



# Causeway Coastal Route

## EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT ROAD JOURNEYS



**1. Roe Valley Country Park**  
41 Dogleap Rd, Limavady BT49 9NN  
Combining heritage and legend with the natural environment, the Roe Valley Country Park offers a variety of woodland and riverside walks ranging from 2-7 miles along the River Roe. Explore the Dogleap and the seat of the O'Cahans where Limavady received its name. See the Visit Causeway website for opening times of Visitor Centre and Café. Admission free.  
T: 028 7772 2074 (Visitor Centre & Café)  
T: 028 7776 0650 (Greenlane Museum)  
[www.doeni.gov.uk](http://www.doeni.gov.uk)  
[www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com)



**3. Downhill Demesne and Mussenden Temple**  
87 Dunluce Road, Portrush BT51 4RP  
Visit the stunning landscape of Downhill Demesne, and discover the striking 18th century mansion of the eccentric Earl Bishop that now lies in ruins, then explore Mussenden Temple, perched on the cliff edge. Extensive parkland, gardens and woodland walks. Also, visit Hezlett House in Castlerock and learn about life in a 17th century thatched cottage. Admission charge.  
T: 028 7084 8728  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



**6. Dunluce Castle**  
87 Dunluce Road, Portrush BT51 8UY  
Dunluce is one of the most picturesque and romantic of Irish Castles. A defended site for over 1,000 years, the present castle ruins date mainly from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was inhabited by both the MacQuillan and MacDonnell clans. Historical and archaeological exhibits are open to public viewing. Admission charge. Open all year except Christmas and New Year  
T: 028 2073 1938  
[www.doeni.gov.uk](http://www.doeni.gov.uk)



**9. Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge**  
119a Whitepark Rd, Ballintoy BT54 6LS  
Take the exhilarating rope bridge challenge to Carrick-a-rede Island and enjoy a truly cliff top experience. This 30 metre deep and 20 metre wide chasm is traversed by a rope bridge traditionally erected by salmon fishermen. Visitors bold enough to cross to the rocky island are awarded with fantastic views across to Rathlin Island as well as amazing flora, fauna and bird life. Guided tours are available to groups if pre-booked. Tea room serving refreshments and shop offering souvenirs available on site. Admission charge.  
T: 028 2076 9839 (Rope Bridge Office)  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



**12. Joey and Robert Dunlop Memorial Gardens**  
Castle Street, Ballymoney  
Memorial gardens to the famous Dunlop brothers, Joey and Robert, in Ballymoney town, offer an excellent setting for people to read about and reflect on the achievements of two greatly admired, local motor cycle road racers and honorary Freemen of the former Borough of Ballymoney. Open all year round. Admission free.  
T: 028 2766 0230  
[www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com)  
[www.visitballymoney.com](http://www.visitballymoney.com)



**15. Slemish Mountain**  
1 mile east of Broughshane  
Where Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, is said to have tended livestock as a slave boy in the 5th century. Contact Ballymena Visitor Information Centre for further details  
T: 028 2563 5010  
[www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk](http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk)



**17. Carnfunnock Country Park**  
Coast Road, Larne BT40 2QG  
Country Park consisting of 191 hectares of mixed woodland, colourful gardens, walking trails and coastline. Attractions include walled garden with unique sundials and maze. Modern visitor centre with gift shop and café. Parking charges apply.  
T: 028 2827 0541  
T: 028 2826 0088  
[www.carnfunnock.co.uk](http://www.carnfunnock.co.uk)



**19. Carrickfergus Castle**  
Marine Highway, Carrickfergus BT38 7BG  
Carrickfergus Castle is a Norman castle on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. Besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, the castle played an important military role until 1928 and remains one of the best preserved medieval structures in Ireland. The castle now houses historical displays as well as cannons from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Admission charge. Open all year except Christmas and New Year.  
T: 028 9335 1273  
[www.doeni.gov.uk](http://www.doeni.gov.uk)



**2. Benone Strand and Benone Visitor Centre**  
53 Benone Avenue, Limavady BT49 0LQ  
Benone Strand, has miles of golden sand and a magnificent back drop of mountain and cliff scenery with views across to Donegal. European Blue Flag recipient. The beach is used for a range of activities including surfing, kite sports and land yachting. Travel the boardwalk from the beach and you will find Benone Visitor Centre, activities include nine hole par three golf course, golf practice range, crazy golf, tennis courts, outdoor heated splash pools and activities area with play park, Bistro and coffee shop. Caravan, Glamping and camping are also available. Activity charges apply.  
T: 028 7775 0555  
[www.benoneni.com](http://www.benoneni.com)  
[www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com)



