Discover Boyne Valley 2020
Birthplace of Ireland’s Ancient East

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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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The Birthplace of Ireland’s Ancient East

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 battle-ground at the famous Battle of Boyne or test your own courage on the legendary Cú Chulainn rollercoaster at Tayto 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.

Enjoy!

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Join us in 2020 to take your journey through the flavours of the Boyne Valley.

Discover and immerse yourself in the traditions of the ancient Boyne Valley, home to a bountiful supply of passionate 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.

Visit one of the leading food tourism destinations in the world where there are so many delicious adventures to be explored. We have a year-long calendar of culinary events and adventures in the form of the Boyne Valley Food Series which celebrates our land, our heritage, our people, and of course our produce. Packed full of unique producer-led events that will immerse you in the food and drinks culture of the Boyne Valley region. From exploring ancient farms along the river Boyne, to Meet the Maker Events, Seafood Trail, Gin School, Artisan Markets, Oyster Festivals, Summer Solstice Suppers, Orchard Walks to Samhain Banquets, the Boyne Valley Food Series has it all, with something for everyone to enjoy!

Save the date of our new Samhain Festival happening on the 7th and 8th November 2020 – A weekend celebrating 5,000 years of Food & Culture, past, present & future with a wonderful array of culinary contributors.

Keep up to date and Discover more at www.BoyneValleyFlavours.ie or find us on social media @BoyneValleyFlavours.
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**Useful Travel Links**
Bus Éireann buseireann.ie
Dublin Airport dublinairport.com
Irish Rail irishrail.ie
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 ziplining through the trees? 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 cèile dance or see what it’s like to be a medieval knight?
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**Rock Farm Slane**
An award-winning ecotourism destination on the Slane Castle estate. Explore by electric bike, foot or kayak; our activity packages are a great way to take in the beauty of the Boyne Valley. Farm tours offer a glimpse into the life of a farmer and artisan producer. See ‘Slane Food Circle’, for tours of local artisan food and drink producers. Booking essential.  
[rockfarmslane.ie](http://rockfarmslane.ie)  [slanefoodcircle.ie](http://slanefoodcircle.ie)

**Tayto Park**
Ireland’s only Theme Park and Zoo. With a great variety of attractions, 100+ in total including the Cú Chulainn rollercoaster, Viking Voyage at the Park and Word of Raptors flying display, not to mention our Amur tigers and meerkats… there’s certainly something for everyone to enjoy!  
[taytopark.ie](http://taytopark.ie)

**The Zone**
The Zone Navan, the largest indoor activity centre in Co. Meath. Bursting with activities such as: karting, bowling, Lazer Maze, shooting simulator, archery, X-Box. Laser Tag & cafe on site! No need to worry about weather. Suitable for ages 4 years and up and ideal for families! Open 7 days a week.  
[thezone.ie](http://thezone.ie)

**Tlachtga Abhaile**
Tlachtga is the sacred hill outside Athboy where Halloween began as the Celtic festival of Samhain and also named after the ancient Goddess associated with it. Actress, professional singer and qualified tour guide Fiona Dalton brings this local legend alive in an original living history performance of story and song that will both enthral and entertain you.  
[thelawrence.ie](http://thelawrence.ie)

**Trim Medieval Armoury**
Step back in time to Medieval Trim, hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and handle chainmail. Tour times: 10.00am - 2.00pm. Groups welcome (advance booking is essential) Groups can be accommodated outside of normal tour hours if needed.  
[discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie)

**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](http://whiteriver.ie)

**Tour Guides**

**Ancestral Voices**
With your host, a Boyne Valley native and professional historian, you can explore Newgrange, Trim Castle, Slane and the Hill of Tara, as well as hidden places only a local would know. We can also help with your family history research. Collect and return to your accommodation in a Mercedes 6-passenger limousine with free onboard Wi-Fi.  
[irishancestralvoices.com](http://irishancestralvoices.com)

**Beautiful Meath**
Derek collects people from their accommodation and takes them on a private tour of Meath. Tours are tailored to people’s interests, be that the neolithic period, scenic or family tours. Organised on a day that will suit everyone.  
[beautifulmeath.com](http://beautifulmeath.com)

**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. Guest collected and returned to their accommodation, bespoke tours to sites throughout the Boyne Valley and beyond.  
[boynevalleytours.com](http://boynevalleytours.com)

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**Funtasia Waterpark**

**Martyn Mill**

**Boyne Boats**
### Tour Operators

**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: discoverboynevalley.ie

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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

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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

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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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**YourWay Ireland**
We organise both guided or self-guided itineraries for the entire island of Ireland but our heart will always be in the Boyne Valley. We’re with you every step of the way, from planning your itinerary to organising transport and accommodation for your stay. Even when you arrive, we’re never keen on a rigid itinerary. That’s why we supply all our guests with a smartphone and app bundle which is customised to ensure that you’re never stuck for the information you need. yourwayireland.com

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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 & Theatres

Droichead Arts Centre
A multi-disciplinary centre offering an extensive programme of theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, 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

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

Solstice Arts Centre
Regular exhibitions from international, national and local artists across three exceptional gallery spaces, open 11:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday - Saturday. The 320 seat theatre hosts the best of local talent as well as professional theatre, music, ballet, opera, comedy, dance and children’s events. Also houses a 4K surround sound cinema and the Solstice Café. solsticeartscentre.ie

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

The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre)
The annual performance features a diverse range of shows. From live music, ballet, dance and musicals to traditional pantomimes and youth theatre there really is something for everyone. thetlt.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

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.

