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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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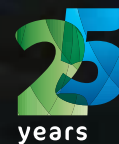
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The Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East

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 Viking museum at Trim Visitor Centre, brave a battleground at the famous Battle of Boyne or test your own courage on the legendary Cú Chulainn roller-coaster. 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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Taste sensations

Discover Boyne Valley Flavours Ireland's Foodie Destination 2017 Runner-up



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2018 brings to you the most exceptional choice of food tourism experience we've ever had! The Boyne Valley region continues to be recognised as one of Ireland's leading food tourism destinations and has been awarded Runner Up for Foodie Destinations 2017, having won the overall award in 2016.

The Boyne Valley is 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. To understand, you must experience. Now in its 5th year, the Boyne Valley Food Series is a calendar of events which celebrates our land, our heritage, our people, and of course our produce. Our unique, experience lead events will immerse you in the food and drinks culture of the Boyne Valley region. From guided food tours and weekend farm retreats to themed events and street feasts, there is something for everyone on the family to enjoy. Our events schedule is nearly year round from February to December with additional festive events taking place for Halloween and Christmas.

Make sure to check our website for the latest updates and further information: boynevalleyfoodseries.ie



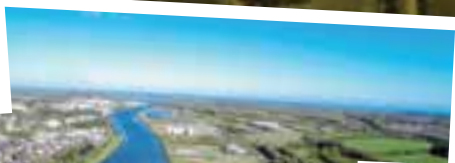
A smiling woman wearing a green bicycle helmet and a high-visibility yellow vest is looking down at a map. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. A large green circular graphic is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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to the heritage
capital of Ireland



Boyne Cable Bridge



Boyne Viaduct



Rock Farm Slane Electric Bikes



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High King Tours offers a choice of six packages across Ireland's Ancient East and the Boyne Valley showcasing its rich heritage and beauty. Pick up directly from hotels, ports, airports etc. Tour sizes range from 4 - 14 people. Larger tours catered for by request. highkingguidedtours.ie

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Useful Travel Links

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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? Want to try abseiling or tree climbing? 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 céile dance or see what it's like to be a medieval knight?



Adventure Activities & Family Fun

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Boyne Valley Activities

A range of exciting activities for everyone, based in Trim, Athboy and Slane. Try kayaking through the Medieval town of Trim. Test your nerve on the Tree Canopy Challenge Course high in a forest at our Athboy base. See website for information on white water rafting and exclusive heritage tours. boynevalleyactivities.ie

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Causey Educational Tours Ltd

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Funtasia Waterpark

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Rock Farm Slane

Kayaking, Rafting on the River Boyne, Electric Bike Tours, Recreational Tree. Rock Farm Slane offers a host of memorable adventures that you'll want to share with family and friends. All activities must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment with minimum numbers required. rockfarmslane.ie

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The Zone

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Trim Living History Group

Step back in time with a Medieval Knight of Trim - feel the heft of a sword, try on a closed helmet and chain mail. Walking tours around Medieval Trim last approx. 1 hour, finishing in Trim Visitor Centre with a new exhibition room called 'Historical Trim's Places & People' and exhibits on The 1st Duke Of Wellington, Jonathan Swift, and more. Must pre-book. discoverboynevalley.ie

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Tour Guides

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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

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Funtasia Waterpark



Picnic at Causey Farm



Kayaking on the River Boyne



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Free Guided tours of the wonderful Hill Of Slane. Tours are approximately 40min - available for free every Saturday and Sunday at 2pm from May - September 2017. Meeting point at the gates to the Hill of Slane - ample parking available for cars or buses. Group bookings are also available by request. hillsofslane.wordpress.com

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Medieval River Tour (Floating through Time)

Sit back and relax as you literally float through time in a Boyne Valley River Raft. View the Medieval Buildings from the River Boyne and gain a deeper understanding of their architecture and design. This 1.5 hr personally guided, interactive tour is a truly memorable Boyne Valley experience boynevalleyactivities.ie

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Poetic inspiration

Music, Arts and Irish Culture

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

Arts Centres & Theatres

Droichead Arts Centre

A multi-disciplinary centre offering an extensive programme of theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, comedy, literature, family/children, outreach and festivals. The Centre comprises of two premises including a modern 169 seater 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.ie

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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

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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.com

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The Barbican Centre

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

Williams Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre)

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East Coast Business Park, Matthews Lane, Drogheda
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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

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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

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An Bradán Feasa

Gaeltacht Ráth Chairn was founded when 27 families migrated from Conamara 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

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Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

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

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

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
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Millmount 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@millmount.net

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre

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

Janesville, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1978 / 87 397 4295
E info@francisledwidge.com

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

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

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 855 0949 / 86 736 1948
E info@loughcrewmegalithiccentre.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

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 7878 892 / (0) 1 689 0008
E info@myirelandheritage.com

Slane Castle

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

Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4477
E tours@slanecastle.ie

Language Schools

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Classes in French, German and Spanish for adults, secondary school students and children. For foreign students wishing to learn English, we also provide classes leading to a recognised qualification. We cater for people who wish to learn for fun and for exam purposes, so why not contact us to book your place today. navanschooloflanguages.ie

St. Anne's, Brew Hill, Navan, Meath
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E info@navanschooloflanguages.ie



