

# Route 1

## 1. Bishops Road

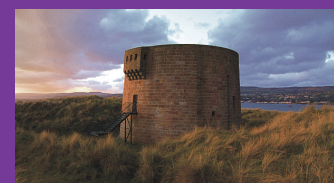
Downhill, Co L'Derry



It took 200 men to build this road for the Earl Bishop of Derry, Frederick Hervey in the late 1700s along the top of the 220m cliffs that overlook the Magilligan Plain and Lough Foyle.

## 3. Martello Tower

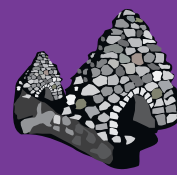
At Magilligan Point via the A2 and B202 and Magilligan Ferry



The Martello Tower was built in 1812 to protect Lough Foyle against the invasion by the French during the Napoleonic Wars. The walls are 13 ft thick enclosing a domed circular chamber.

## 5. Tamlagh Church Ruins and St Cadan's Church

Duncrun Rd. Bellerena, BT 49 OJD



Two ancient ecclesial sites within close proximity. The first said to contain the grave, in the form of a mortuary house, of St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne who retired to the monastery at Duncrun founded in 584 by St. Columba.

## 7. Ballykelly

A2 road from Derry to Coleraine



Ballykelly built on lands granted in 1613 by King James 1 to the London Company of Fishmongers. Largely rebuilt in the early 19th century to the designs of Richard Suitor which give it an exotic air to this day.

## 9. Eglinton / Muff Plantation Village

On A2 from Derry to Coleraine



Delightful Plantation village, originally called Muff, founded by the Grocers company in the 17th century, with an elegant Court and Market House at its centre.

## 11. Gransha Woods

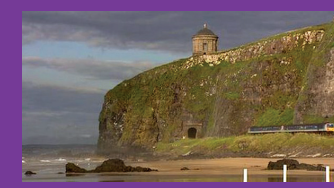
Clooney Rd. Derry BT 47 6TF



Mixed woodland with easily accessible walks and home to the red squirrel.

## 2. Londonderry and Coleraine Railway Line

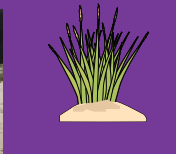
Best viewed anywhere from Downhill to Magilligan



In 1855 the railway between Coleraine and Londonderry was built which runs along the Atlantic and then the Foyle and gave rise to a wealth of vernacular cottages. Voted one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world.

## 4. Magilligan Spit / Benone Strand

53 Benone Ave, Limavady BT 49 O2O



Magilligan is a triangular promontory of extensive sandy dunes and beaches of scientific importance at the entrance to Lough Foyle. Benone Strand at seven miles is one of the longest beaches in Europe. Site of the original base line for the Ordnance.

## 6. Binevenagh Mountain

Magilligan via Duncrun Rd



Binevenagh nature Reserve an example of glacial and volcanic activity and home to rare sub-arctic and alpine plants with marvellous views over Lough Foyle to Inishowen and Scotland.

## 8. Longfield Point and Embankment

Airfield Rd., Eglinton, BT47 3PZ



Lough Foyle, an ornithological paradise, is of international importance for wetland birds such as the Whooper Swan and Brent Geese and also for the Atlantic Salmon.

## 10. Enagh Lough

Templetown Crannog and Graveyard – Enagh, Maydown



An impressive crannog and ancient graveyard in the middle of a pair of lakes on the outskirts of Derry.

# Route 2

## 12. Beech Hill House

32 Ardmore Rd. BT47 3QP



Beechill House was a major base for US marines during the Second World War and now comprises a museum to the period, an archive and a woodland trail.

## 14. Prehen House

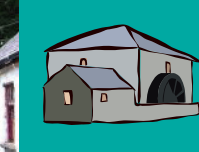
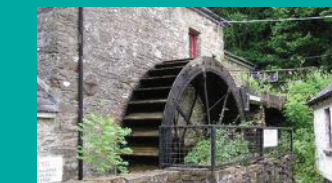
Prehen, Waterside BT47 2P



Ancestral home of the Knox family dating from the 1640s, intimately linked with the history of Derry and the famous story of Half- Hanged Mc Naughten. On the edge of Prehen ancient woodland.

## 16. Silverbrook Mill

90 Brook Rd. Dunamangh, BT82 ORX



A fine example of a multi-use mill on the Dennett river that processed timber, flax and corn until the 1950s.

## 18. Sion Mills Village

Melmount Rd., BT82 9EX



A pleasant tree lined village on the river Mourne that is especially rich in the architectural heritage of linen mills – founded in 1835 as a model community by the Hardman brothers – the furthest west in Europe of the Industrial revolution.

## 20. Ulster American Folk Park

2 Mellon Rd., Omagh, BT78 5 QU



Voted Northern Ireland's top Visitor Attraction – a museum of emigration and folk life. It tells the story of the floods of emigrants who left these shores in the 18th and 19th centuries.

## 22. Cavancor House

Ballindrait, Lifford, Co Donegal



One of the earliest Plantation Houses in Donegal and has been in continuous occupation since the 17th century, where James 11 dined in 1689 during the Siege of Derry – now an art gallery also.

## 13. Loughs Agency

22 Victoria Rd., Derry BT47 2AB



Home to the cross-border agency with responsibility for the Foyle and Riverwatch which houses an aquarium that represents eight different habitats in the Foyle catchment and reflects the fishing culture of the area.

