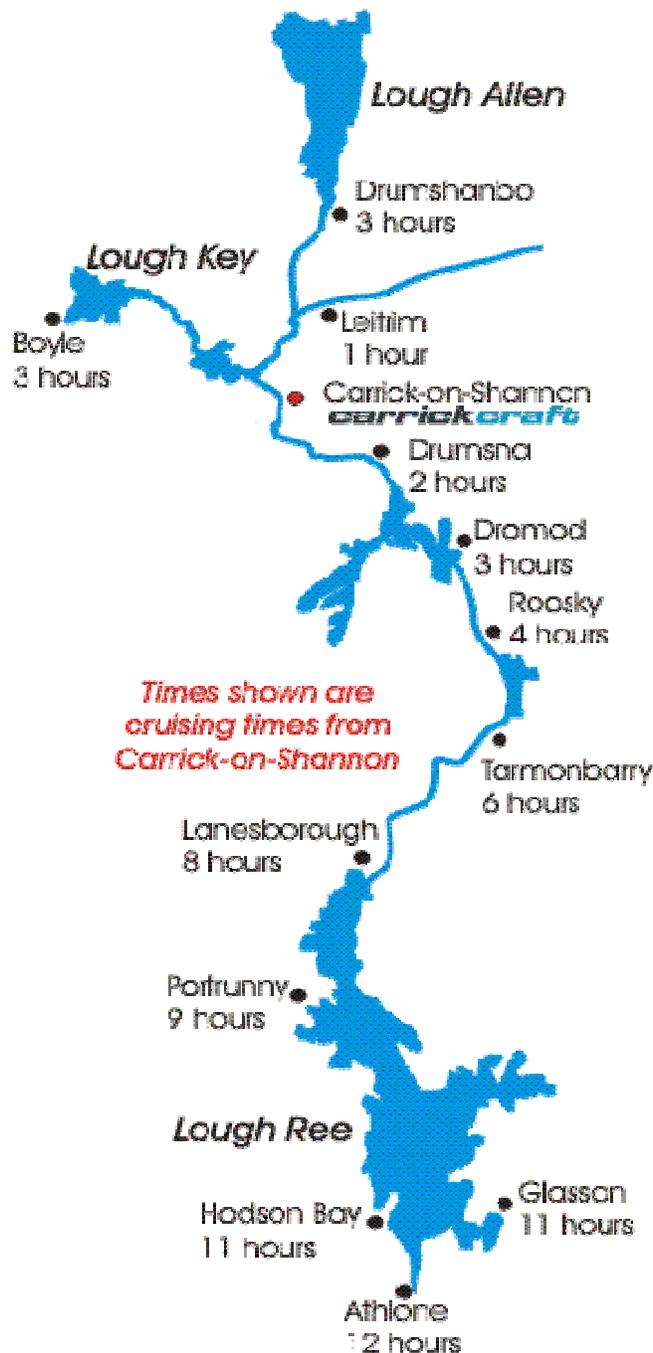


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# Upper Shannon Route Planner

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Our Carrick-on-Shannon marina station bustles with cruisers and cosmopolitan crews busily preparing to cast off for their waterway adventures. The small pretty town is Ireland's cruising centre, offering a rich choice of provisions as well as a wide selection of pubs and restaurants.



From here, a northerly heading takes you along the narrow, tree-lined Boyle River which then leads into Lough Key. This is a magical place with stunning scenery and nestled on its banks is the Forest Park. It's worth spending some time here, following the splendid nature trails and claiming a secluded picnic site. Heading north, you can also access Lough Allen, or head towards the Shannon/Erne waterway, leading to Lough Erne.

On a southerly heading, the Shannon slowly widens, flowing gently by a cluster of small towns and villages and all well worth a visit. As you slowly cruise downstream, the river leads through a ribbon of Loughs that stretch for miles until you reach Lough Ree, a vast, inland sea that boasts inspiring scenery and diverse wildlife. If you fancy some fish for supper, cast your line over the side - the fishing on Lough Ree will rarely disappoint. Hodson Bay is an excellent stop-off point on the southern shore or make your way along to Athlone, a town with a long history and a choice of extremely good golf courses.

