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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

An extensive network of Blueways trails are being developed throughout the region, refer to [www.bluewaysireland.org](http://www.bluewaysireland.org) for up-to-date details and places to eat, stay and go.



Information



Toilets



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Accommodation



Festivals, Dining & Accommodation

Blueway

Welcome to Ireland's Blueways

**Do it your way and create your own unique Blueway experience.**

Whether you're into paddling, walking, cycling, or simply hooked on the outdoors, make yours a trip to remember on Ireland's Blueways.

Activity trails along the Lough Derg Blueway provide a scenic perspective into the heart of the Irish landscape. From leisurely strolls and gentle paddles to adrenaline-filled days on land and water - Blueways offer tailor-made trips like no other.

Timelessness meets 'time of your life' when you arrive on a Blueway. So create your own adventure or take it at your own pace and do the Blueways your way!

While you're enjoying these Blueway trails, there's so much more to see and do in the local area. The following range of guides have been created to help you make the most of your visit to the Blueways:

**Festivals, Dining and Accommodation** - This guide helps you to find the festivals to go to, where to eat and the place to rest your head after a full day.

**Heritage and Culture** - With the Blueways Guide to Heritage and Culture, you can take a break from all that Blueway activity and choose to step back in time.

**Made in Lough Derg (Arts, Crafts and Food)** - With the guide to Arts, Crafts and Food, you will be able to use your trip to the Blueway to explore traditional skills and taste locally produced food.

**Outdoor Activity** - The Outdoor Activity Guide provides you with so many reasons to celebrate being in the great outdoors.

[www.bluewaysireland.org](http://www.bluewaysireland.org)




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1 Portumna Fit for Fun Festival and Marathon

Walks, cycles, conferences, heritage and outdoor tours all form part of this activity festival in June. The festival includes a tour of the Workhouse at night, and you can attend a walk and talk of the surrounding heritage sites, take part in an obstacle course or go for a charity cycle. You can also attend novel events each year such as a Lego session or a digital astronomy dome. The Portumna Forest runs are at the centre of the festival and over 1,000 participants of all ages, walk or wheelchair their way through the full marathon, half-marathon, 100km, 50km, 10km or 5km race, with the forest greenery forming a beautiful backdrop. Often people get to recognise other runners on their particular challenge and camaraderie and friendships are born. There is a lot happening in Portumna so if you are not here in early June for this festival, you might be around for their Heritage Week events in August, see National Heritage Week below, check-out their website as the town also hosts a number of other events during the year.

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Portumna Forest Park, Co Galway (R352)
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June
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[www.forestmarathon.wordpress.com/](http://www.forestmarathon.wordpress.com/) / [www.facebook.com/forestmarathon](http://www.facebook.com/forestmarathon)

2 Shorelines Arts Festival

This community-run arts festival fosters visual arts, literature, drama and music in the communities of Lough Derg and Slíabh Aughty, supporting local artists and bringing guest artists to the area. The organizers, Portumna Arts Group, aim to make the arts accessible to all by keeping ticket prices to a minimum, with the support of sponsors in the community. Because it is based in the scenic town of Portumna with its many period buildings, the festival has a wealth of intimate venues and interesting locations for its events. Each year's programme brings a feast of music, literature, theatre, visual art, film, children's entertainment, storytelling and much more. There are interviews with writers, literary launches and opportunities for emerging local talent to find an audience. As well as top-quality guest artists and performers, the festival also hosts workshops and opportunities for all groups within the local community to develop their imaginations through creative activities.

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Portumna, Co Galway
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Early September
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[www.shorelinesartsfestival.com/](http://www.shorelinesartsfestival.com/) / [www.facebook.com/shorelinesartsfestival](http://www.facebook.com/shorelinesartsfestival)

13 Feile Brian Ború

In case we forget that Ireland used to be ruled from Killaloe and Ballina by Ireland's Greatest High King, Brian Ború (founder of the O'Briens), the Féile Brian Ború celebrates the life and legacy of this most famous son of the historic twin towns of Killaloe and Ballina. During his reign, Brian extended and strengthened this simple homestead and turned it into the well known Royal Palace of Kincora, which occupied the area where the Catholic church in Killaloe stands today. The festival is a family event with photographic competitions, art and writing competitions, art exhibitions, guided tours, 'beat on the street', a fun fair, dog show, fireworks and many other family oriented activities. A lot of the events are free over this four day weekend.

