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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 battleground 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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Foodie destination

Make 2020 the year you Discover Boyne Valley Flavours

Winner at the World Food Travel Association's Food Trekking Awards 2019 for a Food Destination and recognised by the National Geographic Traveller UK in 2019 as one of the World's Best Food Destinations



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. See You in the Boyne Valley



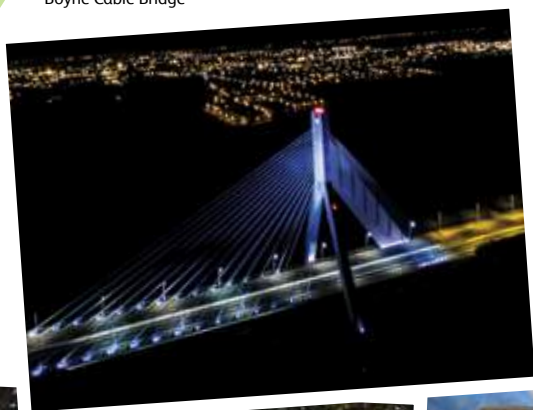


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Boyne Cable Bridge



Bettystown Beach



Boyne Viaduct, Drogheda



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Rock Farm Slane – Electric Bike Hire

Rock Farm Slane Electric Bikes are part of the Electric Escapes network and use the same high standard Kalkhoff electric bicycles to provide the longest range and safest travel throughout the Boyne Valley. We provide everything you need including a high-vis jacket and a helmet and self-guided routes. rockfarmslane.ie

The Rock Farm Slane, Fennor, Slane, Co Meath
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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 céille dance or see what it's like to be a medieval knight?



Adventure Activities & Family Fun

Navan Adventure Centre

We offer a unique range of 10 quality, fun muscle-powered activities, games & challenges with excellent facilities! Our children packages allow kids to be kids again with fun & games and a dash of mud! We specialise in birthday parties, school tours, corporate team building, sports clubs, hen & stag groups. navanadventurecentre.ie

Navan Racecourse, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 X8HP
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E info@navanadventurecentre.ie

Bee Wise Garden Walk

Bee Wise Garden Walk is a family owned 5 acre educational nature walk meandering through young woodland. Our aim is to educate young and old on the importance of our pollinators and biodiversity, with particular emphasis on the honey bee. Demonstrations are provided for group bookings or on Open Days, see website for details. beewise.ie

Crerogue, Kilmessan, Co. Meath, C15 X62D
Tel +353 (0) 86 344 6791
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Boyne Valley Activities

Boyne Valley Activities offer range of exciting activities for everyone. Take a kayak through the medieval town of Trim or along the Boyne at the beautiful Rock Farm in Slane. See website for information on white water rafting and exclusive heritage tours. boynevalleyactivities.ie

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 734 2585
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Boyne Boats

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

Near Lock House, Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 361 6420
E info@boyneboats.ie

Causey Farm

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

Girley, Fordstown, Co. Meath
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Funtasia Waterpark

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

Bettystown & Drogheda, Co. Meath
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E partyoffice@funtasia.ie

Irish Military War Museum

Ireland's only 'hands on' military museum, family park, playground and conference facilities. Also housing US convoy military vehicles. Extensive displays on WW1 and WW2, Irish War of Independence, Vietnam War and First Gulf War. Audio and guided tours daily. Tank rides, picnic area, maze, inflatable obstacle course and camping facilities. irishmilitarywarmuseum.com

Starinagh, Collon, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 9501
E irishmilitarywarmuseum@gmail.com

Lismullin School of Culinary & Home Arts

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

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

Loughcrew is a place for the whole family to come and enjoy a day out and about. From those who are up for adventure, to those who adore history, marvellous views, peace & tranquillity or those who love food, we have it all. Check out the Fairy Trail, St Oliver Plunkett's Church or coffee shop. loughcrew.com

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
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Martry Mill

One of the oldest industrial buildings in Ireland, dating from 1641 with origins as early as 1323, and now a traditional watermill, run by the Tallon Family since 1859. Book a guided tour with Master Miller James Tallon, (4th generation Tallon) who still produces traditional stone-ground wholemeal flour. Group and school tours by appointment. Learn about traditional Irish soda bread making with local chef Gerard Meade (booking required). martrymill.ie

Kells, Co. Meath
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E hello@martrymill.ie

