Lake Cruising

Upper and Lower Lough Erne offers a fantastic opportunity for those interested in cruising providing both time to explore and time to sit back and relax on your boat.

Visit the Round Tower on Devenish Island, look at the 6th century carvings on White Island or combine your boating and fishing interests.

Visit **www.cruise-ireland.com** to learn more about cruising on Lough Erne, boat hire etc.

Golfing

Those interested in combining their holiday time with a game or two of golf couldn't do better than visit the Clones Erne East Blackwater Region.

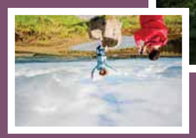
With a host of Golf Clubs located throughout the region, you are sure to find time for a convenient game, while enjoying everything else the region has to offer.

Plan in advance and find out which course, or courses, suit your needs.

Festivals & Events

There are a variety of festivals and events taking place in The Clones Erne East Blackwater Region annually. These range from Community to Art, Music and Fishing festivals and events.

The Rock Event, Carnrock, Co. Fermanagh **www.fermanaghlakelands.com/Events**
Lisnaskea Festival, Co. Fermanagh **www.fermanaghlakelands.com/Events**
Upper Lough Erne Pike Festival **www.fermanaghlakelands.com/Events**
Islander Festival **www.upperlougherneregion.com**
Clones Canal Festival **www.clonescanalfestival.com**
Clones Film Festival **www.clonesfilmfestival.com**
Clones Lace Summer School **www.cloneslace.com**
Harvest Time Blues Festival, Monaghan Town **www.harvestblues.ie**
Taste of Monaghan, Monaghan Town **www.tasteofmonaghan.com**
Tydavnet Show, Monaghan **www.tydavnetshow.ie**
Fisheries Awareness Week, various locations **www.faw.ie**



Angling

The Clones Erne East Blackwater Region is a haven for the fishing enthusiast. The multitude of lakes and rivers in the area offer up much to the angler. Whether you are a coarse or a game angler, it is well worth spending a few days in the Region to get the most out of your fishing expedition. Most of the lakes are within easy reach of villages and towns with accommodation facilities.

Walking

The impressive Slieb Beagh offers walkers a variety of routes through Tyrone, Monaghan and Fermanagh. Car parks and picnic sites are located along the routes. Viewing points and amenities are also available.

Cycling

The region is a must for the cycling enthusiast with cycle routes varying in length to suit all abilities.

The cycling routes on Slieb Beagh run through Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone. They are fully signed and suited to those with all levels of fitness.

For information and tips on cycling in this region visit :
www.discoverirelandi.ie
www.monaghantourism.com
www.knockatallon.com
www.sustrans.org.uk

For guide maps and helpful information log on to **www.walkni.com** for further information and to maximise your walking experience. Whether it is a short stroll or a long walk you are interested in, there is something for all.

Explore

Welcome/Fáilte

Fáilte Romhat and welcome to Ireland's very own Lake District in the Clones Erne East Blackwater Region.

The region combines unspoilt rivers, lakes and country-side along with welcoming village communities to ensure a great offering for a wide variety of visitors, be it on a day trip or a week long holiday to the region.

The Clones Erne East Blackwater region traces the route of the once prestigious Ulster Canal. The Canal which opened in 1831, connected Lough Erne to Lough Neagh, and in doing so passed through Clones, Smith-borough, Monaghan, Middleton, Caledon, Benburb, Blackwatertown, Moy and Charlemont.

Although now dry, many of the Canal's cottages, locks, bridges and tow paths can be seen as part of your visit to the region.

The Clones Erne East Blackwater project has taken a keen interest in the re-opening of the Ulster Canal and supports Waterways Ireland in bringing the Canal back to life for everyone to enjoy for many years to come.

Kids Stuff

There are plenty of fun activities for the younger generation in the Clones Erne East Blackwater Region.

In Clones, Cara Street Playground, close to the Ulster Canal Stores now boasts a refurbished playground with bright, modern equipment, including an outdoor gym.

The Navan Centre & Fort in Armagh has many attractions aimed at helping children get the most fun out of learning about history, archaeology and celtic crafts.

There is something to interest every child at the Share Discovery Village at Lisnaskea in Co Fermanagh with activities including arts, mountain biking, archery, team games, climbing, boat trips, canoe hire and so much more.

And, it's not just for children with team building and holiday activities for adults also.

www.sharevillage.org

Historical Interest

The Clones Erne East Blackwater Region is steeped in history. Tyrone, Armagh, Monaghan and Fermanagh all have interesting stories too.

Evidence of Clones Monastic settlements is still very visible with the 9th century round tower and high cross.

The Ulster Canal was opened in 1841 to link Lough Neagh and Upper Lough Erne however it often encountered technical problems due to inadequate water supply. The canal was opened by the Ulster Canal Company but always incurred losses in the early years as it wrestled with water losses and the cost of embankment repair.

In 1865 the government began an eight year period of improvements to the canal but water supply still proved problematic. In 1888 ownership of the canal passed to the Lagan Navigation Company.

