

Mykidstime Family Guide to Longford



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

The Mykidstime Team

Top Ten Things to do in Longford



1. Take a trip to Corlea Bog Visitor Centre, see the 2,000 year old trackway and enjoy the unique plant life in the bog habitat.
2. Have some time out in Longford Town and have a walk around the Mall, stopping off to use the outdoor exercise machines if you're feeling energetic
3. Ardagh Heritage Village is a picture postcard perfect place to visit. The Heritage Centre is open daily.
4. If the rain is putting a dampener on things, try the bowling, amusement or kids play area at Longford Megabowl.
5. Dip your toe in Longford's cultural scene at Backstage Theatre & Centre for the Arts, with a varied line up of theatre and music
6. To immerse yourself in 1798 Longford, you have to go to the Ballinamuck Visitor Centre to find out more about the Battle of Ballinamuck.



7. For a really adventurous day out, check out Outdoor Discovery Adventure Centre in Ballymahon for Whitewater Rafting, Zorbing, Kayaking, Archery and Orienteering.
8. The Newtowncashel area is a great day out, with its award winning village, leisurely walks, and unique protected ecosystem on the shores of Lough Ree.
9. Get into the driver's seat at Midland Karting with its excellent 1.1km track
10. How did they get it up there? That must be what everyone asks when they visit Aughnacliffe dolmen, the impressive Stone Age portal tomb.

Indoor Things to Do in Longford



- The county's main library in Longford and branches in Ballymahon, Granard, Edgeworthstown and Drumlish have plenty of books for readers of all ages, plus fun activities every week in the summer.
- The Cineplex on Bridge St. has the latest movie releases, open daily.
- There is always something to do in Longford Megabowl, including 10 pin bowling, pool and video games.
- Kids Soft Play is available at Megabowl, and just up the road in Mad Stones (Athlone Road).

Outdoor Things To Do



- Walking Tour of Longford Town – leaflet available in Tourist Office next to Centra on Market Square
- Following any part of the Royal Canal on its journey through the county to Richmond Harbour in Clondra. Now fully navigable on main line if you want to hire a boat!
- You don't have to go anywhere in particular to take a walk on a quiet back road, but there would be lovely scenery around Aughnacliffe, Ballinamuck and Ardagh.
- The restored forge of General Sean McEoin is worth a stop off on the main Ballinalee to Granard road, about a mile outside the village.

Where to Eat



- Esquire's at N4 Axis Centre. Great coffee, Wifi and very friendly staff.
- Luigi's Main St. Their chips are one of the county's claims to fame. A Must Try!
- Courtyard Café and Bakery, Hibernian Court. Extensive menu and outdoor seating.
- Gallery Café, Hazelwood Shopping Centre. Excellent home baking and great value breakfasts.
- Moma, Lower Main St. Longford. Friendly Italian Restaurant

Where to Stay



Please mention Mykidstime when Booking

Viewmount House

Dublin Road, Longford

Tel: 043 3341919

Email: info@viewmounthouse.com

Web: www.viewmounthouse.com

Elegant Georgian house just outside Longford town, very friendly staff and excellent food. Restaurant popular with locals, beautiful gardens. A warm welcome assured.

Longford Country House

Ennybegs, Co. Longford

Tel: 043 3323320

Email: info@longfordcountryhouse.com

Web: www.longfordcountryhouse.com

Lovely rural B&B, friendly and helpful staff, also holiday cottages available just across the road.

Cooney's Hotel

Main St. Ballymahon.

Tel: 09064 38180

Email: info@cooneyshotel.com

Web: www.cooneyshotel.com

Welcoming town centre hotel, bar food, and comfortable rooms.

Playgrounds



- The Mall Park, Town Centre
- The Green, Edgeworthstown
- Drumlish
- Ballymahon
- Clondra
- Lanesborough

Shopping



- Fuchsia Design on Dublin St. always has a great selection of crafts, some locally made.
- Longford Centre has Tesco, Penneys, pharmacy, and clothes shops.

Other Useful Information

Where can we park?

All Longford town centre parking is paid, there are several car parks to choose from.

Where can we change baby? You can change baby in these places:

- Cool Beans, Dublin St.
- Esquire's N4 Axis Centre
- Courtyard Café, Hibernian Court, Town Centre.
- Longford Arms Hotel, Main St.

Where are public toilets located?

You'll find public toilets on the Market Square just behind Centra.