Moynalty Steam Threshing Museum and Parklands

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

Donore, Moynalty Kells, Co. Meath, A82 C6K7
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E office@moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

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Unique and memorable experience in the ancient art of falconry. Falconry displays, static displays, bird of prey appearances, golden eagle appearances, 'Just Owls' appearances, Falconry lessons, visits to your venue with birds of prey, hunting trips, educational and corporate events, TV, Film, promotions, photography & art workshops. newgrangefalconry.com

Drogheda, Co. Louth
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E info@newgrangefalconry.com

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 slanefoodcircle.ie

Fennor, Slane, Co Meath
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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

Kilbrew, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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E info@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

Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 1623
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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 enthrall and entertain you. thelawrence.ie

The Lawrence Hotel, Main St, Athboy, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 7001
E info@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

Trim Visitor Centre, Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 TXA5
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227
E trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net

White River Karting

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

R169, Exit 12, M1 Motorway, Collon, Co. Louth
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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

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E admin@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

42 Troytown Heights, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 605 5537
E beautifulmeath@gmail.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

Balgeeth, Ardagh, Co. Meath
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E BoyneValleyTours@gmail.com



Funtasia Waterpark



Martry Mill



Boyne Boats



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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E hillofslanetours@yahoo.ie

My Ireland Family Heritage

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

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, Co. Meath
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Royal Historical Tours

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

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Sacred Sites

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

Hill of Tara Open Studio, Navan, Co. Meath
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E treaa@sacredsites.ie

Tour Operators

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

The Mill Enterprise Centre, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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Zatino Travel

Tailor-made photographic and filming tours, all locations are planned ahead to ensure perfect conditions when the photographers arrive, i.e. light and tides. Accommodation and travel arranged in advance and a professional photographer available to lead the tour. We also have experienced tour guides that speak multiple languages including Chinese. zatinotravel.com

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Tayto Park

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

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

St. Laurence Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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E info@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

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

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

The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre)

State of the art theatre and concert hall. 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

East Coast Business Park, Matthews Lane, Drogheda
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 8560
E info@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

Killegland Street, Ashbourne Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 8002

Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery

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

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
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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. venue theatre.ie

Main Street, Ratoath, Co. Meath
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E info@venue theatre.ie



Cultural Attractions

An Bradán Feasa

Gaeltacht Ráth Chairn was founded when 27 families migrated from Connemara to Ráth Chairn 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). rathchairn.com

Áras Pobal Ráth Chairn, Áth Bui, Co. Na Mí
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 2381 / 46 943 2068
E rathchairn@eircom.net

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 Baltray and Seapoint. an-grianan.ie

Termonfeckin, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 98 22119 / 41 98 22478
E info@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

Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8973
E antobarnavan@gmail.com

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

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

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath
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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

Blackfriary Archaeology Field School, Griffin Park, Trim, Co. Meath
E info@bafs.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

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

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

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Martello Tower

Millmount's 'cup and saucer' offers spectacular views over the town. Lovingly restored, the 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

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

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre

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

Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82
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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 Cailleach (Witch). Café, playground and accommodation onsite including hostel, campervan site, camping and glamping. loughcrewmegalithiccentre.com

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Meath Beo

Traditional Irish music in historic locations across Meath. Spring series - Feb 23; March 29; April 26. Autumn series - Sept 13; Oct 11; Nov 8. Sundays at 6pm, Doors 5.30. Info & Tickets: meathbeo.com

Various locations across County Meath (see website)
E meathbeo@gmail.com

My Ireland Family Heritage

Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland approved National Tour Guide Seán 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

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Slane Castle

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

Slane, Co. Meath
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What's happening
in the Boyne Valley

**A Festival
of fun**



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

ALMC 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, Clogherhead
 Sheridan's Irish Food Festival
 Summer Solstice Festival
 Scurlogstown 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

Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for
 more event and festival details

Autumn Festivals

Bellewstown Races
 Boyne Music Festival
 Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
 Farmaphobia
 Leanbh 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

Winter Festivals

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

Meath Beo Irish Music Series



Hinterlands Festival, Kells



Trim Salmon of Knowledge Festival



Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival

Ongoing Events

(please refer to individual websites for
 dates and details)

Ashbourne 2020
 Boyne Valley Food Series
 Droichead Arts Centre
 Farrellys Pub Oldcastle Drama
 Highlanes Gallery
 Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Bar
 Slane Food Circle
 Solstice Arts Centre
 Tattersalls Horse Sales
 The TLT
 The Venue Theatre, Ratoath

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

Download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App
 for an online calendar of Boyne Valley events



Highlanes Gallery

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.



