

Carlingford Lough Ferry

Greencastle to Greenore

It is easy to get the ferry across to Greenore to explore Carlingford and the Cooley Peninsula or to come other direction back towards the Mourne Mountains. You get spectacular views of both the Mourne Mountains and the Cooley's from the water during your 15 min journey. During the summer Carlingford Ferries also offer a variety of 2 hour specialist cruises. What a lovely relaxing way to spend an evening! Check out the options and prices on their website. If you're lucky you might even spot Finn the dolphin who likes to keep an eye on things.

<https://carlingfordferry.com> Ph: 0800 471 4665 (NI free call)



On Yer Bike

Carlingford

Another great outdoor adventure company. Lovely range of bikes suitable for men, women or children and they can help make sure you get the right one for you. If you choose one of their selected routes they will provide a colour coded map and instructions. Many of their routes cover both sides of the lough. Why not use the ferry to make a loop from Carlingford, around through Rostrevor and back to Carlingford using the greenway for the last part?

www.onyerbike.ie

Ph: +353 (0) 879 921 559



Carlingford Adventure Centre

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Adventure plus!! If you are an adrenaline junkie definitely check out what these guys offer. Combat archery (hugely popular thanks to the hunger games)!! A massive zipline with incredible views out over the lough which is accessible even for wheelchair users. A big high ropes course. There are also activities for the less adventurous like myself- Foot golf, frisbee golf and mini-golf. They offer a full range of water activities as well including a water trampoline, raft building and stand up paddle boarding. There's even a huge maze to get lost in. There are so many options I can't fit all the details here but if this sounds fun go and check out their website.

<https://carlingfordadventure.com> Ph: +353 (0) 42 93 73 100



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Deserted Village

Near Carlingford

Up behind Carlingford are the remains of the deserted village. It sits up on the slopes of Barnavave in the Cooley Mountains. A large number of ruined stone walls are all that is left of this small hamlet that would have contained approximately twelve to fifteen houses. There are spectacular views across the lough. It's fairly steep but I found it doable and I am not at all fit. There is also a portal tomb further up but I didn't make it that far. It is often called the famine village but experts suggest it dates much further back (the portal tomb is probably from around 3000 BC!).

Photo: Carlingford Heritage Centre



Guided Walking Tour of Medieval Carlingford

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Take a trip back in time and discover medieval Carlingford with a knowledgeable guide who will share with you the unique history of the area. Learn all about 900 year old King John's castle, the Dominican Friary and several other places. Departs from the Tourist information centre in the old railway station opposite the harbour. 11am and 3pm daily.

Bookings: www.carlingfordheritagecentre.com

Ph: +353 429 373 454

Carlingford Heritage Centre

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The Carlingford Heritage Centre is based in a restored church that dates back to the 13th century. It hosts a permanent history exhibition that explores Carlingford's history from its early settlement through the vibrant medieval Norman town to today. At certain times of the year they host a fabulous range of Sunday afternoon concerts there. That's my favourite reason to go there.

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