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Some of my favourite walks!

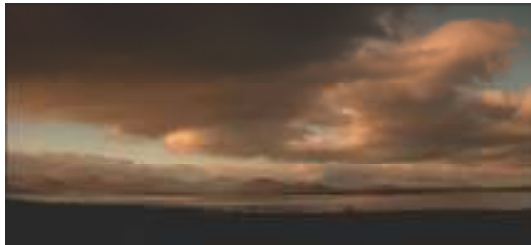
The mountain is behind us and the seashore a stone's throw from our garden. This is a list of my favourite walks:

Seashore

This is the best walk of the lot and hardly anyone does it! Borrow a pair of wellington boots from us, check the tide is on the way out, walk 4 minutes to the far shore, then walk down to the water's edge, through the rock pools, over the slippery seaweed glistening in the sunlight. The joy is the smells, the multitude of colours and walking out edge of the tide and seeing the Mourne Mountains and Slieve Foy tower above the Carlingford Lough. Great for pictures! Walk back before the tide starts coming back in again.



Ballagan shore



Just 5 minutes drive from Ghan House is a single track road which winds its way through the ancient old Irish farmhouse town of Whitestown, past Lily Finnigans pub then onto the open shore, with panoramic views of the Irish Sea, Carlingford Lough, Hallbowline lighthouse (the 2nd best designed building in the whole of Ireland) the Mourne Mountains and Slieve Foy. To get to it, turn right out of our main drive, left at the T

junction towards Greenore, 1st right (after 100metres) and follow this road round to the left until you hit open shore immediately on your left. Follow this road and park around where the road splits. The walk takes you inland on the right hand split and follow this road in an anticlockwise direction to bring you through the ancient farmhouse town, the shore & back to you car – approx 50 minutes walk.

Breathtaking! And great with prams.

The embankment

Just 2km from Ghan House (turning right from our main drive) is Greenore Golf Course (on the **left** after about 1.4 miles – red rusty farm gate, the 1st bit of green that you see – just before the rusty red gate on the right is white & red farmhouse which is on the right with 2 monkey puzzle trees outside). On the seaward side of the golf course is an old railway embankment – it has amazing views of Carlingford Lough, the Mourne Mountains and Slieve Foy. Best evening or morning time ~ less golfers, and the light on the lough is better. From 20 to 40mins, walking back the way you came.



Top tip – walk onwards to the end of the embankment, you'll see the golf clubhouse – pop up (you don't need to be a member) and enjoy the view right down the lough with a coffee or nice pint. They also do light food. If time permits, walk around the old railway town of Greenore, hardly touched since it was 1st built at the end of the 19th Century. Then walk along the shore for 30minutes away from the docks and in 35 minutes you'll be linked up to the road that splits in the walk above. Keep going! From golf course to Ballagan/Whitestown & back again is approx 4 hrs.