Oct 30 - Nov 1

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.



Spirits of Meath

Halloween Festival



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.



facebook.com/SpiritsOfMeathHalloweenFestival



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[BoyneValley Tourism](https://www.youtube.com/BoyneValleyTourism)



[Discover Boyne Valley App](https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/discover-boyne-valley-app/id1444444444)

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...

Trim Castle River Walk

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.

Bike Hire

Rock Farm Slane – Electric Bike Hire

Rock Farm Slane Electric Bikes are part of the Electric Escapes network and use the same high standard Kalkhoff electric bicycles to provide the longest range and safest travel throughout the Boyne Valley. We provide everything you need including a high-vis jacket and a helmet and self-guided routes. rockfarmslane.ie



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 Inchamore 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 Ramparts Heritage Walk



Boyne Blueway Trim



Blooming amazing

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

boynevalleygardentrail.com

Face Book: Boyne Valley Garden Trail



Rokeby Hall



College Hill House



Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens

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) 41 983 8409

E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com

Open Apr-Oct 9am - 6pm, Nov-Mar 9am - 3pm

Fee Free

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 €8 seniors and students

Barmeath 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. boynevalleygardentrail.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 685 1205

Open May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm. Heritage Week in August.

Fee €5. Children free

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

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

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E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

Open All year

Fee Free admission

Francis Ledwidge Museum, Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath

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

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544

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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

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Open See website

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 Mead Hall and Garden Shop. listoke.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 2118741 / (0) 87 744 7057

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Open See website for opening

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

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E hello@sonairte.ie

Open 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

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E phiggins@reganmcentee.ie

Open Viewing by Appointment. Please contact owner

Fee €5 Adult €2 unwaged



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 garden, lawns and restored C18th pavilion. See website for events. beaulieuhouse.ie

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

Bee Wise, Crerogue, 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

Tel +353 (0) 86 344 6791
E paddy@beewise.ie
Open See website. Groups by appointment.
Fee €6 Adult, €4 children, €20 family

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

Tel +353 (0) 87 140 0220 / (0) 87 150 9230
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Open year round by appointment only

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

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Open By appointment only

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

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E lizpickett@cottages-ireland.com
Open By appointment Spring & Autumn only. Min group of 10

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

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Open 1 Jun - 31 Aug. By appointment only. Max group 20, lunch by arrangement No dogs. Not suitable for small children

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 holds regular family events. Check website for details. julianstowncommunity.com

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Open All year

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. kilgargardens.com

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E kilgargardens@gmail.com
Open May - Sept, Sat & Sun, 11-5 pm. Groups by appointment
Fee €5 per person

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

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E dorothy@alioth.eu
Open by appointment only
Fee Group tour €10 pp incl refreshments. Min 6 per group

The Station House Hotel, Kilmessan, 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

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E info@stationhousehotel.ie
Open All year : contact hotel

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 Brabazon Restaurant. tankardstown.ie

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E info@tankardstown.ie
Open Garden by appointment

Garden Centres

Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcaif, 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

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Open Mar-Sept, Thurs-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm.
(inc. Bank Holidays) Oct-Feb, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm.

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

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

Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath

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

Tel +353 (0) 87 636 3506
E info@riverlane.ie
Open Mar-July, Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun 12-5.30pm. Aug-Oct, Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Nov-Feb, Sat 10am-4pm

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Lucy O' Gorman Ceramics

Boyne Valley Crafts

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Boyne Valley Wools

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

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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, napkins and much, much more. Gift tokens available. Open: Thurs, Fri & Sat 10 - 5.30. thecourtyardkells.com

Cookstown House, Kells, Co. Meath
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Jan Muyliaert Irish Harps

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

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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

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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 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
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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
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Copter View

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

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The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition

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

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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. patsartstudio.ie

Pat Doyle
1 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
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Perfect Stills Photography

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Skylight Gallery

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

Julianstown Golf Course, Julianstown, Co. Meath
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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
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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.

