

Mykidstime Family Guide to Cavan



Welcome to the Mykidstime Guide to Cavan. We have put together some suggestions to make your family's visit to Cavan as enjoyable as possible. As parents ourselves, we are delighted to share with you some of the family friendly spots round Cavan!

The Mykidstime Team

Top Ten Things to do in Cavan

1. **Bear Essentials** handmade teddy bear gift shop, where you can adopt an original handmade mohair bear, or take part in a workshop and make your own!! Then explore the Garden, greenhouses and playground too!
2. Did you know that Cavan has **365 Lakes** 1 for each day of the year! So fishing is readily available no matter what part of the county you are visiting
3. **The Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark** which is host to one of Europe's finest showcaves allowing visitors to explore a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers.
4. Take a picnic to **Dun a Ri Forest Park**. Relax on the grass overlooking the river, or enjoy a walk on many of the trails through the park and over bridges, there's a wishing well to throw coins into as well.
5. **Dernakesh Pet Farm**, a family run visitor centre featuring animals from the four corners of the globe, including Llamas, Ponies, Raccoons, Cows, Sheep & even a Camel!



6. **ODD – Out Doors & Dirty** Need we say more! The No.1 outdoor action attraction featuring Laser Combat/Paintball, Rage Buggies, Hovercrafting, & Clay Pigeon Shooting
7. Bowling anyone? **Astra Bowl** is a great day or night out with 6 full length bowling alleys, pool tables, video amusements & jukebox.
8. **County Cavan Museum** houses artefacts dating back to the Stone Age and also has a playground, coffee & craft shops on site.
9. Spend the afternoon taking in a movie at **Storm Cinema** in Cavan Town with Lightning Bug Kids Club.
10. **The Cavan & Leitrim Steam Train Museum**, take a ride on a steam train, or a tour of the engine sheds

Indoor Things to Do in Cavan



- Libraries throughout Cavan have wonderful children's book sections with toys and seats **(FREE)**
- Soft play areas including Kool Kidz and Livewirez in Cavan town and Little Monkeys in Virginia
- Go Bowling at Astra Bowl in Cavan town
- Spend the afternoon at Cavan County Museum which houses a medieval dug out boat and sheela-na-gigs, galleries on folk life in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, the great famine, Percy French & the GAA. Ample parking, coffee shop and playground. **(FREE)**
- Take in a matinee at Storm Cinema

Outdoor Things To Do

- Playgrounds – see our favourites list below **(FREE)**
- Dun a Ri Forest Park and Tullydermot Falls are good spots for a walk and a picnic **(FREE)**
- Spot a Llama or a Camel at the Dernakesh Pet Farm
- Belturbet Town Trail is a 1 hr town walk guiding you around the town of Belturbet and its many interesting historical sites. **(FREE)**

Where to Stay



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Hotel Kilmore

Dublin Road

Cavan

Tel: (049) 433 2288

Email: info@hotelkilmore.ie

Web: www.hotelkilmore.ie

Hotel Kilmore is the perfect blend between Old World Charm and New World Elegance. Our heavenly beds will have you drifting into a blissful slumber in the Hotel Kilmore. With a range of Double, twin, triple and family rooms available. Annalee Restaurant and Killykeen Bar.

Holiday Cottages at Cabra Castle

Cabra

Co. Cavan

Tel: (042) 966 7030

Email: sales@cabracastle.com

Web: www.cabracastle.com

4 and 5 bedroom cottages, some with self-catering and all with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Situated beside Cabra Castle's 9 hole Golf course and Tennis Court making them ideal for that relaxing Family getaway break, available to rent by the night or the week.

Slieve Russell Hotel

Ballyconnell

Co Cavan

Tel: (049) 952 6444

Email: slieve-reservations@quinn-hotels.com

Web: www.slieverussell.ie

Set in 300 acres, including 50 acres of lakes, the Slieve Russell Hotel Golf & Country Club with 222 rooms has spa, pool, games room, soft play area and complimentary Kids Club

Where to Eat



- The Side Door Restaurant, Cootehill Road, Cavan, Tel: (049) 4331819
A younger sister restaurant to two successful and admirably consistent restaurants in Navan (The Loft) and Kells (The Ground Floor), The Side Door is based on the same principles of accessibility (good quality international food at a fair price), funky surroundings that make for an informal atmosphere that appeals equally to different age groups.
- Brewery Bar at Errigal Country House Hotel, Cootehill, Tel: (049) 555 6901
Family friendly bar food serving lunch and dinner

Playgrounds



- Cavan Town Playground (Con Smith Park). An excellent modern playground, with swings, slides, bridges and benches for us too! Parking is available on the road. There's something for everyone. There's also an adult fitness park next door, so you can burn off some energy too!
- Cavan County Museum Playground. Another excellent playground, you can soak up the history of the county in the museum and then enjoy the park and cafe. Toilets, Benches and parking all close by.
- Virginia, very well equipped, new playground situated on Ramor Utd grounds along the Dublin Road. Parking & benches
- Bailieborough, well equipped Playground close to town

Visit www.mykidstime.ie for lots more suggestions for things to do while you are in Cavan

Shopping



- Crannog Bookshop, Newcourt Shopping Centre, Church St, Cavan has a good selection for all ages
- Kazoo Kids Clothing & Nursery Goods, Market Street, Cavan - Clothing for new born to 14 years. Selection of buggies, car seats, high chairs, bouncers, cots etc. Gift Vouchers & Hampers also available
- O'Connors World of Wonder 3 Cavan Retail Park Dublin Road – toys and games
- The Gift Box, Church Street, Cavan has a selection of lovely gifts