

Roe Valley Country Park

Country Parks are designed to promote access to the countryside, encouraging a greater understanding and knowledge of the environment.

Roe Valley Country Park is just one of seven Country Parks managed by the Environment and Heritage Service.

At Roe Valley visitors can take in the country air while enjoying miles of



Roe Valley - abseiling at O' Cahans Rock

Other facilities provided include the Dogleap Visitors Centre, including an exhibition area and the Ritter Tearooms. The historic hydroelectricity Power House, The Green Lane Museum managed by Limavady Borough Council in the former weaving shed, exhibiting artefacts from a bygone era, some

for the less able bodied angler.

the 'Jetty', a purpose-built structure favoured spot on the river bank or his catch of salmon or trout from a

angler can be seen as he reels in groups. Often an accomplished and Rambling through organised

as Rock Climbing, Orienteering

take part in outdoor pursuits such

riverside and woodland walks, or

and Park grounds from the days

Relics dotted around the Centre

of which identify with the Industrial

and powered other industries.

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or Red River (from the Irish 'abhain

ruadh") runs through the Park. This

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an Area of Special Scientific Interest

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woodland because of the rich

variety of plants and animals

it supports. The river system

holds internationally important

populations of Salmon making it one of the most important Salmon systems in the British Isles. Other notable species include Brown trout and sea lamprey.

The river's origins amidst the peat bogs of the Sperrin mountains offer

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Sir Thomas Phillips Weir

Other EHS country parks and centres:

Redburn Country Park, Scrabo Country Park, Crawfordburn Country Park, Quoile Countryside Centre, Castle Archdale Country Park, Ness Country Park, Peatlands Park and The Coastal Zone, Portrush.

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PARK CODE

Wildlife, plants and trees.

Some.

are kept under control and not allowed to foul
m grass.

All risk of fire.

Necessary noise.

Main biking and the exercising of horses are

Suits must be permit-approved at reception in the
centre.

There are some natural hazards. Watch your step and
be careful, especially near water and steep slopes.

It can be strenuous and not all are suitable for
young etc. Ask at reception in the Countryside Centre

The Roe Valley, renowned for its beauty, history and legends, was ruled by the O' Cahan Clan from 12th century. The chief seat of the O' Cahans was at Leim an mhadaidh and the old town of Limavady derives its name from the Irish translation of Dogleap.

History

The Castle of the O' Cahans was an explanation for its characteristic red colour. Until the beginning of the 17th century much of this part of Ireland was covered by Oak woodland. However, the increasing industrial demand for timber saw that remains now are woodlands along river valleys, where the land was too steep to clear.



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