

# Things to See and Do in Coleraine

Coleraine is the main town on the world famous Causeway Coast

Idyllically situated on the River Bann between coast and country, it is an essential part of your trip. Renowned for its attractive pedestrianised streets, award winning floral displays, unique shopping and its history, over 9000 years of it.

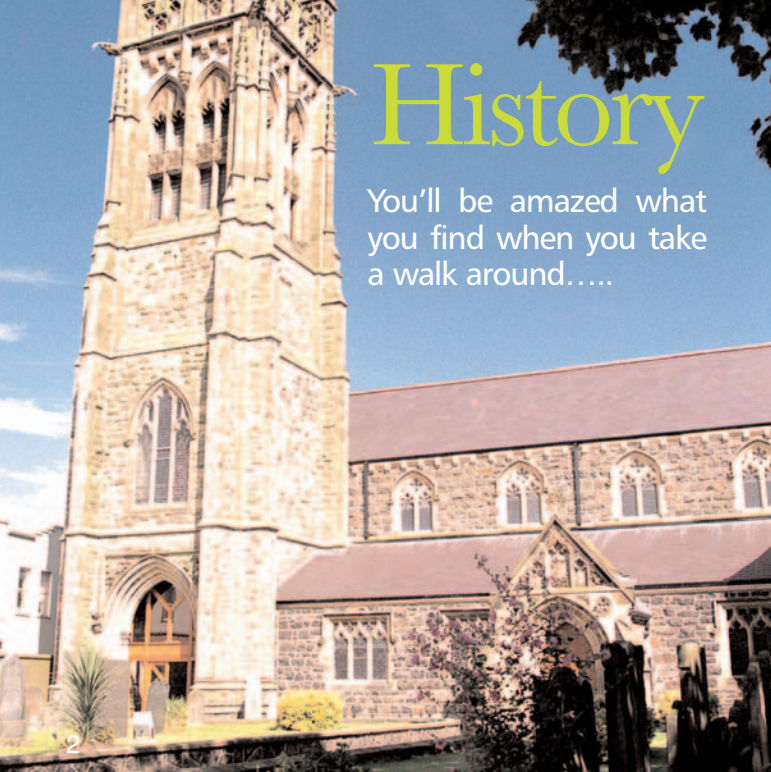
Please use this guide to make the most of your trip and don't forget the handy fold out street map in the back inside cover.

For up-to-date information on what's happening in Coleraine, check out the website [www.coleraine.co.uk](http://www.coleraine.co.uk).



# History

You'll be amazed what you find when you take a walk around.....



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### St Patrick's Church

Situated in the heart of Coleraine town centre. St. Patrick's Church is located on the original site of the Early Christian Church founded by St. Patrick in the 5th Century AD. Visitors are welcome but are advised to check opening times by telephoning the Parish Office on: 028 7034 4213.

### Mountsandel Fort

Mountsandel Fort is the setting for the remains of the earliest known hunter-gatherer settlements in Ireland, dating before 7000BC. Today, you can still see the remains of the 12th century Mountsandel Fort, on the Mountsandel



Road just outside the town. While you are here be ensure to enjoy the woodland and Riverside walks.

For history buffs, Coleraine is steeped in history. Over 9000 years of it. Coleraine is the oldest settlement of man in Ireland dating back to the middle Stone Age.





### Camus Cross and Balluan Stone

On the A54 Coleraine/Kilrea Road, about 3 miles from the town centre, you will find the only high cross in County Londonderry. This cross stands in a roadside graveyard, finely carved with biblical scenes in red sandstone. Beside a railed grave in the graveyard is a Balluan Stone, a stone with a large hollow used as a primitive font.

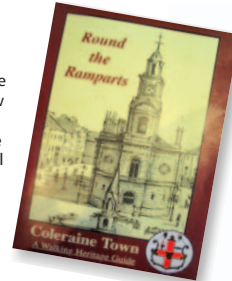
### The Phoenix Peace Fountain

This international gift from the communities of the United States of America to the 26 communities of Northern Ireland is permanently displayed in the Rose Gardens in Coleraine.



