Welcome to Trim, Town of the Elder Tree Ford

Trim, a designated heritage spot in the Heart of the Boyne Valley, is renowned as one of Ireland’s most beautiful towns and has something to offer everyone. With its famous monuments, beautiful streets, parks and walks, summertime floral displays, it is a haven of relaxation and tranquillity.

Suitable for both adult groups and families with young children there is something for everyone to enjoy. For those wishing to engage in sporting activities there are many high quality golf courses in the area with a variety to test all levels of enthusiasm. Anglers will enjoy one of Ireland’s best wild brown trout fisheries, the river Boyne, and its many tributaries. Playgrounds, picnic areas, pitch and putt, horse-riding and many other activities will provide families with endless entertainment.

Trim’s central location affords an opportunity to tour the various sights and attractions that Co Meath has to offer. After your visit to Trim’s magnificent Anglo-Norman castle you take in nearby Bective Abbey, Hill of Tara, Kells and Newgrange. While staying in Trim the picturesque heritage trail along the river is simply a must.

Evening entertainment is well provided for. Trim has excellent restaurants to suit all tastes with traditional Irish music available in many of its local hostelries to finish off the evening.

For those wishing to visit Dublin, Trim is ideally situated for a day trip to our capital city; there is also an excellent bus service to facilitate you. Situated 40 minutes from Dublin airport, on arrival or departure Trim’s location north west allows you to avoid city traffic.

Céad Míle Fáilte.

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Special Attractions

Trim Castle
The finest and largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland, started by Hugh de Lacy in 1173. Unusual features include:
- Cruciform design of Keep
- Barbican Gate
- Used as set for film Braveheart in 1994
- Awarded European prize for Restoration in 2003
Tours of the keep and grounds are available.

TRIM CASTLE
Open daily, Easter to October 31
(Open weekends in Winter), 10.00 – 18.00,
Last admission: 17.00
T 046 943 8619 or 041 988 0300
For off-season reduced hours contact Trim Visitors Centre
T 046 943 7227
E trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net

Special Attractions

Trim Visitor & Genealogy Centre with Ramparts Coffee Shop
The Art Deco building beside Trim Castle houses the Trim Visitor Centre. Here the ‘Power & Glory’ Multimedia exhibition paints a vivid picture of the historical background of the magnificent medieval ruins of Trim.
The presentation is available: in English, French, Italian and German, and is suitable for all ages.
A range of Irish crafts is also on sale in the shop.

VISITOR CENTRE & RAMPARTS COFFEE SHOP
Specialising in high quality homemade food. A must for every visitor to Trim.
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Audio Visual Show
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GENEALOGY CENTRE
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A stroll around Trim and its hinterland reveals a rich cultural and historical heritage. The town boasts many monuments in close proximity to its attractive centre.

**The Yellow Steeple & Sheep Gate**

The Yellow Steeple is an obvious landmark – tall, gracefully pointing, it is aptly named because of the colour in the evening sunlight. Originally the steeple was the belfry tower of the Augustinian Abbey of St Mary.

Sheep Gate is the only surviving gateway of the Medieval town of Trim. In olden times tolls were exacted but today you can pass through Sheep Gate as freely and as often as you wish. Set in the middle of the Porchfield, it is a pleasant spot to bask in the sun.

**St Peter & Paul Cathedral**

This medieval cathedral is situated in Newtown Cemetery. It was founded close to the temporal power of Trim Castle by the Norman Bishop Simon de Rochfort in c.1206 after his cathedral at Clonard was burned down. Only part of the original nave and chancel of this largest Gothic Church in Ireland survive. Part of the ruined Priory of Augustinian Canons, which was established to maintain the Cathedral, also survive.

**An unusual tomb and its cure for warts**

Sir Lucas Dillon’s tomb is known locally as the tomb of the ‘jealous man and woman’ since its two stone figures do not touch each other at all. Also, the sword of state separates the figures. The tomb is associated with a cure for warts. Rub a pin on your wart, place the pin between the couple on the tomb and, as the pin rusts and decays, your wart will disappear.