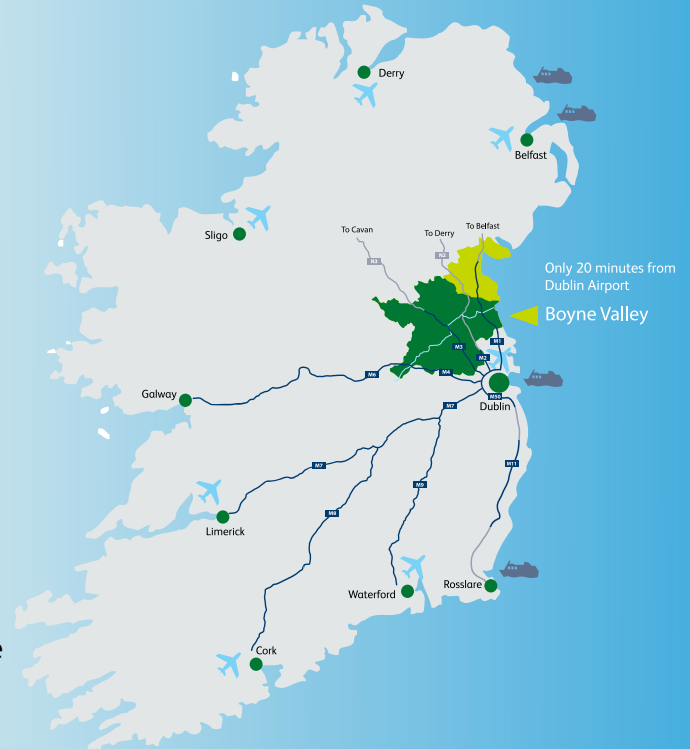
Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd,
Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 046 9097414
E artsoffice@meathcoco.ie





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 stenaireline.ie

poirishsea.com poferries.com

Rail: irishrail.ie

Bus: buseireann.ie





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Loughcrew Cairns

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

Oldcastle, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300 / (0) 87 0524975 (June - August)

Open All year. Tour Guides available June to August.

heritageireland.ie



Oldcastle

Old Mellifont Abbey

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

Tullyallen, Co. Louth

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6459

Open Late May – early September

heritageireland.ie



Hill of Slane

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

Slane, Co. Meath

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



Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

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

Kells, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508

Open Access all year to Monastic sites. See Kells Courthouse for walking tours and information on access to Spire of Lloyd.

Kells

Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most important prehistoric megalithic sites in Europe. Dating from the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5,000 years old. The newly refurbished Visitor Centre interprets the monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth while a new exhibition centre at Knowth showcases the largest concentration of megalithic carved stone art in Western Europe. From 1st March 2020 Knowth reopens and two new tour options are being introduced:

1. Brú na Bóinne Tour – Outside Only: Knowth and Newgrange exterior only.
2. Brú na Bóinne Plus Newgrange Chamber Tour: Newgrange and Knowth which includes access to the chamber at Newgrange.

Donore, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300

Open Access all year. Access to monuments through Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking essential for Newgrange chamber tour (see website) heritageireland.ie www.breunaboinne.ie

Trim Castle

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

Trim, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8619

Open Open daily from Mid Feb – end of October. From November to mid Feb, open weekends and weekday tours start at 11am.

heritageireland.ie



Trim

Boyne Valley Drive



Monasterboice

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

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

St. Laurence's Gate

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

drogheda.ie

Monasterboice



Millmount

Folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and son of 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



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



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

More to discover



Sheep Gate and Yellow Steeple, Trim

Navan

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

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

Other historic sites of interest in the Navan area

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

What else...

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. solstice.ie

Trim Heritage Town

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

Other historic sites of interest in the Trim area

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

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

What else...

The Annual Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival which takes place in June is just one of a number of festivals and events scheduled for Trim every year, including the Salmon of Knowledge Festival (August) and the Royal Meath Agricultural Show (September). Visit discoverboynevalley.ie 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, Franzinis, Khan Spices or Brogans, all of whom have an avid love of great food and guarantee you won't be disappointed!

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



Boyne River, Drogheda

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

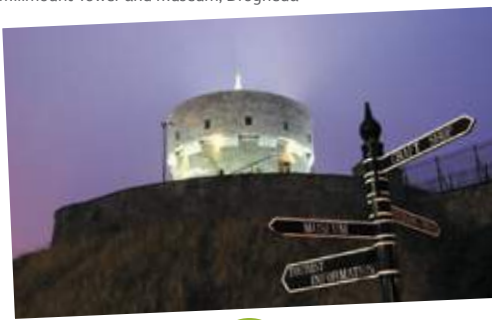
What else...

