagh. Walk for up to 15 people. Social distancing measures in place. Booking essential. £5 booking fee to secure place. Minimum level of fitness required. Tickets available via northstarwellbeing.com

Upcoming Events

- Northern Lights Live: Bernie McGill & Hannah McPhillimy, 19 November - online via Flowerfield and Roe Valley Art and Cultural Centre YouTube and Facebook Pages @FlowerfieldArts @RoevalleyArts
- Tree and Tide Downhill Beach Walk - Friday 27 November at Downhill Beach
- Santa Experience at the Riverside Theatre, 4-20 December

EXHIBITIONS

Causeway Coast and Glens Arts Centres and Museums are currently closed due to current government restrictions around Covid-19. Online and community outdoors programmes continue with some fantastic events coming up over the next few weeks. Visit www.roevalleyarts.com or www.flowerfield.org for further information.

Causeway Museum Services:

Although facilities are currently closed follow online activities and projects on social media:

www.facebook.com/BallymoneyMuseum/

www.facebook.com/colerainemuseum/

www.facebook.com/limavadymuseum/

www.facebook.com/ballycastlemuseumcms/

www.niarchive.org

GUIDED TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Away A Wee Walk - currently suspended whilst Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre is closed

Dalriada Kingdom Tours – tours currently suspended due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

Glenara Elite Travel – available for private airport transfers

T: 07718 805 633 E: frances@glenaraelite-travel.co.uk W: www.glenaraelitetravel.com

Giant Tours Ireland Game of Thrones® Tour - available for private hire tours

Depart from The Diamond, Ballycastle

9 am-6 pm (Daily all year round)

Private off-the-beaten-track full day tours by luxury SUV which can be personalised to suit requirements. Suitable for groups of up to 8 people. -Flip, who is a local-guide and driver, was a stand in actor on GOT Season 6. Visit the off the beaten-track filming locations and hear behind the scenes stories from the filming. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

E: flip@gianttoursireland.com W: www.gianttoursireland.com

Causeway Coast Foodie Tours - Coast & Country

Sat 12 Dec (subject to current restrictions - See Facebook for updates)

9.30am - 4pm: Departing from Coleraine Visitor Information Centre

Making 5 stops along the beautiful Causeway Coastal route with each one offering a delicious and surprising taste experience! These include sample tasting at the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery, 'meeting the makers' at one of our local artisan markets and a farm visit where we will meet award-winning producers & hear the unique stories behind their superb produce.

Cost £75 per adult. Over 18's only. Pre-booking essential. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07912 408 256 E: causewayfoodie@gmail.com W: www.causewaycoastfoodietours.com

Causeway Coast Foodie tours - Heart & Soul of Portrush

Fri 27 Nov / Fri 18 Dec (Subject to restrictions - See Facebook for updates)

Departing Portrush Town Hall 5.45pm

Welcome to Portrush! This is a walking food tour on which 'craic agus ceol' (fun & music) is the dish of the day. A unique collaboration with Portrush food/drink businesses - Lacada Brewery, Kiwis Brew Bar, Ocho Tapas Restaurant, Portrush Atlantic Hotel & Morelli Ice Cream. Cost £60pp. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07912 408 256 E: causewayfoodie@gmail.com W: www.causewaycoastfoodietours.com

Toast the Coast - 'Taste Memories Together' Self Drive Food Tour

Half Day, Full Day to Multi-Day itineraries are available.

Experience what is only available in Northern Ireland and combine a handpicked experience with your food tour, be ready to share authentic experiences with our personal dedication and passion to show off what we love. Food Tours aren't just about the food, it's about discovering the things you didn't know about the place you know!! Tours are pre-designed or bespoke itineraries to suit your requirements and interests. Max of 4 people from the same family unit. All tours require 48 Hours advance booking. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07896 414 074 E: foodie@toastthecoastni.com W: www.toastthecoastni.com

Abhainn Cruises Boat Tours - Seal safari - Private Tours

This trip leaves from Ballycastle Marina and crosses Ballycastle Bay in a fast RIB. Passengers will see the Rua Lighthouse on Rathlin and spend time at the old Rathlin Harbour Ushet Port where the seal colony is visible ashore and in the water. This is perfect for families and wildlife enthusiasts and affords stunning views of Fairhead on the return journey. Cost is £90 which covers 6 passengers (£15pp for additional passengers) Other trips include:

