

# **carrickcraft**

## Sites of historic interest on the Shannon

### Shannon-Erne Waterway

#### **Glenview Folk Museum**

Moor at Ballinamore.  
A private collection of over 6000 antique, historical and novel items from pre-famine Ireland.  
Tel: +353 71 9644157

### Lough Allen

#### **Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre**

Tells the history of the area in words, pictures and many displays.

Tel: +353 71 9641522  
Open Mon to Sat 10am to 6pm  
Sun 2pm to 6pm.

### Lough Key

#### **King House, Boyle**

A magnificent 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian Mansion in Boyle Town Centre  
Open 10am to 6pm. Admission Adult €7 Child €4 Family €18  
Tel: +353 71 966 3242

#### **Boyle Abbey**

A 12<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian monastery in Boyle Town centre  
Guided tours every day from 10am to 5pm  
Tel: +353 71 9662604

#### **Islands of Lough Key**

Castle Island has a 19<sup>th</sup> century folly and Church Island and Trinity Island have medieval ruins. The islands can be accessed by dinghy only.

### Upper Shannon

#### **Costello Chapel,**

Carrick-on-Shannon  
Built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this chapel is the smallest in Ireland and reputedly the second smallest in the world  
Tel: +353 71 962-0170

#### **Cavan and Leitrim Railway, Dromod**

Take a trip on the lovingly restored narrow gauge railway, once one of the busiest in Ireland.  
+353 7196 38599

#### **Strokestown Park House**

Restored 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion which houses a Famine Museum and also 4 acres of beautiful gardens. Closest mooring is Kilglas  
Tel: +353 71 9633013

### Lower Shannon

#### **Athlone Castle Visitor Centre**

This Norman Castle dominates Athlone Town Centre. Features exhibitions and audio visual presentations on the seige of Athlone, River Shannon history and wildlife and military exhibitions. Tourist information also on site.  
Tel: +353 90 649 2912

#### **Derryglad Folk Museum**

A wonderful collection of farm and folk life memorabilia from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the recent past.

Opening hours Mon-Sat 10am-6pm Sun 2pm-6pm  
Tel: +353 90 648 8192

#### **Clonmacnois**

One of the most important monastic sites in Ireland dating from the 6<sup>th</sup> century with 3 high crosses, 7 churches and 2 round towers.  
Tel:+353 90 9674195

#### **West Offaly Railway, Shannonbridge**

This hour long train journey takes you on a guided tour around the fascinating peatlands of the region, with turf cutting demonstrations.  
Tel: +353 90 967 4450

#### **Birr Castle and Gardens**

Birr Castle Demesne is home to Ireland's historic science centre and the great telescope. It also features one of the most extensive gardens in Ireland.  
Tel: +353 5791 20336

#### **Portumna Castle and Gardens**

Great semi fortified house built in 1616 with fantastic restored walled kitchen garden.  
Tel: +353 90 9741658

#### **East Clare Heritage Centre**

Housed in the oldest church in continuous use in Ireland at Tuamgraney, near Scarriff.  
Tel: +353 61 921-351

#### **Holy Island**

Moor at Mountshannon and travel by dinghy to Holy Island, where there are ruins of a 7<sup>th</sup> century monastery, Inishcaltra church and a round tower.

#### **Killaloe Heritage Centre and Brian Boru Centre**

Celebrates the life of Brian Boru, last High King of Ireland 1000 years ago. Also exhibitions of celtic and nautical history.  
Tel: +353 61 361 511

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