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. venuetheatre.ie
Cultural Attractions

An Bradán Feasa
Gaeltacht Ráth Chaim was founded when 27 families migrated from Connermara to Ráth Chaim in 1935 and 13 families to Lambay in 1937. The area achieved Gaeltacht status in 1967. Offering many opportunities to immerse yourself in Irish language, culture and arts throughout the year including Irish music sessions, dance, drama, storytelling. Irish language classes available for all levels. A Gaeltacht on your doorstep – tar isteach (come inside). rathchaim.com

An Grianán, ICA
An Grianán (“the sunny place”) is of immense historical significance with its original form dating back over 200 years. This college was the first residential adult education centre in Ireland and has its roots in the Irish Countrywomen’s Association. Everyone is welcome here. Ideal for conferences and meetings. The extensive grounds that surround the college provide a wealth of walks, with the opportunity to stroll on the nearly sandy beaches of Ballylack and Seapoint. an-grianan.ie

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

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

Blackfriary Community Heritage Archaeology Project
The Blackfriary is a medieval Dominican Friary in the historic town of Trim, and has been under excavation since 2010. Visitors can come see the dig throughout the summer months and talk to the archaeologists about the finds. For those interested in the archaeological experience, you can spend a day working with the archaeologists on site. Book by visiting 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. heritageireland.ie worldheritageireland.ie

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Martello Tower
Millmount’s ‘cup and saucer’ offers spectacular views over the town. Lovingly restored, the Martello type tower was built in 1808 and houses a permanent exhibition of military memorabilia such as guns, swords and John Boyne O’Reilly’s death mask. The neighbouring museum contains a wealth of local artefacts. millmount.net

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

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre
Located beside the 5,000 year old Loughcrew Cairns, visit Maggie Heaney’s cottage – a 1700’s heritage museum. Experience life in a traditional Irish cottage, learn about the Loughcrew Cairns and the legend of the Caileach (Witch). Café, playground and accommodation onsite including hostel, campervan site, camping and glamping. loughcrewmegalithiccentre.com

Meath Beo

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Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland approved National Tour Guide Séan Quinn and the My Ireland Heritage team will assist you search for your roots and records of past generations and providing a once in a lifetime tour experience of your family’s homeland. Our Historical Meath Tour is a day full of historic and beautiful scenery. OPW entry fees included. myirelandheritage.com

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 cover the family’s colourful history, including the famous rock concerts. Open throughout the year, tours available: see website for details. slanecastle.ie

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A Festival of fun

What’s happening in the Boyne Valley
Festivals & Events

**Spring Festivals**
- Drogheda Arts Festival
- Drogheda Classical Music Series
- Easter Weekend Egg Hunt & Family Fun Day, Irish Military War Museum
- Fairyhouse Easter Racing Festival
- Fairyhouse Point-to-Point
- Landsailing Events, Bettystown Beach
- Loughcrew Spring Equinox Festival
- Meath Beo, Traditional Irish Music performance series
- Muck of Kells
- Oldcastle Point-to-Point
- Oldtown Point-to-Point
- St. Patrick’s Day Festivals
- Trad Ash Irish Music and Song Festival, Ashbourne

**Summer Festivals**
- ALCM Motor Rally
- Bellewstown Horse Racing Festival
- Blue Jean Country Queen Festival
- Boyne Adventure Race (Trim)
- Boyne Music Festival
- Boyne Valley Walking Festival
- Centenary Commemoration of the War of Independence Raid in Trim
- Dunderry Fair
- Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival
- Hinterland Festival, Kells
- International Harp Festival, Termonfeckin
- Kells Road Races
- Kells Type Trail
- Loughcrew Fairy Festival
- Meath Heritage Cycle
- Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival
- Navan Choral Festival & Nat. Choir of the Year Comp. Heritage Week
- Nobber Fair
- Outdoor Theatre at Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge
- Race Around Ireland, Trim
- Seafood Rocks Festival, Clougherhead
- Sheridan’s Irish Food Festival
- Summer Solstice Festival
- Scurlagstown Olympiad
- Tain March
- Tara Lecture Series
- Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
- Tough Mudder, Loughcrew
- Tour de Boyne Valley
- Trim Salmon of Knowledge Festival
- Trim Vintage Car Rally
- Vantastival

**Autumn Festivals**
- A Classical Christmas Evening IV (Trim)
- Drogheda Christmas Bonanza
- Drogheda Traditional Music Festival
- Winter Solstice at Newgrange

**Winter Festivals**
- A Classical Christmas Evening IV (Trim)
- Bellewstown Races
- Boyne Music Festival
- Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
- Farmaphobia
- Learnbh Children’s Festival, Drogheda
- Laytown Beach Horse Racing Festival
- Laytown Strand Races
- Loughcrew Equinox Festival
- Meath Beo, Traditional Irish Music performance series
- O’Carolan Harp Festival
- Point to Point at Dowth
- Púca Halloween Festival
- Pumpkin Patch at Irish Military War Museum
- Royal Meath Agricultural Show
- Samhain Festival Kells
- Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
- Strawfest, Rock Farm Slane
- Taste of Togher
- Trim Trad Fest

**Ongoing Events**
- please refer to individual websites for dates and details

**St. Patrick’s Day Festivals**
- 17th March
- (see discoverboynevalley.ie for details)

**Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for more event and festival details**
Púca Halloween Festival 2020
come alive in the dark

3 breath-taking nights of music, food, light and spectacle celebrating Ireland as the original home of Halloween, in the towns of Athboy, Drogheda and Trim.

The Púca Festival town of Athboy is an important hub of Halloween tradition. Old manuscripts tell us that a hill outside the town, Tlachtga or The Hill of Ward, was the site of a great Samhain gathering.

Recent archaeological excavations at Tlachtga suggest this ancient hill was used for feasting and ceremonies, and to this day the Boyne Valley remains as one of the epicentres of Halloween tradition.
For more details of events see pucafestival.com
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
the birthplace of Halloween!

Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival 2020
5th October – 2nd November

Lots of events including a House of Horrors; Farmaphobia, Terrifying Treasure Trails; PookaSpooka during the day and spine-tingling spooky themed nights.
Visit spiritsofmeath.ie for more information.
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.

Tales tell us that the Samhain festival began on top of the hill of Tlachtga, now called the Hill of Ward, one mile east of Athboy, Co. Meath. It was believed that Tlachtga (like other ancient mounds such as Newgrange or Knowth) was closely linked to the spirit world and it was from here that the sacred Samhain fire was lit and carried to seven other hills around the county including Tara, Loughcrew and then on to light up Ireland’s Ancient East and beyond.

Recent archaeological excavations at Tlachtga suggest this ancient hill was indeed used for feasting and ceremonies, and to this day the Boyne Valley has remained the home of Halloween. Spine-tingling fun awaits for young and old alike in the Spirits of Meath festival, enter if you dare!

For details of all Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival events check out www.spiritsofmeath.ie/events or download the Official Discover Boyne Valley App.
take a walk on the wild side

Gentle pathways to explore at leisure

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...

Heritage Walking Routes

**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.

**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.

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Heritage Walking Routes

Kells 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.

Kells Walk-About Tours
Volunteers will take you on a walking tour of their town. From the medieval monastic site to the Georgian quarter, our guides will share with you the local stories and hidden gems of Kells, Co. Meath. Book your tour via the Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub.