**4. Mountsandel**  
Mountsandel Rd, Coleraine BT52 1TL  
Mountsandel is the earliest known settlement site in Ireland. Archaeologists uncovered evidence here of a Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) settlement dated to 7700-7400BC. Evidence was found of a succession of almost egg-shaped huts around 6m in diameter, with storage pits, drying racks and a flint working area. The majority of artefacts found were flint implements with some stone axes. The earthen fort is thought to date back to Norman times. The forest walk leads from the fort down to the banks of the Bann and passes close to the weir at The Cutts. There are good views over Somerset Wood and of the River Bann. Access is free.  
T: 028 7034 4723  
[www.bushmills.com](http://www.bushmills.com)



**7. Bushmills Distillery**  
Distillery Road, Bushmills BT57 8XH  
Visit Ireland's oldest working distillery (dating from 1608) for a guided tour explaining how we produce our triple distilled whiskey from start to finish. Experience all the sights, smells, and noises of whiskey production. At the end of your tour enjoy a glass of our superb Irish whiskey in our 1608 Bar. We also have a Gift and Whiskey Shop and an on-site restaurant. The tour is not suitable for those with mobility difficulties due to the number of steps involved and we provide an alternative experience in that case. Children under 8 years are unable to tour but are welcome on the site.  
T: 028 2076 9299 (Ferry)  
T: 028 2076 2024 (Visitor Information)  
[www.rathlinballycastleferry.com](http://www.rathlinballycastleferry.com)  
[www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com)



**10. Rathlin Island**  
6 miles north of Ballycastle  
Rathlin lies just over 6 miles from Ballycastle and is popular with bird watchers, geologists, botanists, divers and sea anglers, anyone with a love for rugged wild scenery. It includes several important natural heritage sites and is particularly internationally important for its flora, seabird colonies and in some cases its unique underwater marine life.  
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T: 028 2076 2024 (Visitor Information)  
[www.rathlinballycastleferry.com](http://www.rathlinballycastleferry.com)  
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**13. Glenariff Waterfalls & Forest Park**  
Glenariff Road, BT44 0QX near Waterfoot  
Glenariff Forest Park is a beautiful scenic area in one of the nine 'Glens of Antrim', with several walking trails through the forest. The unique waterfall walkway, 3 miles long passes through a National Nature Reserve. Conservation areas, café, caravan site, exhibition centre, toilets and picnic areas. Parking charge.  
T: 028 2955 6000  
[www.dardni.gov.uk/index/forestry.htm](http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/forestry.htm)



**11. Dark Hedges**  
Bregagh Road, Ballymoney BT53 8TP  
This beautiful avenue of beech trees was planted by the Stuart family in the 18th century. It was intended as a compelling landscape feature to impress visitors as they approached the entrance to their Georgian mansion, Gracehill House. Two centuries later, the trees remain a magnificent sight and have become one of the most photographed natural phenomena in Northern Ireland. The Dark Hedges has been a filming location for the very popular Game of Thrones®.  
T: 028 2766 0230  
[www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com)



**14. Arthur Cottage**  
Dreen, Cullybackey BT42 1EB  
Arthur Cottage, Cullybackey is the Ancestral Home of the 21st President of the USA, Chester Alan Arthur. The thatched cottage and interpretative centre detail the story of President Arthur and his road to the Presidency. Small admission charge.  
T: 028 2563 5011 (all year)  
[www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk](http://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk)



**16. The Walled Garden at Glenarm Castle**  
2 Castle Lane, Glenarm BT44 0BQ  
Dating from the 18th century, The Walled Garden at Glenarm Castle is one of the oldest in Ireland. Beautiful in all seasons the garden is open April through to mid-October. The tea room is open daily from 18th March - 16th October, hosting various events, exhibitions and workshops, as well as the annual tulip festival and The Dalriada Festival. Admission charge.  
T: 028 2884 1203  
[www.glenarmcastle.com](http://www.glenarmcastle.com)  
[www.dalriadafestival.co.uk](http://www.dalriadafestival.co.uk)



**18. The Gobbins**  
68 Middle Road, Islandmagee  
The magnificently restored former late Victorian visitor attraction, the Gobbins Path is an absolutely stunning, dramatic series of tubular bridges, staircases and tunnels clinging to the cliffside just metres above the waves. This great experience has been described as 'like walking on water'. Visitor centre with cafe and shop. Admission charge.  
T: 028 9337 2318  
[www.thegobbinscliffpath.co.uk](http://www.thegobbinscliffpath.co.uk)

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