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"The Boyne is not a showy river. It rises in County Kildare and flows gently and majestically through County Meath and joins the sea at Drogheda in County Louth some 112 kilometres later. It has none of the razzmatazz of its sister, the Shannon. It's neither the longest river in Ireland, nor does it have the greatest flow. What it does have, and by the gallon, is history.

In fact, the Boyne Valley is like a time capsule. Travel along it and you travel through millennia of Irish history, from passage tombs that pre-date the Pyramids, to the Hill of Tara, seat of the High Kings of Ireland, all the way to the home of the First World War poet Francis Ledwidge in Slane. It's the Irish equivalent of Egypt's Valley of the Kings. And you can choose to explore it by car, bicycle, kayak, or by strolling along its banks and the towpaths of the navigation canals that run alongside from Navan to Oldbridge."

Frances Power - Editor, Cara,
the Aer Lingus inflight magazine - Boyne Valley Feature,
October/November 2014 Pg 68-78
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The Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East

Your journey of discovery starts here

To tell the story of Ireland's Ancient East we must start at the beginning... 5,000 years ago in the Boyne Valley.

We present to you 5,000 years of Europe's history in a lush green, compact and accessible landscape...

It's easy to take it all in,
To go at your own pace,
To dip in or delve in,
To meet great people and listen to stories told by the greatest storytellers in the world,
Take the time to experience the Boyne Valley, a unique and diverse place that has inspired for thousands of years and the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East.

Discover tombs older than the pyramids at Brú na Bóinne and the birthplace of Samhain on the Hill of Tlachtga. Be moved at monasteries such as Mellifont Abbey, explore a medieval armoury at Trim Visitor Centre, brave a battle-ground at the famous Battle of Boyne or test your own courage on the legendary Cú Chulainn rollercoaster at Tayto Park. Discover the stories of a time of contrasts, the time of empire, rebellion, innovation and industry.

The spirit of the past is wonderfully alive in the Boyne Valley today. It is full of mystery and excitement, humour and adventure.

Your tour through Ireland's Ancient East will be an experience in living history in a special place where magical things happen.

Enjoy!



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Out and about in the Boyne Valley

Whether it is a gentle riverside walk or hiking up to dramatic ruins, the great outdoors is where the Boyne Valley can be best appreciated. Bike or stroll along the Royal Canal Greenway, a section of which passes through south Meath, or paddle along the Boyne Blueway from Longwood through the medieval town of Trim and on to Bective Abbey, filming location for Ridley Scott's *The Last Duel*. There are many tracks and trails right across the Boyne Valley, from woodland walks to historic routes, as well as the Boyne Valley Camino that runs in a loop from Drogheda to Old Mellifont Abbey.

Wide open beaches north of the Boyne in Louth and south of the Boyne in Meath offer plenty of room to stretch the legs, whilst the thrill of the gallops and jumps may be witnessed at the many racecourses in the region. For a gentler pace, the Boyne Valley boasts numerous high-quality golf courses, designed by noted professionals, whilst the Boyne Valley Garden Trail allows visitors to savour the natural beauty and architectural gems of the area.

The Royal Canal Greenway



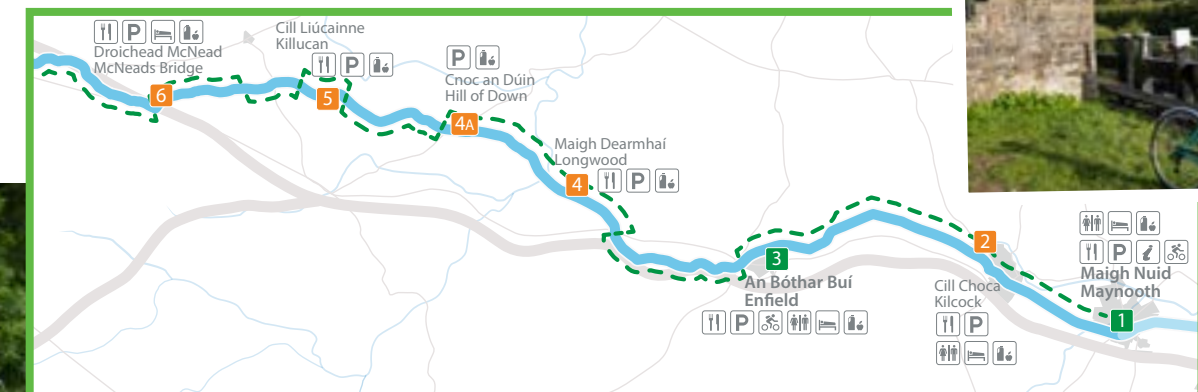
The enchanting Royal Canal Greenway is 130km of level towpath, ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists of all ages and stages. Starting in cosmopolitan Maynooth, it follows the 200 year old canal through friendly Enfield and lively Mullingar to charming Cloondara in Longford, with cafés, picnic spots and attractions along the way. Rustic and industrial landscapes combine, with rolling fields, pretty waterside villages, working locks and historic landmarks. Cycle between any of the main towns and return by train to where you started. Follow where once horse-drawn barges journeyed and keep an eye out for hidden wildlife wonders along the way.

Rolling countryside of Meath

Approximately 22km of the Greenway is set in County Meath, with access points at Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down. Storyboards and map-boards at the access points guide you along the way, with picnic areas and benches to pause and enjoy your surroundings.

In Enfield, industrial heritage is showcased in the fine old Midland Great Western Railway buildings - the railway station, warehouses, old railway signal boxes and towers, still in use today. A few kilometres further on the Blackwater Aqueduct carries the canal over the Blackwater River. At Longwood Harbour the Ribbontail Paddlers Club use a restored lock keeper's cottage as a clubhouse. The club is named after the historic Ribbontail Footbridge, built for mass-goers to cross the canal on their way to the church in Longwood. You may even spot a barge at the Hill of Down before you travel onwards to Killucan.

The Royal Canal Greenway - One Trail, Endless Discoveries.
royalcanalgreenway.org



National Famine Way

The Royal Canal Greenway also includes part of the National Famine Way, which follows the poignant journey from Roscommon to Dublin of 1,490 Great Famine emigrants. Monuments at the Hill of Down, Longwood and Enfield mark this sad yet important part of Irish history. See nationalfamineway.ie for more details.



Walking, cycling and paddling

Gentle pathways to explore at leisure

A path well worn..

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

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

Heritage Walking Routes

Athboy Heritage Trail

Take the Athboy Heritage Trail around the town and learn about its medieval origins, its architecture and the many archaeological sites nearby.

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

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

Boyne Valley Camino

The Boyne Valley Camino is a self-guided, 25km looped walk from Drogheda, part of the Celtic Camino series. The route takes in the beautiful Townley Hall woods, Belnumber Wood, Oldbridge House, Mellifont Abbey and the stunning Boyne Canal. Official Camino Passports can be used to collect beautiful stamps created by local artists en route. Download the guide at drogheda.ie or pick up a copy from the Drogheda Tourist Office.

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.

Clonard Heritage Trail

Clonard is a peaceful village in south west Meath but during the medieval period it was one of the foremost centres of ecclesiastical learning in Ireland and even in Europe. Download the trail brochure to learn about its rich history, located close to the Royal Canal Greenway.

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

For more details and downloadable maps see discoverboynevalley.ie

Drogheda Historic Trail

Over 800 years, Drogheda has been the stage for many of the events that have shaped Ireland's destiny. Using the map and information panels, take an hour or so to explore it and be rewarded by stories that took centuries to write.

Kells Historic Trail

In the ninth century, Kells was known as 'Áiníus Érenn' or 'The splendour of Ireland'. A series of information panels guide you around this historic town.

Navan Points of Pride

Navan Points of Pride town walk starts at the Solstice Arts Centre and is 4km long. At a leisurely pace it can be completed in approximately 2 hours, taking in the history, architecture and culture of the town.

Slane Historic Trail

Slane's long and fascinating history is brilliantly outlined on this trail. Its past is brought to life through a series of plaques and panels placed at points of interest along the route

Trim Historic Trail

This fantastic town trail breathes life into the historical significance of Trim. Start at the Visitor Centre and follow the historical signs to learn about Trim and its history.

Nature and Forest Walks

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.

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.

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.)

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.

Greenways and Blueways

Boyne Greenway

Running 1.9km from Dominic's Park on the south bank of the River Boyne near the Bridge of Peace in Drogheda, the Boyne Greenway takes you along the river close to the Mary McAleese Cable Bridge and then along the Boyne Canal to the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre at Oldbridge.

Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

A 30km walkers' and cyclists' paradise along the route of the old railway line from Navan in Co. Meath to Kingscourt in Co. Cavan. The project is currently in development and includes recently-completed looped sections at Nobber and Castletown Kilpatrick.

Royal Canal Greenway

Ireland's longest greenway. See pg. 6 for details.

Boyne Blueway Trim

Centred around the picturesque heritage town of Trim, the Boyne Blueway is a beautiful stretch of River Boyne from Inchamore Bridge near Longwood through the town of Trim and on to Bective Mill. The full stretch (35km) can be paddled in approx 8 hours (experienced paddlers), or take a shorter section from Boyne Valley Activities, Trim to Bective Mill in 3 hours.





