



Ballina Quay



Príomhbhaile bradán na hÉireann

Gabann an Mhuaidh, an abhairn bhradán is táirgiúla in Éirinn, trí lár Bhéal an Átha, an dara baile is mó i Maigh Eo. Agus iad suas go dtí a gcoimeanna san uisce, leanann na hiascairí orthu ag iascaireacht beag beann ar an trácht ag dul thar bráid.

Gach séasúr tugann siad thart ar 5000 bradán i dtír ón abhairn taobh leis an mbaile. Is idir deireadh Bhealtaine agus lár Lúnasa a bhíonn an bhuaicshéasúr. Is i rith na tréimhse sin a thugann na bradáin aghaidh ar uiscí an Atlantaigh orthu féin.

Is é an Linn Droma an stráice is cálíúla – an pointe ag a mbuaileann uiscí taoide agus úruiscí lena chéile. Bhí na bradáin á seoladh isteach i mboscáid coinneála ag an gcora ar feadh breis is 200 bliain. Ní raibh eisceacht ar bith ag baint le suas le 50,000 iasc a thabhairt i dtír ag aon am amháin an uair sin.

The salmon capital of Ireland

The Moy, Ireland's most productive salmon river, runs through the centre of Ballina, Mayo's second largest town. Up to their waists in water, fishermen cast off in full view of the traffic.

Each season they catch up to 5000 salmon on the town stretches of the river. The season peaks in late May to mid-August when salmon head for the Atlantic.

The most famous stretch is the Ridge Pool at the point where tidal and fresh waters meet. For two centuries the weir channelled the salmon into holding boxes. Catches of up to 50,000 fish were not uncommon.

Cé Bhéal an Átha



“kay-VAY-lun-aw”

Ag fanacht ra bhradán chun a bhealach a dhéanamh trí cheann de na droichid i lár an bhaile

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Waiting for a salmon to swim through one of the town centre bridges

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Traidisiún de chuid na háite é bréagchuileanna a cheangal, déanta de ghruaig agus de sciatháin, chun bradáin a mhealladh. I measc na mbréagchuileanna is mó úsáidte ar an Mhuaidh tá Toirneach agus Tintreach, Liath Bhéal an Átha agus Easgó Airgid.

Tying flies, made from hair and feathers, to lure salmon is a local tradition. Favourite flies on the Moy include Thunder and Lightning, Ballina Grey and Silver Stoat.



1 Caith tamall ag siúl ar do shuaimhneas trí Choill Bhéal Leice, ceann de na foraoisí uirbeacha is mó san Eorpa. Stroll through Belleek Woods, one of Europe's largest urban forests.

2 Tapaigh an deis spléachadh a thabhairt ar stair na hÉireann le 400 bliain anuas trí chuit a thabhairt ar Bhailíúchán Jackie Clarke.

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3 Foghlaim conas dorú a chaitheamh amach ar an Mhuaidh le cabhair ó threoráid de bhunadh na háite.

Learn how to cast a fly with a local guide on the River Moy.



Tá cuileoga bradáin ar leith do shínte difriúla den abhairn ag na hiascairí

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Fishermen have their favourite salmon flies for different stretches of the river

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