

Set in spectacular surroundings on the River Blackwater, Ballynatray is in a natural amphitheatre which provides a very suitable topography for shooting.

A day at the Estate's simulated pheasant shoot is both instructive and entertaining with all requirements thought of. The equipment, both guns and traps, is all first class, the drives well laid out, and the instruction friendly and informative. Indeed the Instructors are all obviously passionate about their sport and very keen to help both new entrants and experienced shots as appropriate.

The shooting involves a number of drives as in a conventional shoot, with the clays being sent over the guns at different speeds, heights and angles resulting in close similarity to the real thing.

There is a break in shooting for a delicious lunch whose ingredients are all produced on the Estate. Shooting continues after lunch until late afternoon.

In summary, my day at Ballynatray was both enjoyable and instructive from a shooting point of view. A warm welcome and a good lunch complemented a very enjoyable day.