What's happening
in the Boyne Valley

A Festival of fun



Festivals & Events

Spring Festivals

Apple Blossom Walk Drogheda
Drogheda Arts Festival
Easter Weekend Egg Hunt, Military Show & Family Fun Day, Irish Military War Museum
Fairyrhouse Easter Festival
Hinterland Festival Wild West Lectures
Landsailing Event, Bettystown Beach
Living History and Battle Site Walk
Loughcrew Spring Equinox Festival
Loughcrew Gardens Easter Egg Hunt
Louth Hunt Hunter Trials, Tattersalls
Muck of Kells
Salty Dog Trials
Slane Easter Hunt
Slane Striders St. Patrick's Way Walking Festival
Spring Equinox Festival
Trad Ash Irish Music and Song Festival

Summer Festivals

ALMC Motor Rally
An Post Heritage Cycle
Bealtaine Festival
Bellewstown House Racing Festival
Blue Jeans Country Queen Festival
Boyne Valley Walking Festival
Boyne Valley Food Series
Dunderry Fair
Hinterland Festival, Kells
Innovative Food Adventure
Irish Maritime Festival
Kells Type Trail
Loughcrew Garden Opera
Meath Heritage Cycle
Midsummers Eve Summer Solstice Supper
Navan Choral Festival & Nat. Choir of the Year Comp.
Nobber Fair
Oldbridge Country Fair
Salmon of Knowledge Festival, Trim
Sheridan's Irish Food Festival
Solstice Festival
Scurlogstown Olympiad
Slane Food Festival
St. Oliver Camino Walk
Tain March
Tara Lecture Series
Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
Tough Mudder
Trim Vintage Car Rally
Vantastival

Autumn Festivals

Bellewstown Races
Boyne Music Festival
Brú Trim Trad Festival
Le Cheile Festival, Oldcastle
Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
Farmaphobia
Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 2018 Drogheda
Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival
Heritage Week
Johnstons Folk Music Festival
The Ladywell Fete
Laytown Beach Horse Racing Festival
Loughcrew Equinox Festival
Mary Lavin Literary Season
Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival
Race Around Ireland (start)
Royal Meath Agricultural Show
O'Carolan Harp Festival
Púcas & Potions Children's Halloween Festival
Pumpkin Patch at Irish Military War Museum
Salmon of Knowledge Festival
Spirit of Folk Festival
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
Taste of Togher

Winter Festivals

Drogheda Bonanza Festival
Drogheda Traditional Music Festival
Winter Solstice at Newgrange

Francis Ledwidge



Trim Haymaking Festival



Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival



High Nellie Cycle, Trim

Ongoing Events

(please refer to individual websites for dates and details)

Droichead Arts Centre
Farrellys Pub Oldcastle Drama
Highlanes Gallery
Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Bar
Solstice Arts Centre
Tattersalls Horse Sales
The TLT
The Venue Theatre, Ratoath

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

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Highlanes Gallery

Trad comes to Drogheda

a cultural extravaganza
of Irish music, song and
dance

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, organised by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is the largest traditional music festival in the world with over 400,000 people attending the annual event. It celebrates all that is truly valued in Irish culture, language, music, song, dance, and heritage.

History will be made in Drogheda in August as this is the first time that the Fleadh has been held in the Boyne Valley.



Fleadh Cheoil ∞ na hÉireann 2018 DROGHEDA

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12th – 19th August 2018

visit fleadhcheoil.ie for full
programme of events.



Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival

the birthplace of Halloween!

Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival 2018

6th October – 4th November

Lots of events including a House of Horrors; Haunted Spooktacular, 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



Samhain, the ancient Celtic Festival that we call Halloween, originated here in the Boyne Valley more than 3,000 years ago.

Samhain marks the end of the old Celtic Year and the beginning of the New Year. The Celts believed that this was a time of transition, when the veil between our world and the next came down, and the spirits of all who had died since the last Oíche Shamhna (Night of Samhain) moved on to the next life.

One of the main spiritual centres of the ancient Celts was located on top of the hill of Tlachtga, now called the Hill of Ward, near Athboy, Co. Meath. The druids felt that this world and the otherworld were closest at Tlachtga and it was here that the festival of Samhain, or Halloween, was started. The old year's fires were extinguished and, after sunset, the ceremonial New Year Samhain fire was lit here. Torches were lit from this sacred fire and carried to seven other hills around the county including Tara and Loughcrew, and then on to light up the whole countryside.

Today, Halloween (Samhain) is celebrated through a series of festivals and events with something for all ages 'Fun by Day' and 'Fright by Night'. For details on all Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival events check out spiritsofmeath.ie or download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App for full details.



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BoyneValley Tourism



Discover Boyne Valley App

take a walk on the wild side

Gentle pathways to explore at leisure

A path well worn..

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



Heritage Walking Routes

Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate Walks

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

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

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

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.

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 loughcrew.com

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.)

Canal Walks

Royal Canal Way

A 77km, long distance walking trail, divided into 7 sections each representing a half days walking. Starting at Ashtown, Dublin (lock 10) and ending in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, it passes through Co. Meath at Enfield where you can join the route. Interesting features: Enfield Harbour and Moyvalley tree lined stretch. It can be wet and muddy, so take care.

Walk & Cycle

Boyne Greenway Cycleway and Boardwalk

Phase 1 of the Greenway is a 1.9km long fully segregated walking and cycling facility which utilises sections of boardwalk to create a riverside resource connecting Oldbridge Estate to Drogheda's town centre, via the existing ramparts.