### Round the Ramparts

To find out more about the history of Coleraine, follow the Heritage Walking Trail 'Round the Ramparts'. The trail starts at the Town Hall and traces a circular route around the ramparts of the 17th Century plantation town. A beautifully illustrated guide, peppered with little anecdotes recorded by local people, allows you to explore the historic town at your own pace. This guide is available through the Tourist Information Centre  
Tel: 028 7034 4723  
and other local outlets.



# Shopping

Moore's  
of Coleraine

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Coleraine is renowned for its unique mix of family run businesses and top high street names. There are nearly 300 independently owned businesses within town centre, and over one hundred top high street names. Coleraine boasts many award-winning stores. Bishops of Coleraine was awarded "UK Footwear Retailer of the Year". Dixons of Coleraine has been trading for over 100 years. Ken Young International Fashions was voted "Independent Mens Retailers of the Year". All these stores offer quality international brands, for men, women and children. Moore's of Coleraine is the largest

independently run department store in Northern Ireland, with 50,000sq ft of shopping over three floors. The Diamond Shopping Centre adds to the wealth of top high street names and boasts a top floor food court with fabulous views of the river. Coleraine's real fashion finds are found just off the main pedestrianised area. A wealth of new, exciting retailers have sprung up in recent years to add to Coleraine's unique retail mix.

For something totally unique, the Causeway Speciality Food & Craft market is a "must visit". It is the largest outdoor market outside Belfast. Locally produced food and





crafts are on offer. It trades from 9am to 2.30pm on the second Saturday of each month.

Coleraine Town Partnership is a unique public/private company made up of all key agencies, who work together to ensure your visit to Coleraine is memorable one. Town Centre Rangers are on hand to give directions and information.

A state-of-the art CCTV system keeps you safe and secure. There's always something going on in the town centre. The town is famous for its attractive pedestrian area and award winning floral displays, which add colour and vibrancy to the shopping experience.



## Causeway Speciality Market

local food & craft

in The Diamond, Coleraine

funded by



### 2007 Market Dates

The Diamond, Coleraine  
9am – 2.30pm  
on the following Saturdays:

14th July  
11th August  
8th September

13th October  
10th November  
8th December

#### Products include:

**Organic foods:** farm reared pork, ham, beef, variety of cheeses, fruit and vegetables

**Speciality foods:** breads and bakery goods, sausages and meat, potatoes, eggs, jam and sheep's cheese

**Specialist craft:** jewellery, handbags and clothes, candles, handcrafted accessories and customised clothing

**Locally produced crafts:** unique and customised jewellery and artwork



Raising awareness and supporting the sale of quality local products

# Eating Out

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Whatever time of day, whether you're after a leisurely coffee, in one of the many pavement cafes, a light lunch, romantic meal for two or something on the go, Coleraine has just the thing to cater for your tastes.

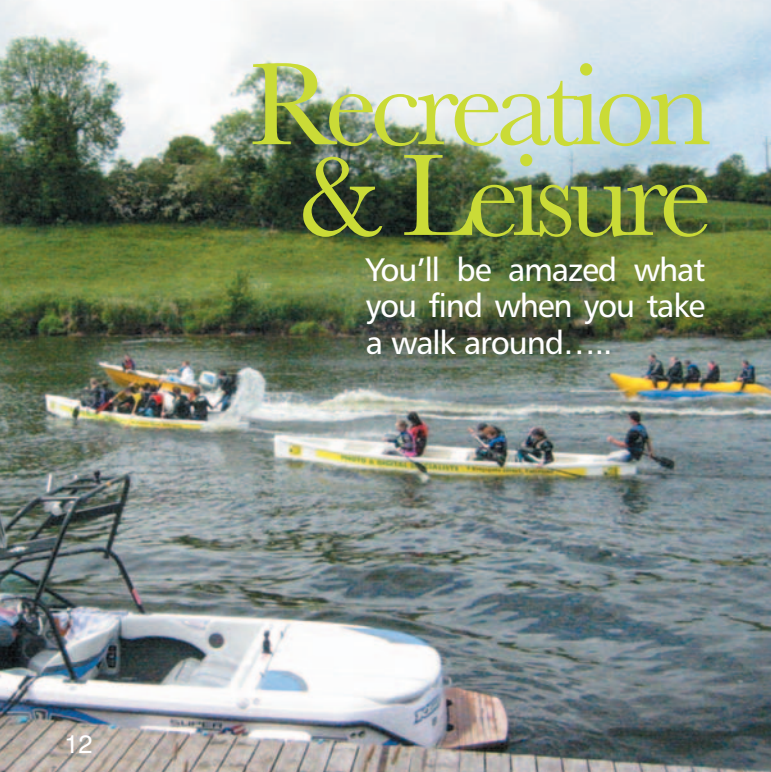
Coleraine has abundance of restaurants, cafes,

