Portaferry Heritage Trail

Follow this town’s history through its built heritage - from its Norman castle and medieval graveyard, to the legacy of a thriving shipbuilding industry in the 1700s. Imagine the tumult of the 1798 rebellion at the Market House or enjoy the magnificent view from the Windmill. The story comes right up to the present day with a vitally important lifeboat station and a centre for marine research.

The trail follows a circular numbered walking route about 2 miles (3.6km) long.

The map also shows the Nugent’s Wood and Exploris Park Walk. It also indicates two popular circular walks along the shore and through the drumlin hills by quiet country roads – “Ballyquintin” and “Mountain Road”.

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