

LIVING IN LEITRIM

Charlotte Beirne

Living in Leitrim is very different than living in London, which is where I am from. I have been living in Leitrim and going to school here for just over a year now and the biggest difference for me is that Leitrim is far more quiet and peaceful. One thing I never fail to notice is the lack of traffic, and of traffic lights in Mohill, where I live. However there is one thing I would like to point out: if you do not like the cold and wet, stay away!

This past summer in Leitrim may as well have been monsoon season. Another very noticeable difference between Leitrim and London are the schools. In England, the school I went to was, in a word, huge. With over a thousand students it's easy to lose yourself in the masses. The school here is much more personal. Here you are able to get the help that you need because you are known as an individual and that's good, but sometimes it's nice just to be able to hide in the crowds

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Shannon Cassells

Living in Leitrim is a very quiet life and not many exciting things ever happen here. It's different to living in a place like London where I used to live. The differences are that London is a big, crowded, noisy, busy city where as Leitrim is small, quiet, less populated and not as busy as those towns. Even though Leitrim can be boring at times, there are some pretty good things about living here, for example the different kinds of clubs, the people are nice, it has great scenery like the Glencar Waterfall and also has great facilities to like cinemas, swimming pool and shopping centres. Even though that Leitrim can be boring at times, it's a nice place to live and I enjoy living here.

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Claire Duignan

Leitrim is a nice place to live, because it is a very peaceful and colourful place. There is lots of land and farming is the main source of income in this region. There is a small population, so everybody knows each other, and that leaves a friendly caring atmosphere. These factors make Leitrim a great place to grow up.

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Gavin Gordon

I live in lovely Leitrim. It is a scenic, caring and welcoming county. There is a song called Lovely Leitrim which was always sung by Larry Cunningham who recently died and written by Mr Phil Fitzpatrick. Some people might describe Leitrim as hilly, dirty and having bad land. But, for me, and nearly 100% of the rest of people, Leitrim is a wonderful ancient, majestic, bright and delightful county. If you listen to the song lovely Leitrim, it describes Leitrim from the top to the bottom, from Lough Allen's banks on to Fenagh where the majestic abbey stands. Then on to Carrick town where the Shannon watersflow. All I can say is Leitrim is truly lovely.

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Shane Cox

I live in lovely Leitrim it is a lovely place to live. It has lovely lakes and rivers like no other. All i can say is Leitrim is a lovely place to go. In winter fields are as white as snow. In summer fields of green grass, that you cant help admire as you pass.

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Eileen Canning

Leitrim has a scenic, rugged landscape. It's quiet, with close, tight-knit communities and friendly people. True, we don't have a giant, two storey shopping centre or host celebrities every other night. However, a small, lively play or concert in a local hall can make you forget all this in one wild, foot stomping night. We have traditional bars and pubs all over the county.

You'll never be disappointed looking for a pint! We have wonderful, exciting natural facilities, like Lough Key Forest Park. If you're interested in activities, Lough Key boasts an excellent historic tour and Castle Island in the centre of the lake. And why not set your heart racing on Zip It, Irelands first aerial trail activity course! Or visit Lough Rynn house and gardens for a relaxing stay. There are many interesting and intriguing things about Leitrim. You won't regret dropping by!

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Alice Mcloughlin.

Living in Leitrim is a lot different to living in a city like Dublin. Leitrim is a rural place with few facilities and services compared to Dublin. Yet it is still a lovely place to visit and live with its green fields and stunning scenery. It attracts hill walkers from all over the world to explore its hills and historic walks. Another great aspect of Leitrim is it's people who are so friendly and nice.

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Cian Mulvey

Leitrim is a nice quite county with a strong farming community. The Majestic river Shannon flows through Leitrim on it's journey to the atlantic ocean. The ancient humps and bumps on the landscape are amazing. There are many sites of historical significance in county Leitrim. Like Lough Rynn and many more. Every community is closely knitted. Many parishes are brought together by local Gaa teams. Leitrim is a nice place to live.

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Angela Donegan

I live in Leitrim, in the town of Mohill. Leitrim is a lovely place to live. the people are very kind and friendly. One of the sayings about Leitrim is KILL this stands for: Keep It Lovely Leitrim. There is a song about Leitrim it is called Lovely Leitrim but sadly the singer passed away not long ago. The scenery here is great. The most common job in Leitrim is farming. The majestic River Shannon flows through Carrick on Shannon in Leitrim.

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Claire Rogers

Leitrim is often referred to as 'Lovely Leitrim' due to its rolling hills and green countryside. It is known for its scenery and fields along with the river Shannon and its main town, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Despite being the least densely populated county in Ireland and being a very rural place, Leitrim has all the amenities needed to live comfortably in the area. While many places in Leitrim are quiet and picturesque, there are also many services for younger and older people. Nightclubs and bars can be found all over the county and 'Bingo' nights- which have become popular in recent times- are available in most community centres throughout the area.

If you aren't interested in going out to a bar or club, Leitrim offers a wide range of entertainment, adventures and amusements such as fishing, boating, golf, mountain climbing and kayaking.