Trim Castle River Walk
This walk provides a glimpse of life in the middle ages in Trim. The walk is a linear walk commencing at Trim Castle and takes approximately 30 minutes along well marked pathways to Newtown.

Forest Walks

Loughcrew Cairns
There is a walk to Loughcrew Cairns and a guiding service for visits to the Cairns is available during the Summer months. Call 041 9880 300 for details or visit heritageireland.ie

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.

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.

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.)

Greenways and Blueways

Royal Canal Greenway
This fantastic amenity is now complete and ready for visitors! The longest Greenway in Ireland, stretching 130km from Maynooth in Kildare to Cloondara in Longford, is an amazing opportunity to experience the scenery of Ireland’s Ancient East from a totally new perspective. Visitors to the greenway, either on foot or cycling, can enjoy a safe, easily-navigated trail with many stopping points along the way. Approximately 22km of this route is through Co Meath with opportunities for rest and refuel at Enfield, Longwood and The Hill of Down. The well-serviced train station at Enfield provides an excellent starting point for a trip on the Meath section of the Royal Canal Greenway and is located directly across the road from Enfield Harbour.

Boyne Blueway Trim
Centred around the picturesque heritage town of Trim, the Boyne Blueway is a beautiful stretch of River Boyne from Inchmore Bridge near Longwood through the town of Trim itself and on to Bective Mill. With a length of 35km the full stretch can be paddled in approx 8 hours (experienced paddlers). Or why not take it in sections and at your own pace to savour the delights the river has to offer. Take a break from the river and wander the Trim Heritage Trail and Trim River Walk, or hop on your bike for the Cycle Trail to the Hill of Tara.

Heritage Trails
Athboy Heritage Trail
Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate Walks
Castletown Kilpatrick Trail
Duleek Heritage Trail
Dunshaughlin Heritage Trail
Gormanston/ Stamullen Trail
Moynalty Heritage Trail

Historic Town Walks
Drogheda Historic Trail
Kells Historic Trail
Navan Points of Pride Walk
Slane Historic Trail
Trim Historic Trail

These walking tours have multiple points of interest and are accompanied by a guided map which can be collected from the local tourist office.

For more information on all walking routes download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App or visit discoverboynevalley.ie

Royal Canal Greenway

Boyne Blueway Trim

Boyne Ramparts

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

Boyne Rampart Trim

Trim Castle River Walk

Trim Castle River Walk
Historic Gardens

**Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth**
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.

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All year
Fee Free admission

**Balrath House and Garden, Navan, Co. Meath**
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.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749 / (0) 87 954 7883
E frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com
Open May 5-28, June 22-July 5 & Heritage Week 9am - 1pm.
Fee €10 adults, €2 seniors and students

**Barnemath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth**
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. rokeby.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 980 8990
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All year
Fee Free admission

**Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth**
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) 41 982 6544
E info@rokeby.ie
Open 7 days: Mar-Oct 10am -5pm, Oct-Mar 10am 3.30pm
Fee €3 adults, €2 seniors and students, €6 family

**Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth**
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. killineerhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 86 232 3783
E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
Open All year
Fee See website

**Listoke Gardens, Gallery, Shop & Tea Rooms, Ballymakenny Rd, Drogheda, Co. Louth**
Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbaceous plants, woodland walk and a small menagerie of feathered friends to delight all ages. Art Gallery, Pavilion Tea Rooms, Workshops in the Meadow Hall and Garden Shop. listoke.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 2118741 / (0) 87 744 7057
E info@listoke.com
Open All year
Fee See website

**Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth**
Built by architect Francis Johnston in the C18th, Rokeby won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2013, for the restoration of its Turner designed conservatory. House and garden can be visited at times listed. Groups of 8 by appointment. rokeby.ie

Tel +353 (0) 86 864 4228
E info@rokeby.ie
Open May & Sep Mon-Sat 10am-2pm, Heritage Week 10am-2pm
Fee €7 adults, €5 students/children

**Sonairte Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath**
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 All year
Fee See website

**St. Mary’s Abbey, High Street, Trim Co. Meath**
An intriguing, medieval abbey dating back to 1415 with walled kitchen garden overlooking the River Boyne and Trim Castle. Converted to a manor house and then a school, St. Mary’s has centuries of history to tell. boynevalleygardentrail.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 685 1205
E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com
Open Apr-Oct 9am - 6pm, Nov-Mar 9am -3pm
Fee Free

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Fee Free
By Appointment Gardens

**Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth**
C18th walled garden overlooking the river Boyne, planted with a vibrant double herbaceous border, fruit trees, knot gardens, lawns and restored C18th pavilion. See website for events. [beaulieuhouse.ie](http://beaulieuhouse.ie)

**Bee Wise, Crogeree, Kilmessan, Co. Meath**
5 acre nature trail with a young woodland, flowering/fruited hedgerows and wildflower areas, planted to encourage a diversity of wildlife. There is a 1.5km path with information points and spots to sit and listen to the birds or watch the butterflies and bees. There is a large, working Observation Hive to view the fascinating life of the Honey Bee. [beewise.ie](http://beewise.ie)

**College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath**
College Hill house, built in 1795 as a parochial house, is set in 3 acres of gardens with all year round interest. Features a fine example of ancient rock art and other architectural stone works. For group visits, please see website. [collegehillhouse.ie](http://collegehillhouse.ie)

**Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth**
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](http://collonhouse.com)

**The Cottages Ireland, Seabank, Coast Road, Bettystown, Co Meath**
The Cottages are a dreamy hamlet of 300-year-old thatched cottages, set in large organic flower gardens, by the seaside. [cottages-ireland.com](http://cottages-ireland.com)

**Herberts’ Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath**
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. [herberts.ie](http://herberts.ie)

**Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath**
This award winning Village Garden transformed from a derelict 3 acre site has an orchard, woodland, pollinating flower beds, soft fruit bushes, herbs and pond with seating scattered throughout. Created by volunteer village residents, it achieved green flag status for 2019 – 2020. It is a large, working family events. [julianstowncommunity.com](http://julianstowncommunity.com)

**Kilgar House Gardens, Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath**
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. [kilgar.com](http://kilgar.com)

**Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath**
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](http://kendumusic.com)

**The Station House Hotel, Killmessen, Co. Meath**
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, with a special discount to Trail visitors can be booked year round. [stationhousehotel.ie](http://stationhousehotel.ie)

**Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath**
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 Brahaban Restaurant. [tankardstown.ie](http://tankardstown.ie)

