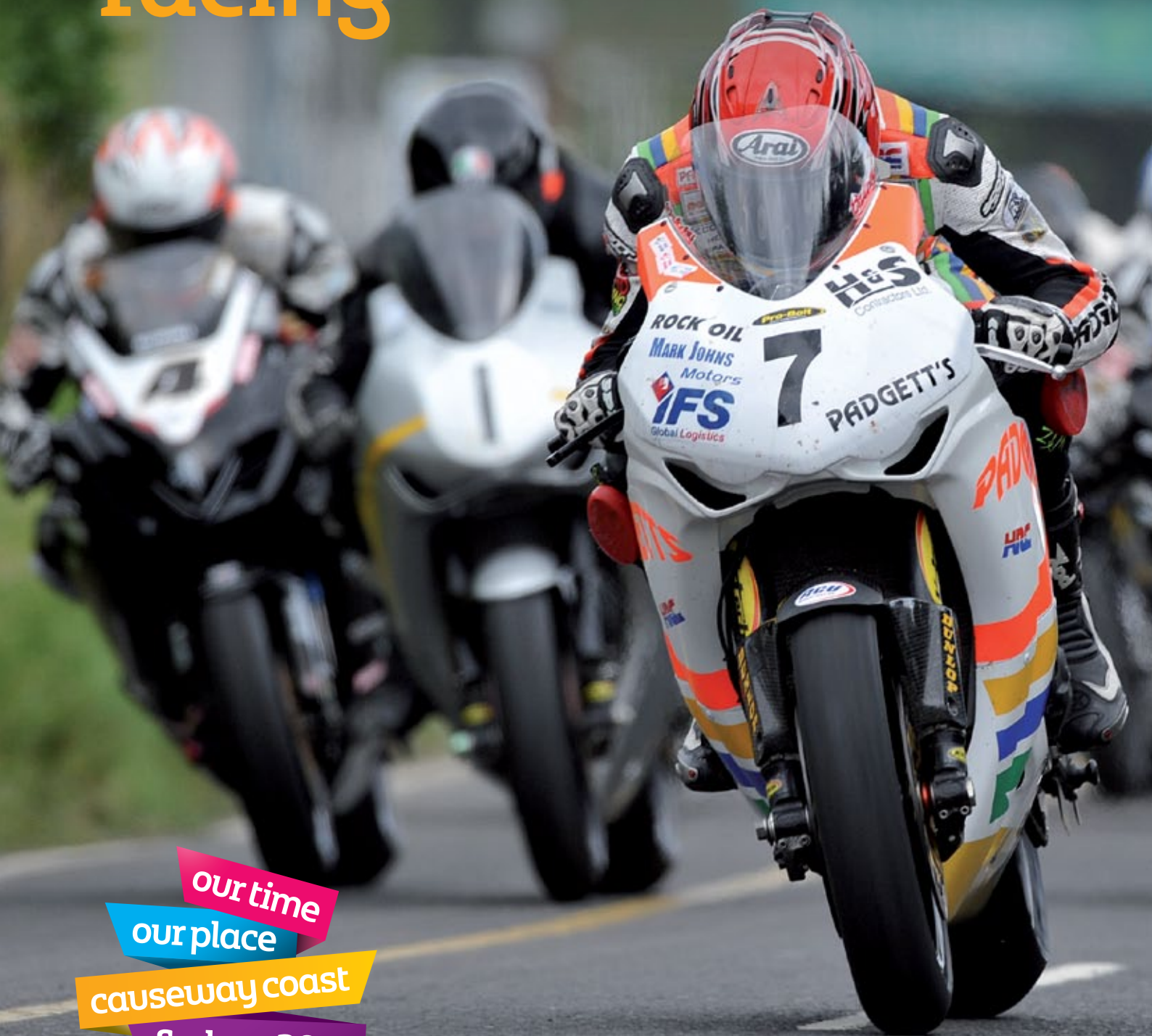


# The home of Irish road racing



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# Northern Ireland road racing

Experience the region's motorcycle heritage. This is one of the very few places in the world where you can enjoy motorcycle road racing at its adrenalin-charged best.

The region is home to two world-famous international road races, the North West 200 and the Ulster Grand Prix. These are more than sporting sensations, they are a festival for the entire family. The region's road racing heritage was cemented with the Armoy Armada which was established in 1977 by Frank Kennedy, Jim Dunlop, Mervyn Robinson and the local road racing legend Joey Dunlop. His achievements include three hat-tricks at the Isle of Man TT where he won

26 races in total; he won the Ulster Grand Prix 24 times and, in 1986, he won a fifth consecutive Formula One world title.