**Priory of St John the Baptist**

This priory was founded in the early 13th century for the Crutched or Crossed Friars of the Order of John the Baptist. This monastery was built on the southern bank of the Boyne just across St. Peters Bridge from the Victorine Friary.
Sir Lucas Dillon’s tomb

Yellow Steeple

Trim Castle
The Echo Gate
Just outside the town on the Dublin road is the Echo Gate. Shout across the river to the ruined Victorine Friary and your words are returned in a perfectly clear echo.

St Patrick’s RC Church
The foundation stone for St Patrick’s church was laid by Dr. Nulty, the Bishop of Meath, in 1891. The altars are the work of the Pearse Brothers of Dublin, one of whom was the father of Padraig Pearse, leader of the 1916 rising. Dedicated in 1902, the gothic style church has some beautiful mosaics. One window illustrates the miraculous statue of ‘Our Lady of Trim’ while another shows St Patrick preaching on the Hill of Tara.

The Maudlin Cemetery
This was the site of the Leper Hospital of Mary Magdalen. In 1976 a local committee erected a bronze sculpture of ‘Our Lady of Trim’ and today this statue, arms outstretched in greeting, welcomes all who visit the town.

The Wellington Column
Erected in 1817, this pillar commemorates Trim’s most famous son, the Duke of Wellington. Locals believe that the Duke was born in a stable on the road to Trim.

Talbot Castle / St Mary’s Abbey
Built in 1415, the basement of the castle is believed to be an adapted remnant of the Abbey of St Mary’s. Access is by permission only.
**St Patrick’s Cathedral, Church of Ireland**
The Cathedral Church of St Patrick stands on the site of these early foundations of Christian worship in Ireland and is reputed to be older than Armagh or Canterbury cathedrals. The present church, with the exception of the tower, was built in 1803 on the foundations of the old nave, the chancel being left as a ruin.

**Stella’s Cottage and the Swift connection**
While Esther Johnson (Stella) may have been the best known tenant of the Cottage at Laracor that still bears her name, Jonathan Swift was certainly its most famous visitor. Swift, the author of Gulliver’s Travels, was in some way romantically connected with Stella.

**St Patrick’s Well**
When St Patrick came to Trim in the year 432 AD St Loman went with him to St Patrick’s Well and baptised and converted Christians. There is an annual pilgrimage to the well on St Patrick’s Day.

**St Peter’s Well**
St Peter’s Well is on the south side of the River Boyne at St Peter’s bridge. This bridge divides St Peter’s and St Paul’s Cathedral from St John the Baptist Priory at Newtown.

**Millennium Bridge**
The Millennium Bridge marks Trim’s status as a modern town and connects the centre to the Porchfields and walks along the banks of the Boyne.
The Boyne

The Boyne, one of Ireland’s great rivers, flows past Trim in timeless fashion. Few rivers are as rich in mythology and history as this one. Fortunately for anglers, it’s also rich in fish.

The Salmon of Knowledge

It was on the banks of the Boyne that young Fionn Mac Cumhail camped with his master Finneas in mythological times. After a lifetime trying to catch the fish which was said to be the source of all knowledge, one day Finneas finally caught the mighty salmon and instructed Fionn to cook it over the camp fire. Fionn cooked the fish with great care but burned his finger while smoothing down the bubbling skin. As he cooled the burnt finger in his mouth, Fionn received all the wisdom from the Salmon of Knowledge.

Game Angling

The Boyne is one of Ireland’s premier game fisheries, offering a wide range of angling, from spring salmon to sea trout to brown trout fishing. Trim is a designated Centre of Excellence for wild brown trout fishing. There are excellent hatches of olives, the blue winged being the most prolific throughout the Summer. Very good hatches of Mayfly and sedges during the season.

Booking a local angling guide is the best way to get value from your angling trip. The best time of the season is from May to the end of September. The season runs from 17 March to 30 September.