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# Leitrim

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This little village is the gateway to the Shannon. The village pulled itself from near ruin in the 1600's when Donal O' Sullivan ended his long march from Kerry at Leitrim Castle, the ruins of which you can still see close to the marina. Leitrim is now a thriving little town with many mooring facilities and is a popular stop off as the entrance to the Shannon Erne Waterway. There is a post office and shop if you need to top up supplies.

## *Leisure Activities*

### **Leitrim Indoor Shooting and Archery**

Tel +353 (0)86 8288747 [www.leitrimindoorshooting.com](http://www.leitrimindoorshooting.com)

Test your aim with airsoft handguns, sniper rifles, machine guns and archery with traditional arrows.

## *Eating/Drinking*

There are a number of lively pubs in the village offering live entertainment and many have good traditional pub food.

### **Leitrim Marina Hotel**

Tel +353 (0)71 962 3644 [www.leitrimmarinahotel.com](http://www.leitrimmarinahotel.com)

The hotel has a stunning location on the water's edge with its own marina, to the south of Leitrim village. Waves Restaurant is stylish and modern and there is live music in the bar on Saturdays during the summer months.

### **Leitrim Lodge**

Tel +353 (0)71 962 0460

A traditional pub with a reputation for homely food.

### **The Barge Steakhouse**

Tel +353 (0)71 962 0807

A bar and restaurant full of character with an open fire for chilly days, or an outdoor seating area for sunny days!

### **Sichuan Restaurant**

Chinese restaurant offering a very good value early bird menu of 2 courses for €12.

### **Carthy's Bar**

Tel +353 (0)71 962 1291

Traditional Irish pub with sports on the big screen, pool and darts available and a beer garden.

### **Donnellan's Bar**

Tel +353 (0)71 962 0828

Traditional music first Sunday in the month 5.30-10.30pm



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# Battlebridge

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The first stop along the Lough Allen Canal is at Battlebridge, a small holiday village with a lovely family restaurant and bar. They have all the facilities of a camping and caravan site, as well as a children's playground and games room. There is a small charge to moor here, but this will give you access to all the facilities.

**Beirne's of Battlebridge.** Tel +353 (0) 7196 50824 [www.battlebridgecaravanandcamping.ie](http://www.battlebridgecaravanandcamping.ie)

The onsite bar and restaurant serves traditional bar food in a cosy family atmosphere, with traditional Irish music most Fridays.

### **Battlebridge Paintball**

Tel +353 (0)86 166 4959 [www.battlebridgepaintball.ie](http://www.battlebridgepaintball.ie)

For the ultimate outdoor adventure, paintballing is a great activity for larger groups. Participants must be 12 years or over. Zorbing also available.

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# Drumshanbo, Lough Allen

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The beautiful setting of Lough Allen has Sliabh an Iarainn, the Iron Mountain, to the East and the Arigna Mountains to the west. The Lough Allen Canal was constructed in 1820 to enable coal mined in the Arigna area to be brought down the Shannon to the Royal Canal. The main area of interest on the canal is at Drumshanbo. The first mooring at Acres Lake is about 5 minutes walk to the village of Drumshanbo. The alternative mooring at the lock is about 15 minutes walk to the village. **Acres Lake** has family amenities including outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, children's playground and a pool table. The pretty village of Drumshanbo is surrounded by scenic woodland and there are a number of pleasant walks around the hills in the area. There are a number of grocery shops, a pharmacy, a post office, a laundrette and a number of pubs that serve good food and often have entertainment at weekends. There is a very good Gala Supermarket with an in-store restaurant and bakery and they will also look after your bait and fishing needs.

## Visitor Attractions

### Sliabh An Iarainn Visitor Centre

Tel +353 (0)71 964 1522

Tells the history of the area in words, pictures and many audio visual displays.

### Arigna Mining Experience

Tel +353 (0)71 964 6466 [www.arignaminingexperience.ie](http://www.arignaminingexperience.ie)

Step back in time and experience life underground in one of the last mines in the area. There is also an exhibition centre, souvenir shop and a coffee shop. The centre is about a 10 minute drive from Drumshanbo. Open every day 10am to 6pm.

### Lough Allen Adventure Centre

Tel +353 (0)7196 43292 [www.loughallenadventure.com](http://www.loughallenadventure.com)

Get your adrenaline pumping with a wide range of activities to suit all ages, both on land and water.

## Walking

A series of way marked hill walks have been developed in the nearby Sliabh An Iarainn Mountain, varying in length from 30 minutes to 3 hours. They are marked on a map board at Aghacashel Post Office and further details can be obtained in the shop. It is about 10 minutes taxi drive from Drumshanbo.