**Garden Centres**

**Boyne Garden Centre, Ardclaf, Slane, Co. Meath**
Multi-Award-Winning Nursery, winning several ‘Best in Show’ & eight successive 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](http://boynegardencentre.ie)

**Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath**
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](http://ratoathgardencentre.ie)

**Riverlane Nurseries, Rosirstown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath**
Owned by John and Eileen Evers - winners of Gold, Gift and Silver medals at Bloom, the nursery specializes in herbaceous perennials and cottage garden plants. [riverlane.ie](http://riverlane.ie)
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**Boyne Valley Crafts**

**Bee Free Clothing**
An award winning range of clothing designed with children’s amazing imagination & adventurous spirit in mind. The range features dresses, hoodies, ponchos, snuggle wraps & accessories. Made from beautifully soft & vibrant fleece, they are as colourful & distinctive as kids are themselves! Caoimhe also makes a range of women’s felt shawls & ponchos. [beefree.ie](http://beefree.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. [boynevalleywoods.com](http://boynevalleywoods.com)

**The Courtyard**
The Courtyard is located near Kells. 8500 Sq ft filled with unique gifts and household accessories. Coffee shop with an open log fire and ample free parking. Amble at your leisure through an ever changing range of pictures, baskets, clocks, candles, poetry, tablecloths, napkinsand much, much more. Gift tokens available. Open: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10 - 5.30. [thecourtyardkells.com](http://thecourtyardkells.com)

**Jan Muylaelert Irishharps**
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](http://boynemarine.com) [irishharps.net](http://irishharps.net)
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, ranges 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 the unpredictable comes through in her more abstract pieces and raku. discoverboynevalley.ie

Lucy O’Gorman
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Slane Craft Collective
Slane Craft Collective is an award winning craft retail outlet in the stunning historic village of Slane, in the heart of the Boyne Valley. The members of the collective work as a co-operative and offer a unique showcase of local craft and design. Call in, meet a maker and see our extensive collection of handcrafted gifts.

3 Newrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 0008
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Art Galleries, Photography & Photographic Exhibitions & Gift Shops

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 into an elegant estate town. Includes interactive wall and children’s activity table. discoverboynevalley.ie

Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub,
Kells Courthouse, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508
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

Clonere, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 867 2339
E info@copterview.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. 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

Kilkenny Shop, Trim
Kilkenny Shop has been at the forefront of promoting the finest craft and design for over 50 years and is home to Ireland’s largest collection of Irish designers. From fashion and accessories, to handmade jewellery, dazzling crystal and a wide range of gifts, you can be sure to find some wonderfully designed products at Kilkenny! The Trim store is located within the luxury Trim Castle Hotel. Open 7 days a week 10-6 (Mon-Sat), 12-6 (Sun). kilkennyshop.com

Trim Castle Hotel, Castle St, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3060

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, opening March 2020. See website, Facebook and Instagram. noreenwalshe.com

‘Camelot’ Garlow Cross, Navan Co. Meath C15P6C6
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Pat’s Arts Studio
Located in Slane Arty Quarter, Pat, a local artist, paints and exhibits his works in a friendly, inviting studio. Works include a broad selection of oil paintings and drawings. Seascapes and cityscapes are included, as are figures and a variety of themed works. Feel free to browse and chat with no obligation. patsartsstudio.ie

Pat Doyle
1 Newrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 2445 246

Perfect Stills Photography
Perfect Stills Photography have been approved Google Street View Trusted Photographers. Providing aerial and Google Inside 360 Virtual Reality Tours. perfectstills.com

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 174 0456
E Aubrey@perfectstills.com

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

Tara Open Studio
Courtney Davis has created over 50 books on Celtic, Viking, Arthurian and spiritual themes and has exhibited his art world-wide. Since 2014 Tara Open Studio has developed from an art studio/gallery to a magical shop and a weekly venue for all kinds of spiritual events and holistic therapies. Open every day from 10am-4.30pm. taraopenstudio.com

Hill of Tara, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 395 4580
E courtneyontara@gmail.com

Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery and Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the Kells Courthouse
Managed and curated by the Meath County Council Arts Office, the Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery hosts an eclectic exhibition programme of works by local, national and international artists.

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 046 9097414
E artsoffice@meathcoco.ie
Where is the Boyne Valley?

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 Dunboyne and frequent bus services throughout the Boyne Valley from Dublin, planning your visit couldn’t be easier.

Useful links for travel schedules
Air: aerlingus.com  ryanair.com
Ferry: irishferries.com  stenaline.ie
Rail: irishrail.ie
Bus: buseireann.ie
Boyne Valley Drive
Hill of Slane
Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estates 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
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.
Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Open Access all year. Access to monuments through Bru na Boinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking essential for Newgrange chamber tour (see website)
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worldheritageireland.ie

Newgrange and Knowth (Bru na Boinne)
Bru na Boinne 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 Bru na Boinne 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. From 1st March 2020 Knowth reopens and two new tour options are being introduced:
1. Bru na Boinne Tour – Outside Only: Knowth and Newgrange exterior only.
2. Bru na Boinne Plus Newgrange Chamber Tour: Newgrange and Knowth which includes access to the chamber at Newgrange.
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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.

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**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 (Tail 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

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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  
Open Open Access all year. Visitor Centre open mid May – mid September  
heritageireland.ie worldheritageireland.ie
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 cozy cafés 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, Skyne Church, Ardreacan Church, Athlumney Castle, The Ringfort at Teltown.

What else...
If you fancy a laugh check out ‘Navan Laughs’ comedy series in The Central. If sport is your thing check out Navan Racecourse, Navan Golf Club or Royal Tara Golf Club. You will be spoiled for choice with restaurants, gastro pubs and venue bars. Try the award winning seafood chowder in Ryan’s Bar. 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.

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.

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 Scurlagstown 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 or download the Discover Boyne Valley App 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, Francisin, 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 cafés, 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 Westcourt 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, Drogheda Leisure Centre, Arc Cinema and trips to the beach.
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. Kells Walk-About Tours with local guides are available free-of-charge, to book please contact the Kells Courthouse.

Other historic sites of interest in the Kells area
St. Columba’s Church, Kells High Crosses and Round Tower, St. Colmcille’s Oratory, 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! Visit Martry Mill and grind some flour in this beautiful fully functional watermill on the River Blackwater with the earliest records dating back to 1323. Kells has lots to offer the visiting tourist with fantastic accommodation, food, golf, equestrian, theatrical and artistic activities. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours or book your place at the Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival or Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. 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.