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Killaloe and Ballina
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End June-early July
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[www.feilebrianboru.com/](http://www.feilebrianboru.com/) / [www.facebook.com/FeileBrianBoru](http://www.facebook.com/FeileBrianBoru)

14 Killaloe Chamber Music Festival

If quartets, quintets and sonatas are your thing then this festival is for you. The Killaloe Chamber Music festival provides a showcase for Irish chamber music talent and takes place in late May over a three day weekend. The festival programme includes a series of evening, late evening and morning concerts as well as a daytime children's concert; classic black and white cinema with live accompaniment. Most of the events are held within the evocative St. Flannan's Cathedral in Killaloe which also hosts an accompanying art exhibition. Events are ticket only and some sell out quickly, so book early if you can, however you can also pay at the door if you are not too late.

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Killaloe/Ballina
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Late May
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+353 (0) 65 684 3103 for season tickets
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[www.killaloeusicfestival.com/](http://www.killaloeusicfestival.com/) / [www.facebook.com/KillaloeChamberMusicFestival/](http://www.facebook.com/KillaloeChamberMusicFestival/)




3 Terryglass Arts Festival

Set in scenic Terryglass village on the eastern shore of Lough Derg, Terryglass Arts Festival is a lively celebration of arts and creativity for all ages. Fun, enjoyment and participation play a strong part in each year's festival programme. Local artists and craftspeople display their skills while the food market and craft fair have locally produced food and original craftwork for sale. There are art workshops, storytelling, music sessions, book launches, craft classes, drama, children's art activities and street entertainment, all culminating in a Family Fun Day. Terryglass, and its beautifully maintained harbour, has twice won the National Tidy Towns Competition. It is a very old settlement dating back at least to the sixth century when St. Columba founded a monastery there. Art activity was important back then too, as shown by the famous Irish decorated manuscript, the Book of Leinster, which was produced in Terryglass monastery.

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Terryglass, Co Tipperary
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Mid-August
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[www.terryglassartsfestival.ie/](http://www.terryglassartsfestival.ie/) / [www.facebook.com/TerryglassArtsFestival](http://www.facebook.com/TerryglassArtsFestival)

4 Mountshannon Arts Festival

Art on the street, floating in the harbour, on gable walls and even the beautiful art of football on the playing field – Mountshannon Arts Festival has it all. Every year is different but always exciting, a showcase of visual and performance arts for locals and visitors. There are art exhibitions, community art projects, installations and interactive displays, music, photography, film, arts trails through the streets, drama, creative writing, workshops on many forms of creative self-expression and a host of children's events. The Green Fair Day rounds off this 12 day festival. Always a great day out for all ages, with food and craft stalls, craft demonstrations, workshops, on-going entertainment, music and dance. The festival organisers commission artists each year to produce a piece of work that will form part of a permanent art trail through the village. Keep an eye on their website as they also host a few special events throughout the year.

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Mountshannon, Co Clare
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May-June
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[www.mountshannonarts.net/](http://www.mountshannonarts.net/) / [www.facebook.com/Mountshannon-Arts-Festival](http://www.facebook.com/Mountshannon-Arts-Festival)

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COUNTY GALWAY

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5 Mountshannon Traditional Music Festival

This celebration of Mountshannon's traditional music and musicians takes place within sight of the monastic remains on Holy Island and the memories they hold of ancient traditions and community. Young musicians learn their trade in the company of seasoned, well-known performers and future stars get a chance to shine. In a packed weekend programme musicians get together to practise, dancers can take classes and students join with their teachers in relaxed sessions in local bars and hotels. Every sort of traditional instrument is played along with performances by solo singers and céilí bands. A session trail leads audiences to various venues around the village. East Clare has a strong music tradition. There are stories of people in times past hearing local musicians practising by the roadside at night time and mistaking them for fairy music. These days, great local musicians of past and present, like Martin Woods, his pupil Seamus Bugler, Gerry Martin, Liam O'Connor, Jimmy (Caddy) Kennedy, Jimmy Mackey and many more are remembered and honoured. The spirit of welcoming, sharing and enjoying a centuries-old music heritage is strong at this festival.