Collon House



Rokeby Hall

College Hill House

Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens

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. Opening dates subject to revision, please see individual websites and social media for details.

boynevalleygardentrail.com
Face Book: Boyne Valley Garden Trail

Historic Gardens

Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth Adjoining the Augustinian Church and drawing on it's monastic heritage the garden holds the names of loved ones to be remembered in a peaceful setting formed by pleached lime trees and standing stones surrounding a water memorial. Holly, Juniper, soft fruit trees, flowering herbaceous varieties and aromatic herbs fill the garden.	Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8409 E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com Open Apr-Oct 9am - 6pm, Nov-Mar 9am -3pm Fee Free
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
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 E info@francisledwidge.com Open 7 days: Mar-Oct 10am -5pm, Oct-Mar 10am-3.30pm Fee €3 adults, €2 seniors and students, €6 family
Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth Early C19th spectacular woodland garden with beautiful spring flowering shrubs and trees. Formal paths and terraces lead to a picturesque lake and summerhouse. A visit to the 1.5 acre walled garden with fruit trees, herbaceous borders and vegetables is heavenly. Groups by appointment. killineerhouse.ie	Tel +353 (0) 86 232 3783 E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com Open See website Fee See website
Listoke Gardens, Gallery, Shop & Tea Rooms, Ballymakenny Rd. Drogheda, Co. Louth Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbaceous plants, woodland walk and a small menagerie of feathered friends to delight all ages. Art Gallery, Pavilion Tea Rooms, Workshops in the Mead Hall and Garden Shop. listoke.com	Tel +353 (0) 86 2118741 / (0) 87 744 7057 E info@listoke.com Open See website for opening Fee See website
Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth Built by architect Francis Johnston in the C18th, Rokeby won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2013, for the restoration of its Turner designed conservatory. House and garden can be visited at times listed. Groups of 8 by appointment. rokeby.ie	Tel +353 (0) 86 864 4228 E info@rokeby.ie Open May & Sep Mon-Sat 10am-2pm. Heritage Week 10am-2pm Fee €7 adults, €5 students/children
Sonairte Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath Sonairte, within an historic Georgian farmstead, features a walled organic garden, nature trail and ancient Rath with views of Ballygarth Castle, the river Nanny estuary and Irish sea. Visit the Bee Museum and the Energy Education suite. Vegetarian / Vegan Café and Eco Shop with organic, zero waste, fair trade & low carbon footprint products is on site. sonairte.ie	Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572 E hello@sonairte.ie Open see website
St. Mary's Abbey, High Street, Trim Co. Meath An intriguing, medieval abbey dating back to 1415 with walled kitchen garden overlooking the River Boyne and Trim Castle. Converted to a manor house and then a school, St. Mary's has centuries of history to tell. boynevalleygardentrail.com	Tel +353 (0) 87 205 7176 E phiggins@reganmcintee.ie Open Viewing by Appointment. Please contact owner Fee €5 Adult €2 unwaged

By Appointment Gardens

Balrath House and Garden, Navan, Co. Meath Superb Georgian House dating to 1750 surrounded by 1.5 acres of lovely landscaped gardens in the centre of the Boyne Valley. Contact Frances for appointments and groups. balrathcourtyard.com	Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749 / (0) 87 954 7883 E frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com Open May 5-28, June 22-July 5 & Heritage Week 9am - 1pm. Fee €10 adults €8 seniors and students
Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth C18th walled garden overlooking the river Boyne, planted with a vibrant double herbaceous border, fruit trees, knot garden, lawns and restored C18th pavilion. See website for events. beaulieuhouse.ie	Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8557 E beaulieu.house.garden@gmail.com Open By appointment only & Heritage Week, August
Bee Wise, Crerogue, Kilmessan ,Co Meath 5 acre nature trail with a young woodland, flowering/fruited hedgerows and wildflower areas, planted to encourage a diversity of wildlife. There is a 1.5km path with information points and spots to sit and listen to the birds or watch the butterflies and bees. There is a large, working Observation Hive to view the fascinating life of the Honey Bee. beewise.ie	Tel +353 (0) 86 344 6791 E paddy@beewise.ie Open See website. Groups by appointment. Open days throughout the year
College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath College Hill house, built in 1795 as a parochial house, is set in 3 acres of gardens with all year round interest. Features a fine example of ancient rock art and other architectural stone works. For group visits, please see website. collegehillhouse.ie	Tel +353 (0) 87 140 0220 / (0) 87 150 9230 E eileen@collegehillhouse.ie Open year round by appointment only
Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth Historic home built in 1740, with fine, Georgian interiors and an enclosed, ornamental garden with period planting. Award winning period accommodation is offered. Tea/Coffee by arrangement. Please see website for more details. collonhouse.com	Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645 E collonhousereception@gmail.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 lizpickett@cottages-ireland.com Open By appointment Spring & Autumn only. Min group of 10
Herberts' Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath Designer James McConnell's garden features a formal beech garden, boxwood parterre and a rose garden with a folly. Enjoy the lime walk, hornbeam arbour and vistas of parkland beautifully laid out around an early C19th farmhouse. A new walled garden is now open as part of the tour. Occasional art displays. Conveniently accessible from M3. herberts.ie	Tel +353 (0) 85 782 9966 E jfjmcconnell@gmail.com Open 1 Jun - 31 Aug. By appointment only. Max group 20, lunch by arrangement No dogs. Not suitable for small children
Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath This award winning Village Garden transformed from a derelict 3 acre site has an orchard, woodland, pollinating flower beds, soft fruit bushes, herbs and pond with seating scattered throughout. Created by volunteer village residents, it achieved green flag status for 2019 – 2020. It holds regular family events. Check website for details. julianstowncommunity.com	Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283 E nuil1@eircom.net Open All year
Kilgar House Gardens , Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath Kilgar Gardens covers an area of 3 acres comprising of beautifully planted formal & informal garden rooms, graduating to a more naturalistic style of planting towards the outer reaches. Tearooms open serving serving beverage, scones, and Laura's delicious homemade cakes. kilgargardens.com	Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950 E kilgargardens@gmail.com Open May - Oct, Sat & Sun, 11-5 pm. Groups by appointment Fee Garden €6pp, Group booking €5pp, tea & scones €5pp
Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath Rosemount is a ten-acre-parkland sloping down to the banks of the temperamental River Nanny. It is planted with a mixture of native trees and shrubs, interspersed with parkland specimen trees. A separate guest house can be used for refreshments and lectures. Snacks and drinks by arrangement. kendumusic.com	Tel +353 (0) 87 612 5291 E dorothy@alioth.eu Open by appointment only Fee Group tour €10 pp incl refreshments. Min 6 per group
The Station House Hotel, Kilmessan, Co. Meath The Station House is the Boyne Valley's top country house hotel with exquisitely tended gardens creating an oasis of relaxation. Country-style afternoon teas, with a special discount to Trail visitors can be booked year round. stationhousehotel.ie	Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239 E info@stationhousehotel.ie Open All year : contact hotel
Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath Tankardstown comprises 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. A 500m lime tree avenue leads up to the late C18th Manor House with wonderfully tended gardens and surrounds. The walled kitchen garden supplies the award winning Brabazon Restaurant. tankardstown.ie	Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4621 E info@tankardstown.ie Open Garden by appointment
Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcliff, Slane, Co. Meath, C15P92W Multi-Award-Winning Nursery, winning several 'Best in Show' & eight successive Gold Medals at Bloom. Renowned for their unique selection of top-quality plants, grown in their own nursery, with special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for catalogue. Members of ISNA [Irish Specialist Nursery Association]. boynegardencentre.ie	Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4350 E aileen@boynegardencentre.ie Open Mar-Sept, Wed-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. (open Spring & Summer Bank Hols) Oct-Feb, Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm.
Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath Owned by John and Bernie Lord who have created one of the largest show gardens in Ireland. Garden walks and talks on request. Visit the Wildflower Café for tasty treats and enjoy the eclectic gift shop. ratoathgardencentre.ie	Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6678 E ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com Open Summer, Mon-Sun 10am-6pm. Winter, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.
Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath Owned by John and Eileen Eivers - winners of Gold, Gilt and Silver medals at Bloom, the nursery specializes in herba-ceous perennials and cottage garden plants. riverlane.ie	Tel +353 (0) 87 636 3506 E info@riverlane.ie Open Mar-July, Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun 12-5.30pm. Aug-Oct, Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Nov-Feb, Sat 10am-4pm

Feel the sand in your toes

Discover our coastal wonderland

Laytown Beach



Baltray Wreck

County Louth and County Meath have some stunning beaches that stretch for miles along the coast. They can be enjoyed by families (don't forget the bucket and spade!), walkers, runners and those who want to go sea-swimming! Join us on a journey from north to south, to see what's on offer!

The beach at Seapoint/Baltray in County Louth is a stunning place to take a walk. You might even see the rusting shipwreck of the MV Irish Trader at low tide....

Nearby is 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.

The Boyne flows into the Irish Sea at Drogheda Co. Louth. Drogheda is a bustling heritage town, easily accessible by road and rail. It offers historic attractions, great restaurants and cafes and luxury accommodation.

On the south side of the mouth of the Boyne we cross into County Meath at Mornington, where we can see the iconic Maiden's Tower and the Lady's Finger monument.

From Mornington we continue strolling along the beautiful beaches of Laytown and Bettystown, perfect for long walks to complete your Boyne Valley beach adventure.



Mornington Beach

Angling for a catch

in the magical waters
of the Boyne Valley

Angling Associations

The majority of game angling on the Boyne is controlled by angling associations and some by private fishery owners. Anglers wishing to fish for wild brown trout on an angling association water must obtain a permit from that association and fishing methods must be in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the association. Most associations support a policy of catch and release. When salmon fishing both a permit and a State licence are required. Salmon fishing is subject to the salmon and sea trout regulations which are renewed annually. For more information on game angling in the BoyneValley please visit fishinginireland.info

Trout and Salmon Fishing

The River Boyne and its tributaries are recognised as being among Ireland's best wild brown trout fisheries. Some of the best fishing in the Boyne Valley can be found on the River Boyne at Slane, Navan, Trim and Longwood. There is also excellent wild brown trout fishing on the Kells Blackwater, Stoneyford, Athboy, Enfield Blackwater and Deel Rivers. Top quality "Lough Style" fishing for brown trout is accessible as well on the legendary Lough Sheelin. Competitively priced day permits can be purchased for most waters and the best way to ensure you make the most of your fishing trip is to book an experienced angling guide. The best time of year for brown trout fishing is from May to September. Salmon fishing is easily accessed on the River Boyne between Navan and Drogheda and the best period is generally from the end of July to the end of September. Additional trout fishing in Co. Meath is available on the River Nanny around Duleek, at Lough Bracken near Drumconrath.

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

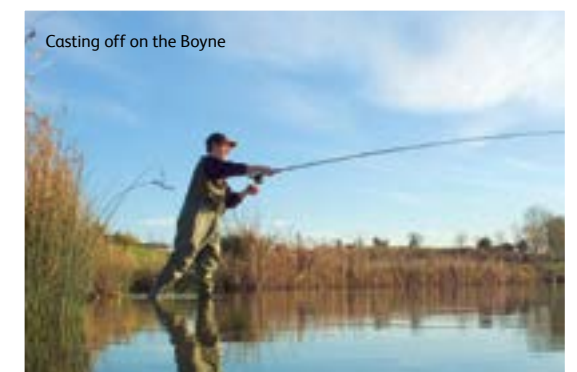
Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland, Tel + 353 (0)1 278 7022 fisheriesireland.ie

Coarse & Pike Angling

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

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.