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.

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 Maynally 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 and/or stay at the Oldcastle House Hotel, 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 Opera and many more festivals, download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App or visit discoverboynevalley.ie
Slane
Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland and has officially been named Friendliest Town in Ireland at the Retail Excellence Ireland Awards 2018. 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...
View the Slane Craft Collective and choose your very own Boyne Valley craft keepsake from the collection. Explore the Rock Farm Slane by bike, foot or kayak, and take a Farm to Fork tour. Enjoy a meal and/or stay at The Conyngham Arms Hotel or Tankardstown House before your visit to Slane Castle, The Irish Military War Museum or White River Kartering. Lots of accommodation choices are available from self-catering, hosteling 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. 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, Bettystown, 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. 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, scheduled for Wednesday 1st September 2020, 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. Funtasia fairground (funtasia.ie) just across from the beach has plenty of rides and bowling to keep you and all the family entertained. 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-irelands.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...
Tayto Park, one of Ireland’s top tourist attractions is situated outside of the town of Ashbourne in the south of the Boyne Valley. In 2015 Tayto opened ‘Cú Chulainn’ Ireland’s first rollercoaster and Europe’s largest wooden rollercoaster with an inversion, and in 2017 it opened its Viking Voyage at the park. Stay in the Aisling Guesthouse and enjoy the flavours of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. Visit the Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair in Ratoath each June.

Boyne Valley Towns & Villages

Mornington Beach
Slane Castle
Tayto Park
The Boyne Valley gives anglers of all disciplines some fantastic fishing opportunities to catch their target species of choice. The River Boyne and its many tributaries provide fly anglers with world class river fly fishing for wild brown trout from March to September and “Lough Style” fishing for brown trout is also available on the legendary Lough Sheelin. In addition to the trout fishing, it offers anglers some great salmon fishing opportunities on the River Boyne between Navan and Drogheda. Pike, coarse and sea angling are also available in the area all year round. The quality of the fishing experience is further enhanced by the beautiful scenery and the availability of professional angling services such as specialist accommodation, fishing guides, boat and tackle hire, angling tuition and tackle shops.
**Angling Associations**

The majority of game angling on the Boyne is controlled by angling associations and some by private fishery owners. Anglers wishing to fish for wild brown trout on an 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 renewed annually. For more information on game angling in the Boyne Valley please visit [fishinginireland.info](http://fishinginireland.info)

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**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 as well on the legendary Lough Sheelin. 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 best time of year for brown trout fishing is from May 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, at Lough Bracken near Drumconrath.

Brochures and Publications: The Boyne Valley Fishery, Fishing in Ireland’s North East and A Sea Angling Guide to the East Coast can be obtained from Inland Fisheries Ireland at [blackrock@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:blackrock@fisheriesireland.ie)

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland, Tel +353 (0) 1 278 7022 [fisheriesireland.ie](http://fisheriesireland.ie)

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**Coarse & Pike Angling**

The Boyne Valley Fishery offers excellent opportunities for the coarse and pike angler especially around Collinstown and Delvin to the West and Enfield to the southwest. Drumconrath village in County Meath is surrounded by a number of small to medium sized lakes including Corstown Lake, Ballyhoe Lakes 1 and 2, Mentrim Lakes, Bracken Lake and Balrath Lake. The Royal Canal also provides great fishing and a number of competitions are held here each year. Coarse and pike fishing are available all year round. More information available at [fishinginireland.info](http://fishinginireland.info)

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**Sea Angling**

South of the mouth of the River Boyne, there are extensive beaches at Mornington, Bettystown and Laytown. 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. Best time of year: May to October.
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. In 2020 Fairyhouse will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the running of the first Irish Grand National. fairyhouse.ie

Navan Racecourse
Home to 18 race meetings on a superb National Hunt track where you can enjoy fine dining and entertainment after racing. Tailored packages for birthdays, stag and hen parties and fundraisers of all group sizes available. Membership 2020 from €115 navanracecourse.ie

Laytown Races
Ireland’s unique race meeting, Laytown is famous for its annual strand races, the only official strand races remaining in Europe and is a wonderful day out. laytownstrandraces.ie

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. www.bellewstownraces.ie

Point to Point and Country Fair at Dowth
There will be so much to see and experience at the Dowth Point to Point on 25 October 2020. Enjoy thrilling racing, gourmet food, free family fun, shopping and country fair exhibits. Whether you have four legs or two, trot along to Dowth on the October bank holiday weekend for more entertainment than you can shake your tail at! dowthp2p.ie

Tattersalls Ireland - Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
The World’s Largest NH bloodstock auctioneers and home to the Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair, Ireland’s premier eventing show. tatts.ie

Fairyhouse Races

Navan Racecourse

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**Fairyhouse Races**

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**Bellewstown Races**
From the challenging parklands at Headfort, Royal Tara and Co. Meath Golf Club, to the historic links at Laytown & Bettystown, and Seapoint, 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.
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

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

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

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 New 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

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

Killeen Castle Golf Club
Host of the Ladies Irish Open 2011-2013 and the 2011 Solheim Cup. One of only two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in Ireland, offering a championship golf experience, but suitable to golfers of all abilities. It is a magnificent test of golf, showcasing modern golfing excellence in terms of design and presentation. Voted the Best Parkland Course in the greater Dublin area. killeencastle.com

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. Enjoy the clubhouse with Gulliver’s lounge and restaurant. knightsbrook.com

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 in 1909 and has produced some of Ireland’s best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. landb.ie

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. Proud recipients of the Best Hidden Gem Award by the Golfers Guide to Ireland December 2015. royaltaragolfclub.com

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. seapointgolflinks.com
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

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### Castle Arch Hotel
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### City North Hotel & Conference Centre
Contemporary 4 star hotel combines high standards of hospitality and service. 128 stylish bedrooms, bar/restaurant, treatment rooms, 15 minutes from Dublin Airport on M1, 25 minutes from Dublin city centre, 24 hr complimentary shuttle bus service to and from Dublin Airport. Live music at weekends. | Mornington Restaurant, Tara Lounge. citynorthhotel.com

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### 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 Danley Restaurant. darrleynogdehotel.ie

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### Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa
This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne offers sophisticated modern luxury. Convenient to many family attractions, along with Dublin Airport and city centre, this hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities, and the exquisite Seoid Spa. 145 spacious bedrooms. | The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadlier Bar. dunboynecastehotel.com

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### The 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. | The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadlier Bar. dunboynecastehotel.com

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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 Hamlet 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

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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

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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

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### The Oldcastle House Hotel
A modern, elegant hotel and only 40 minutes from Dublin, the Oldcastle House Hotel is located minutes away from the historic Loughcrew Cairns monument. The hotel recently won Best New Business at the Meath Business and Tourism Awards 2019 and has also been awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence. | 2 AA rosettes 2019-20, Best Hotel Restaurant County Louth 2019. oldcastlehouselhotel.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. | Scholars Hotel.com

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The Station House Hotel
This award winning, cosy, 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 newly refurbished Platform Bar & Piano Lounge, or dine in the award winning Signal Restaurant. Voted Best Hotel Restaurant Ireland by the Food Awards Group. julesrestaurant, baileybar, baristascafe.