However, by the end of the century the canal was in a serious decline. The last trading boat used the canal in 1929. Since then the canal has continued to deteriorate and numerous locks and gates have been removed and indeed some stretches have actually been filled in.

Nonetheless, many features of the original canal are still evident today, including the magnificent aquaduct located close to Donnelly's Garage on the Caledon to Killylea Road. The buildings at the garage were formally referred to as the Canal Stores.

Following a feasibility study undertaken in 1997 both Governments have considered the possibility of restoration works. The long term aim is to re-establish this important North – South connection as a Tourism attraction.

Adjacent to the Ulster Canal at Clones is the historic Ulster Canal Stores which houses a permanent exhibition of the world famous Clones Lace.

Crom Castle in Newtownbutler, Co Fermanagh, is the historic seat of the Earl of Erne. Weddings and conferences take place here and it has also been used as a film location. Visiting groups can avail of the Crom Castle Cruise Tour packages, comprising a fully guided tour of the Castle with a cruise on Upper Lough Erne.

www.clonesregenerationpartnership.com
www.cloneslace.com

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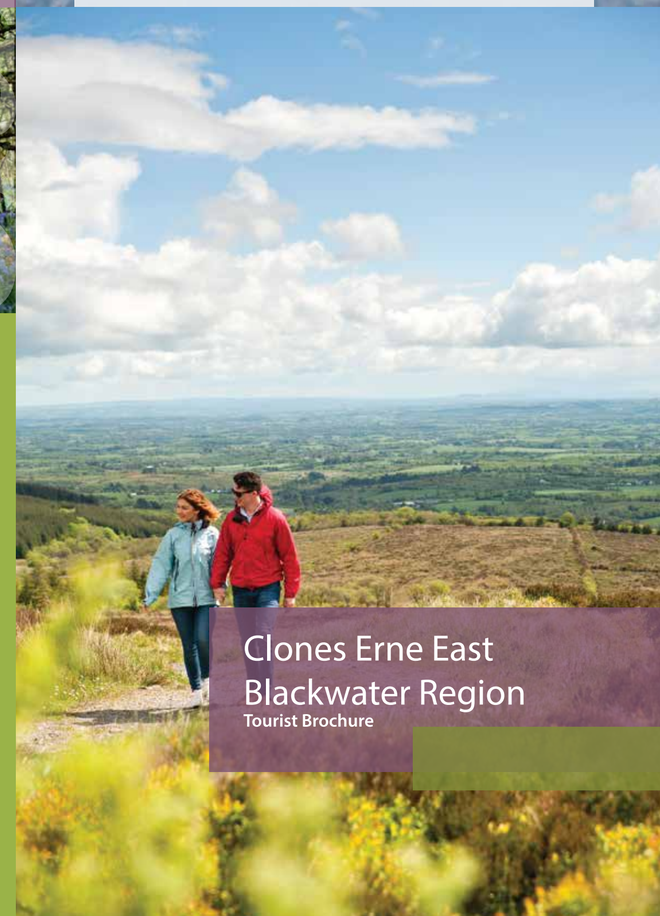

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For more information on things to do and places to stay:

www.monaghantourism.com
www.coillteoutdoors.ie
www.fishingireland.info
www.sliabhbeagh.org
www.knockatallon.com
www.walkni.com
www.cloneslace.com
www.visitarmagh.com
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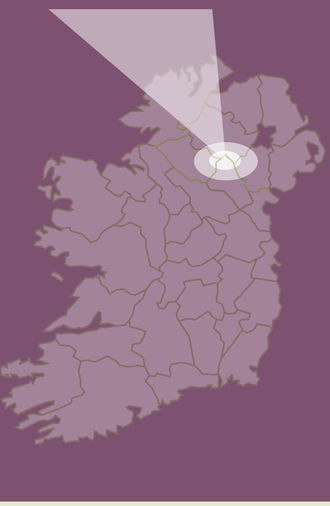

Disclaimer: While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, this map is a visual representation of the area and is not to scale.

Clones Golf Course
Hilton Park, Clones,
Co. Monaghan.

Clones Golf Club, established in 1913, is located at Hilton Park, 2.5 miles from Clones. The golf course boasts a 20 hole course over approximately 155 acres of rolling parklands. It is an all-weather open Parkland Course with many water features open all year around and renowned for the quality of its Greens. It is a challenging course for all levels of ability. After an enjoyable round of golf visitors and members can relax over a drink in the homely and friendly Clubhouse.