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.

Millmount Tower and Museum, Drogheda



Navan



Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda



Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Kells

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 Kinds 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 Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival takes place every August and features many country and western music stars, as well as a vast array of other attractions.

What else...

Visit 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 Karting. 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.

Mornington Beach



Slane Castle



Tayto Park




Boyne Valley Towns & Villages

Ardee
Ashbourne
Athboy
Baltray
Bellewstown
Ballivor
Bettystown
Clogherhead
Clonard
Clonee
Collon
Donore
Drogheda

Drumcondrath
Dunleer
Duleek
Dunboyne
Dunshaughlin
Enfield
Gormanston
Julianstown
Kells
Kilcock
Kilmessan
Laytown
Longwood

Mornington
Moynalty
Navan
Nobber
Oldcastle
Rathcairn
Ratoath
Slane
Summerhill
Tallenstown
Termonfeckin
Trim



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 for a catch

in the magical waters of the Boyne Valley

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

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

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland, Tel + 353 (0) 1 278 7022 fisheriesireland.ie

Casting off on the Boyne



Blackcastle Weir



Landing a pike



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, Mentrím 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

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.



Brown Trout

Chasing the wind

Horse racing excitement in the Boyne Valley



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

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



Fairyhouse Racecourse

Fairyhouse Racecourse, home of the BoyleSports Irish Grand National, is Ireland's most valuable handicap steeple-chase with a prize fund of €500,000. First run in 1870, it has become a key date in the Irish sporting calendar. Public bar/ restaurant and suites available for meetings and functions. In 2020 Fairyhouse will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the running of the first Irish Grand National. fairyhouse.ie

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

Navan Racecourse

Home to 18 race meetings 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

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

Laytown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111
E info@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

Bellewstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 3614
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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

Dowth Hall, Dowth, Co. Meath, A92 T2T7
Tel +44 (0) 8 9075 5566
E dowthp2p@devenish.com

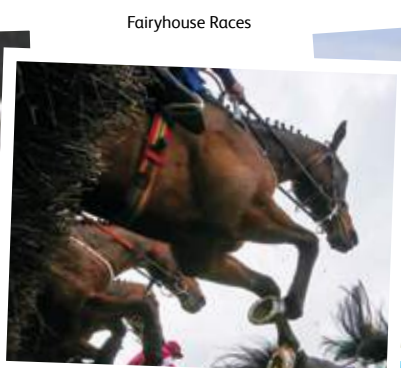
Tattersalls Ireland - Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair

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

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Bellewstown Racecourse



Fairyhouse Races



Navan Racecourse



Dowth Point to Point

2020 race fixtures

Fairyhouse Racecourse

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Navan Racecourse

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| | 29 | Sat |
| March | 14 | Sat |
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| April | 25 | Sat |
| May | 16 | Sat |
| June | 06 | Sat |
| July | 11 | Sat |
| August | 29 | Sat |
| September | 05 | Sat |
| | 19 | Sat |
| October | 07 | Wed |
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| November | 08 | Sun |
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Bellewstown Races

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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

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

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

County Meath Golf Club

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

Newtownmoyknagh, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1463
E info@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

Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0146
E info@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

Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953 / (0) 87 417 8290
E julianstowngolf@gmail.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

Dunsany, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 3000
E info@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

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100 / 46 948 2102
E golf@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 1909 and has produced some of Ireland's best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. landb.ie

Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7170
E links@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. royaltargolfclub.com

Bellinter, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5508
E info@royaltargolfclub.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

Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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E golf@seapoint.ie

Killeen Castle Golf Club



Baltray Co Louth



Royal Tara Golf Club

Stay a while

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



Hotels

Ardboyne Hotel

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

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

Castle Arch Hotel

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

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

City North Hotel & Conference Centre

Contemporary 4 star hotel combines high standards of hospitality and service, 128 stylish bedrooms, bar/restaurant, treatment room. 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

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

The Conyngham Arms Hotel

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

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

Darnley Lodge Hotel

A haven of tranquillity nestled in Athboy with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. 15 en-suite bedrooms including the stunning Jewel Suite. An ideal place to relax and unwind with its homely charm and friendly feel. Live music Saturday nights and live trad sessions Sunday nights. 40 minutes' drive from Dublin Airport. 🍷 The Darnley Restaurant. darnleylodgehotel.ie