- Mermaids Tears Waterfall

This trip leaves from Ballycastle Marina and hugs the coastline taking in the Smugglers Cave, Seaweed Baths, the Mermaids Tears Waterfall and Kinbane Castle. RIB boats allow passengers to get closer to these sights for unique

views and photo opportunities. Duration 1 hour. Minimum cost is £90 which covers 6 passengers (£15pp for additional passengers). Tours are directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.
T: 07845 370231 E: abhainncruises@btinternet.com W: www.abhainncruises.com

Aquaholics - Giant's Causeway & Carrick-a-rede

(SEE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER TOURS TBC)

Departing from Ballycastle Marina

Travelling west along the spectacular shore line to Kinbane Castle before exploring the coastline up to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. From there along past Ballintoy (Ironlands) to Whitepark bay and then the whole length of the World heritage site Giant's Causeway. The perfect way to get the complete view of all the cliffs, bays and even the site of the Spanish Armada ship the Girona. Bring cameras and look out for dolphins, porpoises, basking sharks, guillemots and gannets. Pre-Booking essential.

Cost Adults £35 / Children £15. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

Dive Centre also open. See Facebook.

T: (028) 7083 2584 E: info@aquaholics.co.uk W: www.aquaholics.co.uk

Causeway Boats - Fishing Trips

Departure Point: Portrush Harbour daily at 10am / 2pm / 6pm

Beginners are welcome and encouraged with tuition given freely. Fish can be returned or feel free to take your catch home. Rods, tackle and bait are included. Cost £30 per adult (16+). £20 per child. Pre-Booking Essential. Following social distancing, reduced passenger numbers and high frequency cleaning schedules. Other tours include:

- Scenic Trips

Departure Point: Portrush Harbour. Telephone for available dates

Join our eagle-eyed crew in a unique two hour journey along the famous North Coast. You will see our wildlife in its gorgeous natural environment and learn about the hidden local history of our Causeway Coast. See the protected seal and sea bird colony of the Skerries Islands, the stunning Whiterocks Caves and the historic Dunluce Castle. Cost £30 per adult (16+). £20 per child.

- Sunrise 'catch your breakfast' Food Tour

Sat 28 Nov

Departure Point North Pier, Portrush Harbour 7am

Head out to sea, to catch breakfast from the Atlantic waters of the Causeway Coast. What an amazing experience to see the sun slowly rising over Dunluce Castle! Having caught, filleted and learned about the day's catch; head back ashore to the Chef's kitchen to create a wonderful breakfast.

Cost £60 per person.

- Birds on the Bann

Sat 21 Nov

Departure Point: Coleraine Marina at 10.00am or 1.00pm. (Tour last 2h 30 mins)

Explore the wildlife, industrial heritage and natural beauty of the Lower Bann Estuary by boat with Skipper Richard Connor. The trips are timed for low tide giving the best opportunity to see some of the 220 bird species recorded in the area and if lucky, the local seals and otters.

Cost £25.00 per person (including tea / coffee and scones). Pre-Booking essential. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07712 115 751 E: causewaylass@yahoo.com W: www.causewayboats.com

Kintra, Red Bay Powerboating

A series of sightseeing trips departing Ballycastle which include Carrick-a-rede, Round Rathlin, Sunrise Trip, Sunset Trip, also Puffins and Seals trip. 1.5 hour trip. For more details see facebook page.

Cost Adults £20 / Children £10 / £55 family ticket (2 adults, 3 children under 16). Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

W: www.facebook.com/RedbayPowerboating

Coasteering NI

Daily all year round (weather permitting)

10.00am and 1.30pm - Departing from Ballintoy Harbour

Coasteering is an exhilarating combined rock and water activity. During your Coasteering trip you will learn rock climbing and scrambling techniques as well as how to jump from great heights safely. Cost £45pp. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

E: splash@coasteeringni.co.uk W: www.coasteeringni.co.uk

Causeway Coast Kayaking Tours

Daily all year round (weather permitting) - Limited to one family household/bubble only.

Ballycastle Seafront. BT54 6BT. This is a wonderful experience as sea kayaking allows you to get a different perspective, uncover hidden spots and travel the shoreline in one of the most environmentally friendly ways. Suitable for beginners as well as the more advanced kayaker. All equipment provided.

