

**BOYNE
VALLEY**

Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East

Discover Boyne Valley 2024-2025



**IRELAND'S
ANCIENT EAST®**
Wander Through Time

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“The Boyne is not a showy river. It rises in County Kildare and flows gently and majestically through County Meath and joins the sea at Drogheda in County Louth some 112 kilometres later. It has none of the razzmatazz of its sister, the Shannon. It’s neither the longest river in Ireland, nor does it have the greatest flow. What it does have, and by the gallon, is history.

In fact, the Boyne Valley is like a time capsule. Travel along it and you travel through millennia of Irish history, from passage tombs that pre-date the Pyramids, to the Hill of Tara, seat of the High Kings of Ireland, all the way to the home of the First World War poet Francis Ledwidge in Slane. It’s the Irish equivalent of Egypt’s Valley of the Kings. And you can choose to explore it by car, bicycle, kayak, or by strolling along its banks and the towpaths of the navigation canals that run alongside from Navan to Oldbridge.”

Frances Power - Editor, Cara,
the Aer Lingus inflight magazine - Boyne Valley Feature,
October/November 2014 Pg 68-78
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Your journey of discovery starts here...

To tell the story of Ireland's Ancient East we must start at the beginning... 5,000 years ago in the Boyne Valley.

We present to you 5,000 years of Europe's history in a lush green, compact and accessible landscape...

It's easy to take it all in,
To go at your own pace,
To dip in or delve in,
To meet great people and listen to stories told by the greatest storytellers in the world,
Take the time to experience the Boyne Valley, a unique and diverse place that has inspired for thousands of years and the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East.

Discover tombs older than the pyramids at Brú na Bóinne and the birthplace of Samhain on the Hill of Tlachtga. Be moved at monasteries such as Mellifont Abbey, explore a medieval armoury at Trim Visitor Centre, brave a battleground at the famous Battle of Boyne or test your own courage on the legendary Cú Chulainn rollercoaster at Emerald Park. Discover the stories of a time of contrasts, the time of empire, rebellion, innovation and industry.

The spirit of the past is wonderfully alive in the Boyne Valley today. It is full of mystery and excitement, humour and adventure.

Your tour through Ireland's Ancient East will be an experience in living history in a special place where magical things happen.



Out and about in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley is best appreciated when travelling by boat, bike or strolling along our Greenways. Paddle along the Boyne Blueway that passes through Medieval Trim to Bective Abbey. There are many tracks and trails from woodlands, historic walks and The Boyne Valley Camino taking in a loop from Drogheda to Old Mellifont Abbey.

Wide open beaches North and South of the Boyne offering peaceful walks or the thrill of the gallops witnessed at our many racecourses. For a gentler pace, try our high quality golf courses designed by noted professionals or take part in The Boyne Valley Garden Trails with a kaleidoscope of colour and fragrances.



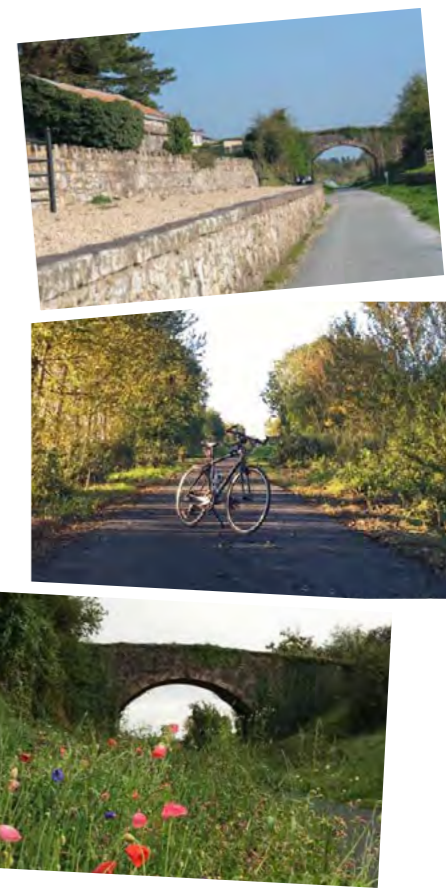
Greenway Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

A Walker's Paradise

Ireland's newest greenway provides a 30km car-free pathway starting at the Blackwater Park in Navan, County Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley and travelling along the former Midland Great Western Railway. Meet the locals as the greenway journeys through the rural picturesque villages of North County Meath, passing the beautiful architecture of the station houses, gates and rail line, finishing at Dún an Rí Forest Park, Kingscourt in the Lakelands of County Cavan. Ireland's most walking friendly greenway has 2 walking loops and has 2 beautiful parks for you to enjoy forest trails or buggy friendly loops.

boynevalleytolakelandsgreenway.ie

- | Greenway Routes | |
|-----------------|--|
| | Blackwater Park, Navan - Gibbstown Station 3.7km |
| | Gibbstown Station - Wilkinstown 4.0km |
| | Wilkinstown - Castletown (South Entrance) 4.5km |
| | Castletown (North Entrance) - Nobber Station 4.3km |
| | Nobber Station - Kilmainhamwood Station 4.4 Km |
| | Kilmainhamwood Station - Kingscourt 7.1 Km |
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- | Greenway Trails | |
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| | Castletown Trail 3.5km |
| | Sli na hOibre (Nobber Loop) 3.5km |
| | Railway Station |
| | Bicycle Repair |



Greenway The Royal Canal Greenway

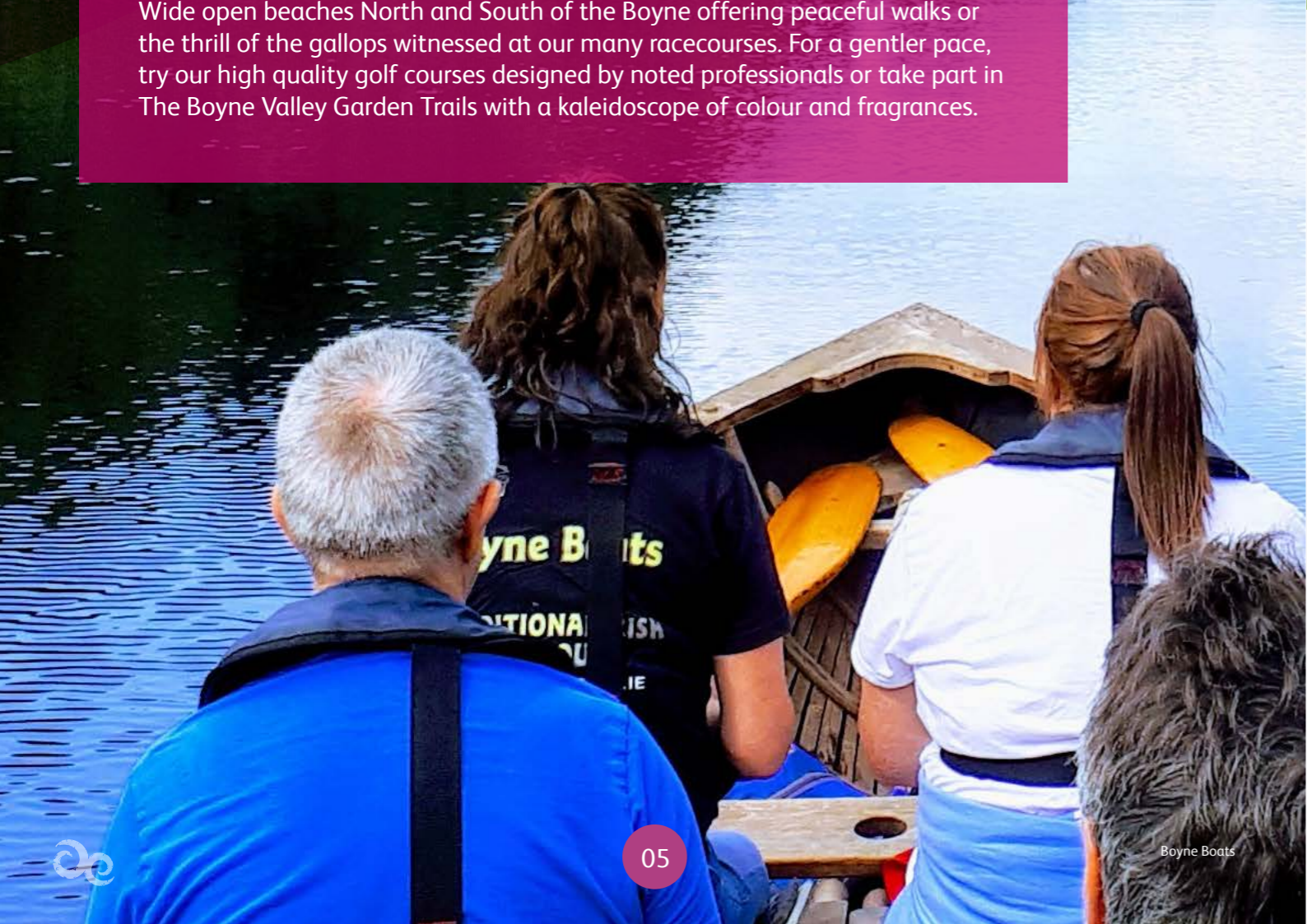
The enchanting Royal Canal Greenway is 130km of level towpath, ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists of all ages and stages. Starting in cosmopolitan Maynooth, it follows the 200 year old canal through friendly Enfield and lively Mullingar to charming Cloondara in Longford, with cafés, picnic spots and attractions along the way. Rustic and industrial landscapes combine, with rolling fields, pretty waterside villages, working locks and historic landmarks. Cycle between any of the main towns and return by train to where you started. Follow where once horse-drawn barges journeyed and keep an eye out for hidden wildlife wonders along the way.

Approximately 22km of the Greenway is set in County Meath, with access points at Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down. Storyboards and map-boards at the access points guide you along the way, with picnic areas and benches to pause and enjoy your surroundings.

In Enfield, industrial heritage is showcased in the fine old Midland Great Western Railway buildings - the stationmaster's house, warehouses, old railway signal boxes and towers, still in use today. A few kilometres further on the Blackwater Aqueduct carries the canal over the Blackwater River. At Longwood Harbour the Ribbontail Paddlers Club use a restored lock keeper's cottage as a clubhouse. The club is named after the historic Ribbontail Footbridge, built for mass-goers to cross the canal on their way to the church in Longwood. You may even spot a barge at the Hill of Down before you travel onwards to Killucan.

The Royal Canal Greenway - One Trail, Endless Discoveries.
royalcanalgreenway.org

National Famine Way
The Royal Canal Greenway also includes part of the National Famine Way, which follows the poignant journey from Roscommon to Dublin of 1,490 Great Famine emigrants. Monuments at the Hill of Down, Longwood and Enfield mark this sad yet important part of Irish history. See nationalfamineway.ie for more details.



Walking, cycling and paddling

Gentle pathways to explore at leisure



Heritage and Cultural Walking Routes

Athboy Heritage Trail

Take the Athboy Heritage Trail around the town and learn about its medieval origins, its architecture and the many archaeological sites nearby.

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

This walk from Navan to Stackallen Bridge is 8km each way. Along this linear stretch there are interpretive panels providing interesting facts to help the walker enjoy the beauty of the Boyne Valley. Carpark located on the R153 in Navan.

Boyne Valley Camino

The Boyne Valley Camino is a self-guided, 25km looped walk from Drogheda, part of the Celtic Camino series. The route takes in the beautiful Townley Hall woods, Belnumber Wood, Oldbridge House, Mellifont Abbey and the stunning Boyne Canal. Official Camino Passports can be used to collect beautiful stamps created by local artists en route. Download the guide at drogheda.ie or pick up a copy from the Drogheda Tourist Office.

Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate Walks

Over 5 km of scenic walks on the historic battle site, linking with adjacent Boyne Greenway and Boyne Canal Walk. Free of charge. Dogs must be on leads at all times. No bikes permitted on walks.

Clonard Heritage Trail

Clonard is a peaceful village in south west Meath but during the medieval period it was one of the foremost centres of ecclesiastical learning in Ireland and even in Europe. Download the trail brochure to learn about its rich history, located close to the Royal Canal Greenway.

DRAWDA Urban Art Trail

Seven murals that focus on key figures and moments from mythology, with an Audio Trail! Pick up your printed map from Droichead Arts Centre, Love Drogheda BIDS or local business' or view it online. Take a stroll around Drogheda, use your smart device to scan the code at the mural and listen to the mythological stories behind them!

Drogheda Historic Trail

Over 800 years, Drogheda has been the stage for many of the events that have shaped Ireland's destiny. Using the map and information panels, take an hour or so to explore it and be rewarded by stories that took centuries to write.

Kells Historic Trail

In the ninth century, Kells was known as 'Áiníus Érenn' or 'The splendour of Ireland'. A series of information panels guide you around this historic town. Explore the medieval high crosses and monastic site where the Book of Kells was completed, one of Ireland's greatest cultural treasures. For guided tours see the Kells Walkabout Tours (p.20).

Navan Points of Pride

Navan Points of Pride town walk starts at the Solstice Arts Centre and is 4km long. At a leisurely pace it can be completed in approximately 2 hours, taking in the history, architecture and culture of the town.

Scéal Trail: Mo Chuid Amhráin Ghaeilge Páirc Ráth Chairn

Is bealach spráitil é an Scéal Trail chun taitneamh na léitheoireachta, grá don taobh amuigh agus roinnt gníomhaíochta fisiciúla a thabhairt le chéile. The Scéal Trail is a fun way to bring together the enjoyment of reading, a love of the outdoors and some physical activity.

A path well worn..

Visitors should respect the facilities, the flora and fauna, keep dogs under strict control and co-operate in keeping the areas free from litter, or if walking in a wooded area, refrain from lighting fires. Wear walking boots, bring rain gear and fluids. Leave only footprints and take only memories...

For more details and downloadable maps see discoverboynevalley.ie



Slane Castle Walking Trail

International rock legends have entertained millions of fans against the backdrop of Slane Castle since 1981. Follow in their footsteps on the Concert Field Walk which starts at the Castle courtyard, and wander through beautiful mature woodlands. Check slanecastle.ie for opening times.

Slane Historic Trail

Slane's long and fascinating history is brilliantly outlined on this trail. Its past is brought to life through a series of plaques and panels placed at points of interest along the route.

The Story of the Vanishing Lake, Navan

A fun way to bring together the enjoyment of reading, a love of the outdoors and some physical activity. The story of 'Socks for Mr Wolf' starts at the playground and is told through story boards. Each one features questions about the story and movement tips to do on the way to the next page.

Trim Historic Trail

This fantastic town trail breathes life into the historical significance of Trim. Start at the Visitor Centre and follow the historical signs to learn about Trim and its history.

Nature and Forest Walks

Balrath Wood

Balrath Wood, located just off the N2 on the R153 for Navan, was once part of the Somerville estate. A good time to visit Balrath is in late Summer/early Autumn when there are plenty of leaves and some fruits/nuts on the trees and some wildflowers still in bloom. Spring and Summer are also good times, especially to see woodland wildflowers in their natural habitat.

Girley Bog Eco Walk

3.5 mile waymarked National Loop covering forest and bogland located on the N52 to Mullingar just 5 km from Kells on the left hand side. The loop takes approximately 1 hr 30 mins and requires walking boots.

Littlewood Forest, Slane

Located on the N2 Collon Road, 1 mile from Slane, provides a fantastic amenity for walkers. The forest covers 28 hectares (70 acres). Today it comprises a varied mix of conifer and broadleaved tree species. A series of directional posts and information panels detail the flora, fauna and history along the walk.

Loughcrew Estate Walk

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a diverse, tranquil landscape, with plenty to entertain all ages. Children love the wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners can enjoy the beautiful array of trees and plants. There are a number of peaceful walks within the grounds and a 6km hike to Lough Creve, which can be taken at any pace.

Mullaghmeen Forest

Situated 8 km from Oldcastle, Mullaghmeen has 1,000 acres of forest. Picnics can be enjoyed and there are long and short walks depending on level of fitness. Mullaghmeen Forest is a state forest and provides 14 miles of roadway for the walker. It leads to the highest point in County Westmeath (894ft).

Porchfield

Explore the wonders of Trim through the medieval open field system known locally as the Porchfield. The Trim River Walk commences at Trim Castle and new interpretive panels guide you along the journey to the wonderful ruins of Newtown Trim. Enjoy a quick workout at the new exercise area, try out the performance space and appreciate nature as you walk..

Greenways and Blueways

Boyne Greenway

Running 1.9km from Dominic's Park on the south bank of the River Boyne near the Bridge of Peace in Drogheda, the Boyne Greenway takes you along the river close to the Mary McAleese Cable Bridge and then along the Boyne Canal to the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre at Oldbridge.

Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

A 30km walkers' and cyclists' paradise along the route of the old railway line from Navan in Co. Meath to Kingscourt in Co. Cavan. The project is currently in development and includes recently-completed looped sections at Nobber and Castletown Kilpatrick and another section from Wilkinstown village to the Tailing Ponds near Navan. See discoverboynevalley.ie for up-to-date details.

Royal Canal Greenway

Ireland's longest greenway. See pg. 6 for details.

Boyne Blueway Trim

Centred around the picturesque heritage town of Trim, the Boyne Blueway is a beautiful stretch of River Boyne from Trim to Bective Mill. Paddle along the river and enjoy the scenery and heritage, on a trip that will take approximately 3 hours.



Boyne Valley Camino



Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway



Balrath Wood



Girley Bog Eco Walk



Boyne Blueway Trim



Loughcrew Estate



Boyne Greenway



Beaulieu House & Garden



Elmgrove Flower Farm



Collon House



Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens

Blooming amazing

The rich heritage of the Boyne Valley is reflected in gardens that date back to the C17th. Each garden member is open either by appointment, or for a set number of days/year. Many gardens host events, including walks, charity fetes, plant sales, outdoor theatre, music and much more. Opening dates subject to revision, please see individual websites and social media for details.

boynevalleygardentrail.com
Facebook: Boyne Valley Garden Trail

Historic Gardens

Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 P522

Adjoining the Augustinian Church and drawing on its monastic heritage the garden holds the names of loved ones to be remembered in a peaceful setting formed by pleached lime trees and standing stones surrounding a water memorial. Holly, Juniper, soft fruit trees, flowering herbaceous varieties and aromatic herbs fill the garden. Groups by appointment.

Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8409
E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com
Open Apr-Oct 9am - 5pm, Nov-Mar 9am -3pm
Fee Free

Balrath House and Garden, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 W26N

Superb Georgian House dating to 1750 surrounded by 1.5 acres of lovely landscaped gardens in the centre of the Boyne Valley. Contact Frances for appointments and groups. balrathcourtyard.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 954 7883
E frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com
Open See website for details

Barmeath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth, A92 P973

Unique, C18th landscape designed by Thomas Wright includes fine specimen azaleas and rhododendrons. A recently restored walled garden restoration project is a joy to visit with opulent herbaceous borders and kitchen garden plots. Groups by appointment. boynevalleygardentrail.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 685 1205
Open May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm. Heritage Week in August.
Fee €5. Children free

Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Meath, A92 CY68

Restored Victorian Walled Garden with unique sunken Octagonal Garden, herbaceous borders, Peach House, Dog Kennels and Bothy with exhibition about Walled Gardens in the area. Admission to gardens is free of charge. Dogs and ball games are not permitted in the gardens. battleoftheboyne.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All year
Fee Free admission

Francis Ledwidge Museum, Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82

World War I poet and soldier, Francis Ledwidge, was born and raised in this restored C19th labourers' cottage, containing memorabilia of the poet's life and work. The pretty cottage garden reminds us of the poet's love for nature deep in the countryside of Slane. francisledwidge.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544
E info@francisledwidge.com
Open 7 days: Mar-Oct 10am -5pm, Oct-Mar 10am-3.30pm
Fee €4 adults, €3 seniors and students, €8.50 family

Kilgar House Gardens, Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath, W23 E7FK

Kilgar Gardens covers an area of 3 acres comprising of beautifully planted formal & informal garden rooms, graduating to a more naturalistic style of planting towards the outer reaches. Tearooms open serving sweet treats. Groups by appointment. Coach parking. kilgargardens.com

Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950
E kilgargardens@gmail.com
Open See website for details

Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 P8K7

Early C19th spectacular woodland garden with beautiful spring flowering shrubs and trees. Formal paths and terraces lead to a picturesque lake and summerhouse. A visit to the 1.5 acre walled garden with fruit trees, herbaceous borders and vegetables is heavenly. Groups by appointment. No dogs. killineerhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 86 232 3783
E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
Open Feb 1-20, May 1-17, 25-31, Aug 17-1 Sep
Fee Garden €10pp

Loughcrew Estate and Gardens, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 X4Y1

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a tranquil landscape. Children love our wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners enjoy investigating the beautiful array of trees and plants. The remains of a medieval motte as well as St Oliver Plunkett's family church can all be explored here. loughcrew.com

Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356
E admin@loughcrew.com
Open January - December, Monday to Sunday 10am - 5pm.
Fee Daily: Adult €8, Senior/Student €6, Children €4. Annual family pass: 2 adults & 3 children €95 or €40 for single tickets.

Rokeyby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth, A92 HX52

Built by architect Francis Johnston in the C18th, Rokeyby won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2014, for the restoration of its Turner designed conservatory. House and garden can be visited at times listed. Groups of 8 by appointment. rokeyby.ie

Tel +353 (0) 86 864 4228
E info@rokeyby.ie
Open May & Sep Mon-Sat 10am-2pm. Heritage Week 10am-2pm
Fee €10 adults, €5 students/children

Sonairte Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH

Sonairte, within an historic Georgian farmstead, features a walled organic garden, nature trail and ancient Rath with views of Ballygarth Castle, the river Nanny estuary and Irish sea. Visit the Bee Museum and the Energy Education suite. Vegetarian / Vegan Café and Eco Shop with organic, zero waste, fair trade & low carbon footprint products is on site. sonairte.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E hello@sonairte.ie
Open see website

By Appointment Gardens

Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 PD3R

C18th walled garden overlooking the river Boyne, planted with a vibrant double herbaceous border, fruit trees, knot garden, lawns and restored C18th pavilion. See website for events. beaulieuhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8557
E beaulieu.house.garden@gmail.com
Open By appointment only & Heritage Week. Min group of 10

College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 PW84

College Hill House is set in 4 acres of superb, landscaped gardens. Eileen offers garden design services and gardening skills classes. There are amazing mature trees, an extensive organic vegetable garden, a crocus lawn, a walled garden and a wonderful, feature Georgian stone parterre. Open all year round. collegehillhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 140 0220
E info@collegehillhouse.ie
Open year round by appointment only

Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth, A92 YT29

Historic home built in 1740, with fine, Georgian interiors and an enclosed, ornamental garden with period planting. Award winning period accommodation is offered. Tea/Coffee by arrangement. Please see website for more details. collonhouse.com

Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645
E collonhouse.reception@gmail.com
Open By appointment only

The Cottages Ireland, Seabank, Coast Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath, A92 C8VF

The Cottages are a dreamy hamlet of 300-year-old thatched cottages, set in large organic flower gardens, by the seaside. cottages-ireland.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104
E info@cottages-ireland.com
Open By appointment Spring & Autumn only. Min group of 10

Herberts' Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 XF84

Designer James McConnell's garden features a formal beech garden, boxwood parterre and a rose garden with a folly. Enjoy the lime walk, hornbeam arbour and vistas of parkland beautifully laid out around an early C19th farmhouse. A new walled garden is now open as part of the tour. Occasional art displays. Conveniently accessible from M3.

Tel +353 (0) 85 782 9966
E jfjmcconnell@gmail.com
Open 1 Jun-30 Sep by appointment. Min group 10. Lunch by arrangement. No dogs. Not suitable for small children. Fee €7.50

Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath

Transformed from a derelict 3 acre site by volunteer residents, the garden has an orchard, woodland, pollinating flower beds, soft fruit bushes, herbs and pond with seating scattered throughout. With An Taisce green flag & Biodiversity Ireland Pollinator awards, regular family events are held in this wonderful garden. See web for details. julianstowndistrictcommunityassociation.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283
E julianstowndca@gmail.com
Open All year

The Poppy Garden, Milltown, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 AP58

The Poppy Garden is a beautiful cottage garden full of quirky features and whimsical touches. A maze of paths will take you through gorgeous planting, a vegetable plot, and an orchard, all overlooking stunning views of the Loughcrew Hills. Enjoy a tea, coffee and some cake on the patio and browse the lovely pots and plants for sale! Insta/Facebook The Poppy Garden

Tel +353 (0) 87 965 6076
E ealma.purcell@gmail.com
Open Thursday-Saturday, May to October
Fee €6/adult Check social media and the owner for details

Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath, A92 WP70

Rosemount is a ten-acre parkland sloping down to the banks of the temperamental River Nanny. It is planted with a mixture of native trees and shrubs, interspersed with parkland specimen trees. A separate guest house can be used for refreshments and lectures. Snacks and drinks by arrangement. kendumusic.com

Tel +353 (0) 87 612 5291
E dorothy@alioth.eu
Open by appointment only
Fee Group tour €15 pp incl refreshments. Min 6 per group

The Station House Hotel, Kilmessan, Co. Meath, C15 N40D

The Station House is the Boyne Valley's top country house hotel with exquisitely tended gardens creating an oasis of relaxation. Country-style afternoon teas can be booked year round. stationhousehotel.ie

Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
E info@stationhousehotel.ie
Open All year : contact hotel

Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 D535

Tankardstown comprises 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. A 500m lime tree avenue leads up to the late C18th Manor House with wonderfully tended gardens and surrounds. The walled kitchen garden supplies the award winning Brabazon Restaurant. tankardstown.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4621
E info@tankardstown.ie
Open Garden by appointment

Garden Centres

Boyne Garden Centre & Nursery, Ardcaif, Slane, Co. Meath, C15P92W

Multi-Award-Winning Nursery, winning several 'Best in Show' & numerous Gold Medals at Bloom. Renowned for their unique selection of top-quality plants, grown in their own nursery, with special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for catalogue. Members of ISNA [Irish Specialist Nursery Association]. boynegardencentre.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4350
E aileen@boynegardencentre.ie
Open Please see website for opening times

Elmgrove Flower Farm, Drogheda Road, Gormanston, Co. Meath, K32 C925

Owned by the McCullough family, Ireland's largest flower farm grows 20 varieties of daffodils, peony roses, sunflowers, lilies, gladioli & others throughout the seasons. Flowers sold through farm shop, farmers markets & online. elmgroveflowerfarm.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4389
E info@elmgroveflowerfarm.ie
Open Please see website and Facebook/Instagram. Dogs on leads. Min 4, Max 30 per Group. By appointment only.

Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, A84 C938

Owned by John and Bernie Lord who have created one of the largest show gardens in Ireland. Garden walks and talks on request. Visit the Wildflower Café for tasty treats and enjoy the eclectic gift shop. ratoathgardencentre.ie

Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6678
E ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com
Open Summer, Mon-Sun 10am-6pm.
Winter, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.

Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 E02X

Owned by John and Eileen Eivers - winners of Gold, Gilt and Silver medals at Bloom, the nursery specializes in herba-ceous perennials and cottage garden plants. riverlane.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 636 3506
E info@riverlane.ie
Open Please check website for opening times.

Feel the sand in your toes

Discover our coastal wonderland



County Louth and County Meath have some stunning beaches that stretch for miles along the coast. They can be enjoyed by families (don't forget the bucket and spade!), walkers, runners and those who want to go sea-swimming! Join us on a journey from north to south, to see what's on offer!

The beach at Seapoint/Baltray in County Louth is a stunning place to take a walk and together with Termonfeckin holds the Green Coast Award. You might even see the rusting shipwreck of the MV Irish Trader at low tide. Clogherhead and Port Beaches both are Blue Flag beaches.

Nearby is County Louth Golf Club, also affectionately known as 'Baltray', it is situated 7km from Drogheda at the mouth of the River Boyne. The course is laid out in two nine-hole loops covering 190 acres and consistently ranks among the top 10 courses in Ireland. County Louth Golf Club assures a warm and friendly welcome.

The Boyne flows into the Irish Sea at Drogheda Co. Louth. Drogheda is a bustling heritage town, easily accessible by road and rail. It offers historic attractions, great restaurants and cafes and luxury accommodation.

On the south side of the mouth of the Boyne we cross into County Meath at Mornington, where we can see the iconic Maiden's Tower and the Lady's Finger monument. Mornington and Bettystown hold Green Coast Awards.

From Mornington we continue strolling along the beautiful beaches of Laytown and Bettystown, perfect for long walks, sea swimming, beach volleyball, sand yachting to complete your Boyne Valley beach adventure.



Angling for a catch

The Boyne Valley is a great destination for the visiting angler. The river and its many smaller tributaries offer superb sport for the fly fishing enthusiast and the chance to catch wild brown trout and salmon. The region also has many beautiful lakes and canal stretches offering a fantastic variety of game, pike and coarse fishing.

Angling Associations

The majority of trout and salmon angling on the Boyne River is controlled by angling associations and some by private fishery owners. Anglers wishing to fish for wild brown trout on angling association water must obtain a permit from that association and fishing methods must be in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the association. Most associations support a policy of catch and release. When salmon fishing, both a permit and a state licence are required. Salmon fishing is subject to the salmon and sea trout regulations which are updated annually.

Trout and Salmon Fishing

The river Boyne and its tributaries are recognised as being among Ireland's best wild brown trout fisheries. Some of the best fishing in the Boyne Valley can be found on the River Boyne at Slane, Navan, Trim and Longwood. There is also excellent wild brown trout fishing on the Kells Blackwater, Stoneyford, Athboy, Enfield Blackwater and Deel rivers. Top quality "Lough Style" fishing for brown trout is accessible on the legendary Lough Sheelin (a Midland Fisheries permit is required). Beautiful Lough Lene near Collinstown offers excellent fly fishing for stocked rainbow and brown trout.

Competitively priced day permits can be purchased for most waters and the best way to ensure you make the most of your fishing trip is to book an experienced angling guide. The fishing season on the Boyne River and tributaries runs from March to September. Salmon fishing is easily accessed on the River Boyne between Navan and Drogheda and the best period is generally from the end of July to the end of September. Additional trout fishing in Co. Meath is available on the River Nanny around Duleek.

Pike and Coarse Angling

With dozens of lakes and miles of canal to choose from, the Boyne Valley offers excellent opportunities for the coarse and pike angler. This type of fishing is available twelve months of the year. A licence is not generally required, but check locally if fishing a club-controlled water.

Drumconrath village in County Meath is surrounded by a number of small to medium sized lakes with parking and fishing platforms. These include Corstown Lake, Ballyhoe Lakes, Mentrin Lakes, Lough Bracken and Balrath Lake. Whitewood Lake near Kilmainhamwood is another good fishery. All these lakes contain good stocks of roach, bream, tench and hybrids.

The Royal Canal also provides great coarse fishing and big catches. A number of competitions are held here each year. Access points to this wild, rural coarse fishery may be found at Ferns Lock, Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down.

Sea Angling

From Clogherhead down to the mouth of the river Boyne and further south, there are extensive beaches offering good shore angling opportunities to fish for bass, flatfish, dogfish and mullet. The south beach at Laytown and the Boyne estuary are popular angling venues where bass, mullet, flounder, turbot, mackerel and sea trout can be caught. Evening and early morning tides can provide the best fishing opportunities.

More Information

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland. For more information about angling the region, fishing reports, publications, contact details and regulations contact Inland Fisheries Ireland.
fishinginireland.info

Go Fishing Ireland

Guided boat fishing trips on the lakes and rivers of the Boyne Valley and Ireland's East. Go fishing and explore our beautiful waterways in the company of a professional, qualified fishing guide/instructor. All fishing equipment provided. All levels of experience catered for. Macetown, Navan, Co. Meath, T +353 (0) 86 805 5337
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Chasing the wind

Horse racing excitement in the Boyne Valley



The Boyne Valley is famous for the wonderful horses it produces. The reason being, experience in horsemanship from breeding, breaking, livery and training. Lessons and trekking for all ages and standards are available in the centres here.

Where better to go racing than in the Boyne Valley. There is plenty of choice. National Hunt and Flat racing are regularly held at Fairyhouse (home of the Irish Grand National) and Bellewstown (for over 300yrs). Navan Racecourse is one of the finest possible tests for National Hunt horses, whilst Laytown Races is a unique event where the horses race on the beach.

Fairyhouse Racecourse

Fairyhouse Racecourse, home of the BoyleSports Irish Grand National, is Ireland's most valuable handicap steeple-chase with a prize fund of €500,000. First run in 1870, it has become a key date in the Irish sporting calendar. Public bar/ restaurant and suites available for meetings and functions. 2022 sees the 150th running of the BoyleSports Irish Grand National. fairyhouse.ie

Ratoath, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6167
E info@fairyhouse.ie

Navan Racecourse

Home to 18 race meetings including the Navan Racing Festival which features the Fortria and Troytown Chase on a superb National Hunt track. Enjoy fine dining and entertainment after racing. Tailored packages for birthdays, stag hen parties, afternoon tea and fundraisers of all group sizes available. navanracecourse.ie

Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1350
E info@navanracecourse.ie

Laytown Races

Laytown is famous for its annual strand races, and is a wonderful day out. Laytown Races occupies a unique position in the Irish and British racing calendar as it is the only race event run on a beach under the rules of the Turf Club. laytownstrandraces.ie

Laytown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111 / (0) 86 374 8985
E laytownraces@gmail.com

Bellewstown Racecourse

Bellewstown has two festivals. The first recorded dates of the Bellewstown Races were in 1726. The racecourse is beautifully situated in a rural setting with magnificent views of the Mountains of Mourne to the north and the Irish sea to the east. bellewstownraces.ie

Bellewstown, Co. Meath
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Bellewstown Racecourse



Fairyhouse Racecourse



Laytown Strand Races



2024 race fixtures

Please check websites for up-to-date race fixtures.

Fairyhouse Racecourse

January	01	Sat
	18	thur
	27	Sat
February	07	Wed
	24	Sat
March	30	Sat
	31	Sun
April	01	Mon
May	30	Thur
June	07	Fri
	14	Fri
July	10	Wed
September	23	Mon
October	07	Mon
	12	Sat
November	05	Tue
	12	Tue
	30	Sat
December	01	Sun
	14	Sat

Navan Racecourse

January	20	Sat
February	11	Sun
March	02	Sat
	23	Sat
April	09	Tue
	27	Sat
May	18	Sat
June	08	Sat
July	13	Sat
August	29	Thur
September	07	Sat
	21	Sat
October	09	Wed
	23	Wed
November	16	Sat
	17	Sun
December	07	Sat
	15	Sun

Navan Racing Festival
Navan Racing Festival

Laytown Races

September	16	Tue
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A special event where the horses race on the beach.

Bellewstown Races

April	13	Sat
	14	Sun
July	04	Thur
	05	Fri
	06	Sat
August	27	Tue
	28	Wed
October	02	Wed
	03	Thur

Time for tee

On some of the finest courses in Ireland

From the challenging parklands at Headfort, Royal Tara and Co. Meath Golf Club, to the historic links at Laytown & Bettystown, golfers of all ages and standards will find a course to suit their game. Add in the world famous links course at Baltray together with more recent gems such as Killeen Castle, Knightsbrook, Julianstown and Bellewstown - and there is enough variety to whet any golfer's appetite to stay and play in the Boyne Valley.

Boyne Valley offers quality and value to visiting golfers and you will be assured of a warm Irish welcome wherever you go. You will find accommodation to match the great golf courses with a selection of fine hotels, guest houses and self catering, all within easy reach of every course.

Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for further details on accommodation, golf and things to do while in the Boyne Valley.

