



# Information for Schools and Groups

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**Mid & East  
Antrim**  
Borough Council

## Planning a Group or School visit

Carnfunnock Country Park is an ideal attraction for a group visit for all age ranges. There is a lot to see and do whether you have an interest in the great outdoors, want to bring alive the national curriculum or just want a fun day out. We recommend that you allow between 2-5 hours for your visit and use this information booklet alongside our visitor map to ensure that your group gets the most out of their trip.

## Advance Booking

All groups, with 10 or more individuals, are requested to book in advance by completing a group booking form, in order to ensure facilities are open and suitably staffed. Please confirm one week prior to your visit and communicate the details outlined in this leaflet to your group members.

For a booking form please contact:

Carnfunnock Country Park,  
Coast Road  
Larne  
BT40 2QG

T: 028 2826 2471

E: [carnfunnock@midandeantrim.gov.uk](mailto:carnfunnock@midandeantrim.gov.uk)

W: [www.carnfunnock.co.uk](http://www.carnfunnock.co.uk)

## Park Opening Hours

Spring/Summer: 9am - dusk (9pm July August)

Autumn/Winter: 9am - 4.30pm (Closed Christmas Day)

## Prices

Entrance to the Park is free of charge however some facilities activities incur a charge. There is a charge for car parking.

Carnfunnock Country Park includes a wide range of activities some of which are privately operated and incur additional fees. Staff are available to discuss any queries or individual needs of your group.

Free and open year round	Seasonal / Paid Attractions	Privately operated attractions
Walled Garden Adventure playground and Maze	Visitor Centre (café and gift shop)	Facetastic Face painting and Glitter tattoos T: 07801 893 449
Variety of woodland walks	Caravan and camp site	Family Fun Zone (variety of attractions including inflatables, train and mini golf) T: 07745 570 037
Orienteering and Geocaching	9 hole golf course	Driving Range T: 028 2858 3324 Option 2
Fitness and Biodiversity Trails	Treasure hunts / Brilliant Trail maps	Café and Snack Stop T: 07933 884 350
Public toilets	Outdoor Games	
Picnic / BBQ areas	Private BBQ areas	

## Information Provision

We are happy to post an information pack to group organisers or can be collected on arrival. Educational material can also be downloaded directly from our website.

Interpretation panels incorporating braille are located throughout the park.

## Parking Charges

A large car park is available including disabled and coach parking. For groups made up of less than 12 cars, normal parking charges will apply.

If your group has more than 12 paying cars then a discounted parking rate may be given, subject to advance arrangement at time of booking.

There are no discounts available for coaches or minibuses but a free drop off/pick up is permitted.

Season passes are available.

## Supervision

ALL children must be supervised at ALL times while on site.

## Special Needs

Please let us know if your group has any special requirements and we will endeavour to tailor our service accordingly. Buildings and certain sections of the park are fully wheelchair and pushchair accessible. A wheelchair and Shopmobility scooter can be made available for use. Due to the natural terrain of the park, upper sections are not suitable for wheelchairs and may prove difficult for some pushchairs .

## Methods of Payment

Pre-payment is required for the Education Centre, hire of BBQs, treasure hunts and orienteering maps. All other activities including parking may be paid on the day by cash, cheque, credit/debit card or pre-arranged invoice. Private operators will require direct payment for their facilities. Credit/debit cards cannot be accepted for certain privately operated facilities i.e. Driving Range and Snack Stop. Cash back and credit/debit card payments can be made within the Visitor Centre or Cafe, subject to conditions.

## Invoices

Invoices can be raised in advance for formally constituted organisations. We will require an official order from your organisation or alternatively a formal request on headed paper outlining your billing address. This will only be arranged for orders over the value of £10.00 and will be invoiced after your visit.

## Receipts

These can be issued in the form of a till receipt or manual written receipt. When paying by telephone, please ask our staff if you require a receipt to be posted out or supplied when you undertake your visit.

## Refunds / Credits

We will normally not issue refunds for advance payments unless there are extenuating circumstances.



# Catering Facilities

## Café

*(at Visitor Centre - Privately Operated)*

The indoor 40 seater Cafe serves a delicious range of hot food, light refreshments and ice creams with additional seating on the terrace, offering dramatic views of the Antrim Coast. Only food bought on the premises may be consumed here. Contact details T: 07933 884 350

## Snack Stop

*(at Activity Centre - Privately Operated)*

The Snack Stop retails light snacks, drinks, ice cream and confectionary. Only food bought on the premises may be consumed here and it cannot be privately booked or reserved. Contact details T: 07933 884 350

## Outdoor Picnic areas & BBQ

Picnic tables are available throughout the Park for anyone wishing to bring packed lunches. Disposable BBQs can be used but only on picnic tables with BBQ grills. These cannot be pre-booked and are located around the site.

Permanent and mobile BBQs are available to hire. Gas BBQ's must not be used without Park Management permission. Covered BBQ areas are also available to hire which include picnic tables, lighting and power supply.

## Private Entertainment

Due to on site provision, face painters and inflatable providers are not permitted onsite. Catering services are restricted due to onsite contracts. All private entertainment should be discussed at time of booking and appropriate public liability insurance and risk assessments must be provided.

## Arrival

When your group arrives on site please check in at reception.

## Storage of Personal items

Pack lunches, coats and bags (but not valuables) may be placed in the Education Centre foyer at your own risk and subject to availability.

## Accidents / Injuries

If anyone is injured please notify a staff member at the Visitor Centre or activity Centre where first aid equipment is available.



## Lost Children

Lost children should be reported to staff immediately. Should they be located they will be kept in a public area, in full view, until the group leader arrives. When booking, an emergency contact number for the onsite leader is required.

## Lost Property

If you find or lose any property please complete a form at either the Visitor Centre or Activity Centre.

## Restrictions

- Pets are welcome on site. Please be aware and take notice of Dog Control Orders
- Smoking is not permitted in any buildings or outside children's activity areas
- Alcohol consumption is not permitted
- Quads and electric scooters (except disabled scooters) are not permitted
- Rubbish/Litter: Please place all rubbish in bins provided. Cans/plastic bottles can be recycled onsite.

## Legal Matter

**Vandalism/damage to Council Property:** Anyone found defacing or causing damage to any buildings, equipment or Park property faces immediate removal, a charge for any damage/breakages/loss and potential prosecution.

**Loss, Damage & Injury:** Your vehicles and their accessories and contents are left at your own risk. Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, its staff and agents shall not be liable for the loss or theft of, or damage to, any property whilst they remain in Carnfunnock Country Park nor for any injury, accident or mishap to any person in the Park, unless the same be caused or contributed to by any negligence or default on the part of the Council or its employees.

## Complaints / Comments

We welcome all feedback in relation to your visit to Carnfunnock Country Park.

