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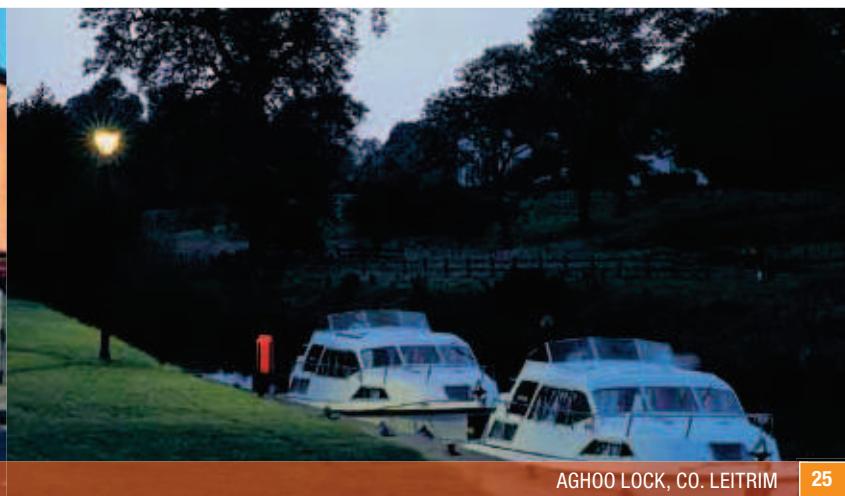
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Leitrim towns and villages

Ballinamore H4 It is a thriving rural centre for the surrounding parishes and is internationally renowned for its abundance of coarse angling waters with a total of 40 lakes in a 10km radius.

The town offers many activities including walking, horse-riding, golfing and boating. It boasts lively evening entertainment with some great pubs and good restaurants.

Carrick-on-Shannon I3 built on the River Shannon; this is both the county town of Leitrim and the cruising capital of the Shannon. Carrick, as it is known locally is a thriving centre. It boasts a beautiful modern marina. It is widely acknowledged as an anglers paradise, the town itself is steeped in history, in particular the Costello chapel which is believed to be the smallest chapel in Europe.

Dowra G3 is the first village on the River Shannon, which rises from the Cuilcagh Mountains just 6 miles from Dowra at the Shannon Pot. Dowra village is on the borders of Cavan and Leitrim where the province of Ulster meets the province of Connacht.

Dromahair G3 is a picturesque village located on the banks of the river Bonet at its entry point to Lough Gill. It has an interesting history and a walk around the village will bring you into contact with remnants of its historic past.

Dromod I4 built along the River Shannon, this is a Tidy Towns winner with a lovely harbour area which is very popular with cruiser traffic. The Bog Oak water feature in the centre of the village is entitled "The Weeping Tree" and was made by a local craftsman from a piece of bog oak which was found nearby.

Drumshanbo H4 this pretty village is beautifully situated in the shadow of Sliabh-an-larainn towering to the north and the Arigna Mountains in the west. It is a renowned angling resort.

The town is famous for its musical tradition. A feature of the town is its unique High Street fronted by a stone wall, with stone steps leading up to Ireland's shortest Main Street.

Fenagh H4 At Fenagh two church ruins stand on the site of an earlier monastery, founded by St. Caillin in the 6th century. There are a number of prehistoric remains located in or near the village. Nineteen Gaelic Kings are said to be buried in the graveyard.

Jamestown I3 This is one of the most historic spots in County Leitrim and was named after King James I of England. One of the gates of the former fortified town is still standing. Today, Jamestown is a pleasant mooring spot and is also popular with anglers due to the good fishing and excellent hospitality.

Kiltyclogher G3 in the centre of the village is a Memorial to Sean MacDiarmada, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. The Michael Shanley Traditional weekend takes place in mid-August and during this time there are sessions, concerts and classes as well as a door-dancing competition.

Manorhamilton G3 village is the friendly, peaceful and picturesque capital of North Leitrim, situated in the centre of the North Leitrim Glens region which is famous for its hill-walking.

Rossinver G3 situated at the Southern shore of Lough Melvin is an excellent centre for game fishing. There is a fishery at Eden Quay and boats and gillies are available locally. There are some spectacular walks in the area.

For more information on Leitrim towns and villages see
www.discoverireland.ie



Visitor Attractions



Ard Nahoo G3 ⚡↑↑↑

Mullagh, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 913 4939
Email: info@ardnahoo.com
www.ardnahoo.com

Ard Nahoo is an Eco Retreat, settled in the hills of North Leitrim. From our beautiful base we also offer a range of Yoga and Detox Retreats, Natural Healthcare Treatments and Weekly Yoga Classes, as well as our 'Uisce Hour' – an outdoor wet space with infrared sauna and hot tub. Whatever you choose from a visit to Ard Nahoo, you will leave feeling completely relaxed and rejuvenated.



Cavan & Leitrim Railway I4 ⚡↑↑↑

Station Road, Dromod, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 9638599
Email: dromod@eircom.net
www.cavanandleitrim.com

Discover the magic and charm of an Irish Narrow Gauge Railway at the end of the 19th century. Today, half a mile of the railway has been rebuilt. Your round trip takes twenty minutes, leaving you plenty of time to have a guided tour around our extensive transport museum.

Open: Saturday 10.00 – 17.00. Sunday 13.00 – 17.00. Monday 10.00 – 17.00.

Season: 1st January – 23rd December.

Admission: Adult €8. Child €5. Family €17. Senior Citizen €5.