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 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

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



Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk



Loughcrew Cairns Walk

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

Historic Gardens

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

Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950

E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

Open All year

Fee Free admission

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 summer house. House and garden open on dates listed. Tea and coffee by arrangement. Groups by appointment. 40 min guided tour of the house. Garden self guided. beaulieuhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8557

E info@beaulieuhouse.ie

Open 1 Jun-1st week Sep Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Jul/Aug Sat-Sun 1pm-5pm

Fee €10 house tour, €5 garden only, under 16 free

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 €5 adults, €2 seniors and students, €6 family

Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Early C19th Italianate garden with formal paths descending from terraces and lawns to a woodland walk, beautiful lake, swans and a summerhouse. A visit to the 1.5 acre walled garden with fruit trees, herbaceous borders and vegetables is heavenly. Groups by appointment. killineerhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8563

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Open Feb 1-20, May 1-15, June 1-10, Aug 14-28

Fee €6 garden

Loughcrew House and Gardens, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

Magnificent restored gardens with yew walk, woodland walks, canal and parterre - nestled close to the iconic Loughcrew Cairns. Adventure centre and coffee shop on site. Please see website for more details. loughcrew.com

Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356

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Open All year. Weekdays 10am-5pm, weekends 11am-5pm

Fee €6 adults, €5 OAP, €3 children, €20 family

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, Garden Shop, Distillery & Gin School and accommodation. listoke.com listokedistillery.ie

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

E info@listoke.com

Open Apr-Sept, Mon-Sun, Oct-Mar, Thur-Sun, 11am-4.30pm

Fee €5 guided garden tour. Groups by appointment

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

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Open May & Sep Mon-Sat 10am-2pm. Heritage Week 10am-2pm

Fee €7 adults, €5 students/children

St. Mary's Abbey, High Street, Trim Co. Meath

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

Tel +353 (0) 87 205 7176

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Open Various dates throughout the year - see web for details

Fee €5 Adult €2 unwaged



By Appointment Gardens

Balrath House and Courtyard, Navan, Co. Meath

A perfectly romantic Georgian house built in 1760, set in idyllic gardens, Balrath House offers 4 star self-catering accommodation. Please see website for reservations and to book a visit. balrathcourtyard.com

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749
E frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com
Open Garden by appointment

Bramley Cottage, The Rath Farm, Kilsallaghan, Co. Meath

Jane McCorkell, seven times Gold Medal winner at Bloom, opens her own gorgeous garden, by appointment in June. Please see her website for more details and to book a visit. janemccorkell.com

Tel +353 (0) 87 683 9520
E jane@janemccorkell.com
Open June. Please contact owner for appointments

College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath

This lovely 1820s house has B/B accommodation and is set in three acres of delightful, landscaped garden and grounds. For reservations and group visits, please see website. collegehillhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4768
E eileen@collegehillhouse.ie
Open year round

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

Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645
E collonhouse@collonhouse.com
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

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

Herberts' Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath

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. Conveniently accessible from the M3 motorway and close to Navan, Trim, Kells, Athboy. Groups pre-book. herberts.ie

Tel +353 (0) 85 782 9966
E jfmccConnell@gmail.com
Open Sat 10.30am - 6pm from May 1st - 30th Sept
Fee €5 pp. No dogs. Not suitable for small children

Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath

This Award Winning Village Garden has an orchard, woodland, flowerbeds, soft fruit bushes, herbs, pond and scattered seating. Plants for pollinators and biodiversity encourage bees and butterflies. Teddy Bears' Picnic June 10th. Heritage Day 19th August. Halloween Night Event Oct 31st. Check website for details julianstowncommunity.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283
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Open All year
Fee Free

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 are now open every weekend serving sweet treats. kilgargardens.com

Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950
E kilgargardens@gmail.com
Open Weekends May -Sept. Groups by appointment
Fee €5 per person

Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath

Once upon a time, "Rosemount" was a commercial orchard, sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, it is an enchanted riverscape garden set on ten acres, studded with a collection of unusual trees and outhouses. Teas, apéritifs, music lectures, political and economic talks by arrangement. boynevalleygardentrail.com

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E martin@alioth.eu
Open by appointment only
Fee Group guided tour: €5 per person, min €75 per group

Sonairte Gardens and Nature Walk, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath

Sonairte is a great family day out; developed around a traditional C18th Irish farmstead. Visit the productive walled garden and nature trail along the pretty river Nanny and learn about bees at the Bee Museum. Craft and food fairs year round. Coffee shop on site. See our website. for full information on admission charges and opening hours. sonairte.ie

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

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. (Quote BVGT2018). stationhousehotel.ie

Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
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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

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4621
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Open Garden by appointment

Gardens Centres

Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcaif, Slane, Co. Meath

Multi-Award winning garden centre including 'Best in Show' at Bloom 2016 and six successive Gold Medals at Bloom since 2012. Renowned for their unique selection of top quality plants, grown in their nursery with an emphasis on varieties that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for plant catalogue. boynegardencentre.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4350
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Open Mar-Sept, Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.
(inc. Bank Holidays) Oct -Feb, Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.

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-Sept, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 12.00-5.30pm.
Oct-Feb, Weds-Sat, 10am-5pm.