Headfort Golf Club

Bellewstown Golf Course

A challenging, but fair golf course suitable for all levels of golfing ability. The course boasts USGA greens, mature trees and many exciting water features and breathtaking views up to the Mourne mountains and over the Boyne Valley. Relax in the warm and friendly clubhouse for light refreshments. bellewstowngolfclub.ie

Bellewstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 2757
E info@bellewstowngolfclub.ie

Black Bush Golf Club

Located in Dunshaughlin in the heart of County Meath, Black Bush Golf Club has matured into a fantastic test of golf. Tree-lined fairways, strategically positioned hazards and immaculate greens provide an enjoyable challenge for golfers. Excellent bar and restaurant open to non-members. blackbushgolfclub.ie

Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
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County Louth Golf Club

Also affectionately known as 'Baltray', it is situated 7km from Drogheda at the mouth of the River Boyne. The course is laid out in two nine-hole loops covering 190 acres and consistently ranks among the top 10 courses in Ireland. County Louth Golf Club assures a warm and friendly welcome. countylouthgolfclub.com

Baltray, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 1530
E reservations@countylouthgolfclub.com

County Meath Golf Club

Established in 1898, this parkland course is 3km from Trim. Tree lined undulating fairways, strategic bunkering and subtle, well maintained greens ensure an interesting test of golf for the discerning golfer. Modern clubhouse with full bar and catering facilities. Floodlit driving range open until 10.00pm. countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie

Newtownmoyknagh, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1463
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Headfort Golf Club

36-hole parkland facility. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort Championship Course is a splendid course set among ancient woodland with native and Asiatic specimens, it was designed by Ryder Cup hero, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr. headfortgolfclub.ie

Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
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Julianstown Golf Club

A 9 hole parkland course located along the R132. It is excellently maintained and offers a real challenge to the most experienced golfers, boasting five par 4's and four par 3's with a lake and many difficult bunkers. There is also an 18 hole pitch and putt course. Club hire, teas and coffees available. julianstowngolf.com

Julianstown, Co. Meath
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Golf at Killeen Castle

The Jack Nicklaus Golf Course is the ultimate golfing experience, showcasing modern golfing excellence in terms of design and presentation, yet suitable to golfers of all abilities. Host venue of the Solheim Cup, Ladies Irish Opens, and PGA Events, our premier parkland course has received many awards and accolades for being a true test of golf. killeencastle.com

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Knightsbrook Golf Resort

Situated in the heritage town of Trim, offers superb accommodation and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by former Ryder Cup Legend, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr. Challenging and creative, the course enjoys a stunning location with views over undulated fairways, testing greens and demanding water features. knightsbrook.com

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club

A traditional links with undulating fairways, riveted bunkers and fast greens, situated on the banks of the River Boyne with views of the Cooley and Mourne mountains. First played in the 1880s, the club was formed in 1909 and has produced some of Ireland's best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. landbgolfclub.ie

Bettystown, Co. Meath
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Royal Tara Golf Club

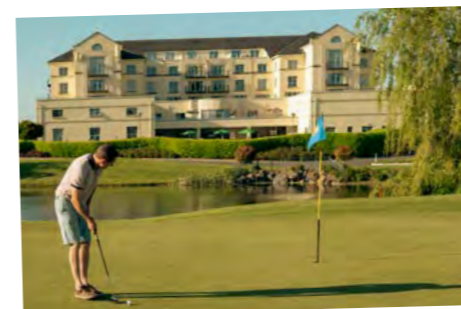
Nestling at the base of the Hill of Tara, the club is an enjoyable and conveniently located (just off M3 Motorway) golf retreat. One of the finest inland complexes with 27 championship holes set in mature parkland complete with new practice and driving range facilities. Awarded Best Parkland Course in Leinster for 2023 by the Golfers Guide to Ireland. royaltaragolfclub.com

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Seapoint Golf Links

Opened in 1993, the links measures 7000 yards and is constructed on 260 acres of linksland. The closing holes are bordered by the beach and offer magnificent views of the Irish Sea and the Mountains of Mourne. One of only 150 links courses in the world and open every day of the year. seapointlinks.com

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Knightsbrook Golf Resort



County Louth Golf Club



Royal Tara Golf Club



Ready, steady, go!

Adventure time in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley, the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East, is world renowned for its rich heritage.

What's more, with its wonderful living heritage and wealth of invigorating leisure activities sitting effortlessly side by side, it's the perfect place for your family adventure!

Fancy kayaking down the River Boyne or experiencing the thrills of karting? Why not make a splash down a thrilling water slide flume or test your nerve on a white-knuckle rollercoaster ride?

For those who like more leisurely pastimes, there are plenty of gentle activities tailor-made for you - from pet farms to explore, to fishing and swimming. Why not learn to paint or céille dance or see what it's like to be a medieval knight?

Adventure Activities & Family Fun

An Gobha, Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley

Traditional iron age metal forging as demonstrated by the character An Gobha - The award winning Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley. From the forge of the smooth road, Slighe Assail, Bohermeen, ancient corridor to the Hill of Tara, demonstrations are delivered with theatre, stories, myths, history and fun. An Gobha also creates and sells hand crafted decorative jewellery, commission works, blades, spears and shields based on an ancient and mythical past. angobha.ie

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Ashbourne Baseball Club

An amateur baseball and softball club drawing players from Dublin, Ashbourne and surrounding areas, Ashbourne Baseball Club has teams at all levels in the Irish Baseball League. New players are always welcome and the club is delighted to host visitors to its home games at the International Baseball Centre. ashbournebaseball.com

International Baseball Centre
Archerstown, Ashbourne, Co Meath
E ashbournebaseballclub@gmail.com

Bee Wise Nature Trail

Where Education, Nature and Fun meet! Explore the nature trail and discover some hidden gems for all ages to enjoy- sensory area, pond, observation hive, maze and outdoor play area. We have picnic areas throughout the trail to refuel. For further information on our Open Days and group tour options see beewise.ie

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Boyne Boats

Take to the Boyne river and canal for a paddling tour in handcrafted traditional Kerry Naomhóg currachs that have starred in the hit TV show – Game of Thrones. You'll be guided through 5,000 years of the Boyne Valley where you will connect with, learn and treasure stories in the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East. boyneboats.ie

Near Lock House, Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 361 6420
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Boyne Valley Activities

There are self-guided options along the Boyne Blueway Trim where you can rent kayaks and go at your own pace. A shuttle bus is provided to bring you back to our facilities. Shower, change and enjoy a coffee at our Boyneista Coffee Dock with riverside seating and spectacular views of the Boyne. Open to all whether you're kayaking or not. boynevalleyactivities.ie

Johnathon Swift Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 734 2585
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Causey Farm

Activity programmes for children and adults, plus seasonal events. Team-building, Hen Party Packages, Causey Summer Camp, Dogitude, Causey Christmas Experience and Primary & Secondary School Tours. Overseas visitors are welcome to visit Causey Farm and 'Be Irish For A Day' – learning about Irish culture the fun way! Pre booking is essential. causey.ie

Girley, Fordstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9434 135
E info@causey.ie

Emerald Park

As Ireland's premier operated theme park and zoo, with unlimited fun-filled attractions, there is something for the whole family to enjoy at Emerald Park. Conquer the epic Cú Chulainn coaster, get close to dinosaurs on Dino Dash, enjoy the award-winning World of Raptors display, and prove you are warrior worthy in the newly opened, Celtic themed, Tír na nÓg. emeraldpark.ie

Kilbrev, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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Feel Good Bicycles

Discover Boyne Valley's beauty by bike with Feel Good Bicycles. Book online, pick up in Virginia, or get bikes delivered to your hotel or BnB. Choose from e-bikes, mountain bikes, racers, and more. Explore the greenways trails and backroads your own way! feelgoodbicycles.ie

Unit 2B, Virginia Shopping Centre, Co. Cavan, A82 HK07
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Funtasia Themepark

Pirates Cove waterpark features over 200 water gushing activities including the adrenaline pumping Super Bowl speed slide and the gravity defying Boomerang slide. Other attractions include Atlantis Cove play area, bowling alley, disco roller skating, crazy golf, rock climbing, ultimate sky climb, indoor twin zipline, restaurant, simulators and more! funtasia.ie

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Lismullin School of Culinary & Home Arts

Our School provides high quality classes and courses for all ages groups in Cooking, Baking and Home Arts, Demonstrations and Cook Camps. State of the art facilities, with ease of access, fun and professional tuition. We also run outreach programmes to help those in need in our community. meathcookerschool.com

Lismullin Hospitality Services Centre, Navan, Co. Meath
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Loughcrew Estate and Gardens

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a tranquil landscape. Children love our wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners enjoy investigating the beautiful array of trees and plants. The remains of a medieval motte as well as St Oliver Plunkett's family church can all be explored here. loughcrew.com

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
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Moynalty Steam Threshing Museum and Parklands

Officially opened in 2004, the Museum houses an extensive, varied and valuable collection of vintage agricultural machinery and household items. Many of these items were in everyday use and are truly a link to the past and an education in the lifestyle of our fore fathers. Open by appointment only. moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

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Navan Adventure Centre

Navan Adventure Centre winners of Best Tourism Experience 2023 in Co. Meath is the perfect choice for fun family days out! Family Fun package: Bouncy Castles, Train Ride, Pedalo Boats, Football golf, mini golf & pedal go-karting Kids €15 Adults €5. We also have family fun festivals throughout Easter, Halloween and Christmas. navanadventurecentre.ie

Navan Racecourse, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 X8HP
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Newgrange Farm

Newgrange Open Farm and Coffee Shop offers a truly marvellous insight into farming life, allowing children a fun, up-close and hands-on experience with our animals. We also have indoor and outdoor play facilities and picnic areas. Meet the animals: puppies, kittens, rabbits, chicks, pet lambs, pet calves, pigs and more. newgrangefarm.com

Newgrange, Slane, Co. Meath
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Park Beo Greenway Services Hub

The perfect base for all your Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway adventures! Convenient, safe parking with direct Greenway access. Highlights include bike hire, bike parking, free bike service area, accessible toilets, covered seating and picnic areas as well as our Mace store with its renowned ice cream and Doughitys' Deli.

Greenway Park, Doughitys Texaco Mace, Navan, Wilkinstown, Co. Meath, C15EYOP
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Red Mountain Open Farm

Located just five minutes from the Newgrange monument, the open farm boasts the most extensive indoor facilities of all open farms in Ireland. It runs events for Easter and Halloween and is open six days a week during the summer. During the months of May and June the farm runs school tours which offer a fun learning experience. redmountainopenfarm.ie

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Rockfield House

Take a step back in time, to experience below-stairs industriousness and upstairs luxury. On arrival, everyone dresses as servants to do household chores, under the watchful eye of the butler! Then rise through society and enjoy some fine dining and parlour games! An ideal venue for friends and family get-togethers/birthdays, hen parties, and team-building fun. rockfieldhouse.com

Rockfield House, Athboy Road, Kells, Co. Meath A82 V9D5
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Sonairte – the National Ecology Centre Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens

Sonairte is an interactive visitor centre promoting ecological awareness and sustainable living. Visitors can enjoy a walk in the walled Organic Garden and adjacent Nature Trail with spectacular views of the River Nanny, a browse in our Eco Shop, visit our Bee Museum, and try a delicious meal in the Sonairte Cafe. sonairte.ie

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
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Trim Medieval Armoury

Step back in time to Medieval Trim; hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and handle chainmail. Self-guided tours in the Trim Visitor Centre, or guided tours available on request (please contact Trim Visitor Centre for details). discoverboynevalley.ie

Trim Visitor Centre, Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 TXA5
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White River Karting

Thrill seekers and petrol-heads will love a trip to White River Karting. Suitable for all ages - all equipment provided. Stylish Birel Art karts designed to give a very realistic race kart feel and the circuit is super smooth with lots of demanding corners and gradient changes. Individual, groups, party booking online. whiteriver.ie

R169, Exit 12, M1 Motorway, Collon, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 9100
E info@whiteriver.ie

The Zone

The Zone Activity centre Navan is an award-winning activity centre whose activities include indoor karting, bowling, virtual reality and soft play! We also have outdoor laser tag and other activities plus we have coffees and teas, hot lunch options and refreshments in the cafe. Perfect for families, corporate days out or school tours. thezone.ie

Unit 1-2 Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9071623
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Tour Guides

Boyne Valley Tours

Boyne Valley Heritage Tours with Private Driver Guide visiting sites such as Newgrange, Oldbridge House (Battle of the Boyne), Old Mellifont Abbey, Monasterboice, Hill of Tara, Bective Abbey and Trim Castle. Guests collected and returned to their accommodation, bespoke tours to sites throughout the Boyne Valley and beyond. boynevalleytours.com

Balgeeth, Ardcath, Co. Meath
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Boyne Valley Trails

Boyne Valley Trails is a Drogheda based voluntary group which aims to share the beauty, heritage and culture of Ireland's ancient Boyne Valley, through a series of bespoke walks, trails and adventures. Check out the website for details of what's planned! Walks take place in different locations. They also host a popular September Walking Festival. boynevalleytrails.ie

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Tom King award winning Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley



Navan Adventure Centre



Tlachtga Abhaile

Custom Irish Tours

Custom Irish Tours offer award-winning chauffeur driven tours of Ireland (including the Boyne Valley) with a wide range of tours from historical castles and ruins, to more modern-day locations of cities and towns. The company was founded by Derek Smith, an experienced fully licensed and insured driver, historian and tour guide. customirishtours.com

42 Troytown Heights, Navan, Co. Meath
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Hill of Slane Tours

Free 40 min guided tours of the wonderful Hill Of Slane. Available every weekend in the summer. Meeting point at the gates to the Hill of Slane - ample parking available for cars or buses. Group bookings are also available by request, please email. visitslane.ie

Slane Hub, No. 2 Main Street, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4000
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Kells Walkabout Tours

Volunteers will take you on a free walking tour of their town. From the early medieval monastic site to the Georgian quarter, our volunteers will share with you the local stories and hidden gems of Kells, Co. Meath.

Kells Courthouse, Headfort Rd, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
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My Ireland Family Heritage

Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland-approved national tour guide Seán Quinn and team provide customized itineraries for historic tours of the Boyne Valley and Ireland. Winner of Meath Awards for Boyne Valley Best Tourism Experience and Best Overall Tourism Business - Tourism, 2019. Ranked 6th worldwide by USA Today for best ancestry tour company. myirelandheritage.com

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 7878 892 / (0) 86 198 0402
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Royal Historical Tours

Ian is a qualified tour guide who will guide you on a fantastic tour to experience the beauty of the Boyne Valley, including the historic sites of Newgrange, Monasterboice, Trim Castle, Slane Hill, Slane Distillery and many more. Customised packages to see the sights throughout Ireland, and collection is available from your accommodation. royalhistoricaltours.com

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Sacred Sites

Guided Spiritual Tours at Hill of Tara, Uisneach and Loughcrew. Private and Public Tours available. Sacred Sites Guided Meditation Classes at Hill of Tara Open Studio forging a deep spiritual and energetic connection with our sacred sites and the archetypal energies of the Tuatha Dé Danann. Exploring our ancient past and bringing it back to life. sacredsites.ie

Hill of Tara Open Studio, Navan, Co. Meath
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Spire of Lloyd Tours

Discover Boyne Valley is excited to present guided tours of the Spire of Lloyd, Ireland's only Inland Lighthouse with a 164 narrow step spiral staircase. 30 minute guided tours available on Fridays to experience magnificent views over the North Meath landscape, book online at discoverboynevalley.ie

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Tlachtga Abhaile

Tlachtga is the sacred hill outside Athboy where Halloween began as the Samhain Festival. Professional tour-guide and actor Fiona Dalton brings the Goddess Tlachtga to life in both a stage performance and a living history walking tour. See [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fionadaltontour) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/tlachtga_abhaile) at Tlachtga Abhaile.

Various venues around the Boyne Valley
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Tour Operators

Johnsfort – Ireland At Your Leisure

Stay and Tour with Richard & Bairbre Ball at Johnsfort - our family farm. Enjoy private, bespoke tours in The Boyne Valley and all over Ireland. Stay in one of our beautiful self-catering cottages. Let Richard take you on day tours, multi-day tours or package tours including stays at our farm. irelandatyourleisure.ie

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Love Irish Tours

Love Irish Tours is an Inbound Tour Operator based in County Meath. We specialise in custom-made tours of Ireland including self-drive, private escorted and coach tours. We provide tailor-made packages that include accommodation, attractions, car hire and private chauffeur hire and much more. loveirishtours.com

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Zatino Travel

Zatino Travel, now under Ireland China International Travel Services, caters to tourists coming to Ireland and those traveling to China from Ireland, especially after the visa-free policy introduced in January 2024. Our offerings include custom tours, film-themed trips, educational tours, and event planning. For details on our broader services, please visit our websites cits.ie citsie.cn

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Johnsfort at Your Leisure



Feelgood Bikes



Park Beo Greenway Services Hub



Lucy O’Gorman Ceramics

Poetic inspiration

Music, Arts and Irish Culture

A haven and an inspiration for art and artists for centuries, the Boyne Valley boasts the very best from Neolithic art to contemporary art. It is rich in song, music, dance, theatre, poetry, visual art, literature, architecture and film.

Arts Centres, Galleries, Exhibitions & Theatres

Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the Kells Courthouse

The Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the renovated 19th century Kells Courthouse designed by prominent Irish architect Francis Johnston reopened in 2018. Discover the Birthplace of Ireland’s Ancient East with tales of Viking raids, the carving of some of the finest high crosses in Ireland, the craftsmanship of the Kells Crozier and the Marquesses of Headfort who transformed Kells

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E kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie

Copter View

Copter View is an aerial photography and videography specialist company based in Meath, providing unique views of property and landscapes. copterview.ie

Clonee, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 867 2339
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The Barbican Centre

The Barbican is a multi-purpose hall which acts as a cultural beat in the heart of the town. It is used by both the public, private and community sectors to host a range of events including shows, classes, photography exhibitions, public meetings, training etc. thebarbican.ie

Williams Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 7416
E info@thebarbican.ie

Droichead Arts Centre

A multi-disciplinary centre in the heart of Drogheda offering an extensive programme of theatre, music, film, visual arts, comedy, literature, family/children, outreach and festivals. The Centre comprises of two premises including a modern 169 seat theatre, a bright contemporary visual arts gallery and café/bar on Stockwell Street and an 18th century Georgian style townhouse, Barlow House on West Street which hosts rehearsal rooms, meeting rooms, and artist & print studios. droichead.com

Stockwell Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3946
E info@droichead.com

Emily McCormack- Artist

Emily’s art studio and oil painting school is based just outside Dunboyne, Co. Meath, where she produces original oil paintings and host monthly painting/drawing workshops. Her artwork themes around Ireland, its people, coastline and bog landscape and is available from her online store, studio by appointment and 112-3 Merrion Square every Sunday (weather permitting). emilymccormack-artist.ie

Warrenstown, Kilcock, Co. Meath, W23 TVH7
Tel +353 (0) 86 838 2740
E emily@emilymccormack-artist.ie

The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition

The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition aims to inspire and motivate visitors in an emotive way to explore the 33 heritage sites along the Boyne Valley Drive. Delve deeper to learn more about these sites within the wider Ireland’s Ancient East. Enjoy the interactive display which contains videos of heritage sites such as Newgrange, Trim Castle, Millmount Museum plus beautiful photography. Children will enjoy drawing on the interactive screens. discoverboynevalley.ie

The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843
E droghedatouristoffice@gmail.com

Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery

A state-of-the-art facility housed within the former Drogheda Franciscan Church. The bright and open spaces present multiple exhibitions every year drawing upon artists renowned both nationally and internationally, as well as the magnificent Drogheda Municipal Art Collection. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the art, the architecture, and the gallery’s fine café. highlanes.ie

St. Laurence Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 3311
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Lucy O’Gorman Ceramics

Unique ceramic pieces, drawing inspiration from the rural setting and the historical landmarks that scatter the Boyne Valley. Lucy’s pottery rangers from functional, dishwasher and microwave safe crockery and tableware to sculptural and commissioned pieces. Lucy’s own technique of using glass in her pottery gives her work a distinctive and vibrant effect. Her love of excitement and need for unpredictable comes through in her more abstract pieces and raku. discoverboynevalley.ie

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Noreen Walshe Art & Photography

I am a professional artist/painter, and my original paintings are in oils, acrylics and in watercolour. I have offshoot products from my original work such as fine art Giclee prints and greeting cards.” Noreen’s work can be viewed in her new gallery, The Robin’s Nest. See website, Facebook, and Instagram. noreenwalshe.com

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Skylight Gallery

View a collection of original oils and watercolours and perhaps take away a painting which you can enjoy for years to come. They can help you choose a gift for a presentation, retirement or special occasion. - well worth a visit! Exit 7 off the M1, signposted Julianstown. skylightgallery.net

Julianstown Golf Course, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953 / (0) 87 417 8290
E dinah.berrill@gmail.com

Solstice Arts Centre

Regular exhibitions & workshops from international, national and local artists, open Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm. The 320-seat theatre hosts the best of local talent as well as professional theatre, music, ballet, opera, comedy, dance & children’s events and houses a 4K surround sound cinema. Solstice café offers fresh, locally sourced food. solsticeartscentre.ie

Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 KWP1
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie

Swift Cultural Centre

Managed by Solstice Arts Centre, Swift Cultural Centre in Trim comprises rehearsal spaces, a 235-seated theatre, and a newly renovated church studio. Bringing a lively and engaging programme of theatre, music and visual arts to Trim, the Centre works with local and national production companies, as well as staging commissioned performances. swiftculturalcentre.ie

Swift Cultural Centre, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath C15 P668
Tel +353 (0) 046 909 2300
E info@swiftculturalcentre.ie

Toradh Gallery

Based at Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre, the Toradh Gallery hosts approx 8 exhibitions per year, by local, national and international artists, along with workshops, artist’s talks and demonstrations. Opening Hours: Monday – Friday from 9am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm. www.meath.ie for full details on opening hours and exhibitions. meath.ie

Killeglend Street, Ashbourne Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 8002
E artsoffice@meathcoco.ie

Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery

Located in the newly renovated Kells Courthouse, the Toradh 2 Gallery, coupled with the interactive Boyne Valley heritage display and the proposed upstairs ‘artists’ hub’ arena, is a key addition to the cultural landscape of the county.

