

SEPTEMBER

The Helm Skate Festival

1st – 3rd September

The Helm Skate Festival is now in its 17th year and the prospect of catching one of Clew Bay's monster skate is a key factor in attracting anglers from all over Europe to this end-of-season event. There is a prize fund of €6,000.

Achill Roar Adventure Race

10th September

Achill Roar is an outdoor multi-sport adventure race. The categories for the Achill Roar are: Expert Solo, Sports Solo and Expert Relay. The expert solo course is either a 800m swim or 2400m kayak in Keel Lough, followed by a 15km beach and mountain run, taking in the summit of Minaun (662m) and then a 45km cycle including the famous Atlantic Drive coastal route.

Ballinrobe Race Meeting

19th September

An intimate place set in a natural amphitheatre where the action is never too far from view - it's everything a country racecourse should be.

Westport Horse Fair

24th September

Westport Horse Fair dates back to 1741, and has many classes of ponies and horses on the day. The fair includes showing classes in the morning and also a dog show.

Westport Arts Festival

30th September – 9th October

Now in its 33rd year, Westport Arts Festival has long since established itself on the West coast calendar as an exciting and diverse event. The festival is a locally-run event and gives an exciting insight into the lively community in Westport with a feast of theatre, dance, recital and music. There are children's events, exhibitions and workshops.

OCTOBER

RoolaBoola Children's Arts Festival

28th – 30th October

RoolaBoola is the Linenhall Art Centre's funky and fantastic arts festival for young people, with a packed programme of quality shows, events and workshops for ages 2-16 years and their families. It takes place in Castlebar.

NOVEMBER

Westport Sea 2 Summit Adventure Race

12th November

The Westport Sea 2 Summit adventure race is a unique event based in the adventure capital of Ireland. The race incorporates all the thrills that Westport has to offer, Croagh Patrick, Clew Bay, the Sheaffry Mountains and the new Greenway. There are 2 race categories S2S Supreme 56.5km and S2S Spirit 27.5km.

DECEMBER

Shop 'n Spraoi na Nollag

Date TBC

Westport Mall is transformed into a winter wonderland and shoppers paradise, where visitors can purchase handmade, authentic and unique Christmas gifts for all the family.

Christmas Day Swim

25th December

Dozens of hardy swimmers brave the icy temperatures of Bertra Beach every year for the traditional Christmas Day dip.

Christmas Walking Festival

1st & 2nd January

Based in Westport town, The Christmas Walking Festival is 2-Days of fun combined with healthy outdoor pursuits to work off the excesses of Christmas with a choice of walks to suit the hardened hiker and the casual stroller.