SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CREEVY LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001599

Creevy Lough lies about 3km north-west of Carrickmacross set in the glacial hill of the Drumlin Belt in Co. Monaghan.

The lake is popular with anglers and picnic-makers. The shoreline is very open and is not fringed with reed as are many of the other lakes in this area. Common Spike-rush (*Eleocharis palustris*), Bladder-sedge (*Carex vesicaria*) and Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*) grow in clumps around the perimeter. The floor of the lough is colonised by Shoreweed (*Littorella uniflora*) and two rare aquatic plant species were found in shallow water, namely Six-stamened Waterwort (*Elatine hexandra*) and Rigid Hornwort (*Certophyllum demersum*).

This lough is interesting as it exhibits different plant communities to the other lakes in the region.

It seems likely that the shoreline vegetation is modified by fluctuating water levels.

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