Causeway Coast

Coastal Heritage

Further Information

Towards the sea, looking over White Rocks & Portrush

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Behind the Causeway

In Northern Ireland the Causeway Coast AONB is one of eight scenic areas designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Glen area is fortunate to include these AONBs nearby. The Antrim Coastal Area, the Causeway Coast and Glen area is one of the Antrim Coastal--Causeway Coast and Glen area is separate from the Glen area. AONB designation recognises each of these landscapes in having national importance and aims to protect and enhance their landscape quality both for the benefit of those who live there and for those who visit to enjoy them.

Causeway Coast AONB

Erected 1988 for the benefit of those who live there and for those who visit to enjoy them.

Causeway Coast AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) is an attempt to preserve a magnificent natural asset which has a unique geological history.

The Causeway Coast is an exciting, unique and special area of the north. It is a scenic landscape of outstanding beauty, characterised by a series of cliffs and headlands, small bays and sandy beaches. The area is known for its striking natural beauty, including the Giant’s Causeway, Portrush, Bushmills and Dunluce Castle. The Causeway Coast AONB encompasses a wide range of habitats, from coastal salt marshes and sand dunes to upland heaths and valleys.

The area includes the Giant’s Causeway, one of the most spectacular landscapes in Europe, and other important coastal sites such as Bushmills, Dunluce Castle and Portrush. The AONB also includes significant inland areas, including the Sperrin Mountains and the Sperrin Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Further east Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northern Ireland. The bridge is situated on the Causeway Coast and is the only one of its kind in the world. It is a popular destination for those who enjoy hiking and exploring the natural beauty of the area.

The Causeway Coast AONB is a unique and special area of natural beauty, characterized by its striking coastal scenery and significant geological and historical features.

The area is rich in cultural heritage, with numerous important sites such as Dunluce Castle and the Giant’s Causeway. These sites are protected under the AONB scheme and are managed by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

Bushmills village is the main settlement within the AONB, and is home to the world-famous Bushmills Distillery, which has been in operation since 1608.

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The Causeway Coast AONB is situated on Northern Ireland’s north coast and Belfast International, George Best Belfast City and City of Derry airports are all within one hour’s drive. Ferry access is available to Larne and Belfast from Scotland and again the Causeway Coast AONB is within one hour’s drive. Ferry access is also available from Greencastle, Co. Donegal to Magilligan which is less than half an hour’s drive from the Causeway Coast AONB.

Portrush and Coleraine are both part of the Northern Ireland rail network. By road it is recommended that visitors approach the AONB from either the east or west using the scenic A2 Causeway Coastal Route. Within the AONB Translink offer the excellent ‘Causeway Rambler’ service and in summer there is a regular service between Larne and Portrush which follows the Causeway Coastal Route.

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Special Area of Conservation
SAC
Special Protection Area
SPA
National Nature Reserve
NNR
Area of Special Scientific Interest
ASSI
Sustrans National Cycle Network

**Outdoor ethics: Leave no trace**

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Be Considerate of Others
3. Respect Farm Animals and Wildlife
4. Travel and Camp on Durable Ground
5. Leave What You Find
6. Dispose of Waste Properly
7. Minimise the Effects of Fire

Practising a Leave No Trace ethic is very simple: make it hard for others to see or hear you and LEAVE NO TRACE of your visit.

Remember we all have a part to play, whether walking your dog, fishing, hiking, biking or visiting your local park – please Leave No Trace and be an advocate for the message.

“...the person who goes with reverent feet through the hills and valleys, accompanied by neither noise nor dust to scare away wild creatures, stopping often, watching closely, listening carefully. Only thus can they, at length, feel at one with what is, after all, their natural environment.” (Praeger 1937).

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