



THE COPPER COAST DRIVE

Copper

The Copper Coast refers to the copper-mining heritage along the South Eastern coastline between Tramore and Dungarvan. The geology of this area has gained it the unique status in Ireland, of European Geopark. At the heart of this region are gorgeous landscapes and seascapes, and cliffs, coves, caves and beaches. We recommend you explore for yourself the breathtaking scenery.

Fenor

Fenor boasts an award-winning bog nature reserve, offering a boardwalk trail to learn about and enjoy the flora and fauna that have made it their habitat. Walk around Ballyscanlon Lake and forest, or swim at nearby Kilfarassy beach which is also popular for fishing.

Annestown

Just along from Fenor is Annestown, situated near the bridge over the river Anne, from where you can see the distant Dunhill Castle. A golden beach offers popular bathing in the summertime. An old lime kiln can be seen in the car park.

Dunhill (Optional)

Dunhill, which is part of the Dolmen Drive, is rich in history. Among the sights is the 19th century church overlooking the village, and also the megalithic dolmens.

Boatstrand

This fishing village has a lovely harbour and beach, with fantastic views of the coastline and of the Comeragh and Knockmealdown Mountains. From Dunabrattin Head you can see breathtaking scenery, right up to the Helvick Head peninsula where the Ring Gaeltacht is located.

Bunmahon

This village at the end of the River Mahon has a Blue Flag beach, surrounded by cliffs. Recent heritage projects (one being the restoration of the engine house at Tankardstown) have seen the area's copper-mining history brought to the fore.

Stradbally

Reaching the tidy village of Stradbally, enjoy its many charms; medieval church, thatched cottages, a beach enclosed by woodland at the Tay estuary, and Ogham stones at nearby Drumlohan. Follow the coast road to the maritime market town of Dungarvan, perhaps stopping off at Clonea, with its Blue Flag beach and championship golf course. Why not try the South East Coastal Drive (see back) if you have some time?