

Louth County Council is delighted to inform you that the beaches at Clogherhead, Port and Templetown are Blue Flag beaches.

Louth is the smallest county in Ireland but it is justifiably proud of its diverse coastline, which stretches from the mouth of the River Boyne to the Cooley Mountains.

The three Blue Flag beaches provide a safe environment for locals and visitors alike to enjoy swimming, water sports and a great family day at the beach.

ALL VISITORS ARE VERY WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR BLUE FLAG BEACHES!

BEACH CODE OF CONDUCT

For Blue Flag Beaches in Louth

- Please show respect for the environment.
- Help preserve and protect the amenities you have come here to enjoy.
- Use litter bins provided to take your litter home.
- Recycle all glass, cans and plastics into the recycling bins provided.
- Keep dogs under control and use dog fouling bins provided.
- No water craft shall exceed a speed of 3 knots whilst in the foreshore area.
- No driving/parking of vehicles on beach.
- No beach bike or car races.
- No Casual Trading allowed.
- No unauthorised camping/lighting fires.
- No dumping.
- Jet skis and fast power boats are restricted.
- No person shall provide horses for hire or reward.
- Please avoid disturbing wildlife.
- Please use the car parks.
- Please observe the Foreshore Bye-Laws adopted by Louth County Council.

These regulations are being enforced in the interest of the common good and the enjoyment of the beach for all. (Full copy of the Foreshore Bye-Laws may be inspected in the Louth County Council Offices, County Hall, Dundalk).

REMEMBER LITTERING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE WITH FINES OF UP TO €3,000.

Please report breaches of the Foreshore Bye-Laws or any problem that may occur on the beach to the Community Section, Louth County Council, Dundalk. Tel: 042 9324307 Email: community@louthcoco.ie.



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An Taisce

PORT

Port is a secluded beach which gives a beautiful vista of the Louth coastline. The existing site is located along a stretch of sandy shoreline which extends from Dunany Point in the north to Clogherhead to the south. This coastal area is characterised by expanses of flat sandy beaches which grade gently into the Irish Sea. The site has been highly modified by past activities and supports little area of natural habitat. The remaining areas of natural habitat are concentrated on the area of beach front with strandline and remnant dune habitats occurring in these areas.



The bathing area is in the Neagh Bann river basin district. The development site lies in its entirety outside any sites which possess a statutory designation for nature conservation. The nearest sites which have a statutory designation for conservation are Clogherhead SAC and Dunany Point NHA. The length of the bathing area is approximately 2300m in length. The bathing water can be described as mainly sandy with small areas of rocks.

TEMPLETOWN

Templetown Beach is justifiably proud of its Blue Flag beach status. It is located approx 20km north east of Dundalk. The nearest village is Greenore which is approximately 5Km north of the bathing area here. It is the starting point for the Carlingford Ferry which links Greenore with Greencastle in County Down. Templetown beach is situated in a rural location. There are a number of dwellings close to the beach. There is a stream that discharges to the sea immediately to the north of the bathing area. The bathing area is approximately 0.2km in length.



Templetown beach is a large open gently sloping beach consisting of sand and shingle and facing to the south. The bathing water is located in an area that is backing onto sandy dunes. The designated bathing area is bordered to the east by a slipway and a rocky area and to the rear by the main carpark and sand dunes. The beach extends beyond the designated bathing area to the west. The rocky area is partially covered at high tide and is outside the designated bathing area. The designated bathing area extends from the east end of the car park for approximately 200m. The slipway is used by fishermen to gain access to the sea. Templetown is a beautiful beach which is much used in the summer months by locals and visitors alike!

CLOGHERHEAD

The beautiful fishing village of Clogherhead is located on the east coast of Ireland in the County of Louth, approximately 70km north of Dublin. The headland affords uninterrupted views of the Cooley and Mourne Mountains 30km to the north and to Lambay Island 35km to the south. The village is in close proximity to the historic town of Drogheda. The village developed around the fishing industry with the waters of Clogherhead reputed as being the best fishing waters in the country. The harbour, known as Port Oriel was built in 1885. It was extensively enlarged and re-opened in 2007.



Clogherhead beach is a large open sandy beach that is gently sloping. The beach is facing mainly to the east. It is bordered to the north by a small headland and the designated bathing area extends for approximately 1430 meters to the south. The beach is bordered by a carpark and caravan park to the rear. There is an area of dunes that extends from beyond the carpark along the rear of the beach. There is also an area of rocks to the north, outside the designated bathing area, that are partially submerged at high tide. There are two small rip currents at the north end of the beach. The bathing area is approximately 1430m in length.