Casting off on the Boyne

Chasing the wind

Horse racing excitement in the Boyne Valley

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

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

Fairyhouse Racecourse

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

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

Navan Racecourse

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

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

Laytown Races

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

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

Bellewstown Racecourse

Bellewstown has two festivals. The first recorded dates of the Bellewstown Races were in 1726. The racecourse is beautifully situated in a rural setting with magnificent views of the Mountains of Mourne to the north and the Irish sea to the east. www.bellewstownraces.ie

Bellewstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 3614
E klaybell@eircom.net

Point to Point and Country Fair at Dowth

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

Dowth Hall, Dowth, Co. Meath, A92 T2T7
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Bellewstown Racecourse

Fairyhouse Races

Navan Racecourse

Dowth Point to Point

2021 race fixtures

Due to Covid-19, please check websites for up-to-date race fixtures.

Fairyhouse Racecourse

January	03	Sun
	09	Sat
	16	Sat
	30	Sat
February	10	Wed
	27	Sat
April	03	Sat
	04	Sun
	05	Mon
	13	Tue
May	28	Fri
June	11	Fri
July	07	Wed
	11	Sun
September	20	Mon
October	09	Sat
November	02	Tue
	09	Mon
	27	Sat
	28	Sun
December	11	Sat

Navan Racecourse

January	23	Sat
February	21	Sun
March	06	Sat
	13	Sat
	27	Sat
April	24	Sat
May	15	Sat
	29	Sat
July	10	Sat
August	28	Sat
September	04	Sat
	18	Sat
October	06	Wed
	20	Wed
November	07	Sun
	21	Sun
December	04	Sat
	18	Sat

Laytown Races

September (TBC)
Europe's only strand races.

Bellewstown Races

Dates (TBC)

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 links at Laytown & Bettystown, golfers of all ages and standards will find a course to suit their game. Add in the world famous links course at Baltray together with more recent gems such as Killeen Castle, Knightsbrook, Julianstown and Bellewstown - and there is enough variety to whet any golfer's appetite to stay and play in the Boyne Valley.

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

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

Bellewstown Golf Course

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

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

County Louth Golf Club

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

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

County Meath Golf Club

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

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

Headfort Golf Club

36-hole parkland facility. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort New is a splendid course set among ancient woodland with native and Asiatic specimens, it was designed by Ryder Cup hero, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr. headfortgolfclub.ie

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

Julianstown Golf Club

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

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

Killeen Castle Golf Club

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

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

Knightsbrook Golf Resort

Situated in the heritage town of Trim, offers superb accommodation and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by former Ryder Cup Legend, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr. Challenging and creative, the course enjoys a stunning location with views over undulated fairways, testing greens and demanding water features. Enjoy the clubhouse with Gulliver's lounge and restaurant. knightsbrook.com

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100 / 46 948 2102
E golf@knightsbrook.com

Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club

A traditional links with undulating fairways, riveted bunkers and fast greens, situated on the banks of the River Boyne with views of the Cooley and Mourne mountains. First played in the 1880s, the club was formed in 1909 and has produced some of Ireland's best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. landb.ie

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

Royal Tara Golf Club

Nestling at the base of the Hill of Tara, the club is an enjoyable and conveniently located (just off M3 Motorway) golf retreat. One of the finest inland complexes with 27 championship holes set in mature parkland complete with new practice and driving range facilities. Proud recipients of the Best Hidden Gem Award by the Golfers Guide to Ireland December 2015. royaltargolfclub.com

Bellinter, Navan, Co. Meath
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County Louth Golf Club

Killeen Castle Golf Club



Knightsbrook Golf Club



Ready, steady, go!

Adventure time in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley, the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East, is world renowned for its rich heritage.

What's more, with its wonderful living heritage and wealth of invigorating leisure activities sitting effortlessly side by side, it's the perfect place for your family adventure!

Fancy kayaking down the River Boyne or ziplining through the trees? Why not make a splash down a thrilling water slide flume or test your nerve on a white-knuckle rollercoaster ride?

For those who like more leisurely pastimes, there are plenty of gentle activities tailor-made for you - from pet farms to explore, to fishing and swimming. Why not learn to paint or céile dance or see what it's like to be a medieval knight?

Adventure Activities & Family Fun

Navan Adventure Centre

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

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Bee Wise Garden Walk

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

Crerogue, Kilmessan, Co. Meath, C15 X62D
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E paddy@beewise.ie

Boyne Valley Activities

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

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 734 2585
E info@boynevalleyactivities.ie

Boyne Boats

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

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

Causey Farm

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

Girley, Fordstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9434 135
E info@causey.ie

Funtasia Waterpark and Fairground

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

Bettystown & Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 989 8000
E partyoffice@funtasia.ie

Lismullin School of Culinary & Home Arts

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

Lismullin Hospitality Services Centre, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5099 / (0) 86 894 4491
E info@lismullinculinary.com

Loughcrew Estate and Gardens

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

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

Moynalty Steam Threshing Museum and Parklands

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

Donore, Moynalty Kells, Co. Meath, A82 C6K7
Tel +353 (0) 87 239 3342
E office@moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

Rock Farm Slane

An award-winning ecotourism destination on the Slane Castle estate. Explore by electric bike, foot or kayak; our activity packages are a great way to take in the beauty of the Boyne Valley. Farm tours offer a glimpse into the life of a farmer and artisan producer. See 'Slane Food Circle' for tours of local artisan food and drink producers. Booking essential. rockfarmslane.ie slanefoodcircle.ie

Fennor, Slane, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4861
E info@rockfarmslane.ie

Sonairte – the National Ecology Centre Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens

Sonairte is an interactive visitor centre promoting ecological awareness and sustainable living. Visitors can enjoy a walk in the walled Organic Garden and adjacent Nature Trail with spectacular views of the River Nanny, a browse in our Eco Shop, visit our Bee Museum, and try a delicious meal in the Sonairte Cafe. sonairte.ie

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E hello@sonairte.ie

Tayto Park

Ireland's only Theme Park and Zoo. With a great variety of attractions, 100+ in total including the Cú Chulainn rollercoaster, Viking Voyage at the Park and Word of Raptors flying display, not to mention our Amur tigers and meerkats... there's certainly something for everyone to enjoy! taytopark.ie

Kilbrev, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 1999
E info@taytopark.ie

Tlachtga Abhaile

Tlachtga is the sacred hill outside Athboy where Halloween began as the Celtic festival of Samhain. The hill is named after the ancient Goddess Tlachtga who is said to be buried there. Actress, professional singer and qualified tour guide Fiona Dalton brings this local legend alive in an original living history performance of story and song that will both enthrall and entertain you. thelawrence.ie

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



Trim Medieval Armoury

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

Trim Visitor Centre, Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 TXA5
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227
E trimvisitorcentre@discoverboynevalley.ie

White River Karting

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

R169, Exit 12, M1 Motorway, Collon, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 9100
E info@whiteriver.ie

The Zone

The Zone activity centre houses indoor karting, bowling, virtual reality, laser tag and other activities plus we have coffee, lunch and refreshments in The Zone cafe. Whether you feel like racing with friends, planning a corporate day out or a fun family day then look no further than The Zone. thezone.ie

Unit 1-2 Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9071623
E info@thezone.ie

Tour Guides

Boyne Valley Tours

Boyne Valley Heritage Tours with Private Driver Guide visiting sites such as Newgrange, Oldbridge House (Battle of the Boyne), Old Mellifont Abbey, Monasterboice, Hill of Tara, Bective Abbey and Trim Castle. Guest collected and returned to their accommodation, bespoke tours to sites throughout the Boyne Valley and beyond. boynevalleytours.com

Balgeeth, Ardcaith, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 835 4805
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Custom Irish Tours

Custom Irish Tours offer award-winning chauffeur driven tours of Ireland (including the Boyne Valley) with a wide range of tours from historical castles and ruins, to more modern-day locations of cities and towns. The company was founded by Derek Smith, an experienced fully licensed and insured driver, historian and tour guide. customirish tours.com

42 Troytown Heights, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 605 5537
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Hill of Slane Tours

Free 40 min guided tours of the wonderful Hill Of Slane. Available every weekend in the summer. Meeting point at the gates to the Hill of Slane - ample parking available for cars or buses. Group bookings are also available by request, please email. visitslane.ie

Slane Hub, No. 2 main Street, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4000
E hillofslanetours@yahoo.ie

My Ireland Family Heritage

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

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 7878 892 / (0) 86 198 0402
E info@myirelandheritage.com

Royal Historical Tours

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

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, County Meath
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Sacred Sites

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

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Tour Operators

Love Irish Tours

Love Irish Tours is an Inbound Tour Operator based in County Meath. We specialise in custom-made tours of Ireland including self-drive, private escorted and coach tours. We provide tailor-made packages that include accommodation, attractions, car hire and private chauffeur hire and much more. loveirishtours.com

Unit 8 Scurlockstown Business Park, Trim, Co Meath
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YourWay Ireland

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

The Mill Enterprise Centre, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 87 704 2893
E sales@yourwayireland.com

Zatino Travel

Ireland CITS is specialized in inbound Chinese visitors to island of Ireland. We focus on tailor made tours and film themed tours including Game of Thrones and Star Wars. Our expertise also features landscaping photography, film and TV scout locations, art and literary and Chinese high-ranking governmental visits, among others. cits.ie

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Boyne Boats



Tlachta Abhaile

Funtasia Waterpark



Tayto Park



Poetic inspiration

Music, Arts and Irish Culture

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

Arts Centres & Theatres

Droichead Arts Centre

A multi-disciplinary centre offering an extensive programme of theatre, music, film, visual arts, opera, dance, comedy, literature, family/children, outreach and festivals. The Centre comprises of two premises including a modern 169 seat theatre, a bright contemporary visual arts gallery and café/bar on Stockwell Street and an 18th century Georgian style townhouse, Barlow House on West Street which hosts rehearsal rooms, meeting rooms, and artist & print studios. droichead.com

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

Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery

A state-of-the-art facility housed within the former Drogheda Franciscan Church. The bright and open spaces present multiple exhibitions every year drawing upon artists renowned both nationally and internationally, as well as the magnificent Drogheda Municipal Art Collection. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the art, the architecture, and the gallery's fine café. highlanes.ie

St. Laurence Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 3311
E info@highlanes.ie

Solstice Arts Centre

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

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

The Barbican Centre

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

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

Toradh Gallery

Based at Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre, the Toradh Gallery hosts approx 8 exhibitions per year, by local, national and international artists, along with workshops, artist's talks and demonstrations. Opening Hours: Monday – Friday from 9am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm. www.meath.ie for full details on opening hours and exhibitions. meath.ie

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

Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery

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

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 7414.
E artsoffice@meathcoco.ie

The Venue Theatre

The theatre presents dance and music, as well as the best of local and national professional and amateur companies. Our vibrant programme also includes puppetry, multimedia, clowning and comedy. venue theatre.ie

Main Street, Ratoath, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 5600
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Cultural and Heritage Attractions

