

Water by Enniskillen Photographic Society

Ten photographs from ten different photographers. In Fermanagh we have Lower and Upper Lough Erne. The water gives us a lot of opportunities for activities. For many years we have 'turned our back' on Lough Erne. Now there are lots of options on Ireland's only island town with hydrobikes, stand up paddle boards and boat hire. We have members all over the County and into the Republic of Ireland.

Our first image from the west coast shows a hole in the rock created by wave action. The second image is near Ely Lodge forest where there are often stunning reflections, though further out in the lake where the water is very deep it can have very big waves when it's windy. The third image showcases some swans and this year we have a huge population of swans all around the lake. The swans nest in the same nest each year.

The fourth image showcases the activities that are water and land based, there are often motorsports activities held at St Angelo airport too. Dogs are very welcome in Fermanagh and a lot of accommodation now is dog friendly. Three National Trust properties offer great dog walking areas which include Castle Coole in Enniskillen, Florencecourt House and Crop Castle between Lisnaskea and Newtownbutler.

Reflections and reeds are frequent views around the lough and there are some outstanding sunrises and sunsets with warm colours shining across the water. The Enniskillen Royal School has rowing teams and there's an event called Row the Erne and it's a great annual event.

There's a huge equestrian event centre now at Castle Irvine (Necarne Castle) near Irvinestown. The local agricultural show was also held there in 2023 for the first time and there have been a few car shows there too. Stand up paddle boards can be hired from Castle Island, just off the main island of Enniskillen as well as hydrobikes. You can also access the Little Red boats or take the Erne water taxi up to Devenish Island.

The final image is Tullydermot falls is in Cavan and is part of the Cuilcagh Lakeland's Geopark including the Stairway to Heaven (the Cuilcagh boardwalk), the extensive Marble Arch caves. The caves are expanding their offering to yoga in the cave and a halloween event too. Tourism is starting to diversify. That's a short trip around Fermanagh. Thanks for joining in!