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Boyne Valley Crafts

Bee Free Clothing

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Caoimhe Tuthill
3 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 241 9315
E info@beefree.ie

Boyne Valley Wools

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

Alison Fullam Gogan
The Leck, Donore, Co. Meath
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E boynevalleywools@gmail.com

The Courtyard

The Courtyard is located near Kells. 8500 Sq ft filled with unique gifts and household accessories. Coffee shop with an open log fire and ample free parking. Amble at your leisure through an ever changing range of pictures, baskets, clocks, candles, poetry, tablecloths, napkins and much, much more. Gift tokens available. thecourtyardkells.com

Cookstown House, Kells, Co. Meath
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E thecourtyardkells@gmail.com

Jan Muyllaert 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. By appointment only. 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

Lucy O'Gorman
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Seamus Cassidy

Unique furniture commissions in a contemporary style. Artistic and functional woodturned and sculptural forms from his studio-gallery 5 minutes drive from Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange). Available Tue-Sat 10am-6pm. Woodturning classes and courses also available. seamuscassidy.ie

Seamus Cassidy
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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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Julianstown Golf Course, Julianstown, Co. Meath
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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 will open in 2018 with a new exhibition. 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 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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Pats 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

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Perfect Stills Photography

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

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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

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





Where is the Boyne Valley?

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



Useful links for travel schedules

Air: aerlingus.com ryanair.com

Ferry: irishferries.com stenaline.ie

poirishsea.com poferries.com

Rail: irishrail.ie

Bus: buseireann.ie





Boyne Valley Drive



Tourist Information Office & Visitor Centre



Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

Early Monastic settlement where the High Crosses, depict biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, representing Celtic Christianity. Five premier 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 illustrated manuscripts.

Kells, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0064

Open Access all year to Monastic Sites. Contact Tourist Office for information on access to Spire of Lloyd



Oldcastle



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

Open All year. Free guided tours June to August
loughcrew.com

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

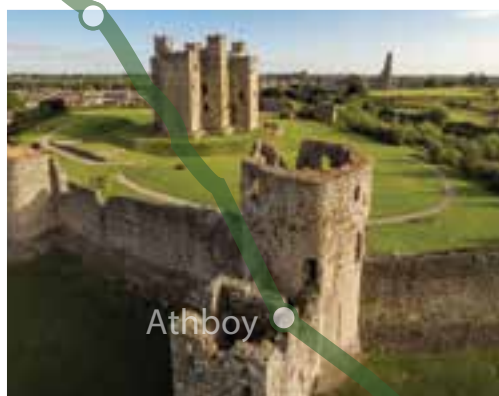
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6459

Open 1st June to end August



Ballinlough

Kells



Athboy

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

Hill of Slane

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Slane, Co. Meath

Open All year

Boyne Valley Drive



Monasterboice

At Monasterboice there are two of the finest High Crosses (Celtic Crosses) in Ireland – the 5th century South Cross (Cross of Muiredach) and the West Cross (Tall Cross) – which date from the 9th century. Today the image of the High Cross is recognised internationally as a symbol of Irish cultural heritage.

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 7070
Open All year



St. Laurence's Gate

St. Laurence's Gate, which led to the Friary of St. Laurence, 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. Tours available.



Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest 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.

Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Open Access all year. Access to monuments through Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only.
heritageireland.ie worldheritageireland.ie



Millmount

Folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and son Mil is 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.

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



Navan

Less than an hour from Dublin, Navan holds the prestigious Purple Flag status for its evening and night-time economy has officially been named Friendliest Town in Ireland at the Retail Excellence Ireland Awards 2016.

Other historic sites of interest in the Navan area

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

What else...

If you fancy a laugh check out 'Navan Laughs' a comedy event in The Central which takes place on the last Thursday of every month. 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 hub for the arts. Its 2018 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.

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

Drop into the Trim Visitor Centre for the exciting Living History Displays or to visit the Medieval Weaponry Room – both give a wonderful insight into the historical background of the medieval ruins of Trim.

What else...

The Medieval River Tour is a must! Sit back and relax as you literally 'float through time'. View the Medieval Building from the Boyne and gain a deeper understanding of their architecture and design. This 1.5 hr personally guided, interactive tour is truly memorable Boyne Valley experience. For Bookings – Boyne Valley Activities The Annual Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival which takes place in June is just one of a number of festivals and events scheduled for Trim in 2018. 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, who 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 and as well as bustling towns and charming villages just waiting for you to discover.

Boyne Boats

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 along the Boyneside Trail to Mornington. After your adventures, take time to enjoy the many cafés, restaurants and bars offering a friendly welcome and wonderful selection of refreshments.

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 & Gardens available. 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.



Navan



Beaulieu House



Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda



Laytown Beach

Kells

One of the most unique and special destinations in the world – Kells welcomes you to come explore and become a part of its special story. The heritage town of Kells contains many fine examples of early Christian architecture including the 9th & 10th century High Crosses. It's most famous treasure is the Book of Kells created by the community of St. Columba, it is now located at Trinity College and a facsimile version can be viewed in Kells Civic Offices in the town of Kells. The Spire of Lloyd is located outside Kells, this 18th century folly is the only inland lighthouse in Ireland.