Trim Castle Hotel
Overlooking Trim Castle and the adjoining rolling lawns of St. Patrick’s Church, this contemporary 4 star hotel offers superb accommodation. Stunning rooftop garden, 68 bedrooms, conference facilities, café, bar, restaurant, ample parking. Kilkenny Gift Shop. Complimentary wifi. Jules Restaurant, The Bailey Bar, Barista Cafè. trimcastlehotel.com

The Westcourt Hotel
The Westcourt Hotel, one of the most popular hotels in the centre of Drogheda, is just 25 minutes from Dublin international airport. Perfect for weekend getaways, family and business travel. Sophisticated interiors, modern rooms and high speed wifi. Westcourt hotel can accommodate meetings, weddings, conventions, and hen parties. West 29 Restolounge. westcourt.ie

Specialist Accommodation

Boyné House Slane
Boyné 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, Boyné House Slane comprising 10 bedrooms is perfect for visiting groups. boynéhouseslane.ie

Clonabreany House
Four star approved cottages surround a large courtyard, with ample parking to the rear. Includes a cozy private country bar and restaurant for up to 60 people. All cottages provide luxury and comfort with modern facilities, fitted kitchens, luxury bathrooms and flexible accommodation, sleeping up to 84 people, whilst retaining individual character and historical charm. clonabreanyhouse.ie

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

Tankardstown House
Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown House comprises an 18th century manor house for overnight guests and chic courtyard suites. Dining in the lower courtyard restaurants. Parkland and walled pleasure gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch available, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Viewing by appointment only. tankardstown.ie

Guesthouses

Aisling Guesthouse
20 rooms sleep 60 people (inc large family rooms which can accommodate parties of 3,4 or 5) also 2/3 bed self catering apartments, free Wifi in rooms and apts. 5 mins from M50. The bus stops outside our gate - 25 mins journey to Dublin City. We pride ourselves on our top class accommodation & service for over 30 years. aislingguesthouse.ie

Cranmor Guesthouse
Georgian country house with gardens on the outskirts of Trim “Heritage Town”. Convenient to golf, fishing and Boyne Valley. Marc O’Regan is a qualified fishing guide. Approx 45 minutes to Dublin Airport. cranmor.com

Highfield House
Beautiful period residence overlooking Trim Castle and the River Boyne. 30 mins to Newgrange. 40 mins from Dublin Airport. Facilities include: laundry services, baby-sitting service, free Internet access, (Wifi) tea/coffee making facilities & flat screen TVs. A relaxing and memorable experience with a very warm welcome awaiting all. highfieldguesthouse.com

Newgrange Lodge
Charming, family run 22 bedroom lodge located opposite the visitor centre to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Newgrange & Knowth. Enjoy comfortable accommodation, a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and soak in the fresh air whilst visiting the nearby wonderful attractions. Facilities include self catering facilities, guest BBQ, catering for small conferences and events. newgrangelodge.com
B&Bs

**Arden B&B**
Traditional quiet family run B&B ideally situated near two championship golf courses in Co. Louth, just 1.5 km from Baltray and 2.5 km from Tullymore. Situated in Trim, Co Meath, centrally & conveniently located just 2 minutes walk from the town centre and the many heritage attractions the beautiful town of Trim has to offer. ardenbnb.com

**Athlumney Manor B&B**
Athlumney Manor is a 4 Star Fáilte Ireland-approved B&B providing outstanding customer service and comfort for their guests. Only 10 minutes walk from Navan Town centre and ideally located as a base for visiting all the places of interest in County Meath. See website for more information. athlumneymanor.com

**Caravogue House B&B**
A purposely built bed & breakfast property offering a warm Irish welcome, with the modern up-scale 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

**The Old Rectory**
The Old Rectory is an important historical building and one of the finest Georgian structures surviving in Trim. We are in the centre of town within walking distance to all amenities. We provide family room accommodation, as well as afternoon tea parties and occasional wine and tapas nights by appointment. theoldrectorytrim.ie

**Tara House - Teach na Teamhrach**
Situated 2km from Navan. Convenient to Navan Racecourse and local golf courses. 9 en-suite bedrooms available. Bar and restaurant on-site with full à la carte menu and live music every weekend. tarahouseaccommodation.ie

**Teltown House**
17th century cottage 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

**Teach Cuailgne / Cooley House B&B**
Quiet, friendly and relaxing family home within walking distance to Carlanstown Village, pubs and facilities. 3km from Kells on N52. Central to all Boyne Valley Heritage sites. Double, twin and family rooms all ensuite. Home cooking, breakfast choice including special diets. Free Wi-Fi Tour Guide available on request. teachcuailgne.com

**Tigh Cathain B&B**
A Tudor style country house 1 km from Trim Castle on the R160. 40 minutes to Dublin Airport. Large luxury ensuite rooms. Secure private parking. tighcathain-bnb.com

**Tom Blake House**
Tom Blake House is situated in the historic town of Kells, 45 minutes from Dublin. It’s in a beautiful part of Ireland, with the Boyne Valley close by and the history of Ireland represented all around. A warm welcome awaits each and every guest along with the finest in comfort and dining.