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd,
Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 7414

The Venue Theatre

The theatre presents dance and music, as well as the best of local and national professional and amateur companies. Our vibrant programme also includes puppetry, multimedia, clowning and comedy. thevenue ratoath.ie

Main Street, Ratoath, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 5600
E info@ratoathcc.ie

Cultural, Heritage and Wellness Attractions

An Tobar Retreat and Spirituality Centre

An Tobar Spiritan Retreat Centre nestled in the townland of Ardbraccan approx. 3km from Navan town. Available for groups/ individuals who can expect to find welcome, hospitality, healing & hope, woodlands & walkways. The centre offers Retreats/ Workshops year-round. antobar.ie

Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8973
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Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

An international battle fought in 1690 between King William III and his father in law King James II, brought to life using a laser battle site model, audio visual film, real and replica weaponry and interactive guided tours. The Visitor Centre is located in the restored 18th century Oldbridge House surrounded by Victorian Gardens and battle site walks. battleoftheboyne.ie

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House,
Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

Blackfriary Community Heritage Archaeology Project

The Black Friary is a medieval Dominican Friary in the historic town of Trim, under excavation since 2010. Tours of the excavation site are available from the archaeologists throughout the summer. Follow on Social Media for details of Open Days Book via bafs.ie

Blackfriary Archaeology Field School, Griffin Park,
Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 85 756 3671
E info@bafs.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most important prehistoric megalithic sites in Europe. Dating from the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5000 years old. The Visitor Centre interprets the monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Advance booking essential. heritageireland.ie

Donore, Co. Meath, A92 EH5C
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E brunaboinne@opw.ie

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Martello Tower

Millmount’s ‘cup and saucer’ offers spectacular views over the town. Lovingly restored, the 1808 Martello-type tower houses a permanent exhibition of military memorabilia, John Boyne O’Reilly’s death mask and a superb new exhibition on the Battle of Waterloo. The neighbouring Drogheda Museum contains a wealth of local artefacts. millmount.net

Millmount Complex, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3097
E info@droghedamuseum.ie

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre

The birthplace of poet Francis E Ledwidge is a perfect example of a 19th century farm labourer's cottage. Close to the village of Slane, the museum houses the poet's works and artefacts from World War I, along-side memorabilia of the period. Its exhibition portrays the poet's life in picture and text from his birth to his death at Ypres, Belgium, in July 1917. francisledwidge.com

Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544
E info@francisledwidge.com

The Hot Box Sauna

We are an outdoor sauna experience based on the bank of the river Boyne at Bective Mill House. We offer 55 minute sauna and hot tub sessions where guests switch between the sauna or hot tub and the river Boyne for hot and cold therapy which leaves them feeling brand new! thehotboxsauna.ie

Bective Mill House, Balina, Navan, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 474 3143
E info@thehotboxsauna.ie

Killua Castle

Experience the historical allure of Killua Castle, a meticulously restored 1780 estate with medieval art. Explore Sir Walter Raleigh and Lawrence of Arabia's connections, dine at Twelve Points restaurant for local produce, and enjoy VIP visits. Immerse yourself in Ireland's essence with a farm tour and unique culinary journey. Discover more at killuacastle.com

Clonmellon Lodge, Killua Castle, Clonmellon, Co. Meath
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Slane Castle

Situated in a dramatic setting by the river Boyne, Slane Castle is one of the most exciting buildings architecturally in Ireland. Home to the Conyngham family since 1703, the historical tour takes in the 18th century interiors and covers the family's colourful history, including the famous rock concerts. Open throughout the year, tours available. slanecastle.ie

Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4477
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Genealogy

My Ireland Family Heritage

Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland-approved national tour guide Sean Quinn and team provide customized genealogy itineraries throughout Ireland and the Boyne Valley. Winner of the Meath Awards for Boyne Valley Best Tourism Experience and Best Overall Tourism Business - 2019. Ranked 6th worldwide by USA Today for best ancestry tour company. myirelandheritage.com

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Killua Castle



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Caoimhe Tuthill
Cassel, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 241 9315
E info@boann.ie

Boyne Valley Wools

A unique experience in wool craft - watch the Jacob sheep grazing the fields and see their wool spun into yarn and woven or knit. The whole process is done by hand with demonstrations daily. Family friendly, wheelchair accessible, free of charge. Open February to December - Hoot your horn for the shop. boynevalleywools.com

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E boynevalleywools@gmail.com

Castle Crafts

Castle Crafts is run by a mother/ daughter duo who proudly support over 100 local crafters by creating an outlet to showcase their work, talent and skills in ceramics, glassblowing, one-of-a-kind art pieces, beautiful home fragrances, handmade jewellery and artisan food among many other Irish crafts. castlecraftertrim.com

Trim, Co. Meath
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Jan Muylaert Irish Harps

Jan has been making musical instruments since 1975. His Irish harps are renowned worldwide for their enduring quality of workmanship and sound. Many are played by professional performers and teachers. Native wood is used as much as possible. Carving and marquetry can be added and can also be done on other items. Viewing by appointment only and a waiting list applies. Boyne Marine. The Art of Boat Making - Plans and manuals for sale. boynemarine.com irishharps.net

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Maguire's Café & Gift Shop, Hill of Tara

A 7th generation family-run food and shopping destination located at the Hill of Tara. Home to an eclectic mix of lovingly curated local and International crafts, gifts, fashion, Aran knits, Celtic jewellery and more. After a little retail therapy, call into our adjoining café for some delicious homemade treats or Irish Coffees. Open 7 days 09.30 to 18.00. hilloftara.com

Hill of Tara, Tara, Co Meath C15AVY8
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5534
E info@hilloftara.com

Newbarn Farm

Just outside Ashbourne, Newbarn Farm is home to a Farm Shop selling homegrown and locally sourced fruit and vegetables alongside a selection of artisan farm produce. They have an open farm where customers can meet farm animals and the onsite Donkey Shed Restaurant is a great place for lunch or a snack. newbarnfarm.ie

Newbarn Farm, Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 849 9337
E info@newbarnfarm.ie

Pat's Arts Studio

Located in Slane Arty Quarter, Pat Doyle, a local artist, paints and exhibits his works in a friendly, inviting studio. Works include a broad selection of oil paintings and drawings, including seascapes, cityscapes, figures, equine scenes and a variety of themed works. Browse and chat with no obligation. You are also invited to view his extensive Adventures Travelogue. patsartstudio.ie

1 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 CVA4
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E pm1arts@gmail.com

Sheridan's Cheesemongers

Our shop carries the very best Irish farmhouse cheeses and Artisan foods alongside our adjoining Sheridan's Café, serving teas, coffees, light lunches and cakes, all made with the best ingredients in our kitchen baked daily. We are open 7 days a week with a local Farmers Market every Saturday from 10-2. sheridanscheesemongers.com

Virginia Road Station, Pottlereagh, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 5799
E info@sheridanscheesemongers.com

Shine Craft and Gift Store

Shine is an artist owned craft and gift shop with a working artist's studio, in the heart of the picturesque village of Slane. Showcasing makers from the newly formed Meath Made, amidst many talented other makers. We have a carefully curated collection of unique pieces, and are open 11-5pm, Tues-Sat.

3 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
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Festivals & Events 2024

A Festival of fun

What's happening in the Boyne Valley

Spring

Drogheda Arts Festival
Drogheda Comedy Festival
Fairyhouse Easter Racing Festival
Loughcrew Spring Equinox
St. Patrick's Day Festivals

Summer

Blue Jean Country Queen Festival
Boyne Adventure Race
Boyne Music Festival
Boyne Valley International Film Festival
Boyne Viking Experience at Slane Castle
Dogitude Festival
DRAWDA | Mythical Midsummer Festival
Drogheda Classical Music Concert Series
Dunderry Fair Day
Fairy Festival at Loughcrew Estate
Heritage Week
Hinterland Festival Kells
Kells Type Trail
Living History Weekend, Irish Military War Museum
Moynalty Country Music Festival
Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival
Navan Choral Festival
Nobber Show and Fair
Oldcastle Agricultural Show
Otherside Festival
Scurlogstown Olympiad
St Colmcille Illuminations Kells
Trim Haymaking Festival

Autumn

Another Love Story
Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
Farmaphobia
Laytown Strand Races
Leanbh Children's Festival
Loughcrew Autumn Equinox
Lu Festival of Light
Meath Film Festival
Navan Race Festival
O'Carolan Harp Festival
Royal Meath Agricultural Show
Púca Festival
Samhain Food Festival
September Walking Festival
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival

Winter

A Classical Christmas Evening (Trim)
Christmas and Fun at Navan Adventure Centre
Christmas markets across the Boyne Valley
Pumpkin and Fun at Navan Adventure Centre

Ongoing Events

(please refer to individual websites for dates and details)
Boyne Valley Food Series
Bellewstown Races
Droichead Arts Centre
Fairyhouse Racecourse
Highlanes Gallery
Meath Beo Music Series
Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Bar
Navan Racecourse
Slane Food Circle
Solstice Arts Centre
Swift Cultural Centre
The Venue Theatre, Ratoath
Winter Solstice at Newgrange

Boyne Music Festival



Another Love Story



Dogitude Festival



Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival



DRAWDA Urban Art Trail

For an online calendar of Boyne Valley events and festivals check out discoverboynevalley.ie for full details





SPIRITS OF MEATH

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Oct 4 - Nov 10 2024

According to legend, Samhain, the ancient Celtic Festival that we now call Halloween, originated here in Co. Meath in the Boyne Valley more than 2,000 years ago. Samhain was said to mark the harvest and a time of transition, with feasting and celebration as the long winter nights approached.

To this day the Boyne Valley has remained the home of Halloween, the modern equivalent of Samhain. Whether is 'Fun by Day' or 'Fright by Night', spine-tingling fun awaits for young and old alike in the Spirits of Meath festival. Enter if you dare!

spiritsofmeath.ie

Halloween in the Boyne Valley



With music, fire, feasting and merriment across Ireland's Ancient East, join us to celebrate the Celtic New Year with the spirits of Halloween. Roaming the darkness like a shadowy spectre, the shape-shifting spirit of Púca comes alive!

Through the spectacular nights at Púca Festival, we salute the Halloween spirits through folklore, food, comedy and music reopening the pathways of reflection and celebration carved by travellers over 2,000 years ago, and lighting up the night sky with awe-inspiring and unearthly illuminations. For up-to-date details see pucafestival.com



Samhain Festival of Food & Culture

7 - 10 Nov 2024

Samhain Festival of Food & Culture will return to Kells, Co. Meath for its sixth year from November 7th -10th with a jam-packed programme of events and experiences that will celebrate the past, present and future of Irish food and culture.

Award-winning chefs, renowned food writers, best-selling cookery book authors, culinary experts, and thought leaders in sustainability and agriculture, will all convene in the heritage town for a weekend of celebrating Irish Food & Culture.

Showcasing the very best of Boyne Valley Flavours, the family-friendly festival comprises a wide variety of events, from food & drinks tastings, cookery demos, and cocktail masterclasses, to food safaris, farm visits, kids workshops, and panel discussions with some of the biggest names in Irish food.



Samhain Festival of Food & Culture Kells, Co. Meath



Easy access

Travelling to and throughout the Boyne Valley has never been easier. Just 20 minutes north of Dublin International Airport in the North East of Ireland, the Boyne Valley can boast a unique and enviable location at the hub of four major motorways – the M1, M2, M3 and M4. Convenient to ferry ports in Dublin and Belfast, with regular train services from Dublin/Belfast stopping at Laytown, Drogheda and Dunboync and frequent bus services throughout the Boyne Valley from Dublin, planning your visit couldn't be easier.

Getting Here & Getting Around

Ballyboy Airfield

Ballyboy Airfield is one of the largest and best recognised airfields in Ireland with IAA licensed parallel 600 metre hard & grass runways. We are focused on general and vintage aviation and are home to the Irish Historic Flight Foundation. We welcome visiting aircraft from all over Ireland and from across the UK and Europe.

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Transfer Me provides a luxury chauffeur service for airport transfers, to all major events including sporting events, private events, meetings, conferences and music events. We also cater for clients who want to do tours of Ireland and see some of the country's historical sites like, The Boyne Valley and Dublin. transferme.ie

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See also pp. 19-20 for chauffeur-driven tour guide options.

Useful Travel Links

Airlines	aerlingus.com , ryanair.com
Ferries	irishferries.com , stenaonline.ie poirishsea.com , poferries.com
Bus	buseireann.ie
Dublin Airport	dublinairport.com
Irish Rail	irishrail.ie
TFI Journey Planner	transportforireland.ie



Boyne Valley Drive



Loughcrew Cairns

Loughcrew Cairns are a group of 30 passage tombs and the site is one of the most important prehistoric cemeteries in Ireland. Older than the pyramids of Egypt dating from 3200 BC, much of Europe's megalithic art can be seen there. Don't miss the spectacular views.

Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300 / (0) 87 0524975 (June - August)
Tour guides on site during the summer.
heritageireland.ie



Old Mellifont Abbey

Mellifont Abbey was one of the wealthiest and most influential monastic houses in medieval Ireland. St. Malachy along with a community of Irish and French monks, trained at Clairvaux, Burgundy, founded this beautiful abbey, the first Cistercian Abbey in Ireland in 1142.

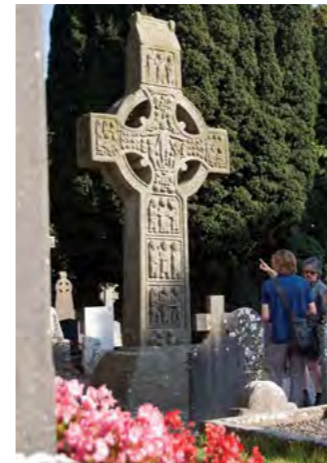
Tullyallen, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6459
Tour guides on site during the summer.
heritageireland.ie



Hill of Slane

Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland. It was created in the 1760's by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. The Hill of Slane is the location where, according to legend, St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High Kings at Tara and so, introduced Christianity to Ireland.

Slane, Co. Meath
Open All year. Guided tours available – booking required, contact the Slane Hub 041 982 4000



Monasterboice

At Monasterboice there are two of the finest High Crosses (Celtic Crosses) in Ireland – the South Cross (Cross of Muiredach) and the West Cross (Tall Cross) – both of which date from the 9th or 10th centuries. Today the image of the High Cross is recognised internationally as a symbol of Irish cultural heritage.

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843
Open All year



St. Laurence's Gate

St. Laurence's Gate, which led to the Friary of St. Laurence in Drogheda, is widely regarded as one of the finest of its kind in Europe. It consists of two lofty circular towers, connected together by a wall, in which there is an archway, part of the wider walls of medieval Drogheda.

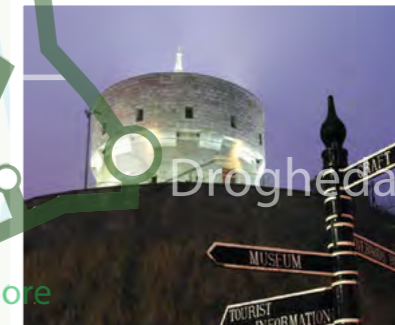
drogheda.ie

Monasterboice

Millmount

Folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and son Mil are buried at Millmount. He is said to be the first Milesian to set foot in Ireland, on the banks of the Boyne, upon which he recited his famous poem. Millmount has had many incarnations throughout history. It is believed that there may have been a motte set up by Hugh de Lacy when granted the Lordship of Meath in 1172. The tower that graces Millmount today was built in the early nineteenth century to help protect the country from a potential invasion by Napoleon. It now houses a museum on the history of Drogheda.

Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3097
E info@droghedamuseum.ie
Open All year. Admission charge
millmount.net



Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

Early monastic settlement where the High Crosses depict biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, representing early Irish Christianity. Five stunning examples can be found in Kells including the famous Market Cross. Kells is also associated with the Book of Kells, probably the most famous of Irish illuminated manuscripts.

Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508
Open Access all year to Monastic sites. See Kells Courthouse for walking tours and information on access to Spire of Lloyd.

Kells

Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most important prehistoric megalithic sites in Europe. Dating from the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5,000 years old. The newly refurbished Visitor Centre interprets the monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth while a new exhibition centre at Knowth showcases the largest concentration of megalithic carved stone art in Western Europe.

Donore, Co. Meath, A92 EH5C
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Open Access all year. Access to monuments through Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking essential for Newgrange chamber tour (see website)
heritageireland.ie

Navan



Donore

Don't Forget
book your ticket at heritageireland.ie

Trim Castle

Built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173 this is the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland. In medieval times, the castle stood like an imposing stone sentinel and powerful symbol of Norman strength. In modern times, the castle remains a strong focal point in Trim town and has been used in the film Braveheart with Mel Gibson.