The Leitrim Way is a long distance waymarked way starting in Drumshanbo and initially following the Eastern shore of Lough Allen. Although the entire walk is 50km, the first few kilometres provide panoramic views of Lough Allen.

## Eating/Drinking

There are a number of pubs in the town and many also serve bar food. There is often entertainment in the evenings, just ask for details.

### Lough Allen Hotel and Spa

Tel +353 (0)71 964 0100

For a touch of luxury, visit the 4 star hotel on the shores of Lough Allen, with restaurant and bar facilities, leisure centre and spa.

**Mi Casa Restaurant** Tel +353 (0) 71 964 0476

Great home cooked food in a lovely homely atmosphere

**Berry's Tavern** Tel +353 (0)7196 41070

A family run pub where you will find a warm welcome, good food and regular live music nights.

**The Millrace** Tel +353 (0)86 3517726

Traditional Irish Bar on the main street in Drumshanbo with Irish music, generally on Tuesdays.

**Sweet Geranium Café** Tel +353 (0)7196 40781

A lovely little café, serving breakfast and lunch, with homemade breads and pastries and fresh local produce.

**Marius Takeaway** Tel +353 (0)7196 40723

Great Italian take-away open every evening 5 to 12pm.

## Horse Riding

### Moorlands Equestrian Centre

Tel +353 (0)71 964 1500 [www.moorlands.ie](http://www.moorlands.ie)

Top quality facilities in a beautiful setting on the shores of Lough Allen.

## Taxi

### McCormicks

Tel +353 (0)7196 41040 / 8680 44309

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## Cootehall

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A picturesque little village with 2 pubs within walking distance.

### **M J Henry's Pub and Shop**

Tel +353 (0)71 966 7030

When you step into Henry's, you could be stepping back in time. An unspoilt old pub and shop, about 10 minutes walk from the jetty. There is a big screen for live sports and a lovely beer garden for sunny days. They also have live music regularly.

### **The Watersplash Pub**

Tel +353 (0)71 966 7003

Also known as O'Regans, a friendly pub with a beer garden and entertainment at weekends. There is also a grocery store.



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## Knockvicar

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Clarendon Lock at Knockvicar is the only lock on the Boyle River and is arguably one of the prettiest locks on the entire Shannon and Erne system. Tara Marina Restaurant is at the first mooring you come to, on the way into Lough Key. The second mooring is just before the bridge and is closer for Beirne's Shop

**Tara Marina Restaurant** Tel +353 (0)71 966 7711 [www.tamarinarestaurant.ie](http://www.tamarinarestaurant.ie)

Located at the first mooring you come to, before the bridge. A very good family restaurant, with beer garden and children's play area. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Beirne's Shop and Post Office** Tel +353 (0) 71 966 7006

Located just a few yards from the bridge, you can stock up on groceries here. There is also an ATM in the shop.

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## Lough Key

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### **Lough Key Forest and Activity Park**

Tel +353 (0)71 967 3122 [www.loughkey.ie](http://www.loughkey.ie)



There are a number of moorings in this location with access to the excellent family attractions and Forest Park facilities. There is an information centre directing visitors to nature walks and a new visitor centre with many activities for all the family. While here, the children will be entertained for hours at the children's play area and the Boda Borg Challenge will entertain adults and children alike, with the mental and physical challenges provided with no instructions! Other attractions include the Looking Tower and views from the top are spectacular - you can also wander around the old church ruins or take a walk along Ireland's only Tree Canopy Trail. One of the latest additions is Zipit Forest Adventures [www.zipit.ie](http://www.zipit.ie) with circuits for adults and children.

Many of the islands of Lough Key have the remains of early Christian monasteries or churches and Castle Island and Trinity Island are worth investigating but you can only access the islands by dinghy, as the water is too shallow for cruisers.

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# Boyle

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Boyle is a large, modern town with a rich history, much of it centred on the King family, one of the wealthiest families in 17<sup>th</sup> century Ireland. The town has gained fame in recent years due to the success of the Sky TV comedy series "Moone Boy", set in the town and recalling tales of a 1980's childhood. There are a number of walking trails around the town, including the Historic Town Trail, Drumman's Island trail and Moone Boy trail. Boyle has all the facilities you would expect including many shops, supermarkets, restaurants, pharmacies, a post office and ATM machines. Many of the grocery shops in the town will deliver to your boat.