The Dunlop Memorial Gardens and the nearby museum in Ballymoney have become points of pilgrimage for people from around the world who marvel at the skill, commitment and courage which are synonymous with success in this tough sport.



**Causeway Coastal Route**

The Causeway Coast & Glens is home to One of the World's Great Road Journeys – The Causeway Coastal Route. This 120 mile route is a scenic marvel where bikers can savour the twists and turns of a road which is often right on the sea's edge. The views along the route are spectacular and need to be savoured – so plan to make the run more than once. For more information and itineraries visit [www.causewaycoastandglens.com](http://www.causewaycoastandglens.com)

## Calendar of Events 2012

**April 27/28th 2012**  
**Cookstown Road Race**

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**May 4/5th 2012**  
**Tandragee Road Race**

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**May 13/19th 2012**  
**International North West 200**

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**June 15/16th 2012**  
**Mid Antrim Road Race**

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**July 26/27th 2012**  
**Armoy Road Race**

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**August 6/11th 2012**  
**Ulster Grand Prix**

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## ARMOY RACE OF LEGENDS

A small step into road racing, has led to a giant leap as the Armoys 'Race of Legends', in its fourth year, grows in stature, gaining the respect of riders as a first class venue to show off their skills. As the likes of William and Michael Dunlop, descendants of the legendary "Armoys Armada", blast their way around their home circuit alongside Guy Martin, Ryan Farquhar, Michael Pearson and Adrian Archibald, spectators are treated to sights and sounds reminiscent of the times when the 'sleepy little village' was the stomping ground for those other, never to be forgotten, racing heroes. In 2011, there was a full grid of top riders, including Paul Shoesmith, Alan Jackson, Ben Wylie, Steve Mercer and over 50 up and coming newcomers. Spectator numbers also hit new records as visitors explore Armoys and the beautiful "Glens of Antrim". At this year's race (27th and 28th July), it is anticipated that more top class riders will be attracted to Armoys testing the circuit and its riders to the limit. Just as Finn McCool is synonymous with the Causeway Coast, Armoys' 'Race of Legends' is carving a niche for itself as a giant on the road racing calendar.

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## MID ANTRIM ROAD RACE

For many years visitors from all over Ireland North and South and many cross channel visitors from Scotland, England and Wales have been supporting our race in large numbers. The same can be said of competitors who return year after year to take on the curves, twists and jumps of the 3.5 mile circuit located just a few miles from the bustling town of Ballymena in County Antrim (less than 45 minutes from Belfast and Larne ferry ports or either of the main airports, Belfast City and Belfast International).

The Mid Antrim Motor Club Motorcycle Road Racing Section look forward to seeing you at the Mid Antrim 150 on the 15th and 16th of June 2012 (15th June practice and qualifying, 16th June Race Day).

Contact Brian Smith on 07773 337153 or email: [bsmith-midantrim150@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bsmith-midantrim150@hotmail.co.uk) for the latest information.

**For more information**  
[www.midantrim150.co.uk](http://www.midantrim150.co.uk)



## NORTHWEST 200

Top motorsport event, the International North West 200 is set to take place on Saturday 19th May 2012, with racing on Thursday evening from 5.30pm. During the build up to Race Day fans can watch their biking heroes during practice sessions on Tuesday 15th May and Thursday 17th May during the day, 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Thousands of visitors from all over the world are expected to gather along the 8.9 mile course located on Northern Ireland's world famous North Coast region and enjoy professional international sporting stars compete in one of the toughest road races worldwide. Organisers, Coleraine & District Motor Club Ltd in tandem with Coleraine Borough Council are also creating a thrilling Race Week Festival which kicks off on Sunday 13th May and features an extensive range of family friendly events including charity walks, vintage bike displays and a fabulous fireworks display to mark Race Day eve. For up to date information on 'Who, What, Where and When?'