Flora, Fauna and Natural Heritage

The River Boyne has been designated a Special Area of Conservation for habitats and many species. Mixed broadleaf woodland, grey willow scrub and pockets of wet woodland dominated by alder, fringe many stretches of the Boyne. Ragged robin is easily recognised by its ragged red petals. The kingfisher is our most exotic looking bird, often seen as only a flash of colour by passers by. Perching on branches overhanging the water, it plunges to catch its prey. The heron is a large bird instantly recognisable by its long neck and legs and is commonly observed at the river’s edge, standing motionless for hours hunting fish. Mute swans are winter visitors. Herons, water wagtails and dippers are plentiful.
Trim Castle and the Boyne

The Boyne

Wild brown trout
Traditional music session

Trim streetscape

Scurlogstown
Haymaking festival
Short trips from Trim

Trim is surrounded by Meath’s uniquely rich cultural landscape. Several heritage highlights lie within 15 minutes drive of the town.

**Hill of Tara | 15 minutes**
On the Hill of Tara Irish myth, legend and history meet. This magical site has been home to gods and goddesses, to druids and warriors. Ireland’s ancient High Kings ruled all of Ireland from this magical and mythical place. With panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, from up here one can see not only into the distance, but also into Tara’s past.

**Bective Abbey | 10 minutes**
Bective Abbey is the second Cistercian Monastery founded in Ireland. Its imposing ruins remind us of the medieval world of monks and their ascetic life of isolation, prayer and scholarly study.

**Newgrange | 30 minutes**
**Battle of the Boyne Site | 30 minutes**

**Festivals & Events**

Trim hosts several festivals and events on an annual basis, celebrating ancient traditions and acknowledging the town’s rich history and rural heritage.

- St. Patrick’s Day Festival | 17th March
- High Nellie Tour | May
- Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival | mid June
- Swift Festival | July
- Trim Vintage Car Rally | July
- Royal Meath Agricultural Show | September
- Halloween Festival | October
- Canoeing competitions on The Boyne
- Hot Air Ballooning Fest., Trim | April 2010
- Blue Jean Country Queen Festival, Athboy | June
- Solheim Cup – Kileen Castle, Dunsany | 23-25th Sept 2011
Accommodation

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Hotels

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**Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort 4***
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**Restaurants**

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Nightlife

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Activities

Golf Clubs

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Dunsany, Co. Meath
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W  killeencastle.com

Knightsbrook Golf Club Resort, Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
18 hole parkland course designed by Christy O Connor Jnr.
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E  golf@knightsbrook.com
W  knightsbrook.com

County Meath Golf Club
Newtonmoynagh, Trim, Co. Meath
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W  glebegolfclub.com

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T +353 (0)46 943 8730
E information@auragroup.ie
W auraleisurecentres.ie

Tours of County Meath

Historic Walks
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Heritage & Activity Tours
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Shops & Businesses

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Internet Access
Trim Public Library
High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
30 minutes free internet access
**Trim Historic Town Trail**
Start at the Visitor Centre and follow the historical signs to learn about Trim town, its history, prominent people and places. Weaving around the streets of the medieval town, you will see the sites of the old town gates, the remains of the old leper hospital, view the Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman and hear your voice return at Echo Gate. This walk takes approximately one and a half hours.

**Trim Castle River Walk**
This tranquil river walk (indicated with a broken red line on the map) commences at Trim Castle and finishes at the ruins of the 13th century town of Newtown, providing a glimpse of life in Trim in the Middle Ages. From the interpretive panels, learn more about the medieval town, life in the Porchfields, medieval pastimes, farming and forestry. Once you reach Newtown, retrace your steps back to the castle. The Trim Castle River Walk takes approximately 30 minutes along well marked pathways.
Tríom, Contae Mhíthe, is 40 minutes' (30 miles) drive northwest of Dublín airport. This designated heritage capital town offers the visitor a range of activities and attractions and makes an ideal start or finish to a longer stay in Ireland. From angling, golf and horse-riding to medieval castles, ancient monuments and beautiful town streets and parks, Tríom is an ideal destination for every member of the family.

For more information on our town visit www.meathtourism.ie or www.trimtourism.com