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

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne offers sophisticated modern luxury. 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. dunboynecastlehotel.com

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

Glenside Hotel

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

Hamlet Court Hotel

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

Johnstownbridge, Enfield, Co. Meath, A83 WC04
Tel +353 (0) 46 9541200
E info@thehamlet.ie

Headfort Arms Hotel

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

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

Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

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

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100
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The Newgrange Hotel

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

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41
E info@newgrangehotel.ie

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. 🍷 Nan's Bar, Food Served daily. oldcastlehousehotel.ie

Oldcastle, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1708
E info@oldcastlehousehotel.ie

Scholars Townhouse Hotel

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

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

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. 🍷 Signal Restaurant. stationhousehotel.ie

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Trim Castle Hotel

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

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3000
E info@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

West Street, Drogheda Co. Louth
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Specialist Accommodation

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Clonabreany House

Four star approved cottages surround a large courtyard, with ample parking to the rear. Includes a cosy 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

Crossakiel, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 3814
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Loughcrew House

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

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356
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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

Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath
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Guesthouses

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Crannmor 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. crannmor.com

Dunderry Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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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

Maudlins Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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Newgrange Lodge

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Donore, Co. Meath
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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 Termonfeckin and a further 6 km from the historic town of Drogheda. Arden is in a perfect location for visiting the Ancient East. Self catering is also an option. ardenbnb.com

Ballydonnell, Baltray, Co. Louth, A92KN83
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 1556
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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

Athlumney, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 1388
E stay@athlumneymanor.com

Caravogue House B&B

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

Navan Road, Trim, Co Meath. C15P2N8
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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

St. Loman Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 233 9229
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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

Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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Teltown House

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

Teltown, Navan, Co. Meath
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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

Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath
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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

Longwood Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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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.

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

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

Woodstock, Old Road, Dunsany, Co. Meath
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Westcourt Hotel



Dunboyne Castle Hotel and Spa



Hamlet Court Hotel



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Adamstown, Trim, Co. Meath
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Seabank, Coast Rd, Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104
E info@cottages-ireland.com

Decoy Country Cottages

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Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath
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Dunshaughlin Self Catering Cottages/Gaulstown House

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Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
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Hideaway at Foxhollow

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

hideawayatfoxhollow.com

Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
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Kiltale, Dunsany, Co. Meath
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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/

Slane, Co. Meath
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Steeple View Holiday Homes

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Steeple View, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 122 1589
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Hostels, Glamping & Camping

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

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. We also have plenty of room for tents. Why not try our glamping facilities, available all year around. Guests can avail of our playground, campers kitchen and games room. loughcrewmegalithiccentre.com

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
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Newgrange Lodge

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Donore, Co. Meath
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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, Co. Meath
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Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping

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slanecamping.ie

Harlinstown, Slane, Co. Meath
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Kiltale Holiday Homes



Decoy Country Cottages



The Cottages, Laytown

Soul food

Eating out in the Boyne Valley

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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 Castle Arch Hotel, Summerhill Rd, Trim, Co. Meath
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E info@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

Bective Square, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7780
E info@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

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

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

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 & lime chicken, exotic salsa, orange roasted sweet potato. Locally sourced produce and 90% of suppliers are local and within a 50km radius. thecentral.ie

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

5 French's Lane, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1002
E info@franzinis.com

Henrys at the Glenside

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

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

Hugo's Restaurant

Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new Gastro à la carte menu every weekend. ardboynehotel.com

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

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

Main Street, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9001
E reservations@donegans.net

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

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7383

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

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

The Farm, Newlanes, Duleek, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 4362
E info@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

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

The Signal Restaurant

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



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

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

Tankardstown House

Set in the 'Garden Village' at Tankardstown, Brabazon Restaurant offers seasonal dishes created from local produce 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

Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 98 24621
E info@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 sight-seeing when a hearty appetite has been worked up. A warm welcome awaits all our visitors. tarahouseaccommodation.ie

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

Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
E info@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. westcourt.ie

Westcourt Hotel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 0966
E west29@westcourt.ie

Cafés

An Stór, Baile Ghib

Fáilte go dtí an Ghaeltacht 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!

Baile Ghib, Co. Meath, C15 XND3
Tel +353 (0) 46 905 5496 / (0) 86 193 2806
E darinasherlock@hotmail.com

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

Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
E info@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

4 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 7999
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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 Bewleys coffee. Outdoor seating available. Like us on facebook and twitter. Cafe/Bistro of the Year at the Creativeoceanic.blogspot.ie food awards.