**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
**The Cottages**
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At the foot of the Loughcrew hills, our hostel sleeps 16 and includes a kitchen, common area and washing facilities. Our campsite has 15 hard standing berths with electric hook up. All cottages are fully furnished and equipped with open plan kitchens, dining areas and tv lounges. Whether it’s peace and tranquillity, a place to relax and unwind, or a busy active vacation, Kilcoon Cottages is the ideal location. Enquire about our equestrian facilities too. kilcooncottages.ie

Newgrange Lodge
Traditional family run lodge, 3 minute walk to Newgrange UNESCO World Heritage Site. 22 double/twin /triple/family en-suite rooms. Multi-bed en-suite rooms for groups. Excellent facilities for events, workshops & conferences. Wheelchair accessible. Self catering, BBQ, picnic areas and carpark, which includes 5 secure parking bays for motor homes. newgrangelodge.com

Rock Farm Slane Glamping
Rock Farm Slane Glamping has 5 yurts, 2 shepherds huts and 1 romantic strawbale cabin overlooking Slane Castle in a magical forest and farmland setting. The Glamping sleeps up to 28 people sharing or can be taken as individual units from April to October. We also offer self-catering organic food packs from our farm and plenty of local activities. rockfarmslane.ie/glamping

Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping
Old farm stables converted into a luxury hostel with private rooms and dorms. Camping also available. slanefarmhostel.ie slanehostel.ie

Kilcoon Self Catering Cottages and Equestrian
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Lime House, Rock Farm Slane
The Lime House is a large 6-bedroom residence set on a secluded organic farm on the Slane Castle estate just outside the village of Slane. The house sleeps up to 22 people sharing and has en-suite bathrooms as well as a large kitchen, dining and lounge space. We specialise in entertaining family, corporate and special interest groups looking for a farm getaway in the midst of the beautiful Boyne Valley and can offer catering and activities on the farm. rockfarmslane.ie/lime-house/

Steeple View Holiday Homes
Luxury 4 Star Failte 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. meathselfcatering.com

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Eating out in the Boyne Valley

Soul Food

Restaurants

The Arch Lounge at the Castle Arch Hotel
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new gastro à la carte menu 7 days a week. castlearchhotel.com

The Bective
A relaxed, atmospheric restaurant in Kells specialising in Irish beef and fish with over 90% of food sourced within the Boyne Valley. An elegant but cosy vintage interior and outdoor seated terrace. Open times and special offers online. A sister restaurant to The Central Bar, Restaurant & Cafe in Navan. thebective.ie

The Bridge Restaurant
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new gastro à la carte menu 7 days a week. newgrangehotel.ie

Brogans of Trim
O’Reilly’s Gastro Bar serving freshly cooked, locally sourced food daily. Extended function and music space available. brogans.ie

The Central
Home cooked food 7 days a week from early morning to late, with daytime, early bird and à la carte menus. This award winning restaurant offers signature dishes such as cocoa chilli beef short rib and lemon & line chicken, exotic salads, orange roasted sweet potato. Locally sourced produce and 90% of suppliers are local and within a 50km radius. thecentral.ie

Franzinis
Franzinis, right beside the castle in the heart of Trim, provides great quality food and a wide range of wine choices. We love to create world cuisine dishes using the freshest local produce and for 20 years we have been providing the best food and service to our customers. Open Tuesday-Sunday. franzinis.com

Henry’s 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

Hugo’s Restaurant
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new Gastro à la carte menu every weekend. ardboynehotel.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

The Lime Kiln
The award winning Lime Kiln Gastropub offers an exciting and creative menu for food lovers and visitors to the Boyne Valley. With an emphasis on local quality ingredients, our dishes showcase the culinary landscape of the region with something to suit all tastes. Check out our on-site bakery and deli for delicious homemade food to takeaway. limekiln.ie

Monasterboice Inn
Family run restaurant close to Monasterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak from own farm. 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, large or small, with 3 dining rooms. monasterboice-inn.ie

Rococo Restaurant
Open 7 days a week for their early bird and à la carte menu from 5pm. Sunday lunch served from 1pm every Sunday. knightsbrook.com

Sage & Stone
Cafe/Restaurant serving breakfast lunch and afternoon tea. Using the finest local ingredients, all food and cakes are home made on the premises. Small gift shop also, selling quirky gifts and jewellery. sageandstone.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

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, Kilimaness rack of lamb and their home-made brown bread icecream. stationhousehotel.ie
Stockhouse 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

Tankardstown House
Set in the ‘Garden Village’ at Tankardstown, Brabazon Restaurant offers seasonal dishes created from local food and vegetables, salads and herbs from the walled garden. À la carte menu or 7 course tasting menu. Dine on the terrace in Summer. The Cellar Restaurant and Tea Garden offers more casual dining and Afternoon Tea. tankardstown.ie

Teach na Teamhrach
Offering the visitor a traditional Irish pub atmosphere in our convivial bar with an extensive bar menu, perfect for those returning from a morning’s sightseeing when a hearty appetite has been worked up. A warm welcome awaits all our visitors. tankardstownhouseaccommodation.ie

Vanilla Pod Restaurant
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

West29 RestoLounge
West29 RestoLounge was the proud recipient of the “Best Eating Establishment 2012/2014” at Drogheda Chamber Business Awards. Dinner is a stylish, vibrant affair that is bound to impress even the most discerning foodies. Wide selection of dishes - extensive selection of steaks, seafood tapas and pasta dishes. west29@westcourt.ie

Cafés
An Stór, Baile Ghib
Fáilte do ghnáth. Baile Ghib! Serving freshly rich roasted coffee & home baked cakes alongside our menu of tasty food. A secret gem of craft & giftware set in the heart of Baile Ghib, part of the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking region) of County Meath. Tar isteach/ Come on in!

Café Therese
Café Therese in the Headfort Arms has something for everyone throughout the day. Breakfast is cooked fresh from our kitchen and served alongside our home-made traditional breads, mid-morning scones and pastries. From midday, a traditional carvery lunch operates, with evening grill menu offering a selection of freshly prepared dishes. headfortarms.ie

The Central
Located in Navan town centre this cafe fronts the award winning Central Bar & Restaurant on Trimgate Street. Barista coffees, tasty homemade food & delicious cakes & pastries on offer. Open 7 days. Pop in, relax and watch the world go by! thecentral.ie

Harvest Home Bakery & Café
In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 9.00am. Homemade soup, soda bread, toasted panini and salad plates. Fresh cream cakes and Bewley’s coffee. Outdoor seating available. Like us on Facebook and Twitter. Café/Bistro of the Year at the Creativeoceanic.blogspot.ie food awards.

