

RIVERSIDE PARK



For a leisurely cycling experience why not bring the family along to Ballymoney's very own Riverside Park, situated right in the heart of the town, Ballymoney Borough Council has provided a number of shared-use paths suitable for pedestrians and disabled users as well as cyclists.

A one kilometre, three-metre wide path has been established from Park Centre, adjacent to the main car park at Armour Avenue, to Bravallen Road, which is an excellent facility, particularly for younger children and beginners. A second shared-use path has been established through the Rodeing Foot Wood and is accessible by crossing through the underpass below the Ballymena Road and taking the first accommodation bridge on the left. Follow this path to the tunnel under the railway where a right turn leads to the A26 bypass, which swings left onto the Kirk Road. Following the Kirk Road along to Greengage Lane will complete a circular loop. Turn left into Greengage and follow the lane downhill towards Greengage Cottages back to the railway tunnel on your right and re-entry into Rodeing Foot Wood.

Most non-shared use paths in Riverside Park are also suitable for cycling but remember, pedestrians on foot and other path users should always be given the right of way.

So why not bring the whole family down to Riverside Park soon for a truly pleasant cycling experience and enjoy the other facilities on offer including a first class play area, duck pond and wildfowl sanctuary.

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THE BUSH



Cycle **BALLYMONEY**



Approx. Distance: 23 miles

Starting Point: Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre

Directions: Turn right onto Garryduff Road, then left onto Glenlough Road. Cross over the A26 - take extra care. At the next crossroads turn left onto Boyland Road. Go straight over the next crossroads, still continuing on Boyland Road. At the end of road turn right onto Kirk Road and continue through Stranocum Village and up the brae past the school. Turn right at Gracehill Golf Course onto Bregagh Road and up through the trees (known locally as the Dark Hedges). Go straight over the crossroads and descend down to another crossroads. Turn right onto Gracehill Road and continue along, then turn left up Kingariff Road. At the top of the road turn right onto Fivey Road. The minute you get past the houses, turn left onto Cregagh Road. At the end of the road turn right onto Kilraughts Road. At Kilraughts Reformed Presbyterian Church turn left onto Loughabin Road. At the crossroads go straight over still on Loughabin Road, turn right into Tummock Road, then further along turn left onto Glenlough Road. Go straight over at the crossroads. Then straight over at the crossroads with the A26 - take extra care. Continue on to the end of Glenlough Road and then turn right onto Garryduff Road and on to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.



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THE BUSH



Historic points of interest to look out for along

your way include: Built in the 18th century, Stranocum Hall was the home of the Hutchinson family. It was raided by United Irishmen in June 1798.

The old graveyard at Kilraughts dates back to the 17th century.

As you approach the junction of the Loughabin & Tummock Roads, nearby are two raths and also the Drumbest Bog where two Bronze Age horns were discovered.

Some of these sites are on private land and can only be accessed with the owner's prior permission.

For further information on these and other locations of historic interest in Ballymoney please contact the Museum Manager on 028 2766 0230

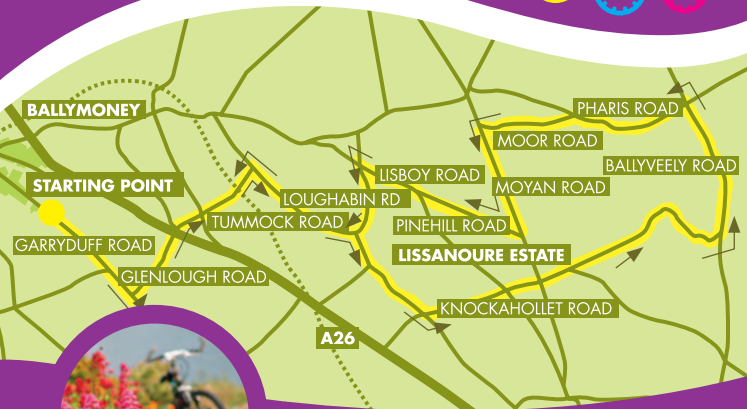
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THE CASTLE



