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INVITATION

Adelaide INTERNATIONAL kells road races 15 - 18 July 2010



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3rd Annual Adelaide Kells to Kells Ride-Out

Departs Kells, County Antrim Community Centre in Northern Ireland @ 2pm **Saturday 17 July**. Heads for Kells, County Meath in the Republic of Ireland. 115 miles. Organised by the Quay Vipers Motorcycle Club & The Kells MCRC.

Includes this programme of events in Northern Ireland:

Wednesday 14 July ~ Friday 16 July

- Motorcycle Display jointly with the Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club at Ballymena Town Hall. Wed & Thurs 9am ~ 5pm; Fri as per below.

Thursday 15 July

- Recommended ride routes below
- Ballymena and surrounding places of interest www.ballymena.gov.uk/tourism

Friday 16 July

Ballymena Town Hall 4pm to 7pm:

- Exhibition of photographs and talk by **Stephen Davison** / Pacemaker Press Int'l
- Talk and book signing from **Geoff Hill** and **Colin O'Carroll** about their 15,000 mile Australian "Adelaide to Adelaide Adventure" on Triumphs plus
- The **film preview** and footage of the Armoy Armada.

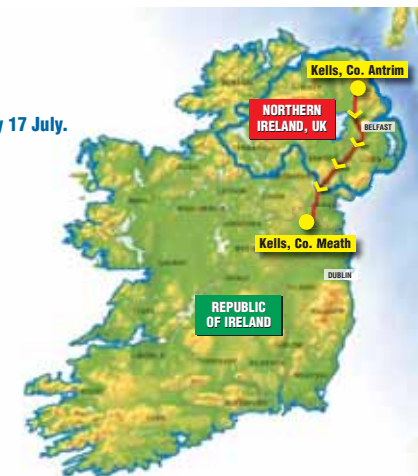
Charity bike run around Ballymena and villages. Departs 7.15pm

From car park opposite Ballymena Town Hall. Ends in Kells, County Antrim.

Kells, County Antrim from 8.15pm:

- BBQ and **Kenny Kirk** Stunt Rider at football pitches
- Camping facilities, or use of the Kells and Connor Primary School car park, assembly hall and kitchen for overnight stay.

Buff's Club, Connor from 9pm featuring traditional Ulster Scots music



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Saturday 17 July

Kells Community Centre 10am to 3pm:

- **BikeSafe** assessments by the PSNI
- Motorcycle and Trike Display
- Family Entertainment including Bouncing Castle, Large slide, Bungee Run, Assault Course, Sumo Wrestling.
- BBQ for all (while stocks last)
- 12 noon ~ 2pm local TV personality, Pamela Ballantine
- **2pm Ride-out to Kells County Meath in aid of the IAM Charity** ends at the **Fairgreen, Kells, County Meath** where there's plenty of fun for the whole family including world stunt rider **Mattie Griffin!** Camping facilities available for those staying over for "The Adelaide International Kells Road Races" on Sunday 18 July.



Ulster Television's **PAMELA BALLANTINE**



The Adelaide International Kells Road Races

**Adelaide
INTERNATIONAL
kells road races
15 - 18 July 2010**

In Kells, County Meath in the Republic of Ireland.

- Exciting programme of events from 15-18 July includes road racing all day **Sunday 18 July** guaranteeing a top-class field of international road racers and competitive racing. For more information visit: www.kellsroadraces.com
- Non-racing enthusiasts see recommended ride route in Kells, County Meath below. Surrounding places of interest: www.meath.ie/tourism/



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NORTHERN IRELAND CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE — JOEY DUNLOP MEMORIAL — KELLS



Total miles from Belfast **129 miles**
 Total miles from Larne **105 miles**
 Direct from Belfast or Larne to Kells, Co. Antrim **approx. 20 miles**