An Tobar Retreat and Spirituality Centre

An Tobar Spiritan Retreat Centre nestled in the townland of Ardbraccan approx. 3km from Navan town. Available for groups/ individuals who can expect to find welcome, hospitality, healing & hope, woodlands & walkways. The centre offers Retreats/ Workshops year-round. antobar.ie

Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8973
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Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

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

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

Blackfriary Community Heritage Archaeology Project

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

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

Boyne Currach Centre – Traditional Boat Building in the Boyne Valley

Located in the world heritage site of Brú na Boinne, sitting alongside the river Boyne, beneath the tomb of Newgrange, visitors can experience various boat building projects and explore skills of the past, associated with tradition of skin boat making. Open by appointment only. Admission €3 per person. boynecurrach.com

Dun Uabhair, Droichead Átha, Co na Mí, A92 ED34
Tel +353 (0) 86 357 7002
E boynecurrach@gmail.com

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

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

Donore, Co. Meath, A92 EH5C
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
E brunaboinne@opw.ie

Calm Paths

Enjoy 'forest-bathing' in the Boyne Valley, guided by trainer Lisa Kennedy. Shinrin-yoku (or forest bathing) means 'bathing' all the senses, whilst walking slowly in the forest and allow the brain to naturally switch off from the 'sustained directed attention' of life's daily pressures. Relax in locations including Beaulieu House and Rosemount Gardens. calmpaths.ie

Beaulieu House, Drogheda Co. Louth / Rosemount Garden, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 142 5747
E lisa@calmpaths.ie

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Martello Tower

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

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

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre

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

Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82
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E info@francisledwidge.com

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

A warm welcome awaits you at Loughcrew Megalithic Centre, located close to the Loughcrew Cairns. These ancient monuments can be visited on your own or with one of our experienced tour guides. On site we also have Maggie Heaney's Heritage Cottage (a traditional Irish cottage built in the 1700's), tea rooms, gift shop, campsite and glampingsite. loughcrewmega.com

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
E info@loughcrewmega.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 covers the family's colourful history, including the famous rock concerts. Open throughout the year, tours available: see website for details. slanecastle.ie

Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4477
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Language Schools

Navan School of Languages

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

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Boyne Valley Crafts

Boann Irish Felt Designs

Boann Irish Felt Designs is a collection of hand felted artwork, shawls & accessories all handmade in Slane by Caoimhe Tuthill. Caoimhe is very much inspired by Ireland's wild & mythical landscape & her love of nature which she hopes is reflected in her work. All pieces are one of a kind. boann.ie

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Boyne Valley Wools

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

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Jan Muyliaert Irish Harps

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

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Lucy O' Gorman Ceramics

Unique ceramic pieces, drawing inspiration from the rural setting and the historical landmarks that scatter the Boyne Valley. Lucy's pottery, ranges from functional, dishwasher and microwave safe crockery and tableware to sculptural and commissioned pieces. Lucy's own technique of using glass in her pottery gives her work a distinctive and vibrant effect. Her love of excitement and need for the unpredictable comes through in her more abstract pieces and raku. discoverboynevalley.ie

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Pat's Arts Studio

Located in Slane Arty Quarter, Pat Doyle, 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. Browse and chat with no obligation. You are also invited to view his extensive Adventures Travelogue. patsartstudio.ie

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Art Galleries, Photography & Photographic Exhibitions & Gift Shops

Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the Kells Courthouse

The Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the renovated 19th century Kells Courthouse designed by prominent Irish architect Francis Johnston reopened in 2018. Discover the Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East with tales of Viking raids, the carving of some of the finest high crosses in Ireland, the craftsmanship of the Kells Crozier and the Marquesses of Headfort who transformed Kells into an elegant estate town. Includes interactive wall and children's activity table. discoverboynevalley.ie

Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub,
Kells Courthouse, Kells, Co. Meath
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E kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie

Copter View

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

Clonee, Co. Meath
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E info@copterview.ie

The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition

The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition aims to inspire and motivate visitors in an emotive way to explore the 33 heritage sites along the Boyne Valley Drive. 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
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E droghedatouristoffice@gmail.com

Kilkenny Shop, Trim

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

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

Noreen Walshe Art & Photography

"I am a professional artist/painter and my original paintings are in oils, acrylics and in watercolour. I have offshoot products from my original work such as fine art Giclee prints and greeting cards." Noreen's work can be viewed in her new gallery, The Robin's Nest, opening March 2020. See website, Facebook and Instagram. noreenwalshe.com

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

Navan, Co. Meath
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Skylight Gallery

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

Julianstown Golf Course, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953 / (0) 87 417 8290
E dinah.berrill@gmail.com

Sage and Stone Farm Shop

Sage & Stone is a family-run gift shop and café based on the family farm just outside Duleek. Visit for quirky and quality gifts, fresh bread, homemade cakes, take-home meals and more. Don't forget our takeaway coffee and treats! sageandstone.com

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

Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery and Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the Kells Courthouse

Managed and curated by the Meath County Council Arts Office, the Toradh2 Visual Art Gallery hosts an eclectic exhibition programme of works by local, national and international artists.

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Headfort Rd,
Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 7414
E artsoffice@meathcoco.ie

Halloween in the Boyne Valley

Come alive in the dark



Returning in 2021 with music, fire, feasting and merriment across Ireland's Ancient East, join us to celebrate the Celtic New Year with the spirits of Halloween. Roaming the darkness like a shadowy spectre, the shape-shifting spirit of Púca comes alive!

Through the spectacular nights at Púca Festival (through venues in Trim, Drogheda, Athboy and Slane), we salute the Halloween spirits through folklore, food, myth and music reopening the pathways of reflection and celebration carved by travellers over 2,000 years ago, and lighting up the night sky with awe-inspiring and unearthly illuminations. pucafestival.com



Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival

Oct 3 - Nov 7

According to legend, Samhain, the ancient Celtic Festival that we now call Halloween, originated here in Co. Meath in the Boyne Valley more than 2,000 years ago. Samhain was said to mark the harvest and a time of transition, with feasting and celebration as the long winter nights approached.

To this day the Boyne Valley has remained the home of Halloween, the modern equivalent of Samhain. Whether is 'Fun by Day' or 'Fright by Night', spine-tingling fun awaits for young and old alike in the Spirits of Meath festival. Enter if you dare! spiritsofmeath.ie

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Useful Travel Links

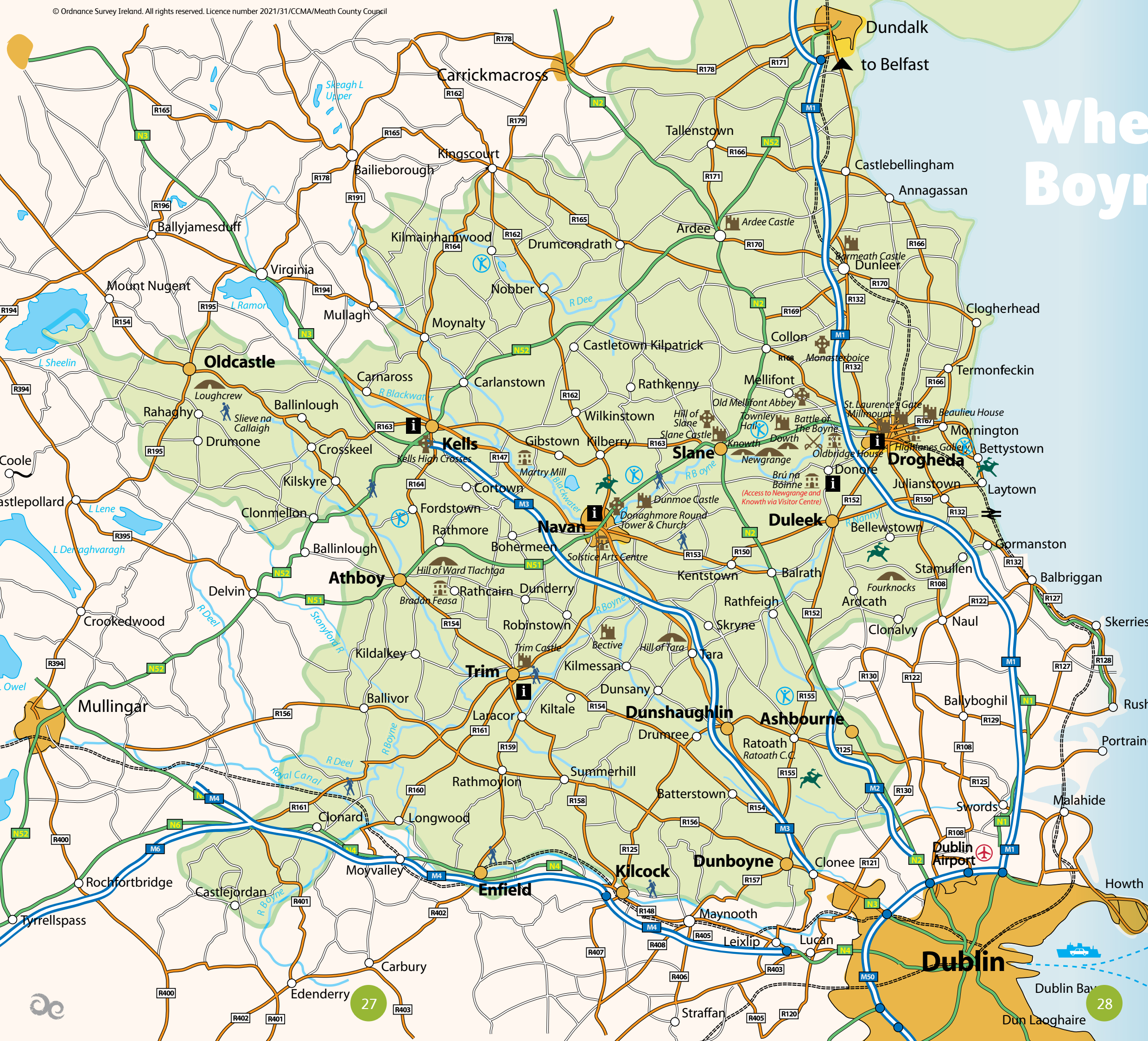
Bus Éireann	buseireann.ie
Dublin Airport	dublinairport.com
Irish Rail	irishrail.ie





Where is the Boyne Valley?