Cycle BALLYMONEY

Starting Point: Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre

Approx. Distance: 19.5 miles

Directions: Turn right onto Garryduff Road, then left onto Glenlough Road. Go straight over the A26 - be extra careful. Go straight over the next crossroads, still continuing on the Glenlough Road and crossing the railway line. At the T-junction turn right onto Tummock Road. At the end of the road, turn right onto Loughabin Road. At the crossroads turn left onto Knockahollet Road. Continue to the crossroads and go straight over - take extra care. Continue to follow Knockahollet Road as it skirts Lissanoure Estate. Turn left onto Ballyveely Road. Continue to the crossroads where you turn left onto Pharis Road. At the crossroads go straight over - take extra care. Turn left onto Moor Road. At the crossroads go straight over, still on the Moor Road. Take care descending towards First Kilraughts Reformed Presbyterian Church. At T-junction turn left onto Moyan Road. Continue and turn right into Pinehill Road. At the T-junction turn right onto Lisboy Road. At the crossroads turn left onto Loughabin Road. Turn right onto Tummock Road. Turn left onto Glenlough Road, recrossing the railway line. Go straight over the crossroads and with extreme care go straight over the next crossroads with the A26, still on the Glenlough Road. Turn right onto Garryduff Road and back to Joey Dunlop Centre.



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along your way include: On the right, after you pass Knockahollet School, are the remains of a Norman motte & bailey fort. A Bronze Age burial was also found on this site.

Lissanoure Castle was the estate of the Macartney family. George Macartney (1737-1806) was the first British ambassador to China.

The hill at First Kilraughts Presbyterian Church was the gathering place for an army of 5,000 United Irishmen in June 1798.

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THE CRAIGS



Cycle **BALLYMONEY**

Starting Point: Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre

Approx. Distance: 21 miles

Directions: Turn right onto Garryduff Road, then right onto Lislagan Road, and turn left at the crossroads onto Bravallen Road. At the crossroads go straight over. At the T-junction turn right onto Tullaghans Road, then turn left onto Mullan Road. Pass Craigs Dolmen on the right and then Craigs Wood. Turn left onto Glenbuck Road and descend down to crossroads at Bridge Pub. Turn left onto Bridge Road and continue into Dunloy Village. Turn left onto Tullaghans Road and continue uphill until you turn right into Bravallen Road. Go straight over at the crossroads and continue descending to the next crossroads where you turn right onto Lislagan Road. At the T-junction turn left and continue to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.



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THE CRAIGS



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A well-preserved Stone Age grave can also be visited at Dooley's Cairn, near Dunloy.

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THE FISHERIES



Cycle **BALLYMONEY**

Starting Point: Drumaheglis Marina

Approx. Distance: 15 miles

Directions: Turn right onto Glenstall Road and continue to end of road. Turn left onto Bann Road and immediately right onto Vow Road. After passing the Anglers Rest pub/restaurant, the Movanager Fish Farm is a few hundred yards further on the right hand side. Continue on Vow Road and then turn left onto Bendooragh Road. Continue along this road to Bendooragh Village. Go straight over the crossroads onto Drumahiskey Road and into Balnamore Village, and continue on. Turn right into Glenstall Road and continue on to the entrance of Drumaheglis Marina.



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Historic points of interest to look out for along your way include: Visible from the road at Glenstall is an earthen mound. It is the remains of an early fort surrounded by a labyrinth of defensive ditches.

At Movanager, in 1615, the London Mercers' company managed the ford, fishery and surrounding farmland and built a fortified bawn.

No ruins exist of the ancient church at the beautiful Vow Graveyard, although burials have continued here to this day.

The linen mill at Balnamore was one of the largest outside Belfast. It closed in 1959.

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THE MILL



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Starting Point: Drumahisley Marina

Approx. Distance: 4.5 miles

Directions: Turn left onto Glenstall Road, at T-junction turn right over railway and continue through MacFin Village. Take a right turn at crossroads into Taughey Road (or continue straight ahead for 3/4 mile to visit Leslie Hill Open Farm, which is on the right hand side). Following the Taughey Road, continue to the next T-junction making a right turn onto Balnamore Road. Continue through Balnamore Village to the next T-junction, looking out for the chimney at Balnamore Mill. Turn right into Glenstall Road and continue on to entrance of marina.



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THE MILL



Historic points of interest to look out for along your way include: Archaeologists have found evidence that Mesolithic people built settlements along the banks of the River Bann at Drumaheglis. They have also discovered traces of Mediaeval buildings.

During the 1830s, Drumaheglis distillery produced 50,000 - 60,000 gallons of whiskey every year.

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