



# Activities in Athlone

## **Bay Sports at Hodson Bay**

### **Hodson Bay Boat Training and Water Sports Centre**

Hotel Residents receive 10% off at Bay Sports!.

Located just beside the hotel this superb new facility offers adventure activity programmes, water sports equipment hire, dingy sailing, kayaking, pedal boating, windsurfing, sailing and banana boat rides! Bay Sports can coordinate boat trips for your business or leisure trip.

**Tel:** 090 6494801

**Email:** [info@baysports.ie](mailto:info@baysports.ie)

**Web:** [www.baysports.ie](http://www.baysports.ie)

## **Lough Key Forest Park**

Located approximately 1 hour from Athlone. A new lakeside visitor centre - the gateway to more than 800 acres of parkland and forest at Lough Key. Activities include a two-storey Boda Borg, Lough Key Experience - Irelands only tree canopy walk and outdoor adventure play kingdom. Over the Christmas period the Visitor Centre transforms into a Christmas Wonderland.

**Web:** [www.loughkey.ie](http://www.loughkey.ie)

**Tel:** 071 9673122

## **Krazy Kids Fun Factory**

Perfect for kids under 13. Attractions include a 26 foot spiral slide, 3 lane wavy astra slide, ballpools, king of the Cross, wave rider, indoor soccer plus much more. Separate area for under 5's. Adults can relax, read, watch TV or enjoy a coffee while their children play. €9 per child for 2.5 hours playtime.

**Web:** [www.krazykids.ie](http://www.krazykids.ie)

**Tel:** 090 6486882

## **Athlone Regional Sports Centre**

Swimming Pool, Creche, Kids Activities, Astro Turf pitch and outdoor skate park. Fitness classes and gym ensure there is something for all the family.

**Web:** [www.athlonesportscentre.ie](http://www.athlonesportscentre.ie)

**Tel:** 090 6470975

## **Glendeer Pet Farm**

Parents and kids alike will enjoy this traditional Open Farm, with some not so traditional animals. See all the wildlife and traditional machinery on the impressive nature walk. Some of the animals that can be seen include deer, Vietnamese pot belly pigs, ponies, donkeys, Jersey cows, sheep, goats, peacocks and other rare birds and domestic fowl. Kids can enjoy the playground area, while parents can relax in the on site Coffee Shop. For the months of December the Pet Farm is transformed into Lapland with Santa and his Reindeer. A wonderful family activity during your hotel break.

**Web:** [www.glendeer.com](http://www.glendeer.com)

**Tel:** 090 6437147

## **Athlone Leisure World**

Something for all the family, including Ten Pin Bowling, Quasar 2000, Tumbletowers and tumble tots soft play area, Astro-turf Soccer Pitches, American Pool, Snooker and the very latest in video game simulators. Ideal for families, children and adults alike.

**Email:** [info@leisureworld.ie](mailto:info@leisureworld.ie)

**Web:** [www.leisureworld.ie](http://www.leisureworld.ie)

**Tel:** 090 6494766

## **Viking Tours Ltd.**

Viking Adventure Cruises on the river Shannon and Lough Ree and down the river to Clonmacnoise. Ideal for schools and coach tours, it can be booked exclusively for organisations, clubs, weddings, parties etc. Daily scheduled cruises from July to September. Departs from outside the hotel with drop off available in Athlone town centre.

**Tel:** 090 64 73383

**Email:** [vikingtours@ireland.com](mailto:vikingtours@ireland.com)

**Web:** [www.athlone.ie](http://www.athlone.ie)



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## **Fishing/Angling**

Lough Ree is a famous coarse angling lake, seventeen miles long and the second largest lake in the Shannon system. Often described as an inland sea, the lake has numerous bays and inlets which offer the coarse angler a variety of angling. The lake is noted for its big pike. Lough Ree produces specimen bream, tench, hybrids and rudd each year. Bags of mixed coarse fish to 100lbs are common for a day's fishing.

**Web:** [www.shannon-fishery-board.ie](http://www.shannon-fishery-board.ie)

## **Lough Boora Parklands**

Located about 30 minutes drive from Hodson Bay Hotel, Lough Boora Parklands is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Located near Ferbane in the cutaway bogs of Co. Offaly, harvested by Bord na Móna. The parklands consist of a magnificent collection of natural & manmade lakes, wetlands, woodland areas, 50km of walkways, 14km of scenic cycle routes and picnic areas - perfect for a fun family day out!

**Web:** [www.loughbooraparklands.com](http://www.loughbooraparklands.com)

## **River Run Pleasure Cruiser**

Cruise the river Shannon in the comfort of this luxurious 60 seater cruiser so sit back, relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. Ideal for groups, day trips, corporate social outings or individuals who can join the cruiser from its departure point beside Athlone Castle.

**Web:** [www.theriverrun.ie](http://www.theriverrun.ie)

## **Baracuda Boat Trips**

Fun family trips on Lough Ree or to Clonmacnoise. Fishing trips also available. Picks up from Hodson Bay marina outside the hotel with drop offs in Athlone town and at various points around the lake.

**Tel:** 087 2301981 - **Contact Terry**

**Web:** [www.athlone.ie](http://www.athlone.ie)

## **Irish Sailing Academy**

The Irish Sailing Academy is one of Ireland's leading boat training centres. We run sailing, powerboat, motorboat and shorebased theory courses. Set on the scenic shores of Lough Ree, students have the perfect training environment for safe and fun learning.

**Web:** [www.irishsailingacademy.com](http://www.irishsailingacademy.com)

## **Inny Bay Boat Hire**

Fishing boats available to hire. 3-4 People max per boat. Small number of rods and Bait to hire. Great location for Pike, Perch & Trout fishing. Lough Ree Athlone, Near Ballymahon.

**Tel:** 087-9960173 (Tom Fox)

## **Hodson Bay Watersports**

Ireland's leading Boat School operates all year around from Hodson Bay pier. Courses from beginner to instructor levels.

**Tel:** 1890 70 40 90

**Web:** [www.powerboat.org](http://www.powerboat.org)

## **Shannon Safari**

Powerboat trips for families, friends, clubs and businesses to explore the River Shannon, Lough Ree and Inner Lakes departing from Hodson Bay Hotel and other venues around Athlone.

**Web:** [www.shannonsafari.ie](http://www.shannonsafari.ie)

## **Wake Boarding**

An exhilarating watersport on Lough Ree with classes and lessons for adults and children.

**Tel:** Robbie Wynne - 086-6038450

## **Athlone Equestrian Centre**

Ideally situated in a quiet country setting yet only three miles from Athlone town. Athlone Equestrian Centre prides itself in providing a safe and funlearning experience to both adults and kids.

**Web:** [www.athloneequestrian.ie](http://www.athloneequestrian.ie)