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From Belfast

1. Leave Belfast and join the Causeway Coastal Route from the M5 with the beautiful Belfast Lough providing stunning views to your right. Stop at Newtownabbey's Loughshore Park with spectacular views of ships sailing from **Belfast** (this is where the fateful Titanic first sailed as she headed out from the famous shipyards of Harland & Wolff).
2. A few miles on, you'll get to the pretty seaside town of **Carrickfergus** with its well-preserved 12th century Norman castle. Stroll around the town's modern marina or pop into the newly opened museum. Also worth a look are the town's stocks and St. Nicolas Parish Church!
3. Next on the route is **Kilroot** where Jonathan Swift (author of Gulliver's Travels) made his first living as a minister. Then onto Larne.

From Larne

Larne is the gateway to the beautiful **Glens of Antrim** and the start of 44 miles of one of the most spectacular coast roads in the world. This ride has been compared to Australia's Great Ocean Road and Big Sur in California. The road here is not a primary route and is narrow but lightly used. This section of the road closely follows the coast through the villages of **Ballygalley, Glenarm, Carnlough, Waterfoot** and **Cushendall** before leaving the coast and working its way through the Glens of Antrim after which it eases closer to the ocean again at **Ballycastle**.

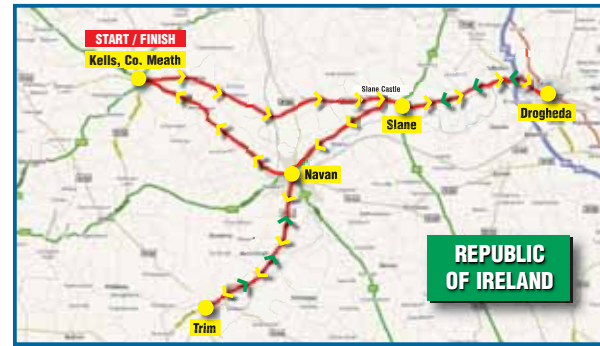
The Causeway Coastal Route passes by the foot of each of the nine glens: from the south there's Glenarm (the army glen), Glencloy (the glen of the hedges), **Glenariff** (the ploughman's glen and known also as the queen of the glens), Glenballyeamon (Edwardstown Glen), Glenann (glen of the rush lights), Glencorp (glen of the laughter), Glendun (the brown glen), Glenshesk (sedgy glen) and Glentaisie (the glen of Taisie, the Princess of **Rathlin Island**).

At the foot of **Glenarm** there's the charming little village of the same name, set slightly inland. It's the setting of the delightful **Glenarm Castle** and the beautiful public parkland of Glenarm Forest. Less obvious – but equally worth discovering – are the traditional folk music sessions, which are characteristic of the area.

Ride a little further to **Cushendall**. Here, the town's four-storey red sandstone Curfew Tower, built "to imprison idlers and rioters" is surrounded by pretty buildings and some convivial watering-holes.

Heading west take in the stunning scenery of the rest of the Causeway Coast before arriving at **Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge** spanning a 24-metre chasm. Continue to the village of **Bushmills**, home to the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery (1608). Before arriving in Bushmills it is a must to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of the **Giant's Causeway**, an iconic symbol of the region and an acclaimed world wonder. Ships from the Spanish Armada once floundered off this rugged coastline and it was at nearby Port Na Spaniagh where divers recovered the treasures of the galleon The Gerona, now on display at The Ulster Museum in Belfast.

Continuing on towards Portrush take in the romantic ruin of **Dunluce Castle** and before entering the town you will see the **Royal Portrush Golf Club**; the only course outside GB to host the British Open (1951). Rated as one of the top golf courses in the world. From Portrush follow the road to Portstewart – you're now on a section of the **North West 200** road race circuit, Northern Ireland's premier sporting event which attracts up to 200,000 spectators each May. At Portstewart head inland towards Coleraine and then to **Ballymoney**, home town of the legendary Dunlop racing dynasty and visit the **Joey Dunlop Memorial Garden**, which has become a Mecca for bikers from all over the world. In this beautiful setting visitors have time to reflect on the unprecedented achievements of this much loved international motorcycling legend. For the final leg of the route head towards **Ballymena**, (home town of actors Liam Neeson and James Nesbitt), on the A26, at the south side of the M2 bypass come off at the Larne roundabout, take the second exit to **Kells**, the Liminary Road.



