

COOL HISTORY



Kilbroney Graveyard

Rostrevor

Here you will find the ruins of a 15th century church, St Bronagh's Cross (8th century) and St Bronagh's Well which is said to have a cure for eye problems. My personal favourite part is Giant Murphy's grave. He was once the tallest man in the world and lived in Killowen. Apparently the cross on his grave is the height that he was. While at the graveyard please be sensitive to any mourners visiting a loved ones grave.



Tom Dunn Walking Trail

Rostrevor

This is a brand new addition to Rostrevor. Tom Dunn was a hedge school master in the 1790s. He taught both Presbyterians and Catholics, introducing them to concepts such as all people are created equal and all are entitled to pursue happiness. His story is remembered by a new walking tour around Rostrevor. Start in the square and follow the numbered posts to significant locations around the village. Use the QR codes on the posts to hear more of his story.



Silent Valley Reservoir

Kilkeel

Another opportunity for walks with majestic scenery but also a chance to learn about the building of the dam. Walks are graded for difficulty and the area is very accessible even for the non-walkers among us. To learn more about the history in a very engaging way download the augmented reality app: The Silent Valley Story (AR). Open daily. There is a small entrance fee and also a cafe there for a little sustenance.



Ballydugan Medieval Settlement

Downpatrick

Step back in time and experience the Viking way of life. Try your hand at archery or axe throwing, learn about Celt and Viking weapons, see traditional textile working, blacksmithing, hear some stories from those times and more. Cash only as there is no electricity on site. No cafe or food available so perhaps take a picnic with you. Open weekends only.

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