Travel to/from The Ulster Canal

Bus and Train Services

Translink: www.translink.co.uk 00 44 (0) 28 9066 6630
Bus Eireann: www.buseireann.ie 00 353 (0) 74 9121309

Ferry Services

The following ferry operators offer ferry services direct from the United Kingdom and France:

Irish Ferries
www.irishferries.com T: 00 44 (0) 8705 17 17 17
Services: Holyhead – Dublin City, Pembroke – Rosslare, Cherbourg – Rosslare, Roscoff – Rosslare.

Norfolkline Irish Sea Ferries
www.norfolkline-ferries.co.uk T: 00 44 (0) 8706 00 43 21
T: 00 353 (0) 1 819 2999
Services: Liverpool – Dublin, Liverpool – Belfast.

P&O Irish Sea
www.poirishsea.com T: 00 44 (0) 8702 42 47 77
Services: Troon – Larne, Cairnryan – Larne, Liverpool – Dublin.

Stena Line
www.stenaline.co.uk T: 00 44 (0) 8705 70 70 70
Services: Holyhead – Dun Laoghaire, Holyhead – Dublin, Fishguard – Rosslare, Fleetwood – Larne, Stranraer – Belfast

Airports

International airports are available in **Belfast** (Belfast International and George Best Belfast City), **Dublin** and **Derry City**.

Belfast International Airport
www.belfastairport.com T: 00 44 (0) 28 9448 4848

Belfast City Airport
www.belfastcityairport.com T: 00 44 (0) 28 9093 9093

Dublin Airport
www.dublinairport.com T: 00 353 (0)1 814 1111

Derry City Airport
www.cityofderryairport.com T: 00 44 (0) 28 7181 0784

Sligo Airport
www.sligoairport.com T: 00 353 (0) 71 9168280

Cycling Information

Sustrans
Sustrans is a leading sustainable transport charity, working on practical projects so people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment.
0044 (0) 845 113 0065 www.sustrans.org.uk

Tourist Information Contacts

Killymaddy Tourist Information Centre (All Year)
190 Ballygawley Road, Dungannon, Co Tyrone BT70 1TF
T: 00 44 (0) 28 8776 7259
F: 00 44 (0) 28 8776 0908
E: killymaddy.reception@dungannon.gov.uk

Armagh Tourist Information Centre (All Year)
40 English Street, Armagh, Co Armagh BT61 4BA
T: 00 44 (0) 28 3752 1800
F: 00 44 (0) 28 3752 8329
E: info@visitarmagh.com

Failte Ireland - Monaghan Tourist Information Office (Seasonal)
Clones Road, Monaghan, Co Monaghan
T: 00 353 (0) 47 81122

Failte Ireland - North West (All Year)
Áras Reddan, Temple Street, Sligo, Co Sligo
T: 00 353 (0) 71916 1201
F: 00 353 (0) 71916 0360
E: northwestinfo@failteireland.ie
www.discoverireland.ie/northwest

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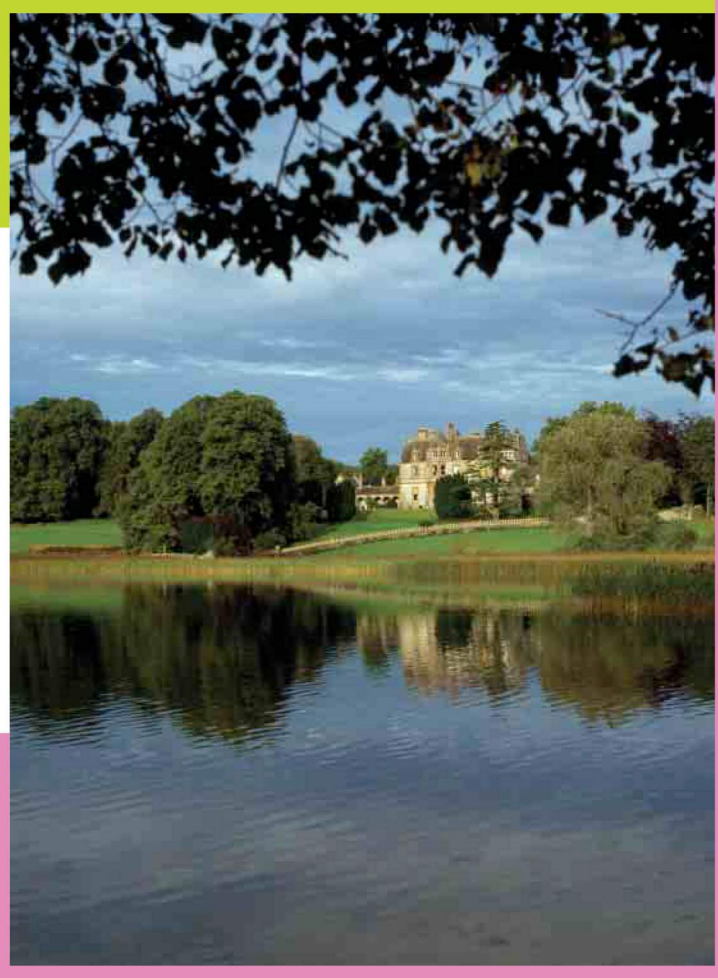
CYCLE MAP