## 15. Dunnalong Fort Site

Dunnalong Rd, Bready, Co L'Derry



Site of an ancient Gaelic Tower House and Plantation fort at an historic crossing point and landing on the Foyle.

## 17. Strabane canal and the "Tinneys" sculptures



A picturesque section of the 18th century canal that went from the Foyle into the middle of Strabane and the iconic Maurice Harron sculpture, "Let the dance begin" locally known as the Tinnies mark the entrances to this historic town.

## 19. Harry Avery's Castle

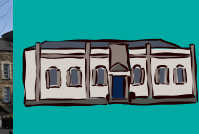
Townhall St, BT78 4AX, Harry Avery's Castle – Old Castle Rd, BT 82 8DY



Overlooked by the picturesque hills of Bessy Bell and Mary Gray Newtownstewart is the setting for the majestic ruins of the Gaelic stronghold of Harry Avery O' Neill as well as those of the plantation castle of the Stewart family.

## 21. Lifford Courthouse

Main St, Lifford



A handsome Michael Priestly building dating from 1746 that is now with the adjacent county gaol a museum.

## 23. Monreagh Manse and church

Monreagh, Carrigans



Established in 1645, this is the oldest of the Presbyterian churches in Donegal and the Manse is now a heritage centre dedicated to the links between Ulster Scots and America.

# Route 3

## 24. St Aengus' Church

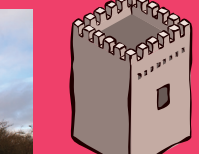
Speenogue, Burt



This beautiful church, dedicated to St. Aengus was designed by Liam Mc Cormick ( 1967) and has won many awards. The shape of this circular church, is in part a reflection of the form of the ancient stone fort at the top of the hill.

## 26. Culmore Point

O Doherty Tower and viewpoint for Lisahally WWII site – Culmore, BT48 8JW



Early 19th century towerhouse and vantage point for Lisahally Jett, site of the surrender of a large part of the German U-Boat fleet in 1945..

## 28. Oyster Fishery

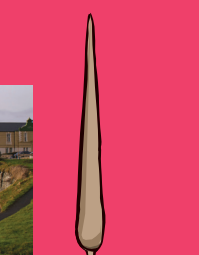
Lough Foyle



The Foyle is one of the last remaining native oyster fisheries in Europe and the oyster boats can be seen all the way along Lough Foyle from Muff to Greencastle.

## 30. Moville Regency Coastal Walk

Moville



A classical seaside resort which became a popular destination from the mid C19 when it was served from 1832 by steamers that plied up and down the Foyle.

## 32. Inishowen Lighthouse

Shroove, Greencastle



A twin towers complex of lighthouses designed by George Halpin and opened in 1837 to oversee the huge increase in sea-traffic up and down the Foyle – overlooking the infamous Tuns bank.

## 25. Grianán of Aileach

Carrowreagh, Burt



This Early Iron Age stone fort at the summit of Greenan, 808 ft above Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle, is one of the most impressive ancient monuments in the whole of Ireland.

## 27. Eskaheen Church and graveyard

Eskaheen, Muff, Co Donegal



The site of a monastery founded by St Colmcille and supposed burial site of Eogahn or Owen, son of Niall of the Nine hostages who was buried here in A.D. 465 from whom Inishowen derives its name.

## 29. Cooley Graveyard and cross

Cooley, Moville



The site of an a monastery founded by St Patrick remarkable for its unusual 10ft monolithic cross and skull house – a large tomb-shrine about 9ft high. It is reputed to be the burial site of St Finian.

## 31. Greencastle old coastguard station

Greencastle



A fine Norman castle overlooking the Foyle and built by Richard de Burg, the Red Earl of Ulster in 1305 situated beside a Martello tower built in 1810.

## 33. Kinnego Bay

Glenagivney, Moville



A beautiful horseshoe bay at the bottom of Glenagivney and final resting place of the Spanish Armada wreck "La Trinidad Valencera" which sank in 1588 which was discovered in 1971.

Foyle Civic Trust was inaugurated on 27th April 1989 at the Guildhall, Derry-Londonderry. The Trust was established for the following purposes in the area comprising the District Councils of Derry, Limavady and Strabane in Northern Ireland and the Inishowen Peninsula in the Republic of Ireland to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area; to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area and to secure the preservations, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area.

The Foyle Valley Landscape Project of the Foyle Civic Trust aims to promote awareness, conservation and utilisation for tourism and cultural awareness of the built heritage, archaeological sites, natural heritage and landscape features in the Foyle Basin with a particular emphasis on those features associated with the Gaelic Order and the Plantation of Ulster.

This Foyle Valley area is a region in the northwest of Ireland, comprising parts of Counties Derry and Tyrone in Northern Ireland and part of County Donegal in the Republic of Ireland. It straddles the border for 50 miles or more, from its headwaters deep in Counties Tyrone and Donegal to its Atlantic opening at the mouth of the Lough between Inishowen Head and Magilligan Point. The streams and rivers that make up the system flow from the Sperrins and the Bluestacks down two great valleys – gateways in the past for early settlers, monks, Plantation farmers and marching armies, and later still providing natural routes for roads and railways. In the east the Foyle system begins with the streams that flow into the Strule river. Finn coming from Donegal in the west, it is at this meeting of the waters that the river Foyle begins.

The Foyle Landscape is one of the richest and cultural heritage.

# FOYLE LANDSCAPE HERITAGE TRAIL MAP





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