1 hour tour 10am-11am, 12noon-1pm and 2pm-3pm Cost £40 per adult and £20 per child.

2 hour tours 4pm-6pm. Cost £55 per adult and £20 per child. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07895 444237 W: www.causewaycoastkayakingtours.com

Photography Tours NI

Photography Tours NI gives visitors the opportunity to view the Causeway Coast and Glen's world-renowned coastline while learning about landscape photography under the guidance of a professional photographer as well as delving into the history and the folklore of the area. Day tours suitable for all ages and abilities. Enthusiastic amateur photographers and non-photographers will receive personalised photographic pointers and guidance. More experienced photographers will also pick up pro tips and techniques.

Cost £75 per person (including food and refreshments). Pre-booking essential. Directly bookable at Causeway Coast and Glens Visitor Information Centres.

T: 07850 334 580 E: clementdealey@btinternet.com W: www.photographytoursni.com

Sheans Horse Farm – Guided Tours

38 Coolkeeran Road, Armoy, Ballymoney BT53 8XL

Experience the best of what the North Coast has to offer from a different perspective... on horseback. Guided tour lasts approx. 2 hours. When you're out on a horse, there's the exuberance and exhilaration of doing what you want to do. The sea wind puts a curl in your hair, and you have power below you. You become one with the animal. When he steps into motion and into flight, you're travelling together. Danny McKinley is passionate about this area, and keen to share it with you. Cost from £20pp. Advance booking required. Limited numbers/social distancing.

T: 07759 320 434 E: danny@sheanshorsefarm.com W: www.sheanshorsefarm.com

ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

The Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre is closed but the Car Park remains open for visitors to enjoy the coastal walk. Please adhere to social distancing. Mussendun Temple and Downhill Demesne Grounds remain open.

Beaches and Forest and Country Parks remain open. Horse Riding, Fishing & Watersports available.

Council swimming pools remain open for individual lane swimming on a reduced schedule - pre booking essential.

FOYLE HOV

71 Carrowclare Road, Limavady BT49 9EB

Open daily all year (10am-4pm). Pre-Booking essential for all activities and subject to availability. Social distance guidelines and sanitising facilities are followed throughout the activity centre. Contactless card payments are encouraged if possible. Target Archery (including junior bows), Football Golf, Laser Clay Shooting and Laser Tag Combat from age 6+. Restricted numbers/no mixed groups.

Brand New 'Snapper' Hovercrafts for summer 2020. Suitable for 15 + but 10+ olds can pilot independently in practice arena with member of own adult family household member.
Power Turn Buggies Suitable for 15 + but 10+year olds can pilot independently in practice arena with adult own family household member.

T: 028 7772 2235 E: info@foylehov.com W: www.foylehov.com

JET CENTRE

1 Riverside Park South, Coleraine BT51 3AW

Open for Alley Cats Soft Play Centre, Outdoor Mini Golf and Gem Mining outdoor attraction. Pre-booking essential for scheduled sessions for Alley Cats. Greatly reduced numbers and additional safety and cleaning measures in place. Adult Face coverings to be worn inside all areas. Book soft play at www.thejetcentre.co.uk/soft-play/. The following attractions are closed for four weeks by the NI Executive from 16 October: cinema, bowling and arcade.

T: 028 7035 0000 W: www.thejetcentre.co.uk

THE EDGE WATERSPORTS AT THE CRANNAGH ACTIVITY CENTRE

Crannagh Activity Centre, 76 Portstewart Road, Coleraine

Activities available for 2020: Stand up Paddle boarding, Kayaking and Canoeing only. Pre-booking essential (3 days in advance). Please note the waterpark is not in operation this year. Email or message Facebook page to book www.facebook.com/theedgewatersport (all weather dependent)

T: 028) 7051 1481 E: enquiries@edgewatersports.co.uk W: www.thecrannaghcomplex.com/activity-centre

Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre

House Harbour and Marina , 14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle BT54 6BT

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm (Closed for Lunch 1pm - 1.30pm)
T: 028 2076 2024 E: ballycastlevic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Portrush Visitor Information Centre

Portrush Town Hall, 1 Mark Street, Portrush, BT56 8BT

Opening Hours Monday to Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm (Closed for Lunch 1pm - 1.30pm)

T: 028 7082 3333 E: portrushvic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Please follow the latest NI Executive Covid-19 guidelines <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>