Loughcrew Coffee Shop
Sit and sip an excellent coffee and delicious cake while watching the kids play outside. Situated in historic gardens this is the perfect place to relax and unwind away from the hustle and bustle of town. Open 7 days 10am - 5pm during summer. See social media for seasonal updates. loughcrew.com

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre Café
Located just a two minute walk from the Loughcrew Carpark, “Nelly’s Kitchen” is the ideal place to warm up after a hike up the hills. Try our range of hot and cold meals using a variety of fresh and local ingredients. Treat yourself to one of our mouth-watering homemade cakes and a Bewley’s coffee. loughcrewmegalithiccentre.com

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

The Old Rectory
The Old Rectory is an important historical building and one of the finest Georgian structures surviving in Trim. Our spacious B&B is located in the centre of Trim within walking distance to all amenities. We provide afternoon tea parties and occasional wine and tapas nights by appointment. Watch out for the various events that we host. theoldrectorysttrim.ie

The Olive Tree
The Olive Tree set in the heart of the heritage town of Trim, with a view of one of Ireland’s most famous Norman castles and only 5 metres from Ireland’s Oldest Bridge. Serving a delicious range of homemade cakes, sandwiches, Italy’s Lavazza coffee and loose leaf tea!

Trim n Healthy Café and Health Store
Trim n Healthy Café and Health Store was born out of love for great tasting food and transition to vegetarian lifestyle. Home cooked meals are freshly made in our kitchen everyday by our chef. Open for both breakfast and lunch, we also have great cakes and coffee. We aim for a friendly and happy atmosphere for customers to relax and enjoy.
Bars & Gastro Pubs

**Bennett’s Bar**  
Bennett’s Bar is situated in the tiny hilltop village of Ardcath in east Meath. Much of the pub’s rustic wooden interior dates to 1917. Featured on TV3 and in the Sunday World newspaper, Bennett’s roaring fire and cracking pint of Guinness makes it well worth the trip. Live Traditional Music every Thursday. Facebook.com/BennettsArdcath  
Ardcath, Co. Meath  
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 4118  
E chrisardcath@hotmail.com

**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 tara@thecentral.ie

**Clarke’s Bar Drogheda**  
Clarke’s 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 tipple and is said to be the best pint in town. Well worth a visit! clarkesofdrogheda.com  
Clarke’s Bar, No 19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth  
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724

**Coburns Gastro Bar**  
Enjoy a traditional Irish experience in Coburn’s old bar on the High Street then wander through the 1920’s style and magnificent glamour in our Art Deco Room celebrating the 1920’s and Lawrence of Arabia’s local connection. thelawrence.ie  
Main Street, Athboy, Co. Meath  
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 7001  
E info@thelawrence.ie

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**A pint and a chat**

There is no better place to embrace Irish culture and friendliness than in the pub and those in the Boyne Valley are always full of craic and ceol. Most have been in the same family for generations. So whether you’re searching for a quiet pint in that elusive snug, great food, a cozy fire or just wish to be regaled by local characters, we have one to suit.
**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 whiskies) 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

**Dublin House Bar (Lawless’ Bar)**
Join us in this cozy bar on the main street in Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. With open fires and traditional Irish music every Friday night, meet friendly locals to have a chat with. See our extensive collection of Irish whiskies and gins.

**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.

**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.

**Jack Quinns**
Jack Quinns is 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 every Thursday night.

**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 cozy log fires and watch the world go by.

**The Kelttic Bar**
Great casual gastropub food in a relaxed atmosphere with outdoor courtyard spaces during summer and open fires in wintertime for a real Irish welcome. Showcasing Irish craft beers, gins and barista coffees, it is the perfect resting spot after a day exploring the Boyne Valley. Live entertainment on many nights of the week.

**The Lime Kiln**
Located near the 13th century Magdalene Tower, this is a family owned and run traditional Olde Worlde style bar with lots of antiques and memorabilia. We cater for sports fans, with all major sporting events shown live. Live music on most nights from traditional to rock and country.

**The Market Bar**
Located near the 13th century Magdalene Tower, this is a family owned and run traditional Olde Worlde style bar with lots of antiques and memorabilia. We cater for sports fans, with all major sporting events shown live. Live music on most nights from traditional to rock and country.

**Monasterboice Inn**
A family-run pub/restaurant, specialising in a warm welcome, perfect pint and delicious food. The Donegan family have owned and run the Monasterboice Inn for the last five generations. We and our staff love taking care of customers and nothing is too much trouble. Specialities - steak from our farm and our legendary scampi.

**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. Craft beers, fine wines, real music.

**Peter’s Pub**
A lovely pub with old rustic charm. Food is served all day in the bar and the restaurant opens from early evening providing varied dishes from a choice of menus. Coach tours are catered for but prior notice is appreciated. There is also music provided in this premises.
Ryan’s Bar
A renowned family-run pub serving award-winning lunches in a cozy and friendly atmosphere. People travel from far and wide for our seafood chowder. A special feature of the pub is Navan’s old town wall. Our beer garden is a treasure to relax in. Ryan’s is Navan’s number one sport and venue bar. ryansbarnavan.ie

Tara Na Rí
Tara Na Rí, meaning Tara of the Kings, is located on the foothills of the world famous Hill of Tara with a comfortable lounge with a solid fuel stove and a lively bar. The old stone building has been meticulously maintained and is ideal for any occasion. Regular live music events including the annual music festival ‘Tara Rocks’. taranari.ie

Teach na Teamhrach
Family run bar and restaurant. Food offering of breakfast, award winning carvery lunch and à la carte service. Choice of function rooms available for all occasions. Live entertainment every weekend with extensive cocktail and wine menus. Accommodation also available. tarahouseaccommodation.ie

Night Clubs

Industry Nite Club
Nightclub and venue, please contact hotel for more details. dunboynecastlehotel.com

LIVE Nite Club
Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11pm-2am. headfortarms.ie

Solar Nite Club
Open on selected dates throughout the year. Visit Facebook page for more details. newgrangehotel.ie

Swan Lane Music Venue
A brand new purpose built Music Venue in Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. ardboynehotel.com

TABU Nightclub & Venue
A brand new purpose built Nightclub & Music Venue

Xango Night Club
castlearchhotel.com

The Lime Kiln
Boyne 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 in 2020. [boanndistillery.ie](http://boanndistillery.ie)
- Lagavooren, 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](http://dankellyscider.com)
- Stameen, Dublin Rd, Drogheda
- Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7333
- E apples@dankellyscider.com

**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](http://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 online. [slaneirishwhiskey.com](http://slaneirishwhiskey.com)
- Slane Distillery, Slane, Co. Meath
- Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0600
- E reservations@slanedistillery.com