## Visitor Attractions

### King House Tourist Information and Heritage

**Centre** Tel +353 (0)71 966 3242 [www.kinghouse.ie](http://www.kinghouse.ie)

King House was once home of the "Kings of Connacht", who later moved to the Rockingham Estate, now Lough Key Forest Park. The house now features an exhibition on the King Family and the courtyard houses **Una Bhan Tourism and traditional Craft Shop**. There is also **Aunty Bee's Tea Room** for refreshments and a farmers market in the courtyard every Saturday 10am to 2pm.

**Boyle Abbey** Tel +353 (0)90 66 26240

The town of Boyle is home to Boyle Abbey, which contains the best-preserved Cistercian Abbey remains in Ireland and dates back to 1161.

Open daily until mid-September 10am to 6pm.



### Boyle Pleasure Grounds

A lovely town park, just behind King House, with a very good children's play area. Perfect for a picnic lunch.

## Guided Fishing Services

**Angling Services Ireland**, 4 Tobar Padraic, Termon Road Tel: +353 (0)86 6011878

## Golf

### Boyle Golf Club

Tel +353 (0)71 966 2594 [www.boylegolfclub.com](http://www.boylegolfclub.com)

This friendly 9 hole parkland course is set on a low hill, just a short taxi journey from Boyle.

## Taxi

**Kevin May** Tel +353 (0)86 6084445

**Seamus Furey** Tel +353 (0)8626 00025  
(6 and 14 seaters available)

**John Greenan** Tel +353 (0)8617 68681

## Eating/Drinking

There are a number of options for eating out in Boyle, with a choice of Chinese, Indian and traditional Irish food. There is also a very good selection of takeaways.

### Bruno's Italian Restaurant

Tel +353 (0)71 966 7788

Contemporary Italian cuisine in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

### Clarke's Restaurant and Bar

Tel +353 (0)71 966 2064

Quality home-made Irish food and friendly welcome. Located in St. Patrick Street, open all day.

**An Craoibhin** Tel +353 (0) 87 953 2131

Reasonably priced home cooked meals.

Dinner served 5-8pm

### The Stone House Café

Serves soups, sandwiches and cakes in a beautiful riverside location.

### Tai Chi Court Chinese Restaurant

Tel +353 (0)71 9663123

Very good Chinese Restaurant and take-away, located beside the Boyle River.

**Drumanilra Farm Kitchen** [www.drumanilra.ie](http://www.drumanilra.ie)

Award winning takeaway style food. All the meat, including the award winning Dexter burgers is reared on their own organic farm. They also grow a lot of the salads and vegetables. There is a lovely outside seating area with toys and games for the kids.

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# Carrick-on-Shannon

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There is a lot happening in this thriving town, the centre of boating holidays on the Upper Shannon. There are new and old parts to the town with much history dating back to the late 1600's. In the centre of town is the Town Clock, which stands in memory of the first chairman of Leitrim County Council. The narrow streets of Carrick are full of shops selling gifts, groceries and general goods and the Market Yard is well worth a visit, with a Farmer's Market on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. Many of the grocery shops in town will deliver to your boat. Carrick has a Tourist Information Centre and many leisure facilities. For further details on things to do, see [www.mycarrick.ie](http://www.mycarrick.ie)



## Visitor Attractions

### Costello Memorial Chapel

This tiny chapel, built in 1877 by a wealthy merchant for his wife, is said to be the second smallest chapel in the world, and certainly the smallest in Ireland.

### Leisure Facilities

**Carrick Cineplex** Tel +353 (0)71 967 2000

Luxury 4 screen cinema with Café and Wine Bar.

### Mulvey's Kidz Kingdom and Bowling

Tel +353 (0)71 962 1605

State of the art entertainment facility with something for the whole family. Soft play area for the kids, ten-pin bowling, F1 karting, pool table area and coffee shop for Mum and Dad!

**Aura Leisure Centre** Tel +353 (0)71 967 1771

25m swimming pool, kids pool, jacuzzi, steam room, gym and children's playground

**The Dock** Tel +353 (0)71 965 0828

A multi-purpose arts centre with an extensive performing and visual arts programme. For details of performances, see [www.thedock.ie](http://www.thedock.ie)

## Golf

### Carrick-on-Shannon Golf Club

Tel +353 (0)71 966 7015 [www.carrickgolfclub.ie](http://www.carrickgolfclub.ie)

The last 9 holes have been a recent welcome addition to this stunning parkland course on the banks of the Boyle River and Drumharlow Lake.