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




Useful links for travel schedules
Air: aerlingus.com ryanair.com
Ferry: irishferries.com stenaline.ie
poirishsea.com poferries.com
Rail: irishrail.ie
Bus: buseireann.ie



Boyne Valley Drive

When driving, follow the  symbol on road signage

 Tourist Information Office & Visitor Centre



Loughcrew Cairns

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

Oldcastle, Co. Meath

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

Open All year. Tour Guides available June to August.

heritageireland.ie



Oldcastle

Old Mellifont Abbey

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

Tullyallen, Co. Louth

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6459

Open Late May – early September

heritageireland.ie



Hill of Slane

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

Slane, Co. Meath

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

Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)

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

Donore, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300

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

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Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

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

Kells, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508

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

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



Monasterboice

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

Monasterboice, Co. Louth

Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843

Open All year

St. Laurence's Gate

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

drogheda.ie

Monasterboice



Millmount

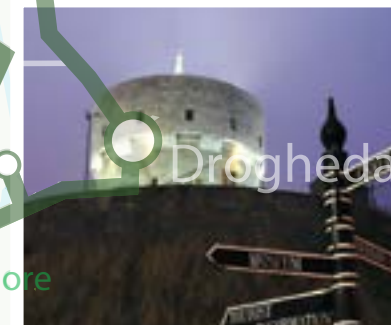
Folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and son Mil are buried at Millmount. He is said to be the first Milesian to set foot in Ireland, on the banks of the Boyne, upon which he recited his famous poem. Millmount has had many incarnations throughout history. It is believed that there may have been a motte set up by Hugh de Lacy when granted the Lordship of Meath in 1172. The tower that graces Millmount today was built in the early nineteenth century to help protect the country from a potential invasion by Napoleon. It now houses a museum on the history of Drogheda.

Drogheda, Co. Louth

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Open All year. Admission charge millmount.net



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

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



Tara

Boyne Valley Drive

Please check individual websites for current opening times and availability.

More to discover



Sheep Gate and Yellow Steeple, Trim

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

Navan

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

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

Other historic sites of interest in the Navan area

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

What else...

If you fancy a laugh check out 'Navan Laughs' comedy series in The Central. If sport is your thing check out Navan Racecourse or Royal Tara Golf Club. You will be spoiled for choice with restaurants, gastro pubs and venue bars. The Solstice Arts Centre is one of the Boyne Valley's hubs for the arts. Its programme calendar is packed offering performances in theatre, dance, local arts, ballet, opera and comedy throughout the year. solstice.ie

Trim Heritage Town

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

Other historic sites of interest in the Trim area

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

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

What else...

The Annual Scarlogstown Haymaking Festival which takes place in June is just one of a number of festivals and events scheduled for Trim every year, including the Salmon of Knowledge Festival (August) and the Royal Meath Agricultural Show (September). Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for a full listing of all festivals and events. If you've worked up an appetite you will love Trim, from hotel dining in Trim Castle Hotel and The Knightsbrook Hotel to artisan restaurants like The StockHouse restaurant, Franzinis, Khan Spices or Brogans, all of whom have an avid love of great food and guarantee you won't be disappointed!



Millmount, Drogheda

Drogheda

Drogheda truly is the Gateway to the Boyne Valley. A visit to the interactive Boyne Valley exhibition in the historic Tholsel in the centre of the town is a must for anyone exploring the region. Drogheda is an ideal town to explore on foot. Pick up a copy of the Drogheda Visitor Guide (or download from drogheda.ie) and visit St. Oliver Plunkett's head in St. Peter's Church (saintoliverplunkett.com), see William III's Sword and Mace at the beautiful Highlanes Gallery (highlanes.ie), grab a selfie at St. Laurence's 13th century barbican gate, cross the river and stroll up to Millmount Tower for magnificent views and to visit the Millmount Museum (millmount.net) or take a stroll to Mornington. After your adventures, take time to enjoy the many cafes, restaurants and bars offering a friendly welcome and wonderful selection of refreshments. Many famous faces visited Drogheda over the years. The Scholars Townhouse Hotel was formerly a school and among its students was John Philip Holland, inventor of the submarine. Meanwhile Woodrow Wilson spent time in the Westcourt Hotel whilst visiting Ireland before becoming U.S. President.

Other historic sites of interest in the Drogheda area

The Millmount Martello Tower offers spectacular views over the town and the entire Boyne Valley. It was at Millmount that Cromwell met his strongest resistance when he laid siege to the town in 1649. The tower was restored by Drogheda Corporation in 2000 and is home to a military exhibition of Ireland's struggles. Open all year. millmount.net

St. Peter's Church, shrine to St. Oliver Plunkett, is among the finest gothic revival churches in Ireland and is famous for housing the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett. saintoliverplunkett.com

Beaulieu House is situated on the banks of the River Boyne and is one of the earliest examples of an unfortified house in Ireland. Tours of Beaulieu House and Gardens available by appointment only. beaulieuhouse.ie

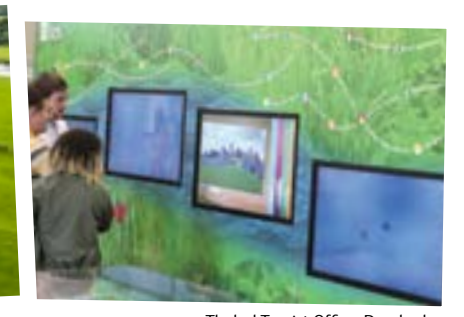
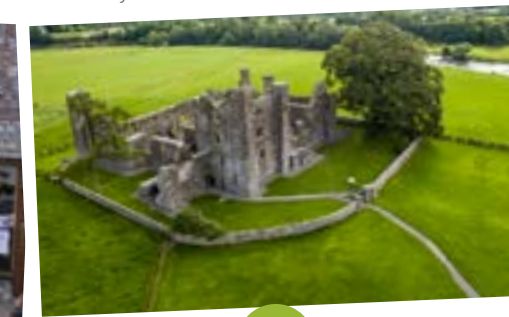
What else...

Culture vultures will relish the offering at Droichead Arts Centre, TLT Theatre, The Barbican Theatre, Highlanes Gallery and Beaulieu House & Gardens. See drogheda.ie for a day to day listing of events and festivals. Families will enjoy fun days out at Funtasia Waterpark or trips to the beach.

Bective Abbey



Navan



Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda



Slane Castle and Distillery

Kells

One of the most unique and special destinations in the world – Kells welcomes you to come explore and become a part of its special story. The heritage town of Kells contains many fine examples of early Christian architecture including the 9th & 10th century High Crosses. It’s most famous treasure is the Book of Kells created by the community of St. Columba. This is now located at Trinity College and a facsimile version can be viewed in the Kells Courthouse. The Spire of Lloyd is located outside Kells – this 18th century folly is the only inland lighthouse in Ireland. Kells Walk-About Tours with local guides are available free-of-charge, to book please contact the Kells Courthouse.

Other historic sites of interest in the Kells area

St. Columba’s Church, Kells High Crosses and Round Tower, St. Colmcille’s Oratory, St. Kieran’s Well.

What else...

If you’d ever considered being ‘Irish for a Day’ you must book a visit to Causey Farm just outside Kells where you can learn to make brown bread, play the bodhrán or milk a cow! Kells has lots to offer the visiting tourist with fantastic accommodation, food, golf, equestrian, theatrical and artistic activities. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours or book your place at the Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival or Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. Why not pay a visit to Donaghpatrick and Teltown – the venues for the ancient Tailteann Games. Donaghpatrick is the site of St. Patrick’s Church, which was founded by St. Patrick. Across the road is Rath Airthir, a very impressive monument identified as a trivallete ring fort, which was the royal residence of the kings of the Fir Cúl Breg. Rock art dating back to 2,000BC can be viewed at Cill Tailtean beside Teltown House.

Oldcastle

This area of the Boyne Valley is one of the few undiscovered regions of Ireland. It has an extensive collection of pre-historic monuments, many of which still await archaeological investigation. The hills around Loughcrew at Oldcastle reveal passage graves, megalithic chambers and decorated stones and are a great place for walkers.

Other historic sites of interest in the Oldcastle area/ North East area

Loughcrew Cairns, Castletown-Kilpatrick and Nobber – the birthplace in 1670 of Turlough O’Carolan, the renowned composer and harpist. The nearby annual Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival takes place every August and features many country and western music stars, as well as a vast array of other attractions.

What else...

Visit Loughcrew Megalithic Centre or Loughcrew House and Gardens, where you are assured a warm welcome and a tasty lunch before exploring a range of on-site facilities. For full details on Equinox Celebrations, the Loughcrew Fairy Festival and many more events, visit discoverboynevalley.ie

Slane

Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland and has officially been named Friendliest Town in Ireland at the Retail Excellence Ireland Awards 2018. It was created in the 1760’s by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. The Hill of Slane is the location where St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High Kings at Tara and so, introduced Christianity to Ireland. The site is open all year.

Other historic sites of interest in the Slane area

Slane Abbey, The Ledwidge Cottage Museum and The Parochial House, Slane. Follow the road to its neighbouring town Duleek and visit St. Cieran’s Church, St. Mary’s Abbey and the High Crosses. Slane Castle is the residence of The Marquess Conyngham and is internationally famous for its summer music concerts. Guided tours of Slane Castle are available. A new multi-million euro distillery has recently opened on the grounds of the estate, producing the triple-casked Slane Whiskey with guided tours also available. Tel: 046 903 0600 slanecastle.ie slaneirishwhiskey.com

What else...

View the Slane Craft Collective and choose your very own Boyne Valley craft keepsake from the collection. Explore the Rock Farm Slane by bike, foot or kayak, and take a Farm to Fork tour. Enjoy a meal and/or stay at The Conyngham Arms Hotel or Tankardstown House before your visit to Slane Castle or White River Karting. Lots of accommodation choices are 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. Don’t forget to check out the Slane Food Circle, which offers visits to artisan food/drink producers located in the heart of the Boyne Valley.

Boyne Valley Coast

Discover the Boyne Valley Coast. Choose from Mornington, Bettystown, Laytown or Gormanston – neighbouring villages linked by a stretch of beautiful beach ideal for outdoor activity, making sandcastles or taking a dip in the sea. The Boyne Valley Coast with its wide safe sandy beaches is regarded across Ireland and Europe as one of the best locations in Ireland for beach based sports.

What else...

The Laytown Strand Races are breathtaking and occupy a unique position in the Irish and English racing calendar as it is the only race event run on a beach under the rules of the Turf Club. You may wish to spend the whole afternoon on the beach but there’s more to Bettystown than just the sea and sand. Funtasia fairground (funtasia.ie) just across from the beach has plenty of rides and bowling to keep you and all the family entertained. For luxury self catering accommodation you must check out ‘The Cottages’, Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award for 2016, The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in private, gated flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-irelands.com

Boyne Valley South

The town of Ashbourne is the only place of major insurrection outside of Dublin during the 1916 rising and a monument, similar to a ship’s bow, honours the nationalists that were killed there. In the south west the new Royal Canal Greenway, Ireland’s longest greenway, passes along by Enfield, Longwood and The Hill of Down.

