



scenic tours

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Cuilcagh Mountain

West Fermanagh



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introduction:

The counties of Fermanagh and Cavan, found in the northwest of the island of Ireland, straddle the international border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The two counties share a rich natural landscape featuring expanses of brooding, unspoilt lakeland punctuated by breathtaking mountainscapes.

Much of the underlying geology dates back to the Carboniferous period over 300 million years ago when the area was covered first of all by a shallow tropical sea and then a huge river system. Limestones and sandstones are the rock types left behind from these vastly different environments and make for very different landscape features seen on both the Cuilcagh Mountains and the West Fermanagh Scenic Tours.

The landscape is dominated by evidence from the last Ice Age that reached its peak over 18,000 years ago. This can be seen particularly well in lowland areas on the Cavan Drumlins Scenic Tour, where frequent lakes and numerous low drumlin hills are reminders of the area's icy past.

The underlying geology and ultimately the landscape influences everything else above the surface so a great variety of habitats as well as an exciting range of both archaeological and historical features can be seen along the way.

These scenic tours have been designed so that you can get a taste of the different landscapes found throughout both Cavan and Fermanagh. These routes are a guide only and many of the sites they take in have additional interpretative material.

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