



23rd May to 1st June 2025

Programme

BALLYCASTLE



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EVENTS IN BALLYCASTLE

(See separate programme for events on Rathlin Island)

Important Information applying to all activities

Please note a number of the activities in this programme are weather dependent and subject to change.

Details correct at time of going to print.

For updates during the festival please check Rathlin Sound Festival Social Media or festival office at seafront in Ballycastle, Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre or Rathlin Boathouse Visitor's Centre.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.
Events may be photographed or filmed and used on future publicity.
Please follow the instructions of the event stewards at all times

Entertainment and special seafood menus in bars, cafes and restaurants all week.

A special addition to Ballycastle on the week of Rathlin Sound Festival is the County Antrim Fleadh! See some highlights of their programme below (marked in italics with **)

We hope you enjoy our Festival programme !

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Friday 23rd May

15:15 - 16:15 Coastal Storytime in Ballycastle Library, booking at library (children 4-8yrs)

16:00 - Alex Higgin Open Session (Antrim Fleadh) - Boyd Arms

18.00 – 18.30 Blessing of the Boats, Ballycastle – Pausing at the dawn of the festival to reflect on the beauty, fragility and often harsh reality of our seas and oceans in what it gives and what it takes and offer a blessing for all who work or travel on our seas and oceans. The Pier, Ballycastle.

18.30 – 19.30 Following the Blessing of the Boats **Baile an chaistil Comhaltas** entertain us on the Pier.

18.30 – 19.30 - Tales from Colmcille Currach - Story Telling Sessions on Colmcille after Boat Blessing.

19:00 - Cushendun & District Development Association organises Set dancing class and Ceili with Eamon Walls & Ronan Eastwood (Antrim Fleadh)

21:00 - Session with Gerry O'Donnell & Friends - House of McDonnell (Antrim Fleadh)



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Saturday 24th May

***Please note quiet time for individuals with additional needs is from 11am to 12noon with have a go circus skills, arts and crafts, information stands – Free.**

11.00 – 16.00 Naturally North Coast & Glens Artisan Market, Ballycastle Seafront.

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Kayaking (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) from Harbour slipway, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Paddleboarding (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour). Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Come and try your hand at sand sculpting with Tony Hawkins. The Beach – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Join Causeway Coast & Glens Museum Services and Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group at their gazebo. The Seafront – Free.

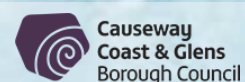
11.00 – 16.00 Visit The Glens of Antrim Historical Society gazebo at The Seafront – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 – Ulster Wildlife information stand

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Ballycastle Saturday 24th May Continued ...

11.00 – 16.00 – Council Biodiversity Officer Bug Hotel.

11.00 – 17.00 Children's arts and crafts. Ballycastle Seafront – Free.

11.00 – 17.00 NI School of Falconry, The Seafront – Free.

11.15 – 12.15, 12.45 – 13.45, 14.15 – 15.15, 15.45 – 16.45- Colmcille Taster row sessions.

12.00 – 17.00 – Family Pride berthed with music onboard Harbour/Marina.

12.00 - Beachcombing with Ulster Wildlife, meet at their information stand.

12.00 – 13.30 Live music on the Music Stage by The Mulholland Sisters.

12.00 – 16.00 Circus Skills workshop with North Coast Circus. Try your hand at juggling, diablo and many more circus skills! Ballycastle Seafront – Free.

12.00, 13.30, 15.00 Wild Cooking Demonstrations by Wildwalk Bushcrafts. The Seafront – Free.

13:00 - McNabb Sessions (Antrim Fleadh) - Boyd Arms

14.00 – 16.00 The Causeway Shantymen are dropping in to entertain us with their fabulous sea shanties. Various locations at The Seafront – Free.

14.00 – 15.30 Live music by Bri Trad on the Music Stage.

15:00 - Leo Brown session with Michael O Sheanain & Friends (Antrim Fleadh)

16.00 – 17.30 Live music by 'Tippin it Up' on the Music Stage – Free.

18.00 – 20.00 Live music by 'Tiny Green Island' on the Music Stage – Free.

20:00 - 23:00 Tribute night Jason Hughes and friends at the Marine Hotel

22:00 - Trisco with Lochlinn McKibbon (Antrim Fleadh) - Halo



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Sunday 25th May

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10.00 Marconi 5K Run organised by Ballycastle Runners AC. The Marconi Run commences at the Tennis Courts. For information and to book <https://athleticsni.org/Fixtures/Marconi-5-Mile-Run> or for further information email globalgenes@btinternet.com.

11.00 – 16.00 Naturally North Coast & Glens Artisan Market, Ballycastle Seafront

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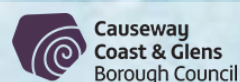
11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Paddleboarding (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour). Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Kitecrew Ireland Display of large inflatable kites at Ballycastle Beach (weather dependant) – Free.

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14.00 – 15.30 Live music by Jamie Sloan on the Music Stage – Free.

16.00 – 20.00 *Co. Antrim Fleadh on the Seafront music stage. Organised by Baile An Chaistil Cee* – Free.

Monday 26th May



11.00 – 16.00 Naturally North Coast & Glens Artisan Market
Award-winning food and craft market at Ballycastle Seafront.

12.00 – 1.30 Live music by Sarah Carson on the Seafront music stage

14.00 – 15.30 Live music by Highly Strung on the Seafront music stage

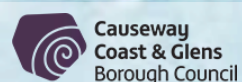
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