While Leitrim is not the smallest county in Ireland, it does have the shortest coastline. With just two miles of coast, it is a mainly inland county full of hills, lakes, rivers, farms and boglands. One of Leitrim's most popular lakes is Lough Allen, Lough Allen is situated in the centre of the county and is widely used for fishing, boating, kayaking and other water sports as well as having an outdoors pursuit training centre through the Lough Allen Adventure centre.

Other than amusements, Leitrim also offers a wide range of academic and cultural opportunities. Art, dance, singing and self-defence classes are all offered throughout the county.

Leitrim not only offers a pleasant view, it also offers a young, highly educated workforce that are readily available for work.

Despite the increase of construction throughout the county during the boom times, Leitrim remains mostly unspoilt and a true haven from the stresses and burdens of modern living.

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Kate Fallon

From the rushes of Carrigallen to the mighty Shannon there is everything in Leitrim. We even have a song named after us called 'Lovely Leitrim' sang by the late Larry Cunningham and written by Mr Fitzpatrick. The biggest river in Ireland runs through Leitrim. There is a historical Abbey in Fenagh where the monks used to pray. There are many more things in Leitrim, but you'll have to come and see for yourself

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Deirbhile Tiernan

I love living in the countryside in Leitrim. I actually live in Gortletteragh, it is the biggest parish in Leitrim. In Farnaght there is a miniature church and there is also the ruins of an old mill. Leitrim is a very beautiful place with its lush green fields and forestry, although some of the land isn't great we still get on with it. I love the way when I wake up in the morning and look out the window and see Lough Rynn Lake waters sparkling just under the morning sun. And when the sun sets there is sometimes but not always a red glow (like a fire ablaze) in the sky which overlooks our little county. There are many farms and historic sites in Leitrim, such as Fenagh Abbey. Leitrim isn't small and it isn't big it is just right! Did you know that Leitrim has the fastest growing population in Connacht!!

There are many farms, bogs and scenic areas in Leitrim. One of problems that Leitrim has to face with is people destroying the landscape by throwing out rubbish and fracking. Leitrim has a bit of improvement to do but no county in Ireland is absolutely great!! Really love living in Leitrim!

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Jayd David

Leitrim is a wonderful place. It's such a clean environment everybody cares about it. We have a lot of competitions and there is always St Patricks Day, Mohill shows there best. Everybody is always happy and caring. We have something called Tidy Towns and about five or six people go out and pick up rubbish it is a great town. So if you want my advice I would live here.

LIVING IN LEITRIM *Laura McManus*

There are so many great things about Leitrim, that I don't know where to start. There's the scenery, the tourist attractions, the lakes and the beautiful River Shannon. The River Shannon flows through Leitrim. There's the ancient Fenagh Abbey; where the monk used to live. Leitrim is known as 'Lovely Leitrim'. There are lots of lovely lakes and there is also a lovely castle, Lough Rynn Castle. Lough Rynn is situated in Gortletteragh, Mohill. There is a song based on Leitrim called 'Lovely Leitrim'. It was sang by the late Larry Cunningham; who made it to the no.1 charts. The song was written by Phil Fitzpatrick, who was from Aughavas. Gortletteragh is the biggest parish in Leitrim. There is a miniature church in Farnaght and an old mill house in Gortletteragh with the original stone structure still in place. There is a waterfall situated in north Leitrim which is 'Glencar Waterfall'. There is also another castle in Leitrim known as 'Parke's Castle'. It is an old building ruin. Lough Allen is the largest lake in Leitrim. There is also a beach in Leitrim that stretches for one mile. I love living in Leitrim because it is tranquil and scenic.

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Clodagh Mitchell

I live in Leitrim. It is a small beautiful county, and most of it is rural countryside. It is a very scenic place and very quiet. There is a song about Leitrim called 'Lovely Leitrim'. It was written by Phil Fitzpatrick who was born in Aughavas in 1892, and sung by Larry Cunningham, who sadly passed away recently.

A special thing about Leitrim is the River Shannon which flows through it. There are also many lakes such as Lough Allen. Leitrim's inhabitants are interested in football and many of the towns have underage and senior teams. Dromod have won the Leitrim Tidy Town's award for the past 34 years.

Leitrim has many sport facilities such as Aura in Carrick-On Shannon which has a lovely swimming pool and gym. There is also a majestic ancient abbey in Fenagh where the monks used to live. I love living in Leitrim. There's no place like it.

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Daniel Cramp

Leitrim is a county with a history for being a sparsely populated assortment of fields in the centre of Ireland. Here, no one is a big movie star or a millionaire, but everyone knows everyone else, so in our own special way we are famous. Everybody is friendly, uninterested in world affairs and quite content to simply live out their quiet lives. Weekends though, are a whole other story. Discos by night Matches by day. We get involved with the world as much as we can, and that is why we always have something to talk about in the week after. Weather is always right on time to blow out a barbeque or fill up our soup faster than we can eat it, and make sure our school windows are filled with open atmospheric sky. I don't think that there is much that goes on in Leitrim that would ever get all over the news, but at least the news gets all over Leitrim, whatever that may be.