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8619
Open Open daily from Mid Feb – end of October. From November to mid Feb, open weekends for tours, and once a day during the week (contact Trim Visitor Centre for details).
heritageireland.ie



Bective

Killmessan



Hill of Tara

The Hill of Tara was the seat of the High Kings of Ireland and the most sacred site in ancient Ireland. Stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5903 / 41 988 0300
Visitor Centre open during the summer. Hill open all year.
heritageireland.ie



Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

An international battle fought on 1st July 1690 (old calendar) between King William III and his father in law King James II, brought to life using a laser battle site model, audio visual film, real and replica weaponry and interactive guided tours. The Visitor Centre is located in the restored 18th century Oldbridge House surrounded by Victorian Gardens and battle site walks. Yearly events programme.

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All Year, Admission charge to Visitor Centre. Gardens and battle site walks free of charge. Gift Shop and Tea Room available on site
battleoftheboyne.ie

Boyne Valley Drive

Please check individual websites for current opening times and availability.



Discover Brú na Bóinne

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth

The World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne is Ireland's richest archaeological landscape and is situated within a bend in the River Boyne. Brú na Bóinne is famous for the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Knowth, Newgrange and Dowth which were built circa 3200 BC. These ceremonial structures are among the most important Neolithic sites in the world and contain the largest collection of megalithic art in Western Europe.

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre is the starting point for all visits to Newgrange and Knowth. Do not go directly to the monuments as you will not gain entry. Visitors are brought via shuttle bus to the monuments at Newgrange and Knowth. Dowth is not part of the tour.

The Visitor Centre exhibition is a fully interactive and newly-refurbished visitor experience exploring the Neolithic culture, landscape and monuments of Brú na Bóinne. Pre-booking tickets is essential. Universal access is limited at the monuments — those who require special assistance or those with mobility issues please contact us in advance of visit. Tours must be booked at heritageireland.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, Donore, County Meath, A92 EH5C
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Don't Forget

Advance booking essential. Book your ticket at heritageireland.ie



Newgrange

Newgrange (c 3,200 BC) is the best-known monument of Brú na Bóinne, predating the ancient pyramids of Giza by 400 years and Stonehenge in England by 1000 years. The passage tomb is surrounded by 97 kerb stones, the most impressive is the large entrance stone which is covered in swirls and designs. Inside the large mound there is a long passage leading into a chamber which branches off three ways. The cremated remains of the dead were laid on large stone basins inside the chamber which usually were accompanied by grave goods.

At dawn on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year (December 21st), a shaft of sunlight enters the chamber of Newgrange through a specially designed opening over the doorway which illuminates the chamber. On December 21st 1967, Prof M. J. O'Kelly was the first person in modern times to see this now world-famous event.



Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Newgrange

Newgrange

Knowth

The passage tomb complex lies to the west of Newgrange. The large mound covers two passage tombs placed back to back which is surrounded by 127 massive kerbstones. Outside this large passage tomb there are eighteen small tombs.

Over three hundred decorated stones make up Knowth which represents the greatest concentration of megalithic art in Western Europe. Recurring motifs on these stones include circles serpentine forms and spirals. A new exhibit at Knowth explores the megalithic art of the Boyne Valley, and the story of the archaeologists who discovered it, including the famed Meath archaeologist Prof George Eogan.

Don't Forget

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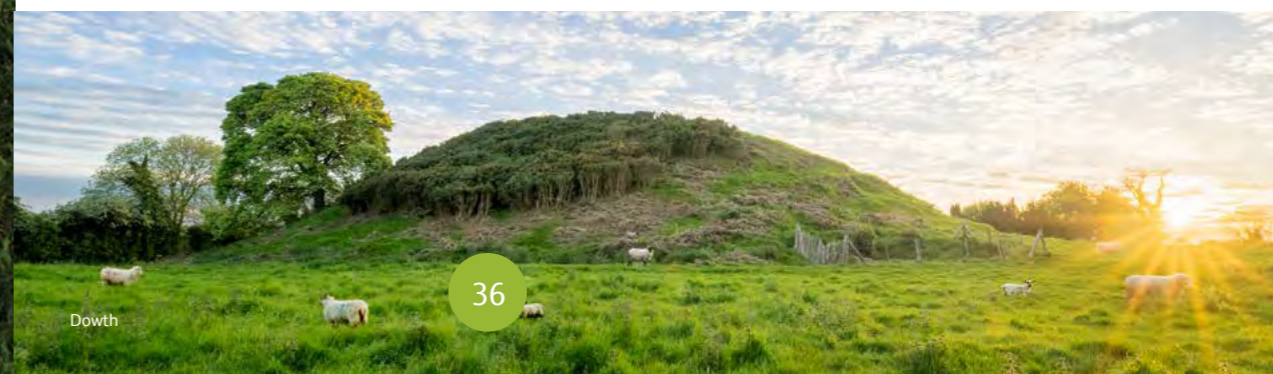


Knowth

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Dowth

Dowth is the least well known of the three monuments, although it compares in size. The mound is surrounded by a kerb of 115 stones and has two tombs facing westwards. On the 21st of December (Winter Solstice), the rays of the setting sun illuminate one of the passages in a similar manner to the rising sun at Newgrange. At least thirty-eight of the stones at Dowth contain megalithic art, the circle being the most common motif used. There is no access to the interior of the Dowth Mound, but visitors may still walk around the outside and admire the monument and views.



Dowth



More to discover

The mighty River Boyne – source of myth and legend slices through the towns of the Boyne Valley, yet unites this ancient ground. Dip away from the Driving Route and follow its meandering path to find a wealth of other interesting heritage sites, historical curiosities, bustling towns and charming villages just waiting to be discovered.

Trim Castle

Drogheda

Navan

Less than an hour from Dublin, Navan holds the prestigious Purple Flag status for its evening and night-time economy. Explore the wide range of shops and boutiques, or take a break in one of the cosy cafes or pubs. Navan is centrally located in the Boyne Valley, an ideal hub for exploring the region.

There are enjoyable walks around the town, particularly along the Boyne River and canal at the Ramparts. Navan town has a self-guided, signed walking trail – Navan Points of Pride. Commence the walk at the Solstice Arts Centre where brochures on the area can be picked up.

Other historic sites of interest in the Navan area

Bective Abbey; Donaghmore Round Tower & Church; Ardmulchan Church, Dunmoe Castle, Skryne Church, Ardbraccan Church, Athlumney Castle, The Ringfort at Teltown.

What else...

The annual Navan Choral and Instrumental Festival is one of the primary choral festivals in Ireland, hosting competitions for schools, youth and adult choirs. A great day out for all ages. See navanchoralfestival.com. If sport is your thing check out Navan Racecourse and its Racing Festival in November, or the fairways of Royal Tara Golf Club. You will be spoiled for choice with restaurants, gastro pubs and venue bars. The Solstice Arts Centre is one of the Boyne Valley's hubs for the arts. Its programme calendar is packed offering performances in theatre, dance, local arts, ballet, opera and comedy throughout the year. solstice.ie

Trim Heritage Town

Situated on the River Boyne, Trim is dominated by the medieval Trim Castle which is the largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland, built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173. The town is full of medieval sites to explore, including the Yellow Steeple, Sheep's Gate and Newtown Cathedral and Abbey. Winner of Ireland's Tidiest Town in 2022.

Other historic sites of interest in the Trim area

St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Mary's Abbey, The Newtown Monuments, Echo Gate, The Yellow Steeple. Nearby is the picturesque village of Athboy, home of the famous Blue Jean Country Queen Festival, and the Hill of Ward, said to be the site of the original Samhain (Halloween) festival.

Drop into the Trim Visitor Centre to learn about the rich history of the town or take the Medieval Armoury Tour: hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and handle chainmail.

What else...

The Annual Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival which takes place in June is just one of a number of festivals and events scheduled for Trim every year, including the Salmon of Knowledge Festival (August) and the Royal Meath Agricultural Show (September). Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for a full listing of all festivals and events. If you've worked up an appetite you will love Trim, from hotel dining in Trim Castle Hotel and The Knightsbrook Hotel to artisan restaurants like The StockHouse restaurant, Franzinis, Khan Spices or Brogans, all of whom have an avid love of great food and guarantee you won't be disappointed!

Drogheda

Drogheda truly is the Gateway to the Boyne Valley. A visit to the interactive Boyne Valley exhibition in the historic Tholsel in the centre of the town is a must for anyone exploring the region. Drogheda is an ideal town to explore on foot. Pick up a copy of the Drogheda Visitor Guide (or download from drogheda.ie) and visit St. Oliver Plunkett's head in St. Peter's Church (saintoliverplunkett.com), see William III's Sword and Mace at the beautiful Highlanes Gallery (highlanes.ie), grab a selfie at St. Laurence's 13th century barbican gate, cross the river and stroll up to Millmount Tower for magnificent views and to visit the Millmount Museum (millmount.net) or take a stroll to Mornington. After your adventures, take time to enjoy the many cafes, restaurants and bars offering a friendly welcome and wonderful selection of refreshments. Many famous faces visited Drogheda over the years. The Scholars Townhouse Hotel was formerly a school and among its students was John Philip Holland, inventor of the submarine. Meanwhile Woodrow Wilson spent time in the Marcy Hotel whilst visiting Ireland before becoming U.S. President.

Other historic sites of interest in the Drogheda area

The Millmount Martello Tower offers spectacular views over the town and the entire Boyne Valley. It was at Millmount that Cromwell met his strongest resistance when he laid siege to the town in 1649. The tower was restored by Drogheda Corporation in 2000 and is home to a military exhibition of Ireland's struggles. Open all year. millmount.net

St. Peter's Church, shrine to St. Oliver Plunkett, is among the finest gothic revival churches in Ireland and is famous for housing the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett. saintoliverplunkett.com

Beaulieu House is situated on the banks of the River Boyne and is one of the earliest examples of an unfortified house in Ireland. Tours of Beaulieu House and Gardens available by appointment only. beaulieuhouse.ie

What else...

Culture vultures will relish the offering at Droichead Arts Centre, TLT Theatre, The Barbican Theatre, Highlanes Gallery and Beaulieu House & Gardens. See drogheda.ie for a day to day listing of events and festivals. Families will enjoy fun days out at Funtasia Waterpark or trips to the beach.

Bective Abbey



Navan



Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda



Spire of Lloyd, Kells, © John Sheridan

Kells

One of the most unique and special destinations in the world – Kells welcomes you to come explore and become a part of its special story. The heritage town of Kells contains many fine examples of early Christian architecture including the 9th & 10th century High Crosses. It's most famous treasure is the Book of Kells created by the community of St. Columba. This is now located at Trinity College and a facsimile version can be viewed in the Kells Courthouse. The Spire of Lloyd is located outside Kells – this 18th century folly is the only inland lighthouse in Ireland. It was built on a prehistoric hill fort named Mullach Aiti, which is mentioned in the epic Táin Bó Cúailnge. In later years a paupers' graveyard was placed here during the Great Famine. Kells Walk-About Tours with local guides are available free-of-charge, to book please contact the Kells Courthouse. Discover Boyne Valley are now offering guided tours of the Spire of Lloyd which is Ireland's only Inland Lighthouse with a 164 narrow step spiral staircase.

Other historic sites of interest in the Kells area

St. Columba's Church, Kells High Crosses and Round Tower, St. Colmille's Oratory, the Georgian Quarter, St. Kieran's Well.

What else...

If you'd ever considered being 'Irish for a Day' you must book a visit to Causey Farm just outside Kells where you can learn to make brown bread, play the bodhrán or milk a cow! Kells has lots to offer the visiting tourist with fantastic accommodation, food, golf, equestrian, theatrical and artistic activities, and is truly the 'town of festivals'. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours and their annual Samhain Food Festival or book your place at the Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. Explore the latest exhibition at the Toradh2 art gallery in the Courthouse. Why not pay a visit to Donaghpatrick and Teltown – the venues for the ancient Tailteann Games. Donaghpatrick is the site of St. Patrick's Church, which was founded by St. Patrick. Across the road is Rath Airthir, a very impressive monument identified as a trivallate ring fort, which was the royal residence of the kings of the Fir Cúl Breg. Rock art dating back to 2,000BC can be viewed at Cill Tailtean beside Teltown House.

Oldcastle

This area of the Boyne Valley is one of the few undiscovered regions of Ireland. It has an extensive collection of pre-historic monuments, many of which still await archaeological investigation. The hills around Loughcrew at Oldcastle reveal passage graves, megalithic chambers and decorated stones and are a great place for walkers. Nearby is Loughcrew Estate and Gardens, former home of St Oliver Plunkett and now the location for luxury accommodation, historic gardens, a café, and an annual programme of events for all the family.

Other historic sites of interest in the Oldcastle area/ North East area

Loughcrew Cairns, Castletown-Kilpatrick and Nobber – the birthplace in 1670 of Turlough O'Carolan, the renowned composer and harpist. The nearby annual Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival takes place every August and features many country and western music stars, as well as a vast array of other attractions.

What else...

Visit Loughcrew Megalithic Centre or Loughcrew House and Gardens, where you are assured a warm welcome and a tasty lunch before exploring a range of on-site facilities. For full details on Equinox Celebrations, the Loughcrew Fairy Festival and many more events, visit discoverboynevalley.ie

Slane

Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland. It was created in the 1760's by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. The Hill of Slane is the location where St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High Kings at Tara and so, introduced Christianity to Ireland. The site is open all year.

Other historic sites of interest in the Slane area

Slane Abbey, The Ledwidge Cottage Museum and The Parochial House, Slane. Follow the road to its neighbouring town Duleek and visit St. Cianan's Church, St. Mary's Abbey and the High Crosses. Slane Castle is the residence of The Marquess Conyngham and is internationally famous for its summer music concerts. Guided tours of Slane Castle are available. A new multi-million euro distillery has recently opened on the grounds of the estate, producing the triple-casked Slane Whiskey with guided tours also available. Tel: 046 903 0600 slanecastle.ie slaneirishwhiskey.com

What else...

Enjoy a meal and/or stay at The Conyngham Arms Hotel or Tankardstown House before your visit to Slane Castle or White River Karting. Lots of accommodation choices are available from self-catering, hosting and camping at Slane Farm Cottages or try something completely new and stay in the Lime House Eco Guest House at Rock Farm Slane or in a Yurt of your choice on the same site. Visit Slane's Arty Quarter and browse in Shine Craft Shop with its wide range of local crafts and Pats Art Studio with its wide selection of Boyne Valley, Irish and International and Equine Paintings. Don't forget to check out the Slane Food Circle, which offers visits to artisan food/drink producers located in the heart of the Boyne Valley.

Boyne Valley Coast

Discover the Boyne Valley Coast. Choose from Mornington (Green Coast Award), Bettystown (Green Coast Award), Laytown or Gormanston – neighbouring villages linked by a stretch of beautiful beach ideal for outdoor activity, making sandcastles or taking a dip in the sea. In Louth choose from Seapoint (Green Coast Award), Clogherhead (Blue Flag beach), Baltray and Port Beach (Blue Flag beaches). The Boyne Valley Coast with its wide safe sandy beaches is regarded across Ireland and Europe as one of the best locations in Ireland for beach based sports.

What else...

The Laytown Strand Races are breathtaking and occupy a unique position in the Irish and English racing calendar as it is the only race event run on a beach under the rules of the Turf Club. You may wish to spend the whole afternoon on the beach but there's more to Bettystown than just the sea and sand. For luxury self catering accommodation you must check out 'The Cottages', Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award for 2016, The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in private, gated flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-ireland.com

Boyne Valley South

The town of Ashbourne is the only place of major insurrection outside of Dublin during the 1916 rising and a monument, similar to a ship's bow, honours the nationalists that were killed there. In the south west the new Royal Canal Greenway, Ireland's longest greenway, passes along by Enfield, Longwood and The Hill of Down.

Other historic sites of interest in the area

Dunshaughlin, Clonard, Enfield and Ratoath - whose street plan follows the curve formed by the characteristic Norman Motte. Dunboyne Castle is an 18th century mansion which replaced the original castle as the seat of the Butlers, Lords of Dunboyne, and is now a hotel.

What else...

Emerald Park, one of Ireland's top tourist attractions is situated outside of the town of Ashbourne in the south of the Boyne Valley. As Ireland's premier operated theme park and zoo, with unlimited fun-filled attractions, there is something for the whole family to enjoy at Emerald Park. Conquer the epic Cú Chulainn coaster, get close to dinosaurs on Dino Dash, enjoy the award-winning World of Raptors display, and prove you are warrior worthy in the newly opened, Celtic themed, Tir na nÓg. Stay in the Aisling Guesthouse and enjoy the flavours of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. Visit Ashbourne Baseball Club or the Newbarn Farm Shop for some goodies..

Mornington Beach



Kells Courthouse



Loughcrew Estate



Boyne Valley Towns & Villages

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| Ardee | Drumcondrath | Mornington |
| Ashbourne | Dunleer | Moynalty |
| Athboy | Duleek | Navan |
| Baltray | Dunboyne | Nobber |
| Bellewstown | Dunshaughlin | Oldcastle |
| Ballivor | Enfield | Rathcain |
| Bettystown | Gormanston | Ratoath |
| Clogherhead | Julianstown | Slane |
| Clonard | Kells | Summerhill |
| Clonee | Kilcock | Tallenstown |
| Collon | Kilmessan | Termonfeckin |
| Donore | Laytown | Trim |
| Drogheda | Longwood | |



Itineraries

Suggested routes to enjoy your time in the Boyne Valley

For more details and downloadable maps see discoverboynevalley.ie

Discover memorable experiences in the Boyne Valley - 3 days

Renowned for the quantity and quality of its heritage visitor attractions and for its natural beauty, the Boyne Valley represents the best of Ireland's historical and contemporary culture. Starting in Drogheda, this itinerary takes you to some wonderful historical sites with lots of activities, family fun and plenty of good quality eating options thrown in. Follow up with a visit to some of the best heritage sites in the country. To top it all, there are some great adventure activities for all ages to enjoy. Great memories are made of this!



Loughcrew Gardens and Lightscape



Discover family fun in the Boyne Valley - 2 / 3 days

Indulge your passion for myths and legends with kings, knights and warriors with visits to ancient sites and medieval castles with hands-on experiences. Get active with kayaking, rafting, canoeing, zip-lining, karting and thrill-seeking rides. For smaller members there is a fairy trail, exotic zoo and lots more to discover. Definitely need 3 days for this action packed adventure!