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 the Boyne Valley Food Series or book your place at the Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival or the annual Pink Ribbon Walk amongst others. Why not pay a visit to Donaghpatrick and Teltown – the area of 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 trivallete 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 Loughcrew Hill of 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

Sliabh na Callaighe, Cullcagh House, Castletown, Kilpatrick and Moynalty – home to one of Ireland's largest steam threshing festivals and Nobber – the birthplace in 1670 of Turlough O'Carolan, the renowned composer and harpist.

What else...

Visit and/or stay at 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 something a little different try 'Fancy a Play and a Pint' - an amateur dramatic experience with performances in Farrelly's Bar on the first Wednesday of each month. Full details on Equinox Celebrations, the Loughcrew Opera and many more festivals, download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App or visit discoverboynevalley.ie



Slane

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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 during the summer months. Tel: 041 982 0643 slanecastle.ie

What else...

View the Slane Craft Collective and choose your very own Boyne Valley craft keepsake from the collection. Climb a tree, forage for your supper and enjoy the great outdoors at Rock Farm Slane. 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, White River Karting. Lots of accommodation choices available from self-catering, hosting and camping at Slane Farm Cottages or try something completely new and stay in the Lime House Eco Guest House at Rock Farm Slane or in a Yurt of your choice on the same site. Evening entertainment or for some quiet time try The Village Inn, Slane.

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 Thursday 6th September 2018, 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 a 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.

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 'Cu 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 flavour of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. Visit the Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair in Ratoath each June or for a unique outdoor experience with a heritage twist, Rathbeggan Lakes & Family Adventure Park, Dunshaughlin is a must!

Kells Heritage Centre



Loughcrew



Brabazon Restaurant, Tankardstown, Slane




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
Nayan
Nobber
Oldcastle
Rathcairn
Ratoath
Slane
Summerhill
Tallenstown
Termonfeckin
Trim

A scenic view of a river, likely the River Boyne, with a fisherman standing in the water, casting a fly. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage. A semi-transparent dark blue box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image, containing white text. The bottom of the image features a large blue circular graphic element that serves as a background for the title and page number.

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 is 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 and at Rathbeggan Lakes near Dunshaughlin.

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.



The Salmon of Knowledge Experience

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 else 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, 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. fairyhouse.ie

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Navan Racecourse

18 Race meetings on a superb NH track, fine dining, entertainment after racing. Group discounts, tailored packages, membership only €125.00. Admissions €10 - €15.00. Join us on Facebook or Twitter. navanracecourse.ie

Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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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
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Bellewstown Racecourse

Bellewstown has two festivals. The first recorded dates of the Bellewstown Races were in 1726. bellewstownraces.ie

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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. tatts.ie

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Fairyhouse



Bellewstown Racecourse



Navan Racecourse

2018 race fixtures

Fairyhouse Racecourse

January	01	Mon
	14	Sun
	17	Wed
	27	Sat
February	07	Wed
	24	Sat
April	01	Sun
	02	Mon
	03	Tue
	17	Tue
May	31	Thur
June	15	Fri
July	08	Sun
	18	Wed
September	24	Mon
October	13	Sat
November	06	Tue
	14	Wed
December	01	Sat
	02	Sun
	15	Sat

Navan Racecourse

January	20	Sat
February	18	Sun
March	03	Sat
	18	Sun
April	07	Sat
	22	Sun
	23	Mon
May	19	Sat
June	02	Sat
July	14	Sat
September	08	Sat
	23	Sun
	29	Sat
October	14	Sun
	24	Wed
November	11	Sun
	25	Sun
December	08	Sat
	16	Sun

Laytown Races

September	06	Thur
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Europe's only strand races. The Annual Laytown Strand Races takes place on Tuesday 5th September. First Race scheduled off 4:45pm. Last Race 7:15, approx.

Bellewstown Races

July	04	Wed
	05	Thur
	06	Fri
	07	Sat
August	29	Wed
	30	Thur

Time for tee

On some of the finest
courses in Ireland



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

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

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



Bellewstown Golf Course

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

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Tel +353 (0) 41 988 2757
E info@bellewstowngolfclub.ie

Black Bush Golf Course

A fine 27-hole golf courses set on 186 acres of beautiful parkland with strategically placed bunkers and water hazards. It will please and test experienced players. The lush fairways lined with mature trees lead to sand based greens, playable all year, providing an enjoyable round of golf in an ideal setting. blackbushgolfclub.ie

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County Louth Golf Club

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

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

County Meath Golf Club

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

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

36-hole parkland facility. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort 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
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Julianstown Golf Club

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

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E mail@julianstowngolf.com

Killeen Castle Golf Club

Host of the Ladies Irish Open 2011-2013 and the 2011 Solheim Cup. One of only two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in Ireland, measuring over 7,700 yards from the back tees. 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 undulating 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
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 - 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

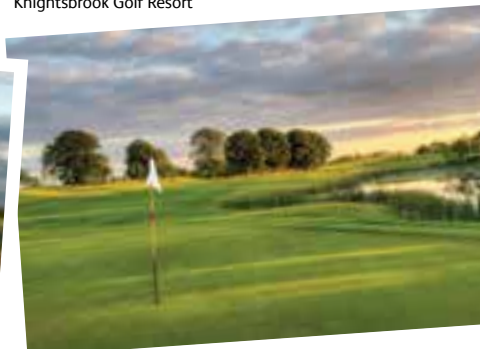
Opened in 1993, the links measures 7000 yards and is constructed on 260 acres of linksland. The closing holes are bordered by the beach and offer magnificent views of the Irish Sea and the Mountains of Mourne. One of only 150 links courses in the world and open every day of the year. seapointgolflinks.com

