



> Annestown



Gardens and Open Farms

The Bog of Fenor is a natural storehouse of fenland flora and fauna with an information/picnic area and raised boardwalk. All the family will enjoy a visit to Copper Coast Mini Farm also in Fenor (T: 051 396 870). It is great place to introduce children to farm animals and farm life.

Visit Ballymoat Gardens, Dunhill (by appointment only May to September T: 051 396 186) a two-acre rural garden featuring a waterfall and 40 foot pond with over 200 fishes, and many exotic and unusual plants or Littlewood Gardens, Stradbally (by appointment only April – September T: 051 293 122), an old world cottage with its superb display of geranium, pinks, old roses and sweet peas. While in the area visit the beautiful award winning village of Stradbally.

A glimpse of the geology of the Copper Coast may be found in the Geological Garden in Bunmahon. The garden is home to two ogham stones found nearby, aligned to summer solstice sunset and the rocks typical of the area. A great starting point to become familiar with the rocks of the Copper Coast.

> Kilmurrin



> Tankardstown



Mining Heritage

Bunmahon was the centre for Copper Mining in the 19th Century. A visit to Bunmahon Heritage Centre is an excellent introduction to the copper mining. Tankardstown Engine House (near Bunmahon) with its picnic area has spectacular views of the coast and Comeragh Mountains. This is one of the sites visited on the Geopark guided walks and a stop on the Copper Coast Discovery Trail. Reconstruction drawings on site interpret the 19th Century mining history of the area and show how the existing buildings (conserved in 2005) where when in full operation. T: 051 292 828.

For Further Information

For further information on accommodation, where to eat and events visit www.copper-coast.com or our website www.coppercoastgeopark.com

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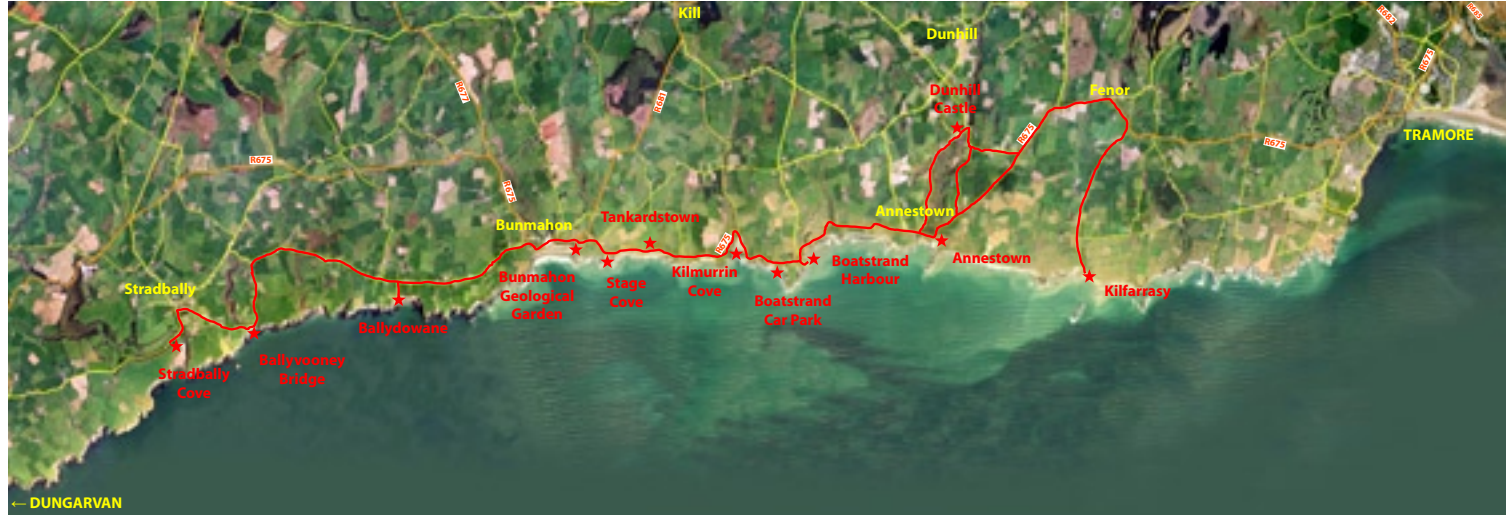
A coastline of scalloped beaches and coves, where you can discover fossils, visit the sites of ancient volcanoes, see the effects of the Ice Age and travel back 460 million years.

Welcome to Waterford's Copper Coast

> The Copper Coast gets its name from the 19th Century copper mines that lie at its heart. It comprises some 25 kilometres of spectacular coastline, beaches and coves buttressed and enclosed by rocky headlands from Tramore to Dungarvan.

The Copper Coast was awarded European Geopark status in 2001 in recognition of its outstanding volcanic geology, as well as the very significant history of mainly 19th Century copper mining. In 2004 it was awarded UNESCO Global Geopark status. The area has a wealth of beautiful yet "undiscovered" secluded coves and beaches, each with a story to tell. It took more than 460 million years to create the Copper Coast so take your time to visit and explore it.

> Location of the Copper Coast Geopark in County Waterford



> The Copper Coast Discovery Trail

> Tour the Copper Coast

Anybody who not only enjoys beautiful scenery but would like to understand something about its origin must visit the Copper Coast. Touring the Copper Coast provides visual and learning experiences. Also scattered around the Copper Coast are dolmens, standing stones, passage-graves, fortifications and castles. There are roads and bohreens to wander, lakes and shores to be fished, caves to be explored, waves to be surfed. Contact the Geopark Office for route maps with details of what to look out for whether you are on foot or bike. Local walks information sheets can be downloaded from our website.

> Copper Coast Geopark

The Copper Coast Geopark is an outdoor museum of geological records. Volcanoes, oceans, deserts and ice sheets all combined to create the rocks which provide the physical foundation of the natural and cultural landscapes of the area. Follow the information boards on the Copper Coast Discovery Trail to get a glimpse of the unique story of the Copper Coast Geopark.

> Guided Walks

Join us on our Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon guided walks throughout July and August, also watch out for our Sunday family events. The guided walks are suitable for all ages and last approximately 1 hour. Our Family events are aimed specifically at children under 12. Many of these events are tide dependent and the starting point changes weekly, check our website or call to confirm details. The Copper Coast pamphlet which includes maps is also available from local Tourist Offices. Further information:

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> Water Activities

There is a choice of eight beautiful beaches, all family friendly, some suitable for surfers and some for divers. Alternatively explore the islands and caves along the coast by kayak; half and full day trips available with Seapaddling.com
T: 051-358995

> Angling

The coastline offers many opportunities for shore fishing for bass, flounder etc. at Kilfarrasy, Bunmahon and Stradbally and rock fishing from Dunabrattin Head and Kilmurrin. Charter boats are available from Dungarvan and Dunmore East. Permits for fishing on Carrickavantry and Ballyscanlon Lakes; Knockaderry and Ballyshunock Reservoirs are available from Centra Supermarket, Kilmeaden on the N25.

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