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# Fearmanach — County Fermanagh

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## Key facts about County Fermanagh

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### Location

Southwest Northern Ireland. Borders counties Tyrone, Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim, and Donegal (Republic). One of the most rural NI counties — low population density.

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### Lough Erne

Two connected lakes — Upper Lough Erne (south) and Lower Lough Erne (north) — run through the county. Together they cover 150 km<sup>2</sup>. The River Erne drains them northwest into Donegal Bay.

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### Enniskillen

County town of Fermanagh. Population approximately 14,000. Historic walled town on an island between Upper and Lower Lough Erne. Site of the 1987 Enniskillen bombing (Remembrance Sunday).

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### Island monasteries

Dozens of small islands on Lough Erne contain ancient Christian monasteries and round towers — Devenish Island (most accessible) has a well-preserved round tower. Evidence of early medieval Irish Christianity.

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### Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark

A remarkable cave system in southwest Fermanagh, formed in limestone. Accessible by guided boat tour. Part of a cross-border UNESCO Geopark with County Cavan.



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**Economy**

Agriculture (beef cattle, sheep, dairy) and tourism. Fermanagh is marketed as 'the Lakelands' — fishing, boating, walking, cycling. The Fermanagh Lakelands are among NI's most visited areas.