T +353 (0) 47 56017
www.clonesgolfclub.com

Clones Heritage Town
Clones is one of the oldest continuous settlements in County Monaghan. It developed around a monastery founded by St Tighearnach in the 6th century and the town boasts a rich historic fabric which illustrates the town's evolution. There are several interesting archaeological sites in the town and these include: High Cross, Round Tower, 'Wee' Abbey, Motte and Bailey, Market House, Cassandra Hand Centre, Courthouse, Canal Stores and the famine graveyard. There are interpretative panels at key sites and all are within walking distance and make for an interesting heritage walking tour.

www.monaghantourism.com

Cara Street Playground & Ulster Canal Stores
The park is located beside the Ulster Canal Stores which has been refurbished and now boasts a bistro/coffee shop and runs exhibitions throughout the year, including a permanent Clones Lace Display. Clones Lace and other Irish crafts can be purchased here. Open all year round except for two weeks at Christmas. Open weekends May/September or, at any time including evenings by contacting us by phone or email. Tours of local historical sites can be arranged for groups big or small. Functions catered for.

T +353 (0) 47 52125
www.cloneslace.com

Clones PEACE Link Sports Facility
The PEACE Link is a unique state of the art sports centre. Facilities include an IAAF Tartan Athletics track, 3G multipurpose playing pitches, fully equipped modern gymnasium, fully functioning changing rooms, and a 600m sports hall offering a wide and varied range of activities for all from archery to indoor bowling.

www.facebook.com/ThePeaceLink
www.twitter.com/peacelinksports
T +353 (0) 47 20523

Sliabh Beagh Way
The Sliabh Beagh Way twists and turns through County Tyrone, the drumlins of County Monaghan and the lakelands on County Fermanagh. There are several walking routes in the area for all abilities through a variety of landscapes. Some are over more challenging routes, forest tracks and open moorland. You will see one of the finest examples of blanket bog here. For more details and routes see the websites.

www.walkni.com

Share Discovery Village
The largest activity centre in Ireland welcoming over 10,000 visitors a annually. Share works for the inclusion of disabled and non-disabled people by providing opportunities for all to participate in a wide range of educational, recreational outdoor pursuits and creative arts programmes. The Centre is a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Recognised Teaching Establishment.

T +44 (0) 28 6772 2122
www.sharevillage.org

Belle Isle Cookery
This purpose-built state-of-the-art cookery school on the magnificent Belle Isle Estate on Lough Erne in County Fermanagh is the first of its kind in Northern Ireland. With cattle and sheep grazing the meadows, free-range hens living happily beside the school and the adjacent walled kitchen garden, Belle Isle has the perfect ingredients for embarking on a culinary adventure in one of the most beautiful settings in Ireland.

T +44 (028) 95810546
www.irishcookeryschool.com

Crom Estate
Crom estate nestles in over 800 hectares of ancient landscape upon the marshy shores and islands of Upper Lough Erne. Its unique blend of habitats - woodland, lakeland, wetland, farm and woodland - give it a fascinating wealth of rare wildlife and make it one of the most important of the National Trust's conservation sites.
Old Crom Castle, which you will pass, was built in 1610 during the Plantation of Ulster by Scotsman Michael Balfour. It was leased in 1644 by Abraham Crichton, ancestor of the Earls of Erne and withstood two sieges in 1689 before being destroyed by fire in 1764.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/crom

Navan Fort
One of Irelands most famous and important archaeological sites, the legendary Emain Macha home of the famous Red Branch Knights and Ulster Cycle of tales is a place were myth and reality meets. The Centre offers visitors a unique appreciation of the history of the area. Learn of the mystical and mythical characters of Navan like Cu Chulainn, King Conor McNessa, Queen Mebh and Deirdre of the Sorrows. In a fun and interactive way families and individuals can, walk and talk with heroes of these tales through our living history interpretation.

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www.navan.com

Benburb Castle
Benburb Castle is a castle situated in County Tyrone. It is a plantation bawn built in 1611 by Sir Richard Wingfield. It is an irregular four-sided bawn with the entrance in the north wall. There are large rectangular flanking towers at the north-east and north-west corners and a smaller round tower at the south-east corner It is built on a limestone cliff overlooking the River Blackwater, the border between County Tyrone and County Armagh. The castle is in excellent condition having been recently restored and stands in the grounds of the imposing Servite Priory, a religious order based in the village.

www.visitarmagh.com

Famine Walls
Together with the Gate Lodges, the Estate Walls form one of the most striking features along where the 3 Estates of Caledon, Tynan and Glaslough meet.
They were erected during the 19th century famine by the Earl of Caledon and the widow of Charles Powell Leslie, providing construction work for the people of the area. Whilst some sections are in poor repair they remain a tangible link with the past and between each of the three villages. Those parts of the wall which have now become overgrown, none the less, provide a useful habitat for nesting birds and other wildlife.

Caledon Regeneration Partnership
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Caledon
Situated in the south east of Tyrone in the Parish of Aughaloo and on the border of both Counties Armagh and Monaghan, Caledon (formerly known as Kinnaird and Callidon) is a designated conservation area and is located in the Clogher Valley and on the banks of the Blackwater river. It is home to the Earl of Caledon (Lord Caledon) and the Alexander family as well as previously being home to Sir Pheilim (Feilim) O'Neill, the leader of the Irish Rising (also known as the Great Rebellion) in Ireland in 1641, and John Foster McCreight, the first Premier of British Columbia.

www.caledon.org.uk