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND'S HISTORIC COUNTY MEATH ROUTE



Start: Kells to Slane using **R163 – 42.8 km**
 Slane to Drogheda using **N51 – 14.2 km**
 Drogheda to Navan using **N51 – 27.7 km**
 Navan to Trim using **R161 – 16 km**
 Trim back to Kells Co.Meath (Back along R161 to Navan and along N3 to Kells) — **31.9 km**
Total: 132.6 km

Kells, Co. Meath

Located on the N52, **Kells**, County Meath is a busy market town rich in heritage with many historic remains. Like the **Book of Kells** — a famous illustrated manuscript now located in Trinity College Dublin although a perfect copy of the book is in Kells Heritage Centre along with many other treasures. (Open Sundays). The High Crosses are located in various spots in Kells, the most prominent being the one at the front of the Kells Heritage Centre.

St Colmcille's House — a wonderful ruin is located beside the Church of Ireland grounds and was reportedly built in A.D. 806 by Cellach, Abbot of Iona who came to Kells.

Grove Gardens and Open Farm — Open on Sundays this is a unique experience of fun and relaxation set in 10 acres of garden tended by generations of the Dillon family who have lived and farmed on this land since 1716. The original house was restored in 1904 but take some time off and relax in the Victorian-style gardens. Indoor and outdoor picnic areas although no café. Admission charge. Location: Halfway between Kells and Athboy on R164, well signposted from Kells. Tel: 00353 46 9434276

Slane

This is an elegant 18th century, hillside estate village situated on the River Boyne. Slane is an ancient and historic town with fine examples of Georgian houses.

Slane Castle — located just outside Slane off the N51 is situated in the stunningly beautiful Boyne Valley and surrounded by woodlands overlooking the River Boyne. The castle is open for guided tours all year and is one of the most important stately homes in Ireland. For opening hours, fees etc. see: www.slaneestate.ie You should note that these are subject to change.

The Hill of Slane: There was a time when St Patrick was viewed as a foreign Christian missionary who came to convert Ireland's Celtic pagans. This he did with great symbolic flare. As the Druids celebrated their feast day on the Hill of Tara, Patrick prepared the Easter feast on the Hill of Slane. He lit his paschal fire at Slane, before the Druids could kindle their sacred fire at Tara. Seeing the flames at Slane, the Druids, warned Laegaire, the High King, that if Patrick's fire was not put out immediately, it would burn forever in Ireland. The rest is history. Located just outside Slane off the N2 and open all year with free admission.

Drogheda, Navan and Trim

Drogheda is a large town with loads of pubs, clubs, restaurants, great shopping and historical attractions like The **Battle of the Boyne** site where William of Orange defeated King James II in 1690. The site is signposted off the N51 Drogheda Slane Road and is open May-September daily 10.00-18.00. Visit: www.battleoftheboyne.ie for details as they're subject to change.

County Meath's market town **Navan** is a thriving business and commercial town with a host of shopping, nightlife & entertainment opportunities for visitors. The Ramparts in Navan offers one of the finest walking routes in County Meath.

The heritage town of **Trim** is situated on the river Boyne. It is a thriving town where many activities, historical and cultural, regularly take place. It had one of the oldest and largest religious settlements in the country.

Trim Castle — Built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173, this is the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland. Visit: www.heritageireland.com for accurate opening times etc.

The **Yellow Steeple** is the most prominent of the many ruins in Trim. It overlooks the town from a ridge directly opposite Trim Castle. Originally part of the 13th century St. Mary's Augustinian Abbey, the steeple dates from 1368.