Other historic sites of interest in the area

Dunshaughlin, Clonard, Enfield and Ratoath - whose street plan follows the curve formed by the characteristic Norman Motte. Dunboyne Castle is an 18th century mansion which replaced the original castle as the seat of the Butlers, Lords of Dunboyne, and is now a hotel.

What else...

Tayto Park, one of Ireland’s top tourist attractions is situated outside of the town of Ashbourne in the south of the Boyne Valley. In 2015 Tayto opened ‘Cú Chulainn’ Ireland’s first rollercoaster and Europe’s largest wooden rollercoaster with an inversion, and in 2017 it opened its Viking Voyage at the park. Stay in the Aisling Guesthouse and enjoy the flavours of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. Visit the Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair in Ratoath each June.

Mornington Beach



Kells Courthouse



Loughcrew, Oldcastle



Boyne Valley Towns & Villages

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| Ardee | Drumcondrath | Mornington |
| Ashbourne | Dunleer | Moynalty |
| Athboy | Duleek | Navan |
| Baltray | Dunboyne | Nobber |
| Bellewstown | Dunshaughlin | Oldcastle |
| Ballivor | Enfield | Rathcain |
| Bettystown | Gormanston | Ratoath |
| Clogherhead | Julianstown | Slane |
| Clonard | Kells | Summerhill |
| Clonee | Kilcock | Tallenstown |
| Collon | Kilmessan | Termonfeckin |
| Donore | Laytown | Trim |
| Drogheda | Longwood | |





Itineraries

Suggested routes to enjoy your time in the Boyne Valley

For more details and downloadable maps see discoverboynevalley.ie

Discover memorable experiences in the Boyne Valley - 3 days

Renowned for the quantity and quality of its heritage visitor attractions and for its natural beauty, the Boyne Valley represents the best of Ireland's historical and contemporary culture. Starting in Drogheda, this itinerary takes you to some wonderful historical sites with lots of activities, family fun and plenty of good quality eating options thrown in. Follow up with a visit to some of the best heritage sites in the country. To top it all, there are some great adventure activities for all ages to enjoy. Great memories are made of this!



Boyne Boats



Loughcrew Gardens & Fairy Trail

Discover family fun in the Boyne Valley - 2 / 3 days

Indulge your passion for myths and legends with kings, knights and warriors with visits to ancient sites and medieval castles with hands-on experiences. Get active with kayaking, rafting, canoeing, zip-lining, karting and thrill-seeking rides. For smaller members there is a fairy trail, exotic zoo and lots more to discover. Definitely need 3 days for this action packed adventure!



Boyne Valley Activities



WhiteRiver Karting



Tayto Park

Discover the flavour of the Boyne Valley - 2 days

The Boyne Valley, enjoys a reputation as one of the leading food-tourism destinations in Ireland today and there is no better place to enjoy the very best of Ireland's culinary culture. With passionate farmers, skilled food and drinks producers, along with world-class chefs and eateries, this tour will bring you directly to the farms, producers and distilleries and restaurants to savour the flavours of the Boyne Valley



Slane Food Circle



Listoke Gin School



Lismullen Cookery School

Discover arts and culture in the Boyne Valley - 2 days

With five millennia of cultural and archaeological wonders to explore, you will find a wide range of engaging museums, galleries and historical sites, along with the very best in live performance and dining experiences.



Solstice Arts Centre



Highlanes Gallery



Slane Castle

Discover ecotourism in the Boyne Valley - 1 day

Where better to enjoy the beauty of Ireland's natural landscape than in the beautiful Boyne Valley. The River Boyne is surrounded by rich woodland habitats and is home to a wide variety of protected wildlife species, all ready to be explored on our many tracks and trails and nature walks.



BeeWISE Garden Walk



Sonairte



Girley Bog

Other itineraries include...

Rediscover golf in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley is home to some of the finest golf courses in all of Ireland. From challenging parklands to coastal links, golfers of all ages and standards will find a course to suit their game.



Golfing



Laytown beach



Canoeing on the River Boyne

Rediscover the great outdoors

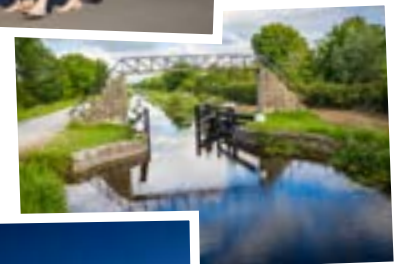
The Boyne Valley is an ideal escape for those who love to spend time outdoors. Encompassing some of the most unique landscapes in Ireland, the region offers a wealth of gardens, walks, beaches, hills and waterways to be explored and savoured.

Rediscover well-being in the Boyne Valley

For peace of mind, the Boyne Valley has it all. Take the opportunity to relax while enjoying the landscape, heritage and culture of this unique area.

Memorable Experiences in Boyne Valley South

The bustling village of Dunboyne is a lively place with fabulous boutiques and other retailers in abundance, close to attractions including Tayto Park and the Royal Canal Greenway.



Royal Canal Greenway

Memorable Experiences in Drogheda

Drogheda, Gateway to the Boyne Valley, is one of the oldest towns in Ireland and evidence of its heritage can be found at every turn, as well as a buzzing modern arts scene.



Drogheda

Memorable Experiences in Kells

The Boyne Valley is famous for heritage. This is certainly true of the town of Kells with its monastic sites and connections to the renowned Book of Kells, as well as the modern Hinterland Literary Festival.



St Colmcille's House, Kells

Memorable Experiences in Trim

The beautiful, heritage town of Trim is centred around its impressive medieval castle. With beautiful walks and so much green space to enjoy, you won't be disappointed.



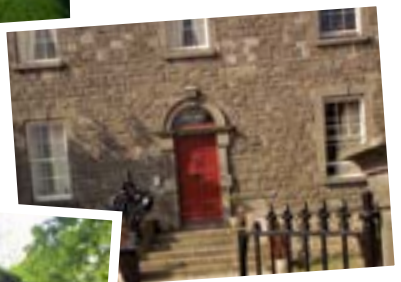
Sheep Gate, Trim

Memorable Experiences in Slane

Close to Brú na Bóinne and is within easy reach of both Navan and Drogheda, Slane village itself offers hidden gems to discover in its arty-quarter, as well as the beautiful setting of Slane Castle and Slane Distillery.

Memorable Experiences in Navan

Navan's central location makes it an ideal hub from which to explore the Boyne Valley. The town offers a variety of quality accommodation, restaurants and bars, and there are a selection of walks to enjoy in the urban centre and stretching out to the countryside beyond.



Slane Village



Ramparts, Navan

For more on these itineraries see discoverboynevalley.ie

Foodie destination

Discover the flavours of Boyne Valley

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

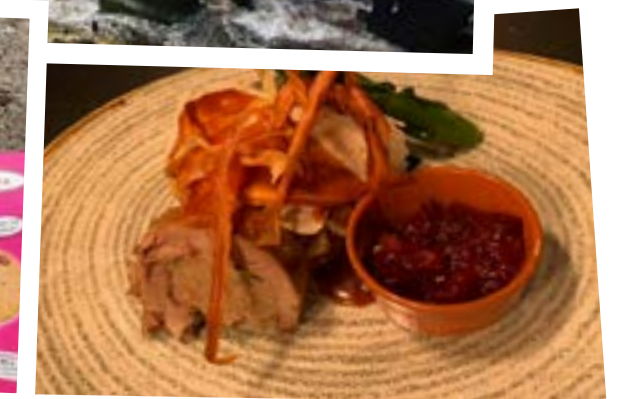


Discover and immerse yourself in the traditions of the ancient Boyne Valley. Not only is the Boyne Valley home to world known iconic sites such as Newgrange and Trim Castle, it is also the home to a bountiful supply of passionate farmers, food and drinks producers, chefs and eateries whose passion is to bring the flavours of our landscape to your table. As the birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East and once the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, the Boyne Valley still brings royal food and drinks experiences fit for any King or Queen. Visit one of the leading food tourism destinations in the world where there are so many delicious adventures to be explored.

On your journey through the Boyne Valley you can immerse yourself in many authentic food experiences from Farm Tours where you will meet the producer, learn how their produce is grown or created and of course tasting the end result. Why not go back to school at Listoke Distillery Gin School; get a tour of their distillery, enjoy a hands-on experience learning how to make gin and at the end of the day you get to take a bottle of your very own gin creation home with you. If you want to brush up on your cooking skills, there are several cookery schools to choose from or if whiskey is your thing don't miss the Slane Whiskey Distillery Tour. There is something for everyone to enjoy with all these experiences & many more are waiting to be discovered on your visit to the Boyne Valley.

This year we will also be hosting our Boyne Valley Food Series in a digital form so no matter where you are in the world you can join us for some fantastic food themed events with cookalongs, virtual tours & more

Keep up to date with all our latest news & events at BoyneValleyFlavours.ie or find us on social media @BoyneValleyFlavours



Soul food

Eating out in the Boyne Valley



Brabazon Restaurant at Tankardstown

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. 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

Bistro 61 at the Hamlet Court Hotel

The family-run Hamlet Court Hotel has a strong tradition of warm hospitality and great food. With stunning contemporary décor, Bistro 61 is great for all family occasions and once again the personal touches and quality food will make your special moments a life-long memory. thehamlet.ie

Hamlet Court Hotel, Johnstown Bridge, Enfield, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 954 1200
E info@thehamlet.ie

Brabazon Restaurant at 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. For lunch and evening dinner, guests can dine on the terrace in Summer or beside the open fire in the Winter. Traditional afternoon tea is also served at The Cellar at Tankardstown. tankardstown.ie

Tankardstown House, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 98 24621
E info@tankardstown.ie

Bridge Restaurant at the Newgrange Hotel

The Bridge Restaurant, with its charming atmosphere and luxurious surroundings, combined with an imaginative menu, which consists of Irish cuisine together with international dishes and an extensive wine list sets the perfect venue for your evening. newgrangehotel.ie

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

Brogans of Trim

In the heart of the heritage town of Trim, Brogans Bar and Grill offers fresh, home-cooked lunches and dinners. Check out their colourful courtyard area and enjoy the warm hospitality. Extended function and music spaces are also available. brogans.ie