**For more information**  
[www.northwest200.org](http://www.northwest200.org)



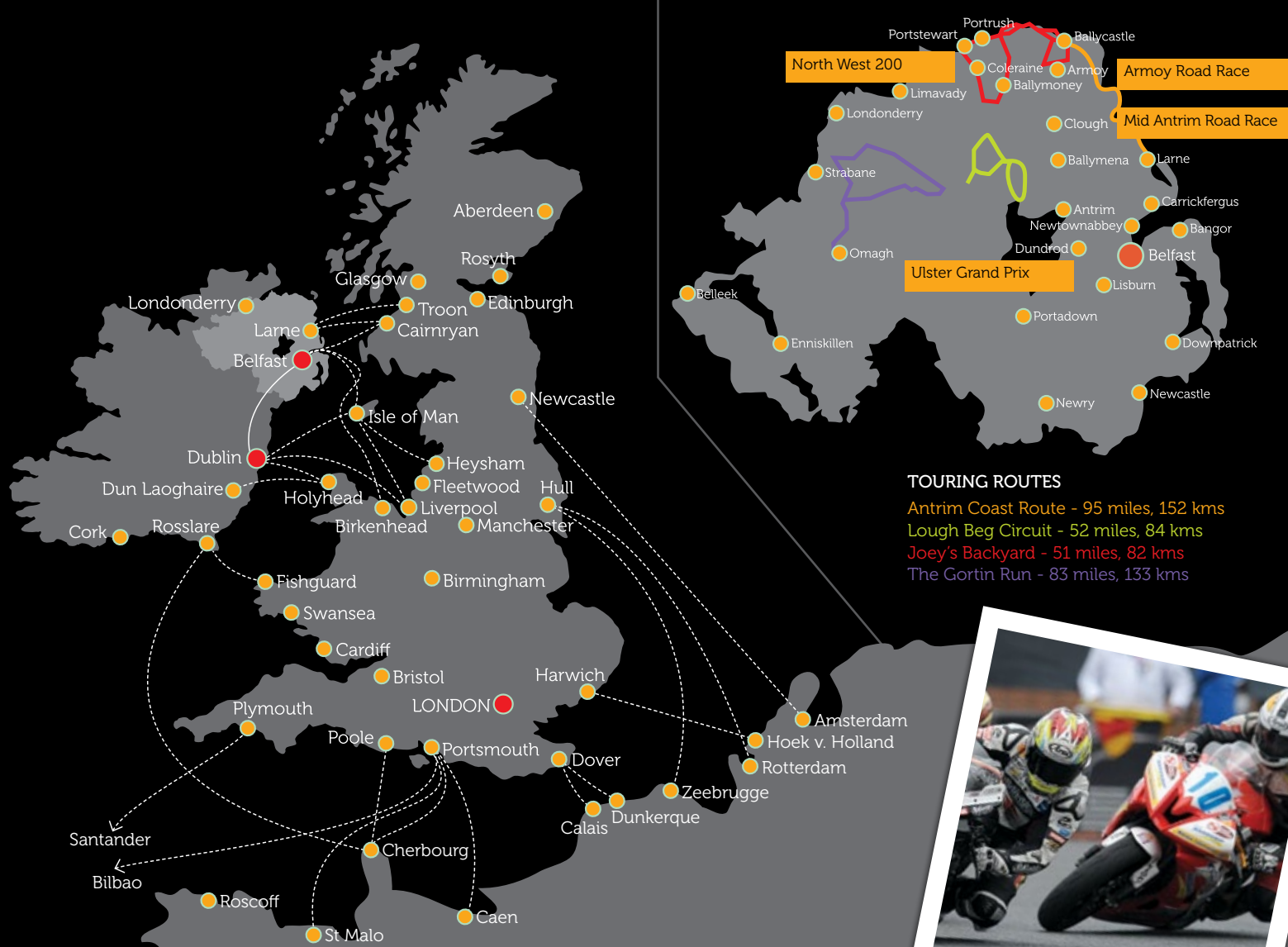
## ULSTER GRAND PRIX

The Dundrod Circuit is situated high in the hills overlooking Belfast and Lisburn, just a 10 minute journey from both historic cities. The circuit layout hasn't changed since it was a World Championship event when the likes of Hailwood, Agostini and in later years Joey Dunlop entertained the thousands around the 7.4 mile circuit. For 51 weeks of the year the circuit is a normal highway but for that one week in August it is a full blown race circuit, over the past ten years a lot of the hedges on corners etc have been removed giving good safe run off areas, thus making it a real scratchers circuit.

The heroes nowadays are Ian Hutchinson, Guy Martin, John McGuinness and new lap record holder Bruce Anstey with an average speed of 133.977 which makes Dundrod the Fastest Road Race in the World. The circuit is a fast flowing circuit that has everything, and in fact a lot of the pure road racers have voted it to be their favourite road race circuit. There are many excellent vantage points around the circuit, with grandstand seating, big screens with live coverage from a helicopter, good food and toilet/shower facilities. So if you make that first trip to Dundrod, we can guarantee you will not be disappointed.

**For more information**  
[www.ulstergrandprix.net](http://www.ulstergrandprix.net)





**TOURING ROUTES**  
 Antrim Coast Route - 95 miles, 152 kms  
 Lough Beg Circuit - 52 miles, 84 kms  
 Joey's Backyard - 51 miles, 82 kms  
 The Gortin Run - 83 miles, 133 kms



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