## Taxi

### Michael Glancy

Tel +353 (0)86 859 7093

### Carraig Cabs

Tel +353 (0)8725 70498 / 879641001

### Colm Spellman (16 Seater)

Tel +353 (0)8682 32424

### Carl Bonnici (24hr Taxi Service)

Tel +353 (0)8607 72020

## Hotels

### The Landmark Hotel

Tel +353 (0)71 962 2222 [www.thelandmarkhotel.com](http://www.thelandmarkhotel.com)

A modern 4 star hotel with a very good, stylish restaurant, The Boardwalk Café.

**The Bush Hotel** Tel +353 (0)71 962 0014

[www.bushhotel.com](http://www.bushhotel.com)

A friendly 3 star hotel on the Main Street with a popular restaurant serving traditional Irish food.

### Cryan's Hotel

Tel +353 (0)71 967 2066 [www.cryanshotel.ie](http://www.cryanshotel.ie)

A small hotel in the town centre with excellent bar and restaurant facilities. There is often live music in the evenings in the "Old Bar" across the courtyard from the hotel. Traditional Irish music on Thursday, Saturday and Sundays.

## Restaurants and Pubs

### The Oarsman Restaurant and Bar

Tel +353 (0)71 962 1733

Award winning restaurant that comes highly recommended.

**Vitto's Restaurant** Tel +353 (0)71 962 7000

Located close to the marina, a casual restaurant specialising in pasta and pizza. Voted 2010 Best Casual Restaurant in Leitrim.

**Glancy's Pub** Tel +353 (0)71 962 0110

Popular pub serving bar food all day. There is a Beer Garden and often live music at weekends.

**Victoria Hall** Tel +353 (0)71 962 0320

Located in the restored parochial hall, this casual restaurant serves an eclectic mix of Irish and Thai dishes. Take-away also available. Complimentary glass of wine for Carrickcraft customers.

**Shamrat** Tel +353 (0)71 965 0934

Contemporary Indian restaurant. Takeaway also available.

### Anderson's Thatch Pub

One of the oldest bars in Ireland, renowned for its music sessions. Generally on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

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## ***Jamestown***

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A small rural village founded by royal charter of King James I in 1622, this is a lovely place to stop. The 17<sup>th</sup> century fortifications of the village can still be seen, most notably the remnants of the northern gateway pillars. Follow the signs around the town for the historic town trail which also has information panels.

### *Eating/Drinking*

There are 2 pubs in the village, right next door to each other and one very good restaurant.

**Kenoy's Pub** Tel +353 (0)71 962 4079

**The Arch Bar (Mulvey's)** Tel +353 (0)71 962 4742

**The Cottage Restaurant** Tel +353 (0)71 962 5933

A lovely restaurant about 10 minutes' walk from the marina, through the village. They serve excellent European and Asian food and have a very good reputation in the area.

### *Taxi*

**Carl Bonnici (24hr Taxi Service)** Tel +353 (0)8607 72020

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## ***Drumsna***

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The village is very small and picturesque and sits on a hill overlooking the old loop of the Shannon, which is now bypassed by the Jamestown Canal. There are 4 pubs in the village, the most well-known is Duignan's, which also has a grocery shop so you can stock up on provisions.

**Duignan's Pub and Shop** Tel +353 (0)71 962 4703.

This traditional pub has been in the same hands since 1890 and expertly blends the traditional with the contemporary. Food is served all day and you will often find games and quizzes and live music in the evenings.

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## ***Carnadoe Lakes***

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### *Carnadoe Quay*

From Lough Boderg, veering off to the west will see you travel through the Carnadoe waters. This location advertises Irish scenery at its best. Acres of unspoilt land and home to a plethora of wildlife. This area is popular with fishermen.

### *Grange*

If you're looking for a remote location with outstanding views of the lakes, then look no further than Grange Lough. Nothing except peace and quiet.

**The Silver Eel Bar and Restaurant** is in Grange if you fancy some company!

Tel +353 (0)71 963 3299.