The Ulster Canal Cycle Trail

A 77km linear cycle trail between Maghery, County Armagh and Clones, County Monaghan.



Explore the Ulster Canal Cycle Trail

The Ulster Canal Cycle Trail travels through a rich scenic tapestry of lowland lakes and rushing rivers. An array of tourist attractions are situated along the route and include forest parks, historic houses and galleries with plenty of opportunity to stop at traditional restaurants and pubs to savour local specialities.

Cycling the Ulster Canal Cycle Trail allows you to unwind in a place where the crisp air and magnificent landscape embrace you.

Attractions Along the Route

Maghery

The village of Maghery is home to Maghery Country Park, located on the calm shores of Lough Neagh. Enjoy the network of way-marked walks through the park, bird watching or fishing. Visit the magical Coney Island to observe the wonderful wildlife.

Peatlands Park

Peatlands Park was one of the first parks to promote and facilitate peat land awareness and issues in the British Isles. Spanning 266 hectares the park has been designated as an Area of Special Scientific Interest and Special Area of Conservation. Explore on foot or on miniature railway the many and varied habitats, smell the cut turf and view the insects, birds, grey squirrels, badgers and hares found in the open bog areas. Open daily. Check signs for park closing times. Free Admission to park. Small admission charge for railway.

The Argory (NT)

The historic house and gardens at The Argory, former home of the McGeough-Bond family offers the visitor a step back in time by viewing the horse carriages, harness room, acetylene gas plant and laundry. The house has wonderful views of the gardens which are open to the public. Waymarked walking trails are available on the 320 acre estate. Grounds open all year round. Tea room & shop open March to September.

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Benburb Valley Park, Priory & Castle

The small village of Benburb has a long historical background and is rich in natural beauty. Explore the grounds of Benburb Valley, Servite Priory and Benburb Castle. Walk along the Blackwater River, stop for a picnic or complete the Eco Trail. Visit Greenwood Basket and Stephen Farnan Pottery to watch local craft providers at work and purchase your own piece of handcrafted work.

Glaslough

Glaslough, situated on the margin of the lake derives its name from 'the green lake'. The village is full of character with largely unspoilt buildings and is home to the Leslie Estate. Visit the Hunting Lodge for refreshments all year round and also on offer are horseriding and cookery classes for all levels. Alternatively indulge yourself with a treatment in the Victoria spa.

Monaghan Town

In Monaghan town visit the impressive 19th century cathedral building, St Louis Heritage Centre or The Old Cross Square and The Market House which hold various arts events throughout the year. The County Museum gives a great insight into the history of the county.

Rossmore Forest Park

Rossmore Forest Park dates back to the early 1600's, which was acquired by the government in the 1950's and replanted with a mixture of conifer and broadleaf trees. Choose from four way-marked walking routes taking in the lake, woodland and wild flowers. In early summer the park boasts a colourful rhododendron and azalea display. Cyclists are only permitted on marked cycle path.

The Argory (NT)

Clones Stores

Stop off at Clones Stores for refreshments, home to the Clones Lace Gallery something the town has been famous for many a generation. Walking tours of the town can also be arranged.

Travelling to Glaslough

As you reach the outskirts of Caledon Village and Estate while travelling past Tynan Village & Tynan Abbey Estate and into Glaslough on view are a large collection of picturesque rural dwellings and fine examples of industrial heritage. This includes the remains of the Ulster Canal which last traded in 1929 and the remains of the Great Northern Railway which ran along this route..

Additional Cycling Opportunities

Kingfisher Cycle Trail

The Kingfisher route is mapped and signposted through counties Cavan, Donegal, Fermanagh, Letrim and Monaghan. Clones is an entry point on the trail.

Sliabh Beagh cycle routes

Sliabh Beagh cycle routes consist of 5 circular cycle routes signed in an anticlockwise direction. Create a circular loop by cycling the Ulster Canal Cycle Trail from Glaslough to Clones and return to Glaslough following the southern section of three routes (see map).