

ROE VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

This park is situated on the spectacular Causeway Coastal Route and offers you a chance to explore stunning riverside paths and woodland walks on both sides of the River Roe.

River

The River Roe is an important habitat. The different depths and flow of the waters make it perfect for supporting different types of wildlife. While fast flowing waters support salmon and trout, sea lamprey spawn in slower moving waters, found in lower reaches. Dippers, herrons and otter all depend on the river for survival. The presence of these animals, as well as flora such as water crowfoot, tells us that there is good water quality here.



Woodland

The woodland here is made up of native oak, birch, hazel, ash, rowan, alder and willow as well as non native beech and sycamore. Shrubs include hawthorn, holly and, in undisturbed areas, ground cover of wood-sorrel, common dog-violet and lesser celandine can be seen. The woodland provides a valuable habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, plants, birds, mammals and insects; all take their place in a complex food web each interdependent on others for survival. The trees along the river edge are also important for the health of the river; they stabilize river banks and provide shade and refuge from predators for trout, salmon and other fish. Falling insects from these trees also provide an excellent food source for fish.



Country Park Code

- Visitors to the Park should remember the Park Code—
- Protect all wildlife.
 - Ensure dogs are under control at all times.
 - Please clean up after your dog.
 - No fires.
 - Please keep noise to a minimum
 - The park has natural hazards - supervise children and stay clear of the water

Public Paths

- Difficult Path** steps & steep slopes
- Moderate Path**
- Easy Path**
- Suitable for Wheelchairs**

Map Key

- Entrance/Exit**
- Car Park**
- Public Toilets**
- Wheelchair Accessible**
- Stepped Area**
- Weir**
- Visitor Centre**
- Ritter Tearooms**
- Picnic Area**
- Building of Historic Interest**
- Disabled Angling Jetty**

A Protected Environment

The River Roe and its Tributaries are an Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). This is because of the physical features of the river and the flora and fauna that it supports. By designating this area as an ASSI, we ensure that it is protected and managed in a way that enables it to sustain these important features.