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1. Brú na Bóinne
 2. Boyne Boats
 3. Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
 4. Irish Military War Museum
 5. Trim Castle
 6. Navan Adventure Cntr
 7. The Zone
 8. Boyne Valley Activities
 9. Emerald Park
 10. Funtasia, Drogheda
 11. WhiteRiver Karting
 12. Bettystown/ Laytown Beaches
 13. Loughcrew Gardens Fairy Trail

Funtasia



Navan Adventure Centre



The Zone Activity Centre

Discover the flavour of the Boyne Valley - 2 days

The Boyne Valley, enjoys a reputation as one of the leading food-tourism destinations in Ireland today and there is no better place to enjoy the very best of Ireland's culinary culture. With passionate farmers, skilled food and drinks producers, along with world-class chefs and eateries, this tour will bring you directly to the farms, producers and distilleries and restaurants to savour the flavours of the Boyne Valley



Slane Food Circle



Listoke Gin School



Lismullen Cookery School

Discover arts and culture in the Boyne Valley - 2 days

With five millennia of cultural and archaeological wonders to explore, you will find a wide range of engaging museums, galleries and historical sites, along with the very best in live performance and dining experiences.



Solstice Arts Centre



Droichead Arts Centre



Slane Castle

Discover ecotourism in the Boyne Valley - 1 day

Where better to enjoy the beauty of Ireland's natural landscape than in the beautiful Boyne Valley. The River Boyne is surrounded by rich woodland habitats and is home to a wide variety of protected wildlife species, all ready to be explored on our many tracks and trails and nature walks.



Bee Wise Garden Walk



Girley Bog

Sonairte



Other itineraries include...

Rediscover golf in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley is home to some of the finest golf courses in all of Ireland. From challenging parklands to coastal links, golfers of all ages and standards will find a course to suit their game.



Golfing

Rediscover the great outdoors

The Boyne Valley is an ideal escape for those who love to spend time outdoors. Encompassing some of the most unique landscapes in Ireland, the region offers a wealth of gardens, walks, beaches, hills and waterways to be explored and savoured.



Laytown beach

Canoeing on the River Boyne

Rediscover well-being in the Boyne Valley

For peace of mind, the Boyne Valley has it all. Take the opportunity to relax while enjoying the landscape, heritage and culture of this unique area.



Royal Canal Greenway

Memorable Experiences in Boyne Valley South

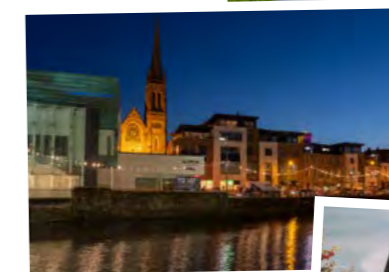
The bustling village of Dunboyne is a lively place with fabulous boutiques and other retailers in abundance, close to attractions including Emerald Park and the Royal Canal Greenway.



Drogheda

Memorable Experiences in Drogheda

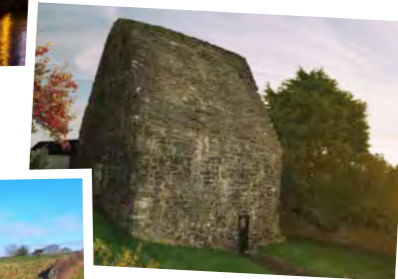
Drogheda, Gateway to the Boyne Valley, is one of the oldest towns in Ireland and evidence of its heritage can be found at every turn, as well as a buzzing modern arts scene.



St Colmcille's House, Kells

Memorable Experiences in Kells

The Boyne Valley is famous for heritage. This is certainly true of the town of Kells with its monastic sites and connections to the renowned Book of Kells, one of early Christian Ireland's greatest treasures. The town hosts many festivals and events including the Hinterland Literary Festival and the Samhain Food Festival. There is plenty to see and do nearby, including the Loughcrew Cairns, Girley Big and Causey Farm.



Sheep Gate, Trim

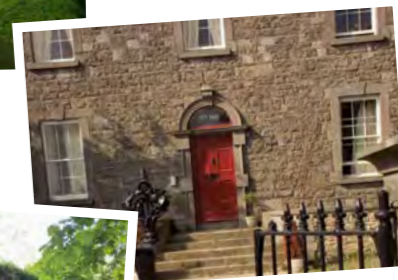
Memorable Experiences in Trim

The beautiful, heritage town of Trim is centred around its impressive medieval castle. With beautiful walks and so much green space to enjoy, you won't be disappointed.



Memorable Experiences in Slane

Close to Brú na Bóinne and is within easy reach of both Navan and Drogheda, Slane village itself offers hidden gems to discover in its arty-quarter, as well as the beautiful setting of Slane Castle and Slane Distillery.



Slane Village

Memorable Experiences in Navan

Navan's central location makes it an ideal hub from which to explore the Boyne Valley. The town offers a variety of quality accommodation, restaurants and bars, and there are a selection of walks to enjoy in the urban centre and stretching out to the countryside beyond.



Ramparts, Navan

Foodie destination

Discover the flavours of Boyne Valley

Make time this year to discover the flavours of Boyne Valley, a unique gastronomic region and winner at the World Food Travel Association's Food Trekking Awards 2019 for a Food Destination and recognised by the National Geographic Traveller UK in 2019 as one of the World's Best Food Destinations.



The fertile soils of the ancient Boyne Valley have been home to skilled farmers and food producers for thousands of years and the traditions have been passed down and continued to this day. The region boasts a bountiful supply of innovative farmers, food and drinks producers, chefs and eateries whose passion is to bring the flavours of our landscape to your table. As the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East and once the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, the Boyne Valley still brings royal food and drinks experiences fit for any King or Queen.

Discover and immerse yourself in the traditions of the ancient Boyne Valley, one of the leading food tourism destinations in the world where there are so many delicious adventures to be explored. Immerse yourself in many authentic food experiences on offer across the region including Farm Tours where you will meet the producer, learn how their produce is grown or created and of course tasting the end result.

Visit Martry Mill, one of the few working watermills in Ireland where the Tallon family have been producing stoneground wholemeal flour since 1859. Join Farm Tours Ireland to discover the best of farming and food production in the Boyne Valley. Learn all about the honeybee on the Bee Wise Garden Walk. Brush up on your cooking skills at one of the many cookery schools or if whiskey is your thing don't miss the Slane Whiskey Distillery Experience. Meet the producers at a local farmers market and sample the freshest of produce.

The Boyne Valley Food Series also takes place throughout the year and features many unique culinary events including long table suppers, festivals, foraging walks and more. The highlight of the Boyne Valley Food Series is the Samhain Food Festival which takes place in November and celebrates 5,000 years of Irish food and culture. A weekend long celebration featuring some of Ireland's most prolific culinary names, with many different events including long table suppers, cookery demonstrations, farm tours, foraging walks, children's workshops, panel discussions and so much more.

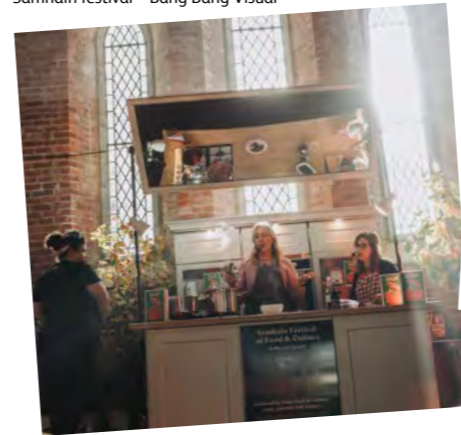
All of this and so much more is just waiting for you to discover when you visit the Boyne Valley. Keep up to date with all our latest news & events at BoyneValleyFlavours.ie or find us on social media @BoyneValleyFlavours.



Five Good Things Café – Patrick Hanlon



Samhain festival – Bang Bang Visual



Samhain Dinner – Bang Bang Visual



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The Keltic, Tom Doherty's black pudding on Baska sourdough – Patrick Hanlon

Decorating buns – Patrick Hanlon



Dunany crab with buttermilk and crème fraiche with Dunany rye cracker – Patrick Hanlon

Soul food

Eating out in the Boyne Valley



Restaurants

Bective Tea Rooms

A beautiful and modern café with immaculate gardens and eye-catching surroundings. Sit back and relax with a hot drink, try some freshly baked confectionary or a full breakfast or light brunch. All food is sourced locally and freshly prepared by our in-house chefs. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too. bectivestud.com

North Gate Lodge, Bective Stud, Balgill, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DFC8
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Bistro 61 at the Hamlet Court Hotel

The family-run Hamlet Court Hotel has a strong tradition of warm hospitality and great food. With stunning contemporary décor, Bistro 61 is great for all family occasions and once again the personal touches and quality food will make your special moments a life-long memory. thehamlet.ie

Hamlet Court Hotel, Johnstown Bridge, Enfield, Co Meath
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BoAnn Café & Bistro

BoAnn is named after the legendary goddess of the River Boyne. By night, the café transforms into a sophisticated bistro, offering creative and elegant dining experiences. Our menus feature classic dishes with contemporary twists, highlighting local seasonal flavours. Enjoy expertly crafted cocktails, whiskies, beers, spirits, and wine in a relaxed atmosphere. trimcastlehotel.com

Trim Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
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Brabazon Restaurant at Tankardstown House

Set in the 'Garden Village' at Tankardstown, the award winning Brabazon Restaurant offers seasonal dishes created from local produce, and vegetables, salads and herbs from their own kitchen garden. Serving lunch, afternoon tea and evening dinner, choose from set menus or 10 course tasting menus, for a dining experience to satisfy the eyes and the palette. tankardstown.com

Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 D535
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 0807
E reservations@brabazonrestaurant.ie

Bridge Restaurant at the Newgrange Hotel

The Bridge Restaurant, with its charming atmosphere and luxurious surroundings, combined with an imaginative menu, which consists of Irish cuisine together with international dishes and an extensive wine list sets the perfect venue for your evening. newgrangehotel.ie

The Newgrange Hotel, Bridge Street, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100
E info@newgrangehotel.ie

Brogans of Trim

In the heart of the heritage town of Trim, Brogans Bar and Grill offers fresh, home-cooked lunches and dinners. Check out their colourful courtyard area and enjoy the warm hospitality. Extended function and music spaces are also available. brogans.ie

High St, Trim, Co.Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1237
E brogansoftrim@gmail.com

Coach House Brassiere at Johnstown Estate

Instantly feel at home in the Coach House Brasserie with its booth-seating and roaring fire in Kitty's Corner. Upstairs, The Loft offers a more refined brasserie-style experience, and when the sun shines, a new, spacious, outdoor terrace to the front of The Coach House seats nearly 50 people in airy, heated comfort. thejohnstownestate.com

The Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath A83 V070
Tel +353 (0) 46 954 0000
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The Conservatory Restaurant at the Castle Arch Hotel

The recently-refurbished Conservatory is the perfect place to enjoy a flavourful menu of contemporary dishes and fine wines. Serving both table d'hôte and a la carte menus, the Conservatory offers a wide range of choices, all prepared using the very freshest of local produce. castlearchhotel.com

The Castle Arch Hotel, Summerhill Rd, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1516
E info@castlearchhotel.com

Conyngnam Arms Restaurant

The Conyngnam Arms Restaurant offers high quality cuisine and menus with seasonal influence, using local produce wherever possible. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as traditional afternoon tea served in the cosy library. The restaurant has been awarded the AA Rosette Award for Culinary Excellence. conyngnamarms.ie

Conyngnam Arms Hotel, Slane, Co. Meath
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The Darnley Restaurant

The Darnley Restaurant oozes warmth and character. Guests are welcome to enjoy the homely ambiance where visitors and locals mingle over tasty food and drink. A haven of secluded nooks, this space is ideal for quiet chats over delicious coffee or alternatively for enjoying a drink and some banter. darnleylodgehotel.ie

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The Donkey Shed

Located at Newbarn Farm, The Donkey Shed Restaurant is dedicated to local farmers and food producers. The restaurant serves delicious breakfasts, gourmet sandwiches, mouth-watering main courses and scrumptious desserts. We have a large patio area, perfect for al' fresco dining, and our restaurant is heated by two wood burning stoves. newbarnfarm.ie

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Tel +353 (0) 1 8499 337
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Henrys at the Glenside

A brand new look to an old favourite. Henrys opened in August 2018 with a fresh new vintage style design and new menu. Good food served by good people. Open for dinner from 5pm Thurs-Sat and for Sunday lunch and evening dinner from 12.30pm to 8.30pm. You can book your table online glensidehotel.ie/henrys.html

Glenside Hotel, Dublin Rd, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9999
E info@glensidehotel.ie

Hugo's Restaurant at the Ardboyne Hotel

Hugo's Restaurant is designed with guests in mind, offering a great choice of menu in luxurious & stylish surroundings. Settle into the comfortable high back chairs while you peruse the menu options and enjoy our excellent cuisine. ardboynehotel.com

The Ardboyne Hotel, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119
E info@ardboynehotel.com

The Ivy Restaurant at Dunboyne Castle Hotel

The Ivy Restaurant's menus have been developed with culinary awareness, balance and are constantly being updated with the latest innovations utilising the finest seasonal products. It is this culinary vision that drove the team to win the coveted 2 AA Rosettes from 2013 to date. dunboynecastlehotel.com

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 801 3500
E info@dunboynecastlehotel.com

Khan Spices, Indian Restaurant & Take Away

Creating the flavour of real Indian cuisine in the same way as back home in India. Traditional Indian methods are used, with pungent spices and herbs, exotic and fragrant ingredients to offer subtle sensuality - the very essence of Indian cuisine. Proudly serving customers since 2008. khanspicestrim.ie

Emmet St, Emmet Yard, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1378
E info@khanspicestrim.ie

Kilberry Restaurant

Indulge in a culinary journey at The Kilberry Restaurant, nestled in the heart of Kilberry village. We offer delightful Irish cuisine with a global twist, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days a week. Just a 5-minute drive from Navan town, our establishment also boasts exquisite cocktails and an extensive wine selection. thekilberry.ie

Kilberry, Navan, Co. Meath C15 PY79
Tel +353 (0) 46 905 5875
E bookings@thekilberry.ie

The Kiln at Killeen Castle

The Kiln at Killeen Castle uses the highest quality locally sourced ingredients to ensure satisfying flavours in perfectly balanced exciting and contemporary dishes. Offering a variety of delicious options to cater for all tastes and ages. Open 7 days a week from 9am to 9pm, the perfect place to unwind and enjoy an all-day dining experience. killeencastle.com

Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 3000
E reservations@killeencastle.com

Med Street Food

Located at the back of the Bounty Bar in Trim, with Trim Castle views, Med Street Food is housed in a converted horse box with a wood-fired oven. Here you can find the best of Mediterranean-style food, specialising in wood-fired sour-dough pizzas. Everything is homemade using the finest of ingredients.

Back of the Bounty Bar, Abbey Lane, Trim, Co Meath, C15 XD72
Tel +353 (0) 89 983 8693
E MEDstreetfood2@gmail.com

Monasterboice Inn

Family run restaurant close to Monasterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak. Scampi is also a big hit. Good wholesome local food of the highest quality, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Can cater for any group, with 3 dining rooms varying sizes. monasterboice-inn.ie

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7383
E reservations@donegans.net

Park Ri Destination Stop & Food Court Kells

A place to Refuel, Relax & Refresh and enjoy good food in a relaxed atmosphere. Food outlets include: The Cook of Kells Carvery; Kells Kitchen; Supermacs; Papa John's Pizza; Kanoodle & Coffee Spot: Located just off the M3, N3 & N52. parkri.ie

Park Ri, Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 E7F3
Tel +353 (0) 46 927 1123
E info@parkri.ie

Preston's Restaurant at Bellinter House Hotel

Preston's Restaurant at Bellinter House Hotel is recognised for its exceptionally high standards in culinary excellence by the AA Rosette Scheme. The menus provided in Preston's are seasonally based and produce is sourced locally wherever possible. Private dining options available. bellinterhouse.com

Bellinter House, Navan, Co.Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0900
E reservations@bellinterhouse.com

Rococo Restaurant at Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort

A true fusion of Irish and international cuisine promise a delightful experience at the Rococo Restaurant. Menus are regularly updated to feature seasonal dishes and fresh ingredients and offer guests everything from Irish cheese platters to salmon and sirloin steak. knightsbrook.com

Knightsbrook Hotel, Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100
E info@knightsbrook.com

Scholars Townhouse Gastro Lounge & Restaurant

Champions of modern Irish cuisine utilising the Boyne Valley's world-class produce, Scholars has the best of both worlds, casual and fine dining (try the home-made afternoon tea) with a warm authentic approach in customer service. 2 AA Rosettes 19/20, Best Hotel Restaurant 2019. Open 7 days per week 7am until late. Booking essential. scholarshotel.com

King St, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 ED71
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 5410
E info@scholarshotel.com



The Signal Restaurant

Voted Best Hotel Restaurant Ireland by the Food Awards Group 2017, and recommended by top food critics in Ireland Lucinda O'Sullivan and Georgina Campbell. Emphasis on serving the freshest of ingredients, sourced locally. Must tries include the Station House Smokies, Kilmessan rack of lamb and their home-made brown bread ice-cream. stationhousehotel.ie

Kilmessan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
E info@stationhousehotel.ie

Sixteen at Killeen Castle

Located within the grounds of Killeen Castle offering a picturesque setting with the calmness of the surroundings of nature. Our expert chefs use the freshest local produce to serve dining experiences with an ethos of food creativity and sustainability. Dinner reservations are available Friday & Saturday from 6:00pm- 9:00pm. Sunday Lunch from 12:00pm-3:30pm. killeencastle.com

Sixteen, Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 3000
E reservations@killeencastle.com

The Snailbox

The Snailbox is a family run business in the heart of County Meath. Known for its outstanding food and service with the most amazing views of the surrounding countryside. Come and visit the largest baseball hat collection in the world. Let our family look after your family. snailbox.ie

Kilmoon, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, A84YK35
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 4277
E info@snailbox.ie

Stock House Restaurant

Welcome to StockHouse Restaurant, in the shadow of the magnificent Trim Castle. Born out of an avid love of great food we are all about Trim and producing consistently great food! We aim to provide our customers with a memorable night out - great food, good craic in relaxed comfortable surroundings. stockhouserestaurant.ie

1 Emmet Hse, Finnegans Way, Trim, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7388
E justask@stockhouserestaurant.ie

Tara Lounge at CityNorth Hotel

Our stylish Tara Lounge serves seasonal food using quality local produce. Open daily from 12-9pm, 7 days per week. Carvery is also available on Sundays. Bookings are recommended. citynorthhotel.com

CityNorth Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 690 6666
E info@citynorthhotel.com

Vanilla Pod Restaurant at the Headfort Arms

Although under the umbrella of the Headfort Arms, The Vanilla Pod is a self-contained contemporary restaurant that has earned regional and national acclaim in its 10 plus years of operation. We pride ourselves on good quality, carefully sourced produce from local suppliers, using ingredients that are in season with specialties such as locally reared lamb. headfortarms.ie

Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
E info@headfortarms.ie

79 West Street

79 West Street is located in the heart of Drogheda and offers both indoor and other venues, all with their own unique style. Recently voted one of the top 200 restaurants, we are known for specialised cocktails, the perfect pint of Guinness and amazing food options. 79weststreet.ie

79 West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 3896
E 79weststreet@gmail.com

Zucchini's Restaurant

Award-winning restaurant & cocktail bar on the edge of Navan. Casual dining food with a modern twist, using local produce & seasonal ingredients. Expect great food, modern stylish surroundings, wines from around the world and our own signature cocktails, value for money and service with a smile! zuchininnavan.ie

18-20 Blackcastle SC, Slane Rd, Navan Co Meath, C15 YRT9
Tel +353 (0) 46 906 0459
E zuchininnavan@gmail.com

Cafés

Bective Tea Rooms

A beautiful and modern café with immaculate gardens and eye-catching surroundings. Sit back and relax with a hot drink, try some freshly baked confectionary or a full breakfast or light brunch. All food is sourced locally and freshly prepared by our in-house chefs. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too. bectivestud.com

Bective Tea Rooms Bective Stud, Balgill, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DFC8
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 2362
E info@bectivestud.com

Brambles at Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Situated at Brú na Bóinne, Brambles are delighted to operate the onsite café nestled within the surrounds of the Visitor Centre. The café has a wonderful bright aspect for visitors to enjoy some flavoursome handmade food incorporating local ingredients. Relax with a Barista coffee and some delicious handmade cakes or a hearty lunch from our daily selections. brambles.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, Staleen Rd, Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 4888
E customercare@brambles.ie

Brambles at Oldbridge House, Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

Located in a specially designed building, The Tea Pavilion at Old Bridge House has wonderful views over carefully manicured gardens. With fully glazed walls, there are uninterrupted views to soak in as you enjoy a delicious lunch or barista coffee. There's also plenty of outdoor seating to bask in the sun during the summer months, whilst enjoying an ice cream. brambles.ie

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2921
E customercare@brambles.ie

Coffee Spot

Located in Park Ri, which also houses Kells Kitchen Deli & The Cook of Kells Carvery, Coffee Spot is the perfect place to relax. Enjoy Barista coffee, gourmet sandwiches & delicious sweet treats, made fresh every day in our in-house bakery. The perfect spot to relax on your Boyne Valley adventure. parkri.ie/eat-here/coffee-spot

Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 E7F3
Tel +353 (0) 46 927 1123
E info@parkri.ie

Coffee Works

Coffee Works is a family-owned speciality coffee shop serving coffee from Groundwork Coffee as well as treats and a selection of Irish products. coffeeworks.ie

Emmet Street, Trim, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 085 213 8037
E coffeeworks.ie@gmail.com

Eureka House

Eureka House is the perfect location to unwind and relax. Located within lush parklands, our unique spot in the heart of the heritage town of Kells, County Meath offers a delicious range of breakfasts, lunches, cakes, bakes and treats with tasty teas and luxury barista style coffees. eurekahousekells.business.site

Eureka House, Navan Road, Co. Meath, A82 DX47
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0499
E eurekahousekells@gmail.com

The Greenways Cafe

In the heart of the village of Nobber and only one minute from the Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway. Serving breakfast, lunch and tasty treats, with speciality coffee and artisan local food produce. Open daily.

Main Street, Nobber, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 224 2437
E thegreenwaycafenobber@gmail.com

Harvest Home Bakery & Café

In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 9am. Tuesday to Saturday. Homemade vegetable soup, Irish Soda bread, freshly cut sandwiches and Gourmet Sausage Rolls. Fresh cream cakes, home bakes, Bewley's Coffee and selection of teas. Outdoor seating, Wi-Fi and an Irish welcome! Follow us on FB and Instagram. Award winning Café Bistro.

18 Market St, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 6660
E harvesthomebakery@gmail.com

Loughcrew Estate Coffee Shop

Situated in peaceful, historic gardens, this is the perfect place to relax and unwind away from the hustle and bustle. Serving delicious coffee and food, Loughcrew's Lime Tree Cafe is open 7 days a week from 11am - 5pm. See social media for seasonal updates. loughcrew.com

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356
E info@loughcrew.com

Maguires Cafe Hill of Tara

If a walk on the famous hill has worked up an appetite, Maguires Cafe can help restore you. Relax in the warm, cosy atmosphere and allow our friendly staff to cater to your needs. The beautiful traditional Irish homemade food and selection of local craft beers will leave you talking for years to come. Open daily, see our gift shop too. hilloftara.com

Hill of Tara, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5534
E info@hilloftara.com

PlatterByLu

A unique experience in the heart of Trim, PlatterByLu envelops all your senses. Café, artisan pantry and cheesemonger, offering brunch, catering and platterboxes and hampers. Dine-in and takeaway with a French influence, outdoor seating and dog friendly. Mobile unit available for events. platterbylu.ie

Athboy Gate, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 TV0F
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7444
E hello@platterbylu.ie

Solstice Café

A family-friendly café providing a range of high quality, locally sourced foods throughout the day. Delicious & healthy breakfasts are available along with gourmet sandwiches/wraps, soups, crisp salads and tasty lunch specials. A variety of cakes, scones, granola slices and protein balls are homemade daily to compliment your favourite coffee or speciality tea.

Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 KWP1
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie

Sonairte Cafe

The Sonairte Café offers a delicious range of vegetarian and vegan meals and treats in the beautiful surrounds of Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens. Our food is good for people and the planet and where possible uses certified organic seasonal vegetables and fruit grown in the Sonairte garden. sonairte.ie

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E hello@sonairte.ie

Gastro Pubs

Balreask Bar, Restaurant & Guest Accommodation

Balreask Bar & Restaurant is a family run bar, restaurant, guest accommodation and function venue. We provide a wide range of dining options including Breakfast, our renowned Carvery Lunch, and A La Carte including a three-course set menu. balreask.ie

Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8248
E info@balreask.ie

The Central

Award winning bar (National Bar of the Year, Best Modern Cooking in a Bar, Best Gastro Pub in Meath). A multi-purpose venue with 7 bars, a heated rooftop terrace, outdoor areas, live music, comedy gigs and New York style open kitchen restaurant. Great food & service. 90 % of produce is local. thecentral.ie

4 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 7999
E everything@thecentral.ie

The Glyde Inn

The Glyde Inn, located in the picturesque coastal village of Annagassan, was awarded National Pub of The Year and Irish Food Pub of the Year 2018 at the Irish Pub Awards. A traditional Irish gastro pub dating back to 1770, its Sea View Restaurant specialises in local seafood. Regular live music events. theyglydeinn.ie

Annagassan, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 42 937 2350
E info@theyglydeinn.ie

Jack's Bar, Restaurant & Garden

Jack's Bar, Restaurant and Garden is a chic Gastrobar in Kells, Co. Meath. Specialising in great food, drinks, cocktails and craic. Renowned for its weekly Thursday trad session! Also offers a pet friendly garden. facebook.com/jacksbarand-garden

Rockfield Road, Kells, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 1973
E jacksbarandgarden@gmail.com

Jack Quinn's Bar

Situated 3km from the heritage town of Trim, it is one of the oldest pubs in Meath, dating back to the 1800s. Jack's is known for its pints of Guinness, Irish coffees and roaring open fire. Come join the friendly locals for drinks and fresh pub food, topped off with our famous traditional Irish music sessions.

Scurlougstown, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 D284
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 4779
E ann.quinn5@gmail.com

Nelly's Bar

Located in the heart of Drogheda, Rest your feet and raise your glass at Nellys! Come check us out; live music, great DJs, the best cocktails & delicious food...see you there. themarcy.ie

The Marcy Hotel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 0196
E nellys@themarcy.ie

Peter's Pub

Family owned pub since 1997, with great food, beers, spirits and amazing cocktails and a wow outdoor area! Fully refurbished first floor venue catering for up to 280 people for every event. petersdunshaughlin.ie

Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 9161 / (0) 87 339 6695
E peterspub@live.ie

The Punt Pub

This family-run pub offers a quintessential Irish experience steeped in tradition with a warm atmosphere where locals gather to cheer on their favorite sports teams. Live music sessions every weekend. Indulge in a pint with your lunch served daily, prepared with love and care. Join us for an unforgettable taste of Ireland's spirited culture.

51 Fair Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 7868
E thepuntpub@gmail.com

Sally Rogers Bar

In the heart of Trim, Sally's is the perfect spot to enjoy a delicious coffee, lunch or pint on the riverside balcony. This traditional Irish pub has a welcoming atmosphere, live music Friday- Monday and is dog-friendly! sallyrogersbar.ie

Bridge Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 XKTS
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3510
E sallyrogerstrim@gmail.com

Pubs and Bars

Clarks Bar Drogheda

Clarks Bar situated in the town centre of Drogheda is a unique pub dating back to 1900. Today the unique features of the interior are still in place along with some wonderful characters who frequent on a daily basis. The pint of Guinness is the main tippie and is said to be the best pint in town. Well worth a visit! clarkesofdrogheda.com

Clarks Bar, No 19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724

Coburn's Bar @The Lawrence

Lily's Parlour at the old-world bar (1870) offers a special small event venue on a reservation basis offering quirky grazing boards/ afternoon tea/party nibbles/ food truck options – reservations - info@The Lawrence.ie, Instagram- thelawrenceathboy, Facebook- The Lawrence. thelawrence.ie

Main Street, Athboy, Co. Meath, C15 N6YD
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 7001
E info@thelawrence.ie

Dolly's Bar & Pantry

Dolly's Bar is a traditional family run pub that exudes warmth and character. The Pantry is our newly opened coffee shop at the back of the bar serving speciality coffee, delicious treats and artisan hand produced food using top quality ingredients seven days a week.

Balfeddock, Slane, Co. Meath C15 WC57
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4411 / (0) 87 985 2197
E infodollysbar@gmail.com

Donegan's Pub

A traditional Irish whiskey pub. Donegan's of Collon opened its doors as a resting place for weary travellers in 1871. Stocking a variety of drinks (including over 100 Irish whiskeys) Donegan's is still the place to come whether you'd like to sit by one of the two open fires on a winter's day, or enjoy the summer sun in our comfortable yard. doneganspub.com

Ardee Street, Collon, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6834
E admin@doneganspub.com

Farrelly's Bar

A truly authentic family-run, traditional Irish pub. At Farrelly's we are famous for the quality of our pint of Guinness. As well as providing a traditional atmosphere we have a very pleasant outdoor area, a modern Wi-Fi network and live music every Saturday and Sunday. farrellyspub.ie

Church Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1136
E farrellyspuboldcastle@gmail.com

Fox's Castle Lounge

Family-run traditional pub located on picturesque hill of Skryne with lovely views of the countryside. A warm welcome and a great pint of Guinness awaits you. Well known for the great traditional music session every Wednesday night.

Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath, C15A25F
Tel +353 (0) 86 396 9830

James Griffin

One of the oldest pubs in Meath, since 1904. This pub was voted Traditional Pub of the year and Runner-Up 'Powers' Snug of the Year in 2012. There are many nooks and corners to this wonderful pub, where you can enjoy our craft beers, special whiskeys or your favourite cocktail beside the cosy log fires and watch the world go by. jamesgriffinpub.ie

High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 83 091 3168
E bookings.jamesgriffinpub@gmail.com

Lynch's Motor Bar

Lynch's -The Motor Bar, est. 1926 is a third-generation family-run pub. With several rooms within, there's always a quiet corner. Warm, friendly atmosphere focusing on the quality of our beers, plus a large selection of whiskeys and other spirits. All live sports covered daily, and a large sun-soaked beer garden.

Emmet Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 CX53
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7620
E lynchesmotorbar@gmail.com

Odd Mollies

Odd Mollies is an eclectic bar and music venue where you'll find a warm and sociable atmosphere within our doors. We are dedicated to providing top quality live music and entertainment, whether it's in our intimate venue or on the stage in our large open beer garden area. Cocktails, fine wines, real music. oddmollies.ie

19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724
E oddmolliesdrogheda@gmail.com

The Royal Meath

The Royal Meath is one of the oldest bars in Navan, owned by the Geraghty family since the 1960's. Enjoy a quiet drink in a cosy corner, or the buzz of vibrant, open plan seating areas whilst watching live sport or music. Food served 6 nights a week from their delicious pizza menu. royalmeathbar.ie

Watergate street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1366
E hello@royalmeathbar.ie



Fore Distillery

Boyn Valley Craft Distilling, Brewing and Cider Making

Boann Distillery

Family owned distillery producing a range of triple distilled Irish single malt and Irish pot still whiskey from three handmade bespoke copper pot stills. From "Grain to Glass" crafted within the distillery ensuring whiskey and gin of great character with a unique provenance and a real sense of place. Visitor experience opening soon. boanndistillery.ie

Lagavoreen, Platin Road, Drogheda, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 8078
E hello@boanndistillery.ie

Dan Kelly's Cider

Our farm manager has seen four generations of the McNeece family work on this farm in Drogheda, and we have been growing apples for generations before that in County Armagh. We combine traditional techniques and our own hand-picked apples to create an award winning range of ciders, juice and vinegar. dankellyscider.com

Stameen, Dublin Rd, Drogheda
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7333
E apples@dankellyscider.com

Fore Distillery

Fore Distillery is a craft distillery producing our own Golden Rum, White Rum, and Poitin entirely at our own distillery. Guided tours and tasting, and Barrel and Bean Cafe on site. Located close to Fore Abbey, the Nancie and Nellie Walk and only 15 minutes from Loughcrew Cairns. foredistillery.ie

Moortown Fore, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, N91 TY06
Tel +353 (0) 44 966 1775
E info@foredistillery.ie

Listoke Distillery and Gin School

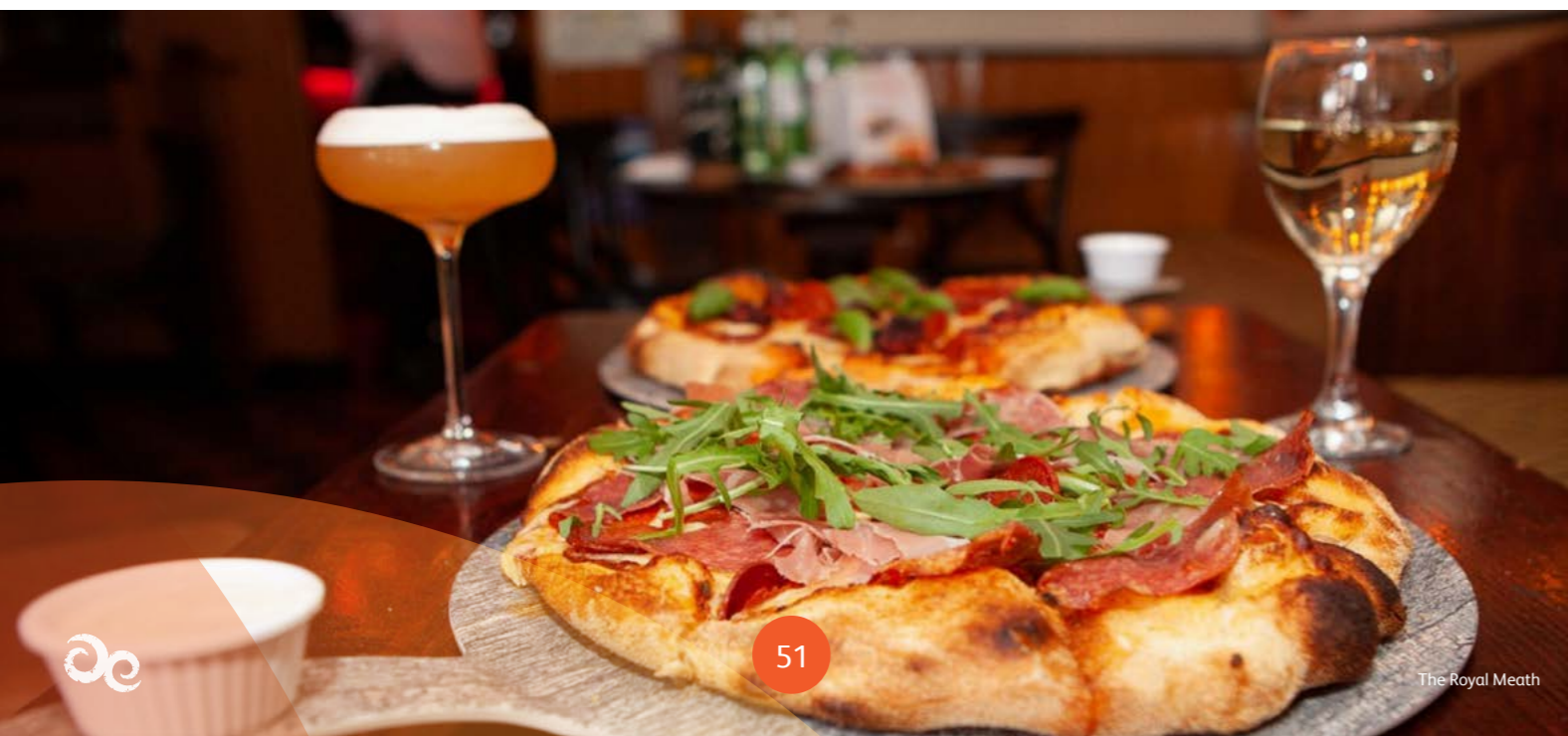
Now open for distillery tours as well as being the only gin school in Ireland, Listoke 1777 has become one of Ireland's most sought after visitor experiences. Visit the school for a history of gin, gin tasting and an introduction to all that is gin. Pre-booking essential. listokedistillery.ie

Tenure, Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 214 5044
E hello@listokedistillery.ie

Slane Distillery

Allow our storytellers to draw you into our wonderful world of whiskey. The fabrics of the Conyngham family tapestry are carefully woven through an interactive tour of our state of the art working distillery. Finish the tour with a taste of our signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. Combine your tour with a visit to Slane Castle. See details on slaneirishwhiskey.com

Slane Distillery, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0600
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Stay a while

Great accommodation in the Boyne Valley

From luxury four star hotels to cosy cottages and fabulous yurts for those looking for something a bit different, the range of accommodation in the Boyne Valley will certainly tempt you to stay longer...



