

# Discover Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley has five millennia of culture and archaeological wonders to explore, with engaging and interactive cultural experiences in an unrivalled location.

## Key Heritage Attractions

- 1 Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange)
- 2 Hill of Tara
- 3 Kells
- 4 Loughcrew Cairns
- 5 Monasterboice
- 6 Oldbridge Hse/Battle of the Boyne
- 7 Old Melifont Abbey
- 8 St Laurence's Gate
- 9 Trim Castle

## Craft Experiences

- 1 Anita Reynolds Art & Design
- 2 Boyne Valley Wools
- 3 Bréidín na Bóinne
- 4 Frayne Woodcraft
- 5 Kandle Queen
- 6 Lucy O'Gorman Ceramics
- 7 Shane Holland Design Workshops
- 8 Sonas Craft Studio
- 9 Irish Harps
- 10 Noreen Walsh Art Studio
- 11 Pat's Art Studio

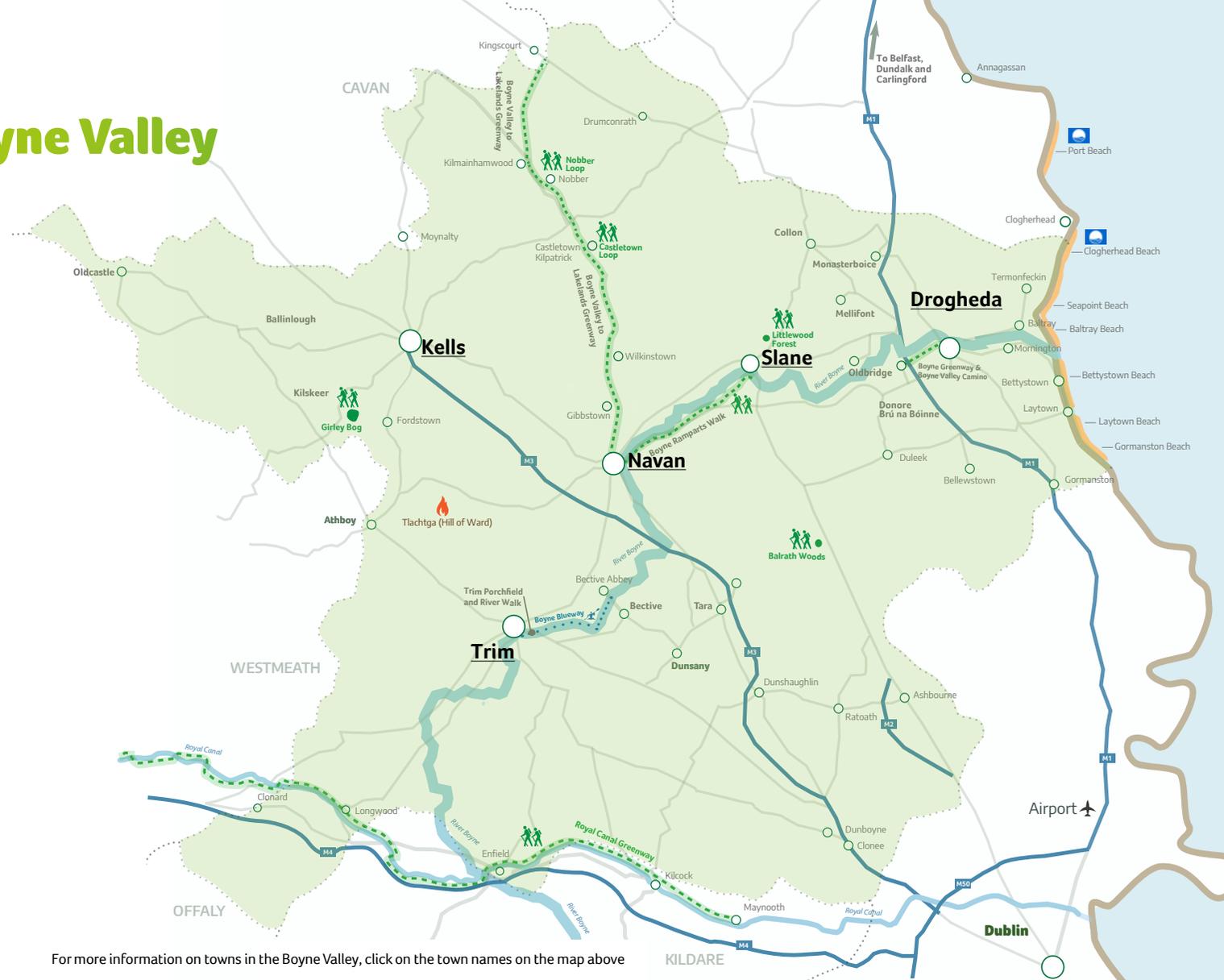
## Unique Experiences

- 1 An Gobha
- 2 Bread with Benefits
- 3 Causey Farm
- 4 Rockfield House
- 5 Slane Castle
- 6 Spire of Lloyd
- 7 Tlachtga (Hill of Ward)

## Adventure Attractions

- 1 The Ark Puddenhill
- 2 Boyne Valley Activities
- 3 Emerald Park
- 4 Funtasia Theme Park
- 5 Navan Adventure Centre
- 6 White River Karting
- 7 The Zone Activity Centre

-  Greenways
-  Blueways



For more information on towns in the Boyne Valley, click on the town names on the map above



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 has a unique 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.

For more information on travel links, transport providers, our operators and tour guides visit our website [discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie)



Brú na Bóinne



Causey Farm



Hill of Tara



Bread with Benefits



Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

# Plan Your Visit

## Where to Stay

There's always a warm welcome for visitors to the Boyne Valley, especially from its accommodation providers. From luxury hotels to charming B&Bs, cosy self-catering homes to beautifully-situated glamping sites, there is something to suit every budget and preference. All of our listed accommodation is Fáilte Ireland approved. [Click here](#) to check out some of the great options currently available.