bakeries, pubs and take-aways that will be sure to tempt you. In the evening, Coleraine 'Waterside' comes alive with a wide range of restaurants. Many of the town's pubs offer food and have live bands performing regularly.



# Recreation & Leisure

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Coleraine is top for family entertainment whatever the weather. Go on, get active and really enjoy Coleraine at its best.



### All Aboard

If you would like a more relaxing afternoon, the steam engine at Damhead Railway is perfect place for the young and the young-at-heart. It is open to the public twice a month during the summer. The steam train might be miniature, but the views certainly aren't and when you've enjoyed the ride you can visit the snack shop and enjoy a picnic.

### River Bann Cruises

A fully enclosed, 60 seat river boat operate regular cruises on the River Bann.

The cruises, which cater for families, groups or individuals, offer a fantastic way to enjoy the magnificent scenery and wildlife along the River Bann.

Cruises will operate from Christie Park Jetty, at 11am and 2pm Monday to Friday

(Saturday and Sunday at 3pm). Evening sailings at 7pm Monday to Friday will be from Coleraine Marina.

The vessel is equipped with a snack bar and toilet facilities. For details of routes, schedules and fares check out the River Bann Cruises brochure or contact the Tourist Information Centre: 028 7034 4723.



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## On Yer Bike

For fitness or even just for the freedom...If you enjoy two wheels, you'll love the great cycle route around Coleraine – the biggest cycle network in Northern Ireland. For cycle maps or more information contact the Tourist Information Centre Tel: 028 7034 4723.

## Anderson Park

Anderson Park is a firm family favourite and a relaxing haven right in the heart of the town centre. Fully refurbished and landscaped in recent years, it offers a state-of-the-art children's play area, tennis court, rose gardens and Peace Fountain.



## Coleraine Leisure Centre

A visit to the Superpools complex at Coleraine Leisure Centre is a must. Other facilities include Bodytalk, a state of the art fully air-conditioned fitness studio, the Gallery Health Suite, with steam room, sauna, spa and sunbeds and the Sports Café. The leisure centre is open 7 days a week and also offers badminton, squash, table tennis, indoor football, etc.  
Tel: 028 7035 6432.



## RIVER BANN CRUISES SUMMER 2007 SPECIAL CRUISES

**RIVER BANN CRUISES**

ENJOY A CRUISE ON ONE OF OUR PRETTIEST RIVERS ABOARD THE 60 SEAT WATERBUS

**"The Lady Sandel"**

departures from **Christie Park Jetty**  
Strand Road, Coleraine  
Monday - Friday 11a.m. and 2p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 3p.m.

departures from **Coleraine Marina**  
Portstewart Road, Coleraine  
Monday - Friday 7pm

**TEL: 077 9878 6955**  
E MAIL: [riverbanncruises@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:riverbanncruises@yahoo.co.uk)  
[www.riverbanncruises.com](http://www.riverbanncruises.com)

**Sat 7 Jul & Sat 18 Aug 2007**  
**Teddy Bears Picnic - River Bann**

A Saturday morning cruise for the young and young at heart. Bring your own Teddy. Includes soft drink and walk in Mountsandel Wood to search for the teddy bear's "hideout".  
**Adults must be accompanied by a child!**  
Adult £8.00 Child £6.00 Departs Christie Park Jetty 10am.