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

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

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
E info@loughcrewmega.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, cosy atmosphere and allow our friendly staff to cater to your needs. The beautiful traditional Irish homemade food and selection of local craft beers will leave you talking for years to come. Open daily, see our gift shop too. hilloftara.com

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

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. theoldrectorytrim.ie

St. Loman Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 233 9229
E sandymcnelly1970@gmail.com

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!

Bridge Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 85 784 3071
E theolivetreefinefood@gmail.com

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.

3 Haggard court, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 NN28
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8197




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 cosy fire or just wish to be regaled by local characters, we have one to suit.



Bars & Gastro Pubs

Bennett's Bar

Bennett's Bar is situated in the tiny hilltop village of Ardcaith 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/BennettsArdcaith 

Ardcaith, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 4118
E chrisardcaith@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

Clarkes Bar Drogheda

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

Clarkes 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




Donegan's Pub

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

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

Dublin House Bar (Lawless' Bar)

Join us in this cosy 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 whiskeys and gins. 



Main Street, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 9113 / 085 766 1022

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.  



Church Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1136
E farrellysbar@eircom.net

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. theglydeinn.ie  



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

Jack Quinns

Jack Quinn's 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.  




Scurlogstown, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 D284
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James Griffin

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



High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1295
E jamesgriffinpub@gmail.com

The Keltic 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. headfortarms.ie   


Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells, Co. Meath
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E keltic@headfortarms.ie

The Lime Kiln

Voted "Best Gastropub in Meath 2018", offering a creative menu for food lovers. With an emphasis on local quality ingredients, dishes showcase the culinary landscape of the Boyne Valley. We also source award winning craft beers and ciders from local breweries, as well as a selection of international wines and spirits. Live music every weekend. limekiln.ie  


Main Street, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9001
E info@thelimekiln.ie

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. 


17 Magdalene Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7166
E nugentsbar@live.ie

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. monasterboice-inn.ie 



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

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. oddmollies.ie 

19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724
E events@oddmollies.ie

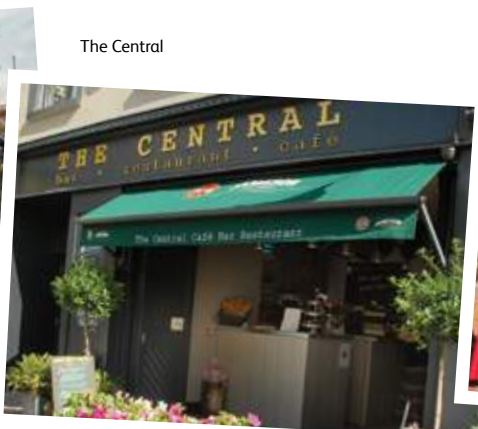
Peter's Pub

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.  

Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 9161



The Market Bar, Drogheda




The Central




Glyde Inn

Ryan's Bar

A renowned family-run pub serving award-winning lunches in a cosy 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 

22 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1154
E ryansbarnavan@eircom.net

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 

Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1460
E info@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   

Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 807 8248
E info@tarahouseaccommodation.ie

Night Clubs

Industry Nite Club

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

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

LIVE Nite Club

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

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

Solar Nite Club

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

The Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41
E info@newgrangehotel.ie

Swan Lane Music Venue

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

Ardboyne Hotel, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119
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TABU Nightclub & Venue