## Dining Out

The growers, makers, and traders of the Boyne Valley produce world-class, high-quality food and drink with skill, care, and creativity from farms, kitchens, workshops, smokehouses, dairies, and distilleries. From contemporary dining to grabbing a delicious sandwich to go, a quick coffee, or a gastronomic adventure, you can find it all here. Discover our delicious local flavours and warm hospitality options [here](#).

## Getting Here and Getting Around

Once you arrive in the Boyne Valley, you may need to arrange transport to see as much as possible of this amazing destination. Whether you are seeking private bike, car or coach hire there are many [options available](#).

## Tour Organisers & Guides

A guided or organised tour is a wonderful way to truly relax when holidaying in the Boyne Valley. Many [operators](#) offer trips tailored to suit individual requirements. Alternatively, why not experience the Boyne Valley as you please, with some of our [itineraries](#) to help you plan your visit.

**This guide features a selection of Boyne Valley attractions; for full details and the latest information, visit [discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie). Some attractions and events operate seasonally, and many require pre-booking – please check individual business websites before visiting.**

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## Heritage in the Boyne Valley

History comes alive in the Boyne Valley, home to [Brú na Bóinne](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring Europe's largest megalithic art collection and the renowned Newgrange passage tomb, famous for its [Winter Solstice](#) light alignment. Visit the ancient [Loughcrew Cairns](#) near Oldcastle, or explore the [Hill of Tara](#), once the seat of high kings, and don't miss the [Hill of Ward](#), the birthplace of [Halloween](#).