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E golf@seapoint.ie

Knightsbrook Golf Resort



Seapoint Golf Links



Royal Tara Golf Club

Stay a while

Great accommodation in the Boyne Valley

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



Hotels

Ardboyne Hotel

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

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

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
E info@castlearchhotel.com

City North Hotel M1

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

A lovingly restored 18th century coaching inn, in Slane village, this classic country style village hotel is bang up to date on a new style of home grown, 15 bedrooms, original, relaxed and sitting comfortably within its environment. Uncomplicated, fresh menus, offer locally produce 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

the d hotel

This award-winning hotel is located on the banks of the River Boyne in Drogheda. This impressive waterfront location includes the Scotch Hall shopping complex and a pedestrian bridge to the town centre. 104 luxurious bedrooms. The hotel is only 25 minutes from Dublin airport. 🍷 Il Ponto Restaurant, The Hops Gastropub. thedhotel.com

Scotch Hall, Marsh Road, Drogheda. Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 7700
E info@thedhotel.com

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne offers sophisticated modern luxury. Convenient to both the airport and Dublin city, this hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities and the exquisite Seoid Spa. 145 spacious bedrooms. Complimentary WIFI. 🍷 The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadlier Bar. dunboynecastlehotel.com

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

Glenside Hotel

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

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

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 the 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
E info@knightsbrook.com

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
E info@newgrangehotel.ie

Scholars Townhouse Hotel

Built in 1867 as a monastery, this magnificent building is now a boutique hotel. Renowned for its excellence in hospitality and customer service. The McGowan family have created a homely atmosphere with the warmest of Irish Welcomes. 16 en suite bedrooms. 🍷 Scholars Restaurant. 2 AA rosettes 2016-17, RAI Best Hotel Restaurant County Louth 2016. scholarshotel.com


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

The Station House Hotel

Set on 11 acres of gardens, this award winning, cosy country house hotel is run by the Slattery family. This converted railway station dates back over 150 years, with old memorabilia on display and an authentic character and quaint appeal. Best Restaurant Award in Ireland with The Food Awards Ireland 2017.  Signal Restaurant, The Platform Piano Lounge. stationhousehotel.ie


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

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.  westcourt.ie

West Street, Drogheda Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 0965
E info@westcourt.ie

Specialist Accommodation

Boyne House Slane

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

Main Street, Slane Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 9884444
E info@conynghamarms.ie

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
E info@clonabreanyhouse.ie

Loughcrew House

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

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

Tankardstown House

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

Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4621
E info@tankardstown.ie

Guesthouses

Aisling Guesthouse

20 rooms sleep 60 people (inc large family rooms sleep 5, family sleep 4 & family sleep 3) also 2/3 Bed self-catering apartments, free Wifi in Rooms & Apts. 5 mins from M50. The bus stops outside our gate - 25 mins journey to the Dublin City. We pride ourselves on our top class accommodation & service for over 30 years. aislingguesthouse.ie

Dublin Road, Baltrasna, Ashbourne
Tel +353 (0)1 835 0359 / (0) 86 7 30 60 10
E info@aislingguesthouse.ie

Cranmor Guesthouse

Georgian Country House with gardens on the outskirts of Trim "Heritage Town", Convenient to golf, fishing and Boyne Valley. Marc O'Regan is a qualified fishing guide. Approx 45 minutes to Dublin Airport. cranmor.com

Dunderry Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1635 / (0) 87 288 7390
E cranmor@eircom.net

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. (Wi fi) 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
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 6386
E highfieldhouseaccom@eircom.net

Newgrange Lodge

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

Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 3338
E info@newgrangelodge.com



B&Bs

Hill of Tara House

Located on the Hill of Tara with beautiful views. 10km from Navan town off the N3. Convenient to Dublin/Navan Bus Route. Free wifi for guests. Home baking a speciality. hilloftarahouse.com

Hill of Tara, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5296
E info@hilloftarahouse.com

Tara House - Teach na Teamhnach

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

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

Teltown House

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

Teltown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3239 / (0) 87 665 9022
E teltownhouse@eircom.net

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
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1996
E tighcathain.bnb@gmail.com

Teach Cuailgne / Cooley House B&B

Quiet, friendly and relaxing family home 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
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 6621 / (0) 87 648 1080
E info@teachcuailgne.com

White Lodge

Town house - 5 mins walk to the Castle - 6 ensuite bedrooms, Coffee/Tea, free internet. Free private parking. Walking distance of all locations in Trim. Airport only 40 mins. Closed until March. whitelodge.com

Lackanash, New Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 6549 / (0) 86 819 2704
E whitelodgetrim@eircom.net

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
Tel +353 (0) 86 852 0378
E audrey@woodstockbednobreakfast.ie

The Yellow House B&B

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

1 Springfield Glen, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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E info@theyellowhouse.ie

Self Catering

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 a private, gated picturesque flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-ireland.com