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

The Conservatory Restaurant at the Castle Arch Hotel

The recently-refurbished Conservatory is the perfect place to enjoy a flavourful menu of contemporary dishes and fine wines. Serving both table d'hôte and a la carte menus, the Conservatory offers a wide range of choices, all prepared using the very freshest of local produce. castlearchhotel.com

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

Conyngham Arms Restaurant

The Conyngham Arms Restaurant offers high quality cuisine and menus with seasonal influence, using local produce wherever possible. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as traditional afternoon tea served in the cosy library. The restaurant has been awarded the AA Rosette Award for Culinary Excellence. conynghamarms.ie

Conyngham Arms Hotel, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 9884 444
E info@conynghamarms.ie

Eden Restaurant at Bellinter House

The Eden Restaurant at Bellinter House is recognised for its exceptionally high standards in culinary excellence by the AA Rosette Scheme. The menus provided in Eden are seasonally based and produce is sourced locally wherever possible. Private dining options available. bellinterhouse.com

Bellinter House, Navan, Co.Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0900
E reservations@bellinterhouse.com

Franzinis

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

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

Henrys at the Glenside

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

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

Hugo's Restaurant at the Ardboyne Hotel

Hugo's Restaurant is designed with guests in mind, offering a great choice of menu in luxurious & stylish surroundings. Settle into the comfortable high back chairs while you peruse the menu options and enjoy our excellent cuisine. ardboynehotel.com

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

The Ivy Restaurant at Dunboyne Castle Hotel

The Ivy Restaurant's menus have been developed with culinary awareness, balance and are constantly being updated with the latest innovations utilising the finest seasonal products. It is this culinary vision that drove the team to win the coveted 2 AA Rosettes from 2013 to date. dunboynecastlehotel.com

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

Jules Restaurant at Trim Castle Hotel

Jules Restaurant combines traditional Irish cooking with a progressive Asian twist. We source many of our ingredients from the Boyne Valley, reaping the rewards of what our local land produces. Head Chef Sean McDonald has created an eclectic variety of dishes for our a la carte menu, at a moderate price. trimcastlehotel.com

Trim Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3000
E info@trimcastlehotel.com

Khan Spices, Indian Restaurant & Take Away

Creating the flavour of real Indian cuisine in the same way as back home in India. Traditional Indian methods are used, with pungent spices and herbs, exotic and fragrant ingredients to offer subtle sensuality - the very essence of Indian cuisine. Proudly serving customers since 2008. khanspicestrim.ie

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

The Lime Kiln

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

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

Monasterboice Inn

Family run restaurant close to Monsterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak. 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, with 3 dining rooms varying sizes. monasterboice-inn.ie

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

Mornington Restaurant at CityNorth Hotel

The Mornington Restaurant offers an intimate dining experience in a delightful tranquil setting. Our A La Carte menu choices are created by our Head Chef only using the freshest ingredients which are located sourced, complemented by fine wines and a selection of after-dinner drinks. citynorthhotel.com

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

Rococo Restaurant at Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort

A true fusion of Irish and international cuisine promise a delightful experience at the Rococo Restaurant. Menus are regularly updated to feature seasonal dishes and fresh ingredients and offer guests everything from Irish cheese platters to salmon and sirloin steak. knightsbrook.com

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

Sage & Stone

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

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

Scholars Townhouse Gastro Lounge & Restaurant

Champions of modern Irish cuisine utilising the Boyne Valley's world-class produce, Scholars has the best of both worlds, casual and fine dining (try the home-made afternoon tea) with a warm authentic approach in customer service. 2 AA Rosettes 19/20, Best Hotel Restaurant 2019. Open 7 days per week 7am until late. Booking essential. scholarshotel.com

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

The Signal Restaurant

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

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

Stockhouse Restaurant

Welcome to StockHouse Restaurant, in the shadow of the magnificent Trim Castle. Born out of an avid love of great food we are all about Trim and producing consistently great food! We aim to provide our customers with a memorable night out - great food, good craic in relaxed comfortable surroundings. stockhouserestaurant.ie

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

Vanilla Pod Restaurant at the Headfort Arms

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

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

West29 RestoLounge at the Westcourt Hotel

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

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

79 West Street

79 West Street is located in the heart of Drogheda and offers both indoor and other venues, all with their own unique style. Recently voted one of the top 200 restaurants, we are known for specialised cocktails, the perfect pint of Guinness and amazing food options. 79weststreet.ie

79 West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 3896
E 79weststreet@gmail.com

Cafés

An Stór, Baile Ghib

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

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

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!

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

Five Good Things Café

We are Five Good Things, located in the heart of Drogheda town, where we serve breakfast, lunch and brunch with our own twist on the classics. You can find our own blend of specialty coffee being served here Wednesday to Sunday or you can also find it in our sister cafe Plate and Palette located in Dunshaughlin. Co. Meath. fivegoodthings.ie

36 St Laurence Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 3295
E fivegoodthingscafe@gmail.com

Harvest Home Bakery & Café

In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 9.00am. Homemade soup, soda bread, toasted panini and salad plates. Fresh cream cakes and Bewleys coffee. Outdoor seating available. Like us on facebook and twitter. Cafe/Bistro of the Year at the Creativeoceanic.blogspot.ie food awards.

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

Loughcrew Coffee Shop

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

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

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre Café

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

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
E info@loughcrewmega.com

Maguires Cafe Hill of Tara

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

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

The Old Rectory

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

St. Loman Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 233 9229
E info@theoldrectorytrim.ie

Plate and Palette Café

Plate and Palette is your local cafe in the lovely village of Dunshaughlin Co. Meath. Serving they’re signature brunch dishes they are known for. You can also find their signature blend of specialty coffee being served here Wednesday to Sunday or you can also find it in our sister cafe Five Good Things cafe located in Drogheda. plateandpalette.ie

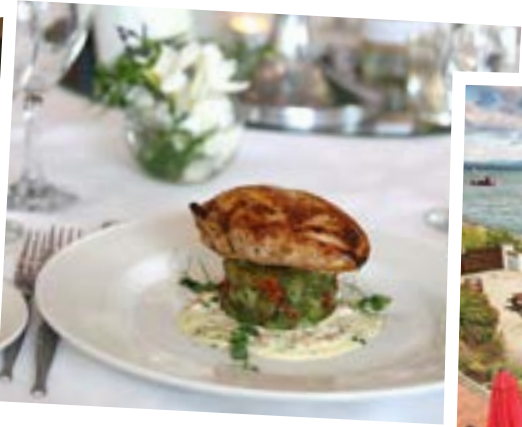
Unit 3, Supple House, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 89 432 6609
E plateandpalettecafe@gmail.com

Sonairte Cafe

The Sonairte Café offers a delicious range of vegetarian and vegan meals and treats in the beautiful surrounds of Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens. Our food is good for people and the planet and where possible uses certified organic seasonal vegetables and fruit grown in the Sonairte garden. sonairte.ie

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E hello@sonairte.ie

Mornington Restaurant at CityNorth Hotel






Glyde Inn

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.

A pint and a chat



Gastro Pubs

Balreask Bar, Restaurant & Guest Accommodation

Balreask Bar & Restaurant is a family run bar, restaurant, guest accommodation and function venue. We provide a wide range of dining options including Breakfast, our renowned Carvery Lunch, and A La Carte including a three-course set menu. balreask.ie   


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

The Central

Award winning bar (National Bar of the Year, Best Modern Cooking in a Bar, Best Gastro Pub in Meath). A multi-purpose venue with 7 bars, a heated rooftop terrace, outdoor areas, live music, comedy gigs and New York style open kitchen restaurant. Great food & service. 90 % of produce is local. thecentral.ie  


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

Coburns Gastro Bar

Enjoy a traditional Irish experience in Coburn’s old bar on the High Street then wander through the 1920’s style and magnificent glamour in our Art Deco Room celebrating the 1920’s and Lawrence of Arabia’s local connection. thelawrence.ie 



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

Cross Guns Gastropub & Venue

The Cross Guns is an award-winning gastropub offering new world standards in a beautiful ‘old world’ setting. Voted ‘Leinster Gastropub of the Year’ and led by owner Dermot McDonnell, with business partner James Sharkey, the ambition is a simple one - to exceed the expectations every customer may have about the humble gastropub. thecrossguns.com 



Butlerstown, Castletown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 900 1918
E info@thecrossguns.com

The Glyde Inn

The Glyde Inn, located in the picturesque coastal village of Annagassan, was awarded National Pub of The Year and Irish Food Pub of the Year 2018 at the Irish Pub Awards. A traditional Irish gastro pub dating back to 1770, its Sea View Restaurant specialises in local seafood. Regular live music events. theglydeinn.ie  



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

Jack Quinns

Jack Quinn’s is situated 3km from the heritage town of Trim. It is one of the oldest pubs in Meath, dating back to the 1800s. Jack’s is known for its pints of Guinness, Irish coffees and roaring open fire. Come join the friendly locals for drinks and fresh pub food, topped off with our famous traditional Irish music sessions every Thursday night.  



Scurlogstown, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 D284
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 4779
E ann.quinn5@gmail.com

The Lime Kiln

Discover the culinary delights of the Boyne Valley at the award-winning Lime Kiln Gastropub. We offer an exciting and creative menu for food lovers with an emphasis on fresh local ingredients. Our passion for great food, warm atmosphere and friendly staff will ensure your visit to be a memorable one. thelimekiln.ie  

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

Peter’s Pub

A lovely pub with old rustic charm. Food is served all day in the bar and the restaurant opens from early evening providing varied dishes from a choice of menus. Coach tours are catered for but prior notice is appreciated. There is also music provided in this premises.  

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



Pubs and 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 said to be the best pint in town. Well worth a visit! [clarkesofdrogheda.com](#)

Clarkes Bar, No 19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724

Donegan’s Pub

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

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

Farrelly’s Bar

A truly authentic family-run, traditional Irish pub. At Farrelly’s we are famous for the quality of our pint of Guinness. As well as providing a traditional atmosphere we have a very pleasant outdoor area, a modern Wi-Fi network and live music every Saturday and Sunday.