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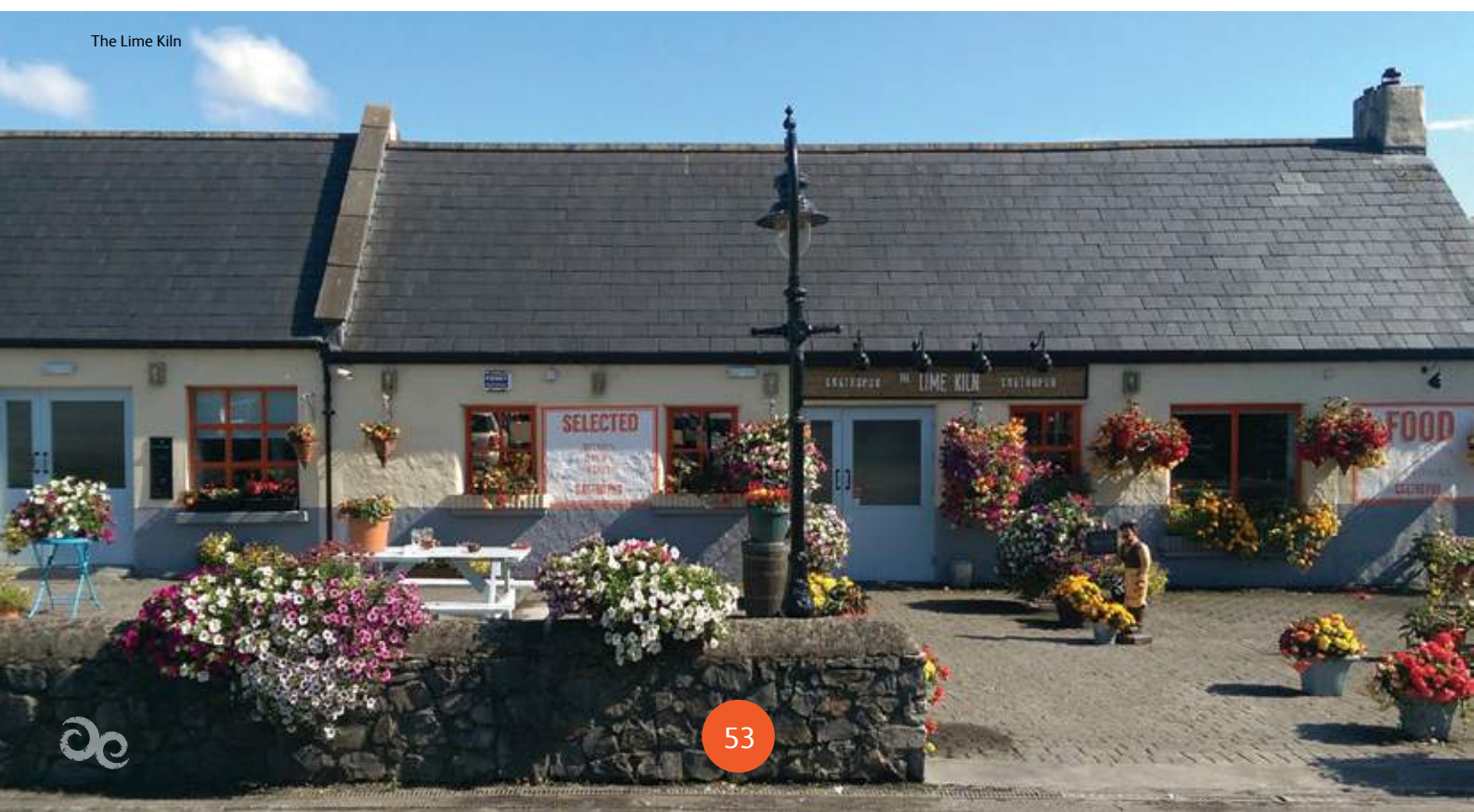
Darnley Lodge Hotel, Main Street, Athboy, Co. Meath
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Xango Night Club

castlearchhotel.com

Castle Arch, Summerhill Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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The Lime Kiln





Slane Distillery

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

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

Dan Kelly's Cider

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

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

Listoke Distillery and Gin School

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

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

Slane Distillery

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

Slane Distillery, Slane, Co. Meath
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Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre & Tourist Information Point
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E brunaboinne@opw.ie
[#BoyneValley worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne](https://www.discoverboynevalley.ie/bru-na-boinne)

Drogheda

Drogheda Tourist Information Point
The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 CF29
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[#BoyneValley discoverboynevalley.ie](https://www.discoverboynevalley.ie)

Kells

Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub
Kells Courthouse, Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508
E kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie
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Navan

Solstice Arts Centre and Tourist Information Point
Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 KWP1
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie
[#BoyneValley solsticeartscentre.ie](https://www.discoverboynevalley.ie)

Oldcastle

Oldcastle Tourist Information Point
1 Ardfrail Court, Millbrook Road, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 D589
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 2645
E kraftkaffee@gmail.com
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Slane

Slane Hub & Tourist Information Centre
2 Main Street, Slane, Co Meath, C15 W312
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Trim

Trim Visitor Centre & Tourist Information Centre
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St Laurence's Gate & Drogheda Walls

Megalithic art at Knowth

Puca Halloween Festival

Blossom Walk – Dan Kelly Cider