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Mountshannon, Co Clare
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End September
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[www.mountshannontradfestival.ie](http://www.mountshannontradfestival.ie)

6 Dromineer Literary Festival

Located at various places around the Eastern shores of Lough Derg, if listening to authors talking about or reading their work while cruising along Lough Derg, in the confines of Nenagh Castle or on the shores of the local yacht club sounds appealing, then this is the festival for you. The festival hosts an inclusive programme which reflects the diverse talent in today's short story, poetry and novel writing scene. A poetry and flash fiction competition as well as a primary school poetry competition form part of the lead-up to the festival with winners announced over the four day weekend of the festival. The format of the festival includes workshops, exhibitions and talks and this programme is available on line each year. There are charges to entry for some of the events but a number are also free to attend. The festival also holds events during Poetry Day Ireland in March April.

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Dromineer, Co Tipperary
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Early October
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[www.dromineerliteraryfestival.ie/](http://www.dromineerliteraryfestival.ie/) / [facebook.com/DromineerLitFestival/](http://facebook.com/DromineerLitFestival/) / [@DromineerLit](http://@DromineerLit)

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7 Feakle Traditional Music Festival


Feakle has a proud cultural tradition it was the home of Brian Merriman who wrote the wonderful poem The Midnight Court. Now Feakle hosts the vibrant six day Feakle International Festival of Traditional Music. This Festival has brought many of the finest musicians and performers to the small village of Feakle which is at the very heart of Traditional Music in Ireland. For a few days each August the village becomes a very special place where the best in traditional music can be heard, songs sung and dances danced. Most of the events are in the evenings but there are also afternoon events and morning walks. Not just music but also poetry readings and dancing and there are children's events as well. The festival also includes a series of morning workshops for a variety of traditional instruments and dancing. Held over three days, some of the best dancers, singers and musicians in Ireland lead these workshops for aspiring and competent musicians. Most of the events are free to enter however some are ticketed and can be purchased at the door, the workshops are also best booked in advance. Advance booking is available 4-6 weeks before the festival.

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Feakle, Co Clare
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Early August
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info@feaklefestival.ie
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[www.feaklefestival.ie](http://www.feaklefestival.ie)

8 Scariff Harbour Festival

How many ways can you play on water? Swim, kayak, canoe, stand up paddling, zorbing, sailing, angling, water-skiing, boating. Whatever it is, Scariff Harbour Festival wants you to take a crack at it if you have not tried it before. The festival aims to showcase all the fun leisure activities that Lough Derg and the east Clare countryside offer. All activities, on land and water, are inspired by the 'lake' theme. Boat tours, on the Scariff river and Lough Derg, are always popular. There are plenty of activities on land too. The four-day, open-air street festival offers arts, music, entertainment and activities for all the family, be it a mobile mountain-biking track or hoverball archery. Walks are organized from Scariff along the East Clare Way and traditional craft skills are displayed. There is a special Kids Fun Zone and music always plays a big part in the weekend.

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Scariff, Co Clare
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August Bank Holiday weekend
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[www.scariff.ie/scariff-harbour-festival](http://www.scariff.ie/scariff-harbour-festival)

ACCOMMODATION

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9 Nenagh Castlefest

Nenagh's mid-summer festival includes a range of Irish traditional, country and jazz music but any kind of live music can feature on the programme. The Nenagh Arts Centre and Nenagh Castle are the main venues and a number of local bars also host live music in the evenings. The traditional Irish music organisation Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann has a big input, with traditional music and singing workshops, sessions in local venues and performances by some of the best of Comhaltas musicians. The Castle Field is the venue for open-air concerts and for the Sunday family events, which include a funfair, food stalls, picnics and barbecues. A significant number of the festival events and sessions are free to enter.

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Castle Field, Nenagh Arts Centre and locations around Nenagh, Co Tipperary
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End of June
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[www.facebook.com/NenaghCastlefest](http://www.facebook.com/NenaghCastlefest)

10 North Tipperary Agricultural Show

First started in 1875, this traditional agricultural show is a window into authentic Irish rural life and agriculture. Traditional rural and farming skills are showcased. There are competitions for best in horses, cattle, ponies, dogs, poultry, sheep, industrial and horticulture exhibits. Traditional breeds, now rare, such as Irish draught horses, feature in competitions. While experts and working farmers can weigh up the quality of livestock, exhibits such as mares and their foals, Welsh and Connemara ponies and cows with their calves will always get an 'aah' from visitors young and old. In the horticulture and home skills events, visitors can browse through displays of top-quality vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, floral displays, home baking, handicrafts and art works. There are prizes for the knobbliest vegetable, a face made from fruit/vegetables and the best novelty birthday cake. It's a wonderful family day out for both rural and urban visitors.