Church Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1136
E [farrellysbareircom.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](#)

Odd Mollies

Odd Mollies is an eclectic bar and music venue where you’ll find a warm and sociable atmosphere within our doors. We are dedicated to providing top quality live music and entertainment, whether it’s in our intimate venue or on the stage in our large open beer garden area. Craft beers, fine wines, real music. [oddmollies.ie](#)

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

The Royal Meath

The Royal Meath is one of the oldest bars in Navan, owned by the Geraghty family since the 1960’s. Enjoy a quiet drink in a cosy corner, or the buzz of vibrant, open plan seating areas whilst watching live sport or music. Food served 7 nights a week from their delicious pizza and antipasti menu. [royalmeathbar.ie](#)

Watergate street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1366
E [hello@royalmeathbar.ie](#)

Tara Na Ri

Tara Na Ri, 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](#)

TJ’s Bar at the The Lime Kiln

As well as offering fantastic food, the Lime Kiln is home to TJ’s Bar, a lively pub stocking a great selection of award winning craft beers and ciders from local breweries. We offer a fantastic range of international wines and spirits and our beautiful decor and design creates a great atmosphere in which you and your family can relax and unwind. [limekiln.ie](#)

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



Listoke 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 soon. [boanndistillery.ie](#)

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

Dan Kelly’s Cider

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

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

Listoke Distillery and Gin School

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

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

Slane Distillery

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

Slane Distillery, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0600
E [reservations@slanedisitillery.com](#)



The Lime Kiln

Slane Distillery



Boann Distillery



Dan Kelly Cider



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
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E info@ardboynehotel.com

Bellinter House

A magnificent 18th century Georgian house, less than 5 minutes of the M3 and under 30 minutes from Dublin City centre and Dublin airport. With a full range of spa services, specialty experiences, and the finest award-winning cuisine in the area, your time in Bellinter House will be a truly unforgettable experience. 🍷 bellinterhouse.com

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0900
E reservations@bellinterhouse.com

Castle Arch Hotel

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

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

City North Hotel & Conference Centre

Contemporary 4 star hotel combines high standards of hospitality and service, 128 stylish bedrooms, bar/restaurant, treatment room. 15 minutes from Dublin Airport on M1, 25 minutes from Dublin city centre, 24 hr complimentary shuttle bus service to and from Dublin Airport. Live music at weekends. 🍷 Mornington Restaurant, Tara Lounge. citynorthhotel.com

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

The Conyngham Arms Hotel

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

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

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

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

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

Glenside Hotel

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 'céad míle fáilte' 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

Hamlet Court Hotel

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

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

Headfort Arms Hotel

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

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

Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

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

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

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


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

The Station House Hotel

This award winning and newly-refurbished country house hotel, based on a converted railway junction built in 1862, has been run by the Slattery family for over 35 years. Relax in the Platform Bar & Piano Lounge, or dine in the award winning Signal Restaurant. Voted Best Hotel Restaurant Ireland by the Food Awards Group.  Signal Restaurant. stationhousehotel.ie


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Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
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Trim Castle Hotel

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

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3000
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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 and conventions. Carpark onsite.  West 29 Restolounge. westcourt.ie

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

Main Street, Slane Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4444
E : info@boynehouseslane.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 which can accommodate parties of 3,4 or 5) also 2/3 bed self-catering apartments, free Wifi in rooms and apts. 5 mins from M50. The bus stops outside our gate - 25 mins journey to Dublin City. We pride ourselves on our top class accommodation & service for over 30 years. aislingguesthouse.ie

Dublin Road, Baltrasna, Ashbourne
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E info@aislingguesthouse.ie

Crannmor Guesthouse

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

Dunderry Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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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
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B&Bs

Balreask Bar, Restaurant & Guest Accommodation

Balreask Bar & Restaurant is a family run bar, restaurant, guest accommodation and function venue. Located on the outskirts of Navan, Balreask is the ideal location for the tourist and business visitor. balreask.ie

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

Caravogue House B&B

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

Navan Road, Trim, Co Meath. C15P2N8
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E rooms@caravoguehouse.ie

The Old Rectory

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

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

Teach Cuailgne / Cooley House B&B

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

Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 6621 / (0) 87 648 1080
E info@teachcuailgne.com

Tigh Cathain B&B

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

Longwood Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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Tom Blake House

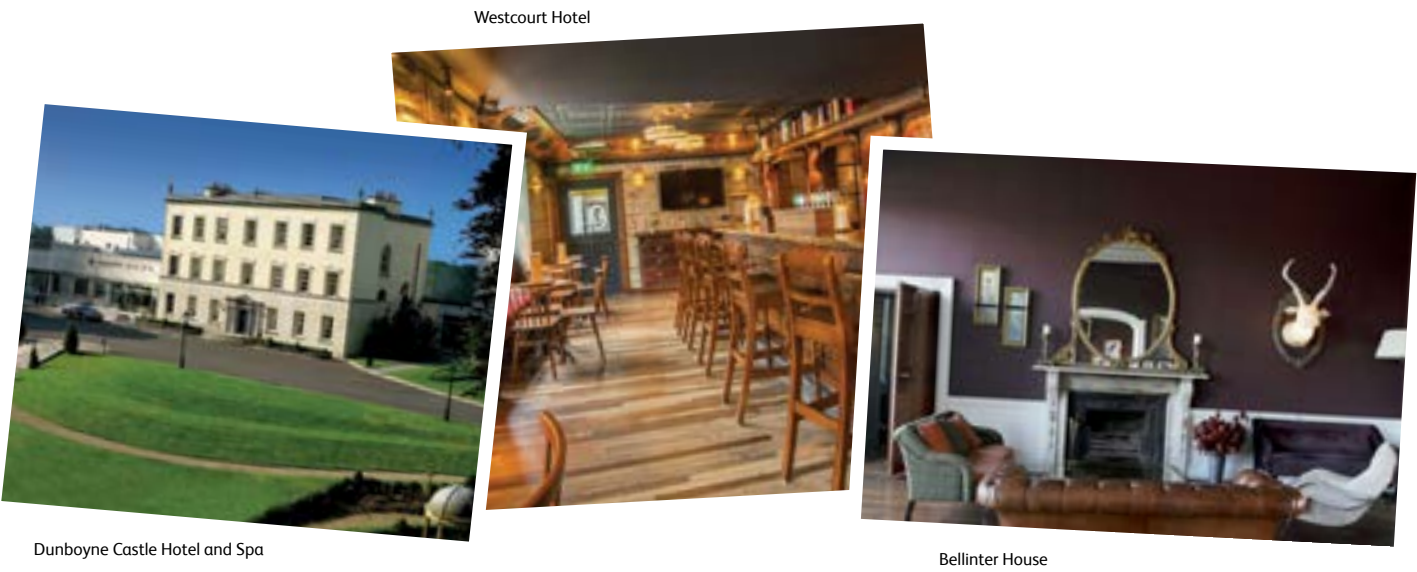
Tom Blake House is situated in the historic town of Kells, 45 minutes from Dublin. It's in a beautiful part of Ireland, with the Boyne Valley close by and the history of Ireland represented all around. A warm welcome awaits each and every guest along with the finest in comfort and dining.

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

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

Woodstock, Old Road, Dunsany, Co. Meath
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The Cottages, Laytown



Woodview Lodge

A modern bungalow situated on a farm, with beautiful views of the open countryside. Just 3km from Trim and 40 minutes to Dublin Airport. There are 3 spacious en-suite bedrooms, a twin, king and triple. Free wifi, private parking and a continental breakfast available. Perfect for anyone looking for a quiet, relaxing stay. Find us on [booking.com](#)

Adamstown, Trim, Co. Meath
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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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Self Catering

The Cottages

Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award, The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in 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
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E [info@cottages-ireland.com](#)

Decoy Country Cottages

Winner of the Best Tourism Business in Meath 2018, and Ireland’s Best Holiday Home 2019, this beautifully restored stable mews provides 1,2,3 or 4 bedroom cottages in an exclusive, gated complex with landscaped gardens. Perfect for families and groups. Close to Tara & Newgrange. Indoor/outdoor play area, games room, relaxation room, gym, day spa, car e-charging. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. [decoycountrycottages.ie](#)

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Dunshaughlin Self Catering Cottages/Gaulstown House

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
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E [info@dunshaughlinselfcatering.com](#)

Hideaway at Foxhollow

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

Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 4042 / 87 851 8553
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Kilcloon Self Catering Cottages and Equestrian

A courtyard of four unique self catering cottages, connected through mature planting and pathways to BBQ/picnic area and playground. All cottages are fully furnished and equipped with open plan kitchens, dining areas and tv lounges. Whether it’s peace and tranquillity, a place to relax and unwind, or a busy active vacation, Kilcoon Cottages is the ideal location. Enquire about our equestrian facilities too. [kilcooncottages.ie](#)

Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 629 0803 / 87 683 9670
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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) 86 122 1589
E [kiltaleholidayhomes@gmail.com](#)

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](#)

Orchard Holiday Village

The Orchard Holiday Village is a new self-catering option located in the historic village of Slane. Originally the garden and orchard of the old Parochial House, the Orchard Holiday Village currently offers 3 three-bedroom townhouses and 1 two-bedroom townhouse, all fully-equipped for a practical and luxurious self-catering stay in the Boyne Valley. [orchardholidayvillage.ie](#)

Orchard Way, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 P5FK
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 0093
E [info@orchardholidayvillage.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

Boyne Valley Glamping

Welcome to County Meath’s first luxury Glamping B&B on the Boyne Valley Drive. A perfect place for families, couples or even lone wolves to take time out and recharge their bodies & souls. We offer four different accommodation types, each with their own unique style and experience. [boynevalleyglamping.com](#)

Triermore, Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 669 7142
E [boynevalleyglamping@gmal.com](#)

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre provides a unique base to explore the history, nature and adventure of the Boyne Valley, including the nearby ancient Loughcrew Cairns. Our accommodation includes glamping, camping and campervan facilities. On site we also have Maggie Heaney’s Heritage Cottage, Tea Rooms and Gift shop. We also provide tours of the Loughcrew Cairns. [loughcrewmega.com](#)

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
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 carpark, which includes 5 secure parking bays for motor homes. [newgrangelodge.com](#)

Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 2478
E [info@newgrangelodge.com](#)

Rock Farm Slane Glamping

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

Slane, 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
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Hideaway at Foxhollow



Decoy Country Cottages

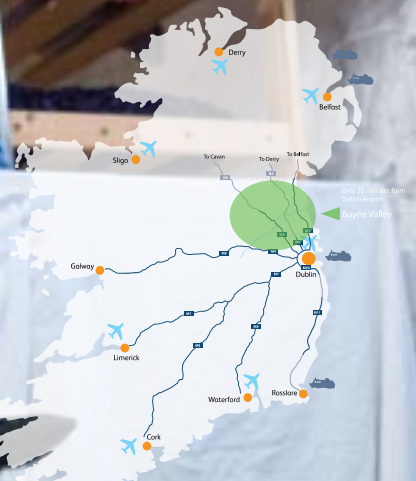
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Brú na Bóinne

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

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Drogheda Tourist Information Point
The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 CF29
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Kells

Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub
Kells Courthouse, Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
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Navan

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

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