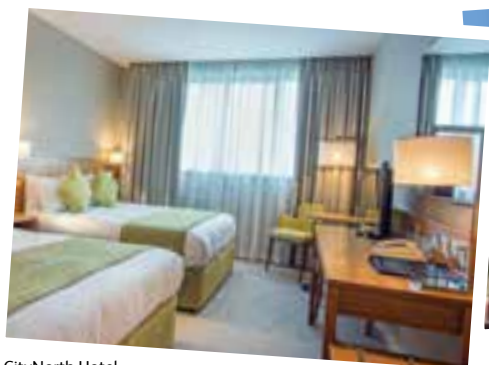
Seabank, Coast Rd, Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104
E info@cottages-ireland.com

Decoy Country Cottages

Award winning 4 star luxury self catering accommodation & day spa. Beautifully restored stable mews. Accommodation: 1,2,3 or 4 bedroom cottages. Perfect for families and groups. Close to Tara & Newgrange. Indoor/outdoor play area, games room, relaxation room, gym, day spa, car e-charging. Gated property with landscaped gardens. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. decoycountrycottages.ie

Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 6960
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Ardboyne Hotel



CityNorth Hotel



Conyngham Arms Hotel





Gaulstown House Courtyard Apts

This exclusive and unique 4 star apartments in a converted stone faced barn on a working farm beside the N3. Only 24 km from Dublin. Open all year. Weekly or shorter lets. dunshaughlinselfcatering.com

Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 9147
E delany@gaulstown.teo.ie

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 provided with a generous welcome hamper that includes breakfast supplies with an emphasis on local artisan suppliers.

Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 4042 / 87 851 8553
E junehideawayatfoxhollow@gmail.com

Kiltale Holiday Homes

Kiltale House, Cottage, The Loft/Stable/Dairy and Stone Cottage. Award winning 4 star approved self catering accommodation with all modern conveniences. Ideal for families. Milk the goats, feed the lambs, ride the donkeys and ponies. Playground and playhouse. Angling facilities on site. On bus route to Dublin city, close to Dublin airport, Sleeps 3, 4, 6 or 7. meathselfcatering.com

Kiltale, Dunsany, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 6679
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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
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4861
E info@rockfarmslane.ie

Steeple View Holiday Homes

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

Steeple View, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
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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
Tel +353 (0) 49 855 0940 / 86 736 1948
E info@loughcrewmega.com

Newgrange Lodge

Traditional family run lodge, 3 minute walk to Newgrange UNESCO World Heritage Site. 22 double/twin /triple/family en-suite rooms. Multi-bed en-suite rooms for groups. Excellent facilities for events, workshops & conferences. Wheelchair accessible. Self catering, BBQ, picnic areas and car park. Exclusive venue hire available. Complimentary wifi, 24 hour security. newgrangelodge.com

Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 3338
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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
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4861
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Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping

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

Harlinstown, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4985
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Kiltale Holiday Homes



Hideaway at Foxhollow



Loughcrew House

Soul food

Eating out in the Boyne Valley

Restaurants

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 including a children's play area. 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

Brogans of Trim

Brogans traditional Irish bar with cosy fire and spacious lounge - Bakers Loft. Extended function and music space. Fresh, home cooked food served every day. brogans.ie

High St, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1237
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The Burger Station

Freshly cooked in store by our chef. Food served 6am-9pm. Seating area. Burgers, pasta, curries, snack boxes, fish n' chips, wraps, salads.

Dublin Rd, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8401
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The Central

Home cooked food 7 days a week from early morning to late, with daytime, early bird and a la carte menus. This award winning restaurant offers signature dishes such as cocoa chilli beef short rib and lemon & line 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

Il Ponte

From its location on the banks of the River Boyne, Il Ponte (The Bridge, in Italian) is the link between the hotel and the cosmopolitan town of Drogheda. With a mission to redefine Italian cuisine in the locality, it offers handmade pasta and authentic pizza from a traditional pizza oven, all masterfully created under the watchful eye of our head chef. ilponto.ie

Scotch Hall, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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E bookings@ilponte.ie

Inside Out Restaurant

An award winning restaurant in the heart of the beautiful village of Slane, offers a warm welcome in cosy candle lit Mediterranean surroundings of olive trees and laurels. Our passion for food is translated into our menu focusing on freshness, flavour and colours, with an inspired Mediterranean fusion.

Chapel St., Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4629

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 Gastropub

The award winning Lime Kiln Gastropub offers an exciting and creative menu for food lovers with an emphasis on local quality ingredients, showcasing the culinary landscape of our region. We offer a range of take-away food including homemade breads and deli bites from our shop The Pantry, plus a selection of artisan food and drink from craft producers. limekiln.ie

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

Monasterboice Inn

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

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 2989
E reservations@donegans.net

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

The Signal Restaurant

Best Restaurant Award in Ireland with The Food Awards Ireland 2017. Using only the freshest ingredients, sourced locally, supporting local business and showcasing the finest seasonal produce. Our dedicated team of chefs produce award winning contemporary Irish dishes, putting a refreshing taste of the Boyne Valley onto your plate. stationhousehotel.ie

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

The Spire Restaurant

The Spire Restaurant is located in Old St. Cieran's Church of Duleek. The unique atmosphere of this restaurant reflects its ancient locale and is enhanced by the beautifully stonemason-crafted church spire. Owners Aogán & Karen Dunne offer a warm welcome and a lavish dining experience. Weekly offers provide exceptional value for money. thespirerestaurant.ie

Church Lane, Duleek, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0697
E info@thespirerestaurant.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 consistent 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. A 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. west29.ie

Westcourt Hotel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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E west29@westcourt.ie

Cafés

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

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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. 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) 49 855 0940 / 86 736 1948
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A pint and a chat

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



Bars

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 say 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

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  



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E tara@thecentral.ie

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 Friday.  