### *Kilglass*

Another remote location with outstanding views. Moorings are located at the far end of Kilglass Lough, which offers typical Irish scenery at every turn. The closest town is Strokestown, about 5km from Kilglass, where you can visit Strokestown Park House and famine museum



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## Dromod

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A picturesque little village with a choice of 2 grocery shops, a newsagents, post office and a choice of very good bar/restaurants. A map board can be found at the marina. There are also a number of other businesses in the village including a hairdressing salon, a beauty salon and a fitness centre. All in all, the facilities are very good for such a small village. There is a very interesting Bog Oak water feature in the centre of the village called The Weeping Tree and was crafted from local Bog Oak by a local craftsman. Tennis courts are available beside the harbour.

### *Visitor Attractions*

**Cavan and Leitrim Railway** Tel +353 (0)71 9638599 [www.cavanandleitrim.com](http://www.cavanandleitrim.com)

Experience the age of steam transport with this beautifully restored Narrow Gauge Railway.

### *Eating/Drinking*

**Cox's Steakhouse** Tel +353 (0)71 963 8234

Very popular with locals, Cox's specialise in steaks, but also have a varied menu of other dishes. Just 5 minutes' walk from the harbour. Serving food all day from 8.30am to 9pm

**Harkin's Bistro** Tel +353 (0)71 965 8718

Modern bistro overlooking the harbour. Open Wed-Sun 12 – 9pm

**The Copper Still** Tel +353 (0)71 963 8248

Modern bar and restaurant just outside the village, about 15 minute's walk. They also have a supermarket for stocking up on provisions.

**The Brandywell** Tel +353 (0)71 963 8278

Restaurant and Bar on the Main Street, with daily lunchtime specials.

**KinnEden Organics** [www.kinnedenorganics.com](http://www.kinnedenorganics.com)

Delightful little shop and café selling all sorts of organic products. The café has beautiful homemade cakes and yummy lunch-time treats.

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## Rooskey

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A popular stop off with moorings located at the bridge or alongside the more secluded jetties dotted between the bridge and the lock. It is a small town with a number of shops and pubs.

### *Leisure Activities*

**Shannon River Adventure Centre** Tel: +353 (0) 71 9638 300 [www.shannonriveradventure.com](http://www.shannonriveradventure.com)

Located on the shore of Lough Bofin, close to Rooskey, the Shannon River Adventure Centre offers fun-filled water and land based adventures including archery, climbing wall and mud slide.

### *Eating/Drinking*

The pubs in Rooskey are renowned for providing ceol agus bia (fun music and food). The west bank is in Co. Roscommon, where a good night's craic can be had in **CJ's Bar** or **Cox's Bar**, or on the Co. Leitrim side, try **Reynolds's Bar**.

**The Weir Lodge** Tel +353 (0)71 963 8458

Just beside the bridge on the Co. Leitrim side. Serves casual pub food every day 12 – 9pm and you will often find entertainment at weekends.

### *Horse Riding*

**Hayden's Equestrian Centre** Tel +353 (0)71 963 8049

Interesting treks from here will lead you along quiet country roads and into wild moorlands.

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# Tarmonbarry

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You can moor either between the bridge and the lock, or downstream of the lock which is just a short walk to the small village. There are a number of pubs and a small supermarket at the petrol station heading west out of the village. There is also an ATM machine here. The large town of Longford is about 5 miles east of Tarmonbarry and has all the facilities you would expect of a large town.

## *Eating/Drinking*

### **Keenans**

Tel +353 (0)43 332 6052

Good food in informal, friendly surroundings. Choose from the bar menu or, for a more formal dining experience, the Shannonside Restaurant with views over the river.

### **The Purple Onion**

Tel +353 (0)43 335 9919

An interesting restaurant incorporating an art gallery. Can be very busy in the evenings, so booking is advised.

## *Taxi*

### **Nevin's Taxis**, Longford

Tel +353 (0)4333 46549 or +353 (0)86 2595690



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# Clondra/Richmond Harbour

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Clondra is a small town that typifies the Irish way of life - peaceful, easygoing, with no concept of time. That is until it becomes a hive of activity during the many events and festivals during the summer months. These include a heritage week, outdoor country music festival and a canal boat rally. There is a very good children's playground at the harbour.

## *History and Heritage*

The historic harbour is where the Royal Canal meets the River Shannon. This imposing harbour was once home to a flax mill and the flax was transported along the Royal Canal to Dublin. It was also an embarkation point during the famine times for passengers to begin their long journey to the New World.