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Showgrounds, Nenagh, Co Tipperary (N52)
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August Bank Holiday Monday
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[www.northtippsow.com/](http://www.northtippsow.com/) / [www.facebook.com/north.t.show](http://www.facebook.com/north.t.show)

FESTIVAL OF THE OUTDOORS

Every day of the year the wind in the trees, the lapping of the water the glint of the sun and that smell of freshness provides a festival of the outdoors around Lough Derg. There are number of public access points to the lake and its surrounding unspoilt outdoors and their land and water trails. All you have to do is take part, no entry fee and any time of the day is suitable, keep an eye on the weather however.

National Bike Week

Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of all that's great about bikes and cycling. Held over a week in June of each year with bike themed events organised by local authorities, community groups and cycling groups throughout Ireland. Why not check out what bike events are being held in the Lough Derg area or visit some of the bike friendly areas around the lake which are listed on our Lough Derg Activity map and our Blueway Itinerary guides.  
📅 June 🌐 www.bikeweek.ie / [www.facebook.com/bikeweek.ie](http://www.facebook.com/bikeweek.ie)

National Heritage Week

Each year, during the last week of August, many national and hundreds of local community organisations participate by organising heritage related events throughout the country. There is an abundance of great work carried out in communities to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage. For example the Workhouse in Portumna are the reigning All-Ireland Heritage Champions and they organise over 30 events during the 9 days of Heritage week. National Heritage Week is part of European Heritage Days. Why not check out their website and social media to see what is on in the Lough Derg area during Heritage week.  
📅 Last week of August. ☎ 1850 200 878  
🌐 heritageweek@heritagecouncil.ie  
🌐 www.facebook.com/HeritageWeek / [www.heritageweek.ie/](http://www.heritageweek.ie/)

Tree Week


Typically held every March as the trees prepare for spring and summer the Tree Council of Ireland encourages individuals, families, schools and local communities to participate in and support events taking place around the country during the week. Check out the Tree Council website for events in the Lough Derg area on this week and throughout the year.  
📅 March ☎ +353 (0)1 493 1313  
🌐 trees@treecouncil.ie 🌐 treecouncil.ie/


National Biodiversity Week


Attractive landscapes and a rich biodiversity provides an important foundation for many aspects of tourism. National Biodiversity Week is all about connecting people with nature. It's also about entertaining; showing the fun and wonder that can be found in nature; and inspiring people to learn more, see more, do more. There are a number of biodiversity events around the area during National Biodiversity week which are available on the following website.  
📅 May 🌐 biodiversityweek.ie/

11 Spleodar Arts Festival

Spleodar (meaning 'exuberance') lives up to its name as it celebrates each year the spooky ancient Irish festival of Halloween. Any ghosts and beasts that are hanging around are chased away with lots of fun activities that bring light and noise to the streets of the town. Each year's programme is devised to suit children from early years to young adults. So you can have an outdoor showing of a scary horror film and a gentle Three Little Pigs puppet show (ghouls and ghosts will always run away from tiny, pink pig puppets – fact). Children's books always feature on the programme. A treasure hunt, Lego robotics or X-Box games, a monster doodle workshop, hip-hop dancing or special effects make-up classes – everything is designed to bring fun and wonder to families at the mid-term break before the year tips over into darkness and winter. It ends with a great, bright fireworks display.

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[www.spleodar.ie/](http://www.spleodar.ie/) / [www.facebook.com/spleodarahalloweenartsfestival](http://www.facebook.com/spleodarahalloweenartsfestival)

12 Kincora Trad Fest

Enjoy a weekend of traditional music workshops, recitals, concerts, singing & music sessions, pipe bands and more. Held in the various pubs and hotels in the Killaloe and Ballina area, budding musicians have the opportunity to play at some events, well known Irish traditional musicians and singers keep feet tapping and Sean Nós dancing and Celis bring revellers onto the floors at other locations. Most of the thirty plus events take place after four pm however there are some junior events that take place during the day as well. The festival is a good opportunity to take part in the many activity options around the lake during the day and then spend the evening in the company of good music.

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