

DISCOVER CASTLEBLAYNEY AND LOUGH MUCKNO



Castleblayney was originally part of the estate of the Blayney family from whom the town takes its name. There is a well-signed **town heritage trail** throughout the town centre giving further insights into its historical background.

Lough Muckno Leisure Park now comprises the lands of the former estate and is where Lough Muckno, County Monaghan's largest lake, can be found. There are various lakeside and forest walking trails to follow in the park which can be accessed through the Hope Castle gates.

The park is open all year round and is home to **Wilbert's Enchanted Garden Play-Park** and the **Castleblayney Outdoor Adventure Centre** which offers a wide range of water and land-based activities. Lough Muckno is also a well-established **Angling Centre of Excellence** with unrivalled access for anglers.

Often referred to as the 'Nashville of Ireland', Castleblayney has a proud musical history and is the native home of the legendary 'Big Tom' McBride and showband star Paddy Cole among others. Be sure to check out the **Music Wall of Fame** near the Glencarn

Hotel and the **Big Tom Statue** located at the Market House. Additional commemorations to sporting and cultural legends associated with the town include a sculptural piece dedicated to Olympic medallist and athlete **John 'The Runner' McGough** on Laurel Hill and a mural of Gaelic footballer **Eugene 'Nudie' Hughes** on York Street.

Nearby **Concra Wood Golf & Country Club** is a stunning championship standard course, which overlooks Lough Muckno and is a must visit for golfing enthusiasts.

GRS Entertainment offers fun for all the family with bowling, soft-play area for children, and a range of arcade amusements available on-site. For those seeking a culture fix, **Ionias Arts & Community Resource Centre** curates an engaging programme of theatrical and arts entertainment events throughout the year.

Just outside Castleblayney town, **Swallow Studios Textiles Room & Gift Shop**, based in Annyalla, houses the craft textile workshops of Liz Christy and Louise Loughman, whilst **King's Forge Glass**, studio of glass crafts artist Grace Brennan, is located in nearby Mullyash.



POPULAR TOWN ATTRACTIONS

- 1 GATE HOUSE
- 2 NEST SCULPTURE
- 3 HOPE CASTLE
- 4 BARNEY'S GREEN / ICE HOUSE / 1916 PROCLAMATION PLAQUE
- 5 CHURCH STREET
- 6 ALMS HOUSES
- 7 JJ CLARKE'S HOME
- 8 OLYMPIC MEDALLIST, 'THE RUNNER MCGOUGH'
- 9 FAMINE GRAVEYARD
- 10 GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (GNR STATION)
- 11 MUSIC WALL OF FAME
- 12 PADDY COLE MURAL WALL
- 13 BIG TOM STATUE
- 14 MARKET HOUSE
- 15 MURAL TO EUGENE 'NUDIE' HUGHES

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LOCAL AMENITIES

- BUS STOP
- PARKING
- DISABLED PARKING
- SCHOOLS
- HOTEL
- BIKE SHELTER
- DOCTOR ON CALL
- FIRE STATION
- WATERSPORTS
- GARDAI

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THE ALMS HOUSES



ST. MARY'S CHURCH



ST. MAELDOID'S CHURCH



CHURCH ST.



'BIG TOM' STATUE



MARKET HOUSE



HOPE CASTLE