Beside the present church in Clondra, is the site of a 12<sup>th</sup> century abbey, which was probably an early monastic settlement. You can also see 2 gravestones dating from the 5<sup>th</sup> century.

## *Eating/Drinking*

### **The Richmond Inn Bar and Restaurant**

Tel +353 (0)43 3326126

A welcoming bar and restaurant overlooking the harbour. The building was a flax mill in the 1800's. Receive a complimentary glass of wine with your main evening meal for all Carrickcraft customers.

### **The Camlin Lounge and Bar**

Tel +353 (0)43 3326039

Located near the harbour, you will find live entertainment most nights.



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## Lanesborough/Ballyleague

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The last mooring before heading into Lough Ree, Lanesborough is a small town on the east side of the River and Ballyleague is to the west, with the river separating the two. Lanesborough is famous for having the first turf-fired electricity generator in Ireland. You will find all amenities here including shops, post office, pharmacy and even a tennis court. There is a very good children's play area, just behind the parish hall.

### *Eating/Drinking*

**PS Red** Tel +353 (0) 4333 27339

Modern restaurant on the Ballyleague side of town.  
Open Wed-Fri 3pm - 9.30pm, Sat-Sun 12.30pm - 9.30pm

**The Sisters Bistro** Tel +353 (0) 4333 27700

A cosy little café on Lanesborough Main Street. Open  
Sun-Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9am-10pm

**Sorohan's Bar and Restaurant (The Life Belt)**

Tel +353 (0) 43 33 21185

On the Ballyleague side of town, traditional bar with pool  
table, live sports and juke box.

**Clarke's Bar and Lounge**

Tel +353 (0)43 33 21036

Traditional Irish pub with live music, pool table, darts,  
large TV showing major sporting events.

Traditional Irish music on Wednesdays.

**Ping's Oriental Takeaway**

Tel +353 (0) 4333 27755

Very good Chinese and Malaysian takeaway on the main  
Street in Lanesborough. Open every day 5pm –  
midnight.

### *Walking*

**The Commons North Woodland Walk** is a very  
attractive and accessible 4.5km circular route, starting  
just behind the Parish Hall in Lanesborough and heading  
south towards Lough Ree. It is signposted with white  
markers, then you have the option of following the inner  
loop (yellow arrows) or the outer loop (brown arrows).

There are also information panels along the way.

### *Golf*

**Longford Golf Club**

Tel +353 (0)43 46310

A 15 minute taxi journey from Lanesborough will take  
you to Longford, a tree-lined parkland course with  
panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

**Roscommon Golf Club**

Tel +353 (0)903 26382

This challenging parkland course has produced 3 full  
internationalists over the last 20 years.

### *Horse Riding*

**Roscommon Equestrian Centre**

Tel +353 (0)86 327 0984

[www.roscommonequestrian.ie](http://www.roscommonequestrian.ie)

Equestrian Centre ideally located on the scenic Lough  
Ree at the foot of the impressive Slieve Bawn Mountain

### *Fishing*

Lanesborough is famous for its "hot water stretch",  
which exists due to the power station in the area. The  
warm waters attract bream, tench and roach in large  
numbers.

**Bridie's Fishing Tackle** Tel +353 (0) 4333 21491

Lanesborough Main Street. Bridie or Paul will be able to  
help with all your fishing needs.

### *Taxi*

**Nevins Taxis** (Paul)

Tel +353 (0)4333 46549 or +353 (0) 86 2595690

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## Lough Ree

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Lough Ree is one of the largest lakes on the Shannon/Erne system. There are many islands of historical interest on the lough, most of which can only be accessed by dinghy. On Inchmore Island, you can see the remains of a ring fort and Hare Island is where St. Ciaran is said to have lived in a monastic settlement, before founding Clonmacnois. Other islands of interest are Saint Island, Inchbofin and Inchcleraun (Quaker Island).

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## Port Runny

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A quiet location in the North West corner of Lough Ree with very good service block and children's play area. There are no shops or restaurants near the marina. A pleasant walk from here takes you along the south shore of Cruit Bay to Cruit Point.

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## LeCarrow

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The Lecarrow canal was constructed in the 1840s to transport stone from the local quarry to the navigation works at Athlone. A short journey up the canal will take you to the peaceful little village of Lecarrow where you will find a very good restaurant and 2 pubs, one with a shop. Fishing in the canal will reward you with plenty of trout.