Step into the medieval past at [Trim Castle](#) and [Slane Castle](#) or uncover the monastic remnants in Kells, birthplace of the [Book of Kells](#). Also in Kells, visit the tiny stone house of [St Colmcille](#). Wander through Bective Abbey near Trim, or [Mellifont Abbey](#) in Co. Louth. Marvel at the 5th-century Celtic high crosses at [Monsterboice](#) and in Drogheda view the preserved head of St Oliver Plunkett close to [St Laurence's Gate](#).

## Unique Experiences

Beyond its famous heritage sites, the Boyne Valley offers unforgettable experiences blending history, culture, and adventure. Witness the Iron Age metal forging at [An Gobha](#) – Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley where demonstrations are enriched with storytelling and mythology. At [Rockfield House](#) step into the past with the playful Aristochicks experience – dress as servants and take part in household tasks from the 18th century. Or head to [Causey Farm](#) to learn a Celtic skill with bodhrán playing and céilí dancing. Discover hidden gems like [Bread with Benefits](#) where you can bake your own sourdough.

For thrill-seekers, enjoy high-energy fun at [Emerald Park](#), [The Zone](#), [Navan Adventure Centre](#), or [White River Karting](#). For a slower pace, drift along the [Boyne Blueway](#), cycle the scenic [Greenways](#), or escape to the tranquil [Girley Bog Walk](#) – a 4.3 km nature loop offering a rich bogland biodiversity. Climb the [Spire of Lloyd](#), Ireland's only inland lighthouse, for panoramic views of the countryside. Explore the [Boyne Valley Garden Trail](#), or stay grounded with one of the region's top 10 [romantic walks](#).

Savour the flavours of the region with tours of Boyne Valley's [craft distilleries](#), and for outdoor enthusiasts, enjoy trout and [coarse fishing](#) along the River Boyne and its tributaries, with regulated catch-and-release salmon angling for experienced anglers.

## Local Crafts

Discover the creativity of the Boyne Valley with hands-on workshops led by talented local makers. Start with a pottery workshop with [Anita Reynolds](#), where you'll create beautiful pieces and enjoy a touch of Irish culture. Or try [Bréidín na Bóinne](#), an immersive weaving experience that brings the timeless craft of handweaving natural wool on traditional looms to life. Cosy up with [Spin Me A Yarn at Boyne Valley Wools](#) for a truly tactile experience or relax with the gentle art of candle making with [Kandle Queen](#).

Woodworking enthusiasts will love [Frayne Woodcraft](#), offering one-to-one sessions that explore the beauty and mythology of trees. In Slane, join [Lucy O'Gorman Ceramics](#) for a pottery class, creating everything from functional tableware to sculptural pieces. Also in Slane, visit [Sonas Craft Studio](#) with Martina for an inspiring art session using paint, upcycled materials, and the intricate technique of decoupage. [Shane Holland Design Workshops](#) in Duleek showcase exceptional craftsmanship in lighting, furniture, awards, and sculptural works. For a little retail therapy, explore our craft shops, [Castle Crafts](#) in Trim and [Shine Crafts & Gifts](#) in Slane – perfect for finding unique local gifts and treasures

## Golf Experiences

The Boyne Valley is a golfer's paradise, boasting 12 superb courses, including three stunning links courses. Enjoy award-winning [golfing locations](#) paired with exceptional hotel packages and pre-planned itineraries designed for groups. Whether you're planning a short break or a full golfing holiday, the Boyne Valley offers the perfect blend of challenging courses and scenic landscapes.

## Horse Racing

County Meath is Ireland's only county with four racecourses, making it a dream destination for racing enthusiasts. Home to the famous Irish Grand National at [Fairyhouse](#), the region also boasts [Navan Racecourse](#), [Bellewstown](#), and the unique [Laytown Beach Races](#) – the only horse racing event in Ireland held on a beach every September. With regular race meetings and a vibrant festival calendar, the Boyne Valley offers the perfect setting for an unforgettable day at the races with your group.



Emerald Park



Royal Canal Greenway



Trim Castle



Boyne Valley Wools



Tlachtga (Hill of Ward)