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

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



John Smyth's

Enjoy a tasty bite from the all-day food menu. The pub features a traditional forge area with blacksmiths tools and bellows on display. It is warm, luxurious and welcoming - successfully combining the traditional and modern, retaining the nostalgic Forge Area of past times in Navan with new areas like the French Kitchen. smythsofthebridge.com

53/54 Academy Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1899
E smythbridge_galanavan@eircom.net

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
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
E keltic@headfortarms.ie

The Lime Kiln Gastropub & TJ's Bar

The award winning Lime Kiln Gastropub offers an exciting menu of local food and drink showcasing the very best of the Boyne Valley. We source award winning craft beers and ciders from local breweries, as well as a selection of international wines and spirits. Live music every Saturday and early evening jazz sessions which always draw a crowd. 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. Bingo played every Wednesday.

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

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

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

Slevin's Pub

Traditional Irish pub serving quality food and drink in a friendly atmosphere. Breakfast: Mon-Sat 10-12.30pm. Carvery Lunch: Mon-Fri 12.30-2.30pm. A La Carte: Mon-Fri 2.30-9.00pm. Bar menu: Sat 12.30-9.00pm. Sunday Carvery: 12/30-3.00pm followed by A La Carte: 3.00-7.00pm. Live music every Saturday night and Bank Holiday Sunday nights.

Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 1068
E slevinspub@gmail.com

Smyth's Flathouse

Traditional pub situated only five minutes' walk from Navan town centre. Located directly across from the Solstice Arts Centre. Going to a show at the Solstice? Drop in for pre- or post-event drinks, or order your drinks for the interval and we'll have them waiting.

Railway St, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 2751
E vincentsmyth@eircom.net

Smyth's of the Square

Walk into Smyth's of the Square and it's like stepping back in time. A truly traditional bar - well-stocked, low ceilings and great atmosphere. We carry a wide range of craft beers and hold a craft beer festival at least three times a year. Extensive, comfortable beer garden filled with old pub memorabilia. Regular live music.

10 Market Square, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1749
E smythsofthesquare@gmail.com

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 a 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

Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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E info@tarahouseaccommodation.ie



Al fresco refreshments



The Central



Monasterboice Inn



Gastro Pubs

Coburn's Gastro Bar

An old world bar established in 1870 with a fully restored counter and atmosphere to match. The menu serves a selection of steaks, fish and cuisine that is sourced locally and cooked to order. Acoustic sessions and a full selection of drinks and beverages. The back of the building houses an 1920's Art Deco event room. thelawrence.ie  


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

The Hops Bar

Take time out and enjoy great live music. Chill in our gorgeous newly refurbished surrounds. Fill a gap with our delicious bar menu. thehops.ie  

Scotch Hall, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 7700
E info@thedhotel.com

The Lime Kiln

The award winning Lime Kiln Gastropub offers an exciting and creative menu for food lovers with an emphasis on local quality ingredients, to suit all tastes, showcasing the culinary landscape of our region. We're proud to stock craft beers and ciders from local breweries as well as a range of artisan foods from local producers in our shop The Pantry. limekiln.ie 

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

Night Clubs

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

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
E info@ardboynehotel.com

TABU Nightclub & Venue

A brand new purpose built Nightclub & Music Venue

Darnley Lodge Hotel, Main Street, Athboy, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 2283

The Palace Nite Club

Piano Bar open 7 days from 5pm with late bar Thurs - Mon with Live Music 6 nights per week. Palace Night Club open Thursday - Sun. Awarded Nightclub of the year 2012. Awarded Music Venue of the year 2014. thepalace.ie

Ludlow Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 905 9200
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Xango Night Club

castlearchhotel.com

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

The Lime Kiln





Boann 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 mid-2018. boanndistillery.ie

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

Boyne Brewhouse

With a three vessel 35HL Kaspar Schulz brewhouse at its heart and using traditional brewing methods, only the finest raw materials and Boyne Valley well water drawn from deep below are used to make the craft brews from Boyne Brewhouse. Award winning beers brewed with passion in the Boyne Valley. Taproom opening mid-2018. boynebrewhouse.ie

Lagavooren, Platin Road, Drogheda, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 8078
E hello@boynebrewhouse.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 experience. 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) 83 854 4882
E hello@listokedistillery.ie

Slane Distillery

Allow our storytellers to immerse you into our wonderful world of whiskey. The fabrics of the Conyngham family tapestry are carefully woven through an interactive and immersive tour of our state of the art working distillery. Finish the tour in the best way possible, with a taste of our signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. slaneirishwhiskey.com

Slane, Co. Louth
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Craft beers and cider

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[#BoyneValley worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne](https://www.worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne)

Drogheda

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The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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Kells

Kells Tourist Information Point
Kells Civic Offices, Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 8856
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Navan

Solstice Arts Centre and Tourist Information Point
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Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie
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Oldcastle

Oldcastle Tourist Information Point
1 Ardfrail Court, Millbrook Road, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
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Slane

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2 Main Street, Slane, Co Meath
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Trim

Trim Visitor Centre & Tourist Information Centre
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