Hotels

Ardboyne Hotel

Situated on the outskirts of Navan, this hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Boyne Valley. Carefully selected furnishings and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, alongside beautifully appointed rooms, provide the very best in creature comforts. Live music every Saturday night. 🍷 Hugo's Restaurant, The Kells Bar. ardboynehotel.com

Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41
E info@ardboynehotel.com

Bellinter House Hotel and Spa

A magnificent 18th century Georgian house, less than 5 minutes off the M3 and under 30 minutes from Dublin City centre and Dublin airport. With a full range of spa services, specialty experiences, and the finest award-winning cuisine in the area, your time in Bellinter House will be a truly unforgettable experience. 🍷 Preston's Restaurant. bellinterhouse.com

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0900
E reservations@bellinterhouse.com

Castle Arch Hotel

Nestled in the picturesque heart of the heritage town of Trim, just 35 minutes from Dublin, the Castle Arch Hotel is a home from home with 21 excellently appointed ensuite bedrooms. Additional facilities include a private carpark, complimentary Wi-Fi, 🍷 the Arch Bar and Lounge with a beautiful new Gastro menu. castlearchhotel.com

Summerhill Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1516 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41
E info@castlearchhotel.com

City North Hotel & Conference Centre

Stylish 4 Star Hotel with 128 recently upgraded bedrooms including large family rooms. Serving breakfast, brunch and all-day menus, with carvery in The Tara Lounge on Sundays with live music. Popular for Emerald Park and Dublin Zoo Family Breaks. 15 minutes from Dublin Airport and 40 minutes from Dublin City. Take J.7 off the M1 for Stamullen. 🍷 Mornington Restaurant, Tara Lounge. citynorthhotel.com

Gormanston Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 690 6666
E info@citynorthhotel.com

The Conyngham Arms Hotel

This lovingly restored 18th century coaching inn, sits comfortably at the heart of Slane village and offers 15 individually decorated rooms and a wonderful welcome to visitors. Uncomplicated, fresh menus, offer locally produced fare in season. 40 minutes from Dublin. 🍷 The Conyngham Arms Restaurant. conynghamarms.ie

Main Street, Slane, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4444
E info@conynghamarms.ie

Darnley Lodge Hotel

A 3-star family run hotel, offering a haven of tranquillity nestled in the heart of the Boyne Valley Drive, yet only 45 minutes from Dublin Airport. The Hotel boasts 15 en-suite luxury bedrooms suitable for corporate or leisure use. Ample free parking. Weddings, confirmations, communions, family gatherings and special occasions catered for. 🍷 The Darnley Lounge. darnleylodgehotel.ie

Main Street, Athboy Co. Meath, C15YP2K
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 2283
E info@darnleylodgehotel.ie

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne offers sophisticated modern luxury. Conveniently located to many attractions in the Boyne Valley, along with Dublin Airport. This hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities, and the exquisite Spa. 145 spacious bedrooms. 🍷 The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadler Bar. dunboynecastlehotel.com

Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 801 3500
E info@dunboynecastlehotel.com

Glenside Hotel

Let our family look after yours in our beautifully appointed, family owned 17 bedroom hotel only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. Ample free parking, delicious food, beautiful gardens and a traditional 'céad míle fáilte' which has been extended to guests for almost 50 years. 🍷 Henry's Restaurant, Bar food served daily. glensidehotel.ie

Dublin Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9999
E info@glensidehotel.ie

Hamlet Court Hotel

With a tradition of hospitality, the Hamlet Court Hotel and O'Neill family are renowned for a warm welcome and personal service. The Hamlet Court Hotel boasts 30 superbly appointed guest bedrooms, award winning Bistro 61 Restaurant, Murty's Bar & Courtyard and private landscaped gardens. Nestled in the picturesque village of Johnstownbridge on the outskirts of Enfield The Hamlet Court is easily accessible, only 30 minutes from Dublin. 🍷 Murty's bar, Bistro 61 Restaurant. thehamlet.ie

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Headfort Arms Hotel

Family owned & managed award winning hotel offers a true Irish experience in the heritage town of Kells. This listed building has 45 bespoke bedrooms with modern facilities. Enjoy the Headfort Spa, traditional pub and open fire. The hotel hosts a facsimile edition of the Book of Kells. Golf packages available. 🍷 Vanilla Pod Restaurant, Café Therese, The Keltic Bar. headfortarms.ie

Kells, Co. Meath
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The Johnstown Estate

The Johnstown Estate is a favourite destination for so many travellers, our luxurious 4-star estate is a haven of comfort and relaxation For those with a passion for food, there is a choice of dining experiences, from fine dining to light bites and al fresco cocktails. The estate is also home to our award-winning spa, while bicycles are available to enjoy the estate parklands and discover the nearby Royal Canal Greenway. 🍷 'Fire & Salt' Restaurant, The Coach House Brasserie, Parterre. thejohnstownestate.com

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Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

A combination of luxury and modern sophistication, in this 4 star hotel set in 186 acres of rolling parkland, 131 bedrooms including 12 suites, health club, 17 suite Spa, championship golf course designed by the late Christy O'Connor Jnr, conference facilities for up to 1100 delegates and 28 luxurious holiday homes. 🍷 Rococo Restaurant, Swifts Bar, Terrace Lounge. knightsbrook.com

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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The Newgrange Hotel

Located in the centre of Navan Town and 2 min walk from the main bus stop. Private car parking. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. The hotel boasts 62 luxurious bedrooms. Additional facilities include complimentary wi-fi, live entertainment in Rowley's bar Friday - Sunday. 🍷 The Bridge Restaurant, Rowley's Pub and Bridge Brasserie serving food all day. newgrangehotel.ie

Navan, Co. Meath
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B&Bs

Balreask Bar, Restaurant & Guest Accommodation

Balreask Bar & Restaurant is a family run bar, restaurant, guest accommodation and function venue. Located on the outskirts of Navan, Balreask is the ideal location for the tourist and business visitor. balreask.ie

Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8248
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Caravogue House B&B

A purposely built bed & breakfast property offering a warm Irish welcome, with the modern upscale feel of a hotel. Situated in Trim, Co Meath, centrally & conveniently located just two minutes walk from the town centre and the many heritage attractions the beautiful town of Trim has to offer. caravoguehouse.ie

Navan Road, Trim, Co Meath, C15P2N8
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Teltown House

17th century country house on 290 acres in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Situated close to where the historical Tailteann Games were held. Accommodation for 8-10, all bedrooms en suite with 3 reception rooms, log fires and jacuzzi and a full Irish breakfast included. Short distance to all historic sites. teltownhouse.net

Teltown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3239 / (0) 87 665 9022
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Tom Blake House

Housed in a 130-year-old historic house in the heritage town of Kells, Co. Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Tom Blake House combines the warmth and hospitality of a B&B within the luxurious interiors of a boutique hotel. tomblakehouse.ie

Bective Street, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 V3K0
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Woodstock Bed no Breakfast

Woodstock Bed no Breakfast is a comfortable base in County Meath. It has three double rooms, two with en-suite and one with a private bathroom. Breakfast isn't offered but there is a private guest sitting room with snacks provided and coffee making facilities. woodstockbednobreakfast.ie

Woodstock, Old Road, Dunsany, Co. Meath
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Woodview Lodge

A modern bungalow situated on a farm, with beautiful views of the open countryside. Just 3km from Trim and 40 minutes to Dublin Airport. There are 3 spacious en-suite bedrooms, a twin, king and triple. Free wifi, private parking and a continental breakfast available. Perfect for anyone looking for a quiet, relaxing stay. Find us on booking.com


Adamstown, Trim, Co. Meath
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The Yellow House B&B

Spacious detached house located beside the famous River Boyne on the R147. Two minutes walk from Ardboyne Hotel with full bar and restaurant facilities. Free wifi for guests. Short walk to town centre. Dublin Bus and Airport bus stop 2 mins. from B&B. Free parking. Home cooking a speciality. theyellowhouse.ie


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Scholars Townhouse Hotel

Steeped in history, the magnificent Scholars Townhouse building is now a boutique hotel in the heart of Drogheda. Renowned for excellence in hospitality and customer service, the McGowan family have created a homely atmosphere with the warmest of Irish welcomes. 16 en-suite bedrooms and award-winning restaurant:  2 AA rosettes 2019-20, Best Hotel Restaurant County Louth 2019. scholarshotel.com


King Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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The Station House Hotel

This award winning and newly-refurbished country house hotel, based on a converted railway junction built in 1862, has been run by the Slattery family for over 35 years. Relax in the Platform Bar & Piano Lounge, or dine in the award winning Signal Restaurant. Voted Best Hotel Restaurant Ireland by the Food Awards Group.  Signal Restaurant. stationhousehotel.ie

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Trim Castle Hotel

Enjoy breathtaking views of Trim Castle and the River Boyne while indulging in our three exceptional eateries, crafted with locally sourced ingredients. Our 4-star hotel hosts 68 bedrooms, conference facilities, shops, and traditional Irish bars on its doorstep. Stunning panoramic views from our Rooftop Garden Terrace.  BoAnn Café & Bistro, Bailey Brasserie, Jules Restaurant. trimcastlehotel.com

Trim, Co. Meath
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Specialist Accommodation

Boyne House Slane

Boyne House Slane is a former rectory dating from 1807, magnificently renewed, to offer luxury accommodation bearing exceptional levels of comfort and style. An addition to the Tankardstown and Conyngham Arms family in the area, Boyne House Slane comprising 10 bedrooms is perfect for visiting groups. boynehouseslane.ie

Main Street, Slane Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4444
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Johnsfort House Farmstay

200-year-old Johnsfort House is steeped in Irish charm and history. We have Highland cattle, sheep and chickens. Stunning self-catering cottages with original stone. Enjoy the countryside, meet the animals, take a walk on our farm path through the woodland. We also run private tours all over Ireland. johnsfort.ie

Johnsfort House, Clonmellon, Navan, Co. Meath
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Loughcrew House

Private and exclusive accommodation in the centuries old Loughcrew Estate. Decorated with style by Emily Naper the house sleeps 17 with options for more in the courtyard apartments. Views of beautiful landscapes transport you back to a different time where you can imagine yourself as the lord of the Estate. loughcrew.com

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Tankardstown House

Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown House comprises an impressive 18th Century Manor House & Orangery; a central courtyard of Cottage Suites; a luxurious Lodge and Barn and Stable accommodation, as well as the award-winning Brabazon Restaurant. Ample parkland and walled pleasure gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch/dinner available, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Viewing by appointment only. tankardstown.ie

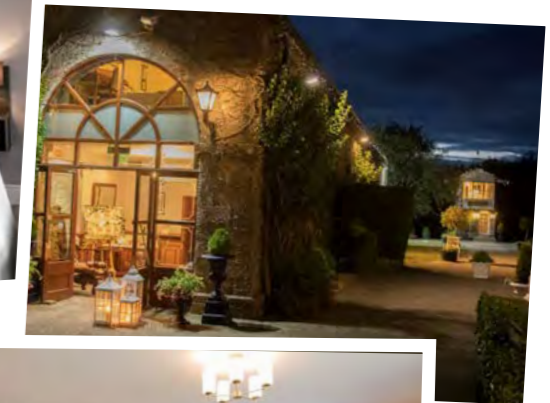
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Caravogue House B&B

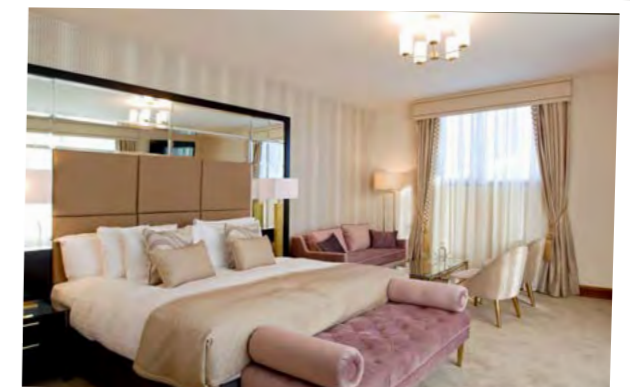
CityNorth Hotel



Station House Hotel



Tankardstown House



Trim Castle Hotel



Self Catering

Bective Stud Apartments

Our self-catering apartments overlook the front garden and the courtyard within the Bective Estate. The apartments are newly refurbished, spacious, stylish and contemporary, with a fully equipped kitchen, separate bathroom and flat-screen TVs with complimentary Wi-Fi. Private entrance with dedicated secure parking. There is an onsite restaurant open Mon-Sat 9-5pm and over 4km of Woodland Walks. bectivestud.com

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Boyne View House Guest Accommodation

Boyne View House offers the guest a range of accommodation including individual bespoke lodges and cottages. Our lodges and cottages are set in a tranquil setting where our guests can escape to the countryside and be at one with nature. boyneview.ie

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The Cottages

Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award, The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in private, gated picturesque flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-ireland.com

Seabank, Coast Rd, Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104
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Decoy Country Cottages

Winner of the Best Tourism Business in Meath 2018, and Ireland's Best Holiday Home 2019, this beautifully restored stable mews provides 1,2,3 or 4 bedroom cottages in an exclusive, gated complex with landscaped gardens. Perfect for families and groups. Close to Tara & Newgrange. Indoor/outdoor play area, games room, relaxation room, gym, day spa, car e-charging. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. decoycountrycottages.ie

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Dunderry Lodge Self Catering Family Lodges

A selection of Self-Catering Lodges in the heart of the Boyne Valley in a rural setting but only minutes drive from Trim, Athboy, Navan and Kells. Ideally located 7 minutes' drive from the M3 motorway (Dublin Airport 44 minutes drive) giving you the perfect base to explore everything Meath has to offer. dunderrylodge.ie

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Eco Lodges, Rock Farm Slane

Stay in straw-bale eco lodges or a traditional farmhouse on our organic farm. Swallow's Nest eco-lodge sleeps 2 while Lime House is the largest straw-bale residential house in Ireland with six en-suite bedrooms and luxurious living space. River House is a 5-bed holiday home in a private riverside setting. Ideal for reunions, celebrations, corporate and special interest groups. Catering and activities are available on the farm. rockfarmslane.ie

Slane, Co. Meath
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Hideaway at Foxhollow

Fall in love with Hideaway at Foxhollow, located half way between Kells and Athboy in Fordstown, Co. Meath. This beautifully restored cut stone farmhouse guarantees comfort, luxury and a memorable traditional 'Irish' welcome. Guests are provided with a generous welcome hamper that includes breakfast supplies with an emphasis on local artisan suppliers. hideawayatfoxhollow.com

Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
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Kilcloon Holiday Homes & Private Guided Tours

Eight self-catering holiday homes with a Private National Tour Guide on site. Fully furnished with hotel quality bedlinens & towels provided. Complimentary Wi-Fi, communal BBQ area, giant size Chess Board and private parking. Stay & Tour with us, travel in style with packages tailored to suit all guests. kilclooncottages.ie

Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 629 0803 / 87 683 9670
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Kiltale Holiday Homes

Our self-catering accommodation consists of: Kiltale House, Cottage, Loft, Dairy, Stable, the lodge all 4-star approved and the newly built "Oak" 5 star approved and the Ash, total capacity 47 guests. Perfect for large groups and families, milk the goats, feed the lambs, ride the donkeys. B.B.Q, playground, and indoor play area on site. Centrally located for touring the Boyne valley, on bus route to Dublin city, close Dublin airport. meathselfcatering.com

Kiltale, Dunsany, Co. Meath
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Lodge Accommodation at Killeen Castle listing

The lodge accommodations at Killeen Castle have a beautiful design and come equipped with high-quality interior fixtures and fittings that can be found in a four-star hotel. They provide spacious and comfortable accommodation, equipped with all necessary amenities to ensure a pleasant stay, including air conditioning and complimentary Wi-Fi. All accommodations offer light-filled rooms that present stunning views of the green, yellow, and gold picturesque landscapes. killeencastle.com

Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
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Orchard Holiday Village

The Orchard Holiday Village is a new self-catering option located in the historic village of Slane. Originally the garden and orchard of the old Parochial House, the Orchard Holiday Village currently offers 3 three-bedroom townhouses and 1 two-bedroom townhouse, all fully-equipped for a practical and luxurious self-catering stay in the Boyne Valley. orchardholidayvillage.ie

Orchard Way, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 P5FK
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Steeple View Holiday Homes

Luxury 4 Star Fáilte Ireland approved 3 bedroom apartment, overlooking the Yellow Steeple, 3 mins walk to town centre and the castle. Walking distance to all locations in Trim, the perfect location to explore Dublin and the Boyne Valley.

Steeple View, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
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Hostels, Glamping & Camping

Glamping, Rock Farm Slane

Luxury glamping at our organic farm on Slane Castle Estate beside the River Boyne. Choose from yurts, shepherds huts and bell tents in mature woodland. Features include small lake with sloping beach and outdoor wood burning hot tub. Self-catering organic food packs, on-farm and local activities and farm tours available. rockfarmslane.ie/glamping

Slane, Co. Meath
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Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre provides a unique base to explore the history, nature and adventure of the Boyne Valley, including the nearby ancient Loughcrew Cairns. Our accommodation includes glamping, camping and campervan facilities. On site we also have Maggie Heaney's Heritage Cottage, cafe and gift shop. We also provide tours of the Loughcrew Cairns. loughcrewmega.com

Summerbank, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
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Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping

Old farm stables converted into a luxury hostel with private rooms and dorms. Camping also available. slanefarmhostel.ie

Harlinstown, Slane, Co. Meath
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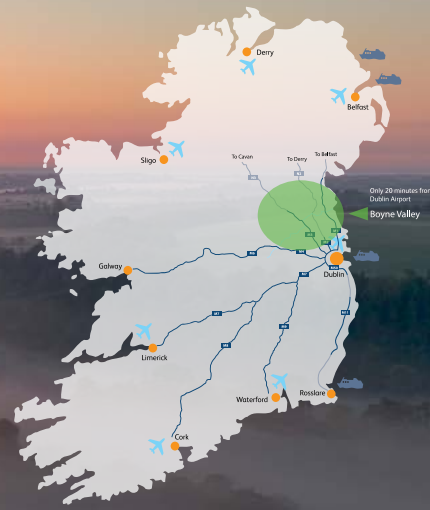
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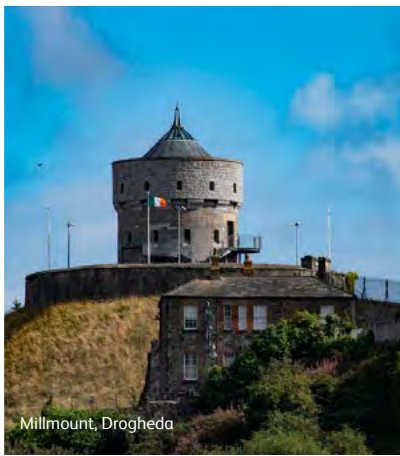


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Boyne Valley Tourist Information Points

Brú na Bóinne

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Kells

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Navan

Solstice Arts Centre and Tourist Information Point
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Oldcastle Tourist Information Point
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Slane

Slane Hub & Tourist Information Centre
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