

Mia the Pygmy Shrew of Murlough



Dundrum Castle...

has kept watch over the bay for more than 1000 years. The Norman castle you can see today was constructed by John de Courcy as part of his coastal defence in the 12th century. He tried to besiege this 'Castle of Rath' with the help of one hundred ships and his Viking brother-in-law before deciding it belonged to him!

Please help us

look after Murlough by keeping dogs on leads to protect wildlife and taking all your litter home.

Archaeologists

have found many Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Age burial sites at Murlough and also prehistoric stone axes and cooking pots used by early hunter-gatherers.

Can you spot the beautiful Mourne Mountains?

Slieve Donard at 850 metres high is the tallest mountain in Northern Ireland!

Follow yellow posts for a circular walk through Spaghetti Junction, the beach & around the dunes

Exmoor ponies and native cattle

help the habitat by grazing selectively, which helps the flowers, birds and bees to flourish.

Murlough House

was built in 1857 as a summer residence for the 4th Marquess of Downshire because one mansion just wasn't enough! Now the mansion is a peaceful place where you can walk through the beautiful woodlands down to the water's edge. Please note that the house and gardens are private.

Can you spot

St John's Point Lighthouse in the distance? It was built nearly two hundred years ago in 1844, and stands 40 metres high. The yellow and black stripes make it look like a giant bee beacon!

The sea life

in the Irish Sea is AMAZING! Did you know that whales, basking sharks, leatherback turtles and porpoises all live in these waters? The turtles swim here from America each year to eat the juicy jellyfish!

These trails are intended as a guide only. Whilst care has been taken to include routes that are on rights of way, or paths or access areas where permission exists, inclusion of a route is no evidence of a current right of way or permissive access.

Safety Information

Take care around dangerous mudflats, fast incoming tides, sinking sands and deep channels. It is also possible to come across old ammunition around Murlough. Please report this immediately and do not handle it. Please respect the wildlife including the grazing cattle and ponies and keep dogs on a lead. BBQs and fires are not permitted.

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