### *Walking*

There are 2 looped walks about 3 km from the village of Lecarrow. The Rinn Duin Loop is a 3 km walking trail marked by a green arrow and takes you around Rinn Duin Castle. The Warren Point Loop is 4.5 km and marked by a blue arrow. It also goes around St. John's Wood, one of the oldest oak tree woods in Europe. From the harbour, take the road away from the village and walk for 3km to find the start of the walks.

### *Eating/Drinking*

**The Yew Tree Restaurant** Tel +353 (0)90 666 1255

[www.theyewtreeroscommon.ie](http://www.theyewtreeroscommon.ie)

Housed in a lovingly restored old farmhouse, this restaurant offers traditional Irish cuisine with a modern twist. Open Wed-Sun 12.30 – 9pm.

**Coffey's Pub**

Tel +353 (0)90 666 1118

You'll often find traditional Irish music and you may even be asked to sing! There is also a grocery shop attached to the pub.



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## Hodson Bay

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Within walking distance of the marina at Hodson Bay, you will find **Hodson Bay Hotel**, which has a number of dining options as well as a swimming pool and fitness centre. Tel +353 (0)90 64 42000 [www.hodsonbayhotel.com](http://www.hodsonbayhotel.com)

### *Golf*

**Athlone Golf Club**

Tel +353 (0) 9064 92073 [www.athlonegolfclub.ie](http://www.athlonegolfclub.ie)

Just yards from the mooring at Hodson Bay, Athlone is a mature parkland course of exceptional quality and beauty, which has played host to numerous Golfing Championships.

### *Leisure Activities*

**Bay Sports**

Tel +353 (0)9064 94801

[www.baysports.ie](http://www.baysports.ie)

An inflatable floating adventure park awaits you with slides, rafts, climbing frame and hamster wheels. One of a kind in Ireland.

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## Glasson

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The three interconnecting lakes of Killinure, Ballykeeran and Coosan are known as the Inner Lakes and are a fisherman's paradise. The marshes and reedbeds in this area provide a habitat for a number of interesting plants and flowers, in particular many species of orchid. The village of Glasson, known as the "Village of the Roses" is in Goldsmith Country, the area where the famous Irish writer Oliver Goldsmith lived. The village is about a 30 minute walk from either the Wineport Lodge or Glasson Golf Club and it has a shop for stocking up on groceries and a pharmacy. There is a number of very high quality restaurants for such a small village. It is also home to Glasson Craft Gallery, which houses a mix of genuine Irish homemade craft and original art.

### *Eating/Drinking*

**Glasson Hotel and Golf Course** Tel +353 (0)90 64 85120

4 star hotel and golf resort. Superb food served all day. Mooring available at the hotel.

**Wineport Lodge** Tel +353 (0)90 64 39010

Excellent restaurant located outside the village of Glasson in Killinure Lough with its own private jetty for customers. Reservations are essential.

**Glasson Village Restaurant** Tel +353 (0)90 64 85001

Very good quality restaurant, specialising in seafood.

**Grogan's of Glasson** Tel +353 (0)90 64 58158

Lovely olde worlde pub and restaurant with lots of character and friendly atmosphere. Traditional Irish music on Friday nights.

**The Villager** Tel +353 (0)90 64 85208

Recently opened restaurant and bar offering informal dining in a friendly atmosphere. They also serve wonderful, stone-baked take-away pizzas.

### *Golf*

**Glasson Hotel and Golf Course**

Tel +353 (0)90 64 85120 [www.glassongolf.ie](http://www.glassongolf.ie)

Renowned as one of the most breathtaking courses in Ireland, Glasson is a Championship parkland course, surrounded on 3 sides by Lough Ree. It is easily accessed by mooring up just at the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. Superb food served all day in the restaurant.



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## Quigley's Marina

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Home of Locaboat, with all facilities available. **Killinure Chalets** (The Irish German Fishing Club) is about a 10 minute walk from the mooring and famous for the great steaks! Tel +353 (0)90 64 85155. Open 6-10pm, closed Tues.

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## Coosan Point

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This is a lovely quiet spot to spend a few hours. There is a very good children's playground and a small beach and bathing area. The **Lough Ree Inn** is close by where food is served all day. Tel +353 (0)90 643 3481