

KILDARE - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	Liffey Valley
Other names used for site	
TOWNLAND(S)	Numerous
NEAREST TOWN	Ballymore Eustace
SIX INCH MAP NUMBER	29
NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE	284000 210000, 293000 209000 = N 84 10, N 93 09
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Outline Site Description

Floodplain and meander formations.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

Holocene (last 10,000 years) postglacial material overlying Silurian greywackes, siltstones and shales.

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

The broad floodplains and large-scale meanders of the Liffey Valley east of Ballymore Eustace are on such a large scale that it is hard to appreciate them from ground level. Using aerial photography these features become quite apparent.

Site Importance

This broad floodplain with classic meander formations is one of the finest in Ireland and should be recommended for...

Management/promotion issues

There is a pre-existing River Liffey walk, which is maintained by the Ballymore Eustace Community Development Association. The River Liffey walk can be accessed on the north side of the bridge coming into Ballymore Eustace. Apart from this walkway any other access to the river appears to be through private land. It is important to note that as this site is situated on a floodplain and therefore development of the area may be held back, and therefore preserving this impressive stretch of the Liffey.



Above: Aerial photograph of the River Liffey meanders.
Left: Bridge at Ballymore Eustace.
Right: Sign for walkway.

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