**Mon 9 Jul & Tues 7 Aug 2007**  
**Birdwatching Cruise River Bann Estuary**

A 2 hour evening bird-watching cruise to co-incide with low water in the estuary, the best time to see the birdlife. Complimentary glass of wine or soft drink included.  
**£12.50 per person.**

**Sat 14 Jul & Sat 4th Aug 2007**  
**Sundown Evening Cruise - River Bann Estuary**

Amemorable 2 hour cruise specifically for adults to the river estuary to watch the sunset in the west. Musicand complementary glass of wine or soft drink included.  
**£12.50 per person.**

**Sat 21 Jul 2007**  
**River Cruise Coleraine or Kilrea - River Bann**

Extended river cruise travelling from Coleraine to Portneal Lodge at Kilrea or Kilrea to Coleraine. Admirethe stunning river scenery on this amazing 3 hour journey through locks and countryside. Snacks available on board or bring your own. Return by coach to point of departure is included.  
**Depart Cutts Coleraine at 1pm or Portneal Kilrea at 5pm.**  
Adult £18 Child £10 Concession £15 Family £50.

**Sat 28 Jul 2007**  
**Pirate Cruise - RiverBann**

A Saturday morning cruise for the adventurous. Come dressed for the adventure. Includes soft drink and walk in Mountsandel Wood to search for the "TreasureChest". Adults must be accompanied by a child! **Adult £8 Child £6** Departs Christie Park Jetty 10am. Prior booking advisable on all of the above cruises - to avoid disappointment. For further information Tel: 077 9878 6955 [www.riverbanncruises.com](http://www.riverbanncruises.com)

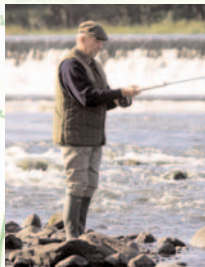


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### Get Active

For a wide range of sporting activities in the Coleraine area including fishing, horseriding, sky diving, contact the Tourist Information Centre Tel: 028 7034 4723 for further information.



water-skiing, banana boating, water-boarding. There are three marinas – Coleraine marina based the Council offices, Seatons and The Cranagh on the Portstewart Road. For further information on water based activities in the Coleraine area contact the Tourist Information Centre Tel: 028 7034 4723



### River-based Activities

For the more adventurous water enthusiasts, there is a host of activities on the River Bann. Check out Xtreme Sports at the Loughan for the

### Jet Centre

The Jet Centre underwent a multi-million pound refurbishment in 2006 and now boasts a 6 screen multi-plex cinema. New for summer 2007, is a state-of-the-art bowling alley, the first of its kind in Europe. An exciting indoor children's adventure play area and brand new café and fully licensed restaurant will make this a top quality visitor destination.

# Jet Centre

## The Jet Centre like you've never seen it before!



- Six Screen state of the art Movie House Cinema
- Ten Pin Bowling opening July
- Indoor Kids Adventure Play Centre opening August
- Restaurants coming soon!

Jet Centre, Riverside Regional Centre, Castleroe Road, Coleraine  
**028 7035 0001**

# Arts & Culture

Take in a show...



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### Riverside Theatre

The Riverside Theatre at the University of Ulster Coleraine, showcases works from entertainers and playwrights throughout the UK. A full programme of performances and exhibitions is offered throughout the year. You'll find a show for everyone and many opportunities to join in workshops, master classes, social events, discussions and open days. Theatre facilities include a licensed bar, tea/coffee and

a theatre shop. For all performance details contact the Box Office on Tel: 028 7032 3232.

### Street Entertainment

Coleraine is renowned for its street buskers and street ambience. Coleraine Town Partnership Ltd and Coleraine Borough Council put on family friendly entertainment regularly during July and August. See website for details.

### Talks and Tours

Talks and Tours is the annual Summer Festival of Events and Lectures organised by the University of Ulster, held during July and August. The programme is designed to offer an introduction to the enjoyment and

discovery of a wide variety of topics for members of the community. Over the years, Talks and Tours has made a rich contribution to local people and holidaymakers. For further information contact the Box Office on Tel: 028 7032 3232 between 9.30am and 1pm.



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## Festivals and Events

The North Coast is famous for events and festivals Coleraine is home to the International Milk Cup Football Tournament. The week long tournament kicks off on 29th July with a Welcome Parade through the town centre. This year is the 25th Anniversary so there will be plenty

going on. The Fern Festival takes off on 2nd July with Children's Fun Day and Carnival Parade at Christie Park and runs to the 5th July. For further information on other events and festivals in the area, check out the website on [www.coleraine.co.uk](http://www.coleraine.co.uk) or contact Coleraine Tourist Information Centre Tel: 028 7034 4723.