Creevylea Abbey G3 ↑↑↑

Dromahair, Co Leitrim.
Tel: 071 962 0170

Creevylea Friary is located 16km south east of Sligo, on the edge of the town of Dromahair, the most convenient access route is a footbridge across the River Bonet from the car park of the Abbey Manor Hotel. This was one of the last abbeys founded in Ireland before King Henry VIII dissolved all the monasteries throughout Ireland and England. In the ruins is a carving of Saint Francis preaching to the birds. The friary consists of the church, the cloister and domestic buildings.



The Dock I3 ⚡↑↑↑

St. George's Terrace,
Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 9650828
Email: info@thedock.ie
www.thedock.ie

The Dock is a multi disciplinary arts centre housed in a beautiful 19th Century former Courthouse building, overlooking the majestic river Shannon. The Dock houses a 100+ seat performance space, three art galleries, The Jury Room café bar, artists' studios, an arts education room and it is home to The Leitrim Design House.

Open: 10.00 – 18.00 Monday to Saturday. Season: All year.

Galleries open Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 – 18.00.

Admission: Free admission to galleries. Varying admission to performances with concession prices for students, seniors, unemployed, children.



Glencar Waterfall G3 ⚡↑↑↑

Glencar, Co Leitrim.
Glencar Waterfall is 50ft high and is situated in Glencar Lough, 11km west of Manorhamilton and served as an inspiration to William Butler Yeats. It is very impressive after rain and can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk. There are more waterfalls visible from the road although none is quite as romantic as this one. Picnic facilities and information kiosk are onsite.

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Leitrim Design House

I3

The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

Tel: 071 9650550

Email: info@leitrimdesignhouse.ie

www.leitrimdesignhouse.ie

The Leitrim Design House is housed in the Dock, a beautiful 19th century courthouse building, located in the heart of Carrick-on-Shannon overlooking the River Shannon. This unique gallery represents over 200 artists working in ceramics, glass, wood, metal and jewellery. Considered one of the landmark tourist attractions in the region, the Leitrim Design House is a unique shopping experience offering a wonderful opportunity to support local creative industry.

Open: 10.00 – 18.00 Monday to Saturday. Season: All year.

Admission: None.



Moon River Pleasure Cruiser

I3

Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

Tel: 071 9621777/086 2610010

Email: info@moonriver.ie

www.moonriver.ie

Join us for a relaxing trip on the River Shannon on the luxurious Moon River Pleasure Cruiser. Enjoy our onboard entertainment and light refreshments or sit on deck and lap up the beautiful surroundings. Either way our crew will ensure you experience a wonderful trip!

Season: Scheduled trips February to October. All year on request basis.

Admission: Adult €15. Children under 14 years of age free, Seniors €13, Group rates (20+) €12pp.



The Organic Centre

G3

Rossinver, Co. Leitrim.

Tel: 071 9854338

Email: info@theorganiccentre.ie

www.theorganiccentre.ie

The Organic Centre promotes organic gardening and sustainable living through learning gardens, educational courses, tours and workshops and also community and school projects.

Open: 10.00 – 17.00. Season: from 12th March to 29th October 2011.

Admission: for the gardens: €4, concession €2, children and members free.



Parkes Castle

G3

Lough Gill, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.

Tel: 071 916 4149

Email: parkescastle@opw.ie

www.heritageireland.ie

The splendour of Parkes Castle is immediately evident as you drive around the lake. Once an important stronghold of the local O'Rourke family, rulers of Breffni, Parkes Castle has been recently restored to its original seventeenth century style. A guided tour of the castle is given every hour. There is also an individual slide show entitled "Stone by stone" in four languages. In the castle there is a traditional blacksmith forge of 17th century style.

Open: 21st April – 28th Sept. 10.00 – 18.00.

Admission: Adult: €3, OAPs & Groups €2.

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Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre H4

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 9640678

This centre informs the visitor about life, transport and industry between the Arigna and Sliabh an Iarainn mountain - the railway, canal, lakes, iron and coal mining. The Centre has a display depicting miners at work and also has a reconstruction of a sweat house which was used in olden times as a cure for aches and pains. There is also a recreation of a Cavan & Leitrim Railway ticket and waiting room as well as many fine pictures of the railway. An audio-visual show lasting 12 minutes takes visitors through the sights and scenes of the area.

Open: April – October, Mon – Sat, 10.00 – 18.00. Sun, 14.00 – 18.00.



Rose of Innisfree Tour Bus G3

Five Mile Bourne, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 916 4266/087 259 8869
Email: info@roseofinnisfree.com
www.roseofinnisfree.com

The Rose of Innisfree Tour Boat operates on one of the most beautiful and scenic lakes in Ireland, Lough Gill. This majestic all-weather craft departs from historic Parkes Castle on the shores of Lough Gill and takes in the famous "Isle of Innisfree". During the trip the skipper, George McGoldrick will recite tales of folklore, history and poetry associated with the area and Ireland's most famous son W.B.Yeats.

Open: Daily June – September. Limited sailings April – October.
Admission: €15, group rates available on request.



Leitrim Genealogy Centre H4

Main Street, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.
Tel: 071 9644012
Email: info@leitrimroots.com
www.leitrimroots.com

Leitrim Genealogy Centre is the official genealogy service provider for Co. Leitrim. We provide a genealogical research service for those people wishing to trace their Co. Leitrim ancestry. For full details of the service we provide please visit our website at: www.leitrimroots.com

Open: 9.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 – 17.00 Monday to Friday.
Closed on public holidays.



Workhouse Attic Memorial I3

Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim.
Tel: 071 9621757
Email: stgeorgevisitorcentre@eircom.net

Access to the 3rd Floor Attic Memorial is by a staircase where introductory displays give the background into why

Workhouses became a feature of the 19th century in Ireland and a symbol of the Great Famine. Also located in the grounds is the site of the famine graveyard.

Open: Wednesday – Friday, 10.30 – 16.30. Open Saturdays in summers.

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