с.5км

с.6км

MELIFONT Abbey

13km ئی WAY BACK. SLÍ ABHAILE

c. 12km WAY OUT/ SLÍ AMACH WAY OUT/slí amach c. 12km



West St, Drogheda. With church facing you,

Walk 200m to a crossroad with the R132.

Go left down Horse Lane to the river.

it brings you back to the R168 at Mell.

3-way junction near Aldi.

outside the house).

go left, walk past the The Marcy Hotel. STAMP

walk 150m on the R168 Trinity St. towards Slane.

and walk 700m. Just beyond the recycle centre,

the underpass. Continue for 1km to the busy

N51 Slane Road. Cross the N51 carefully and

walk downhill 400m to the end of the road and cross

safely to the Obelisk car park at Townley Hall Woods.

walk to the old road parallel to it.

Review Coillte trailhead board in

car park. Enter woods through

stone piers. Continue along this

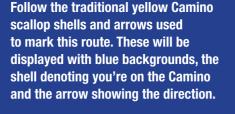
main trail, ignoring left trails to

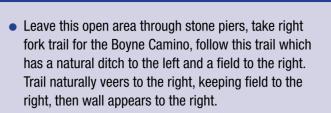
get to open grassy area with

some seating.

go left onto a lane after a stone house (bullaun stone

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- Trail pops out to join old forestry road, very tall conifers ahead, bear left and follow signs up road, passing a turning circle on right. At junction take right fork that runs up forest road to lodge on Townley Hall Road (L5604).
- Leave Townley Hall at main gate to right of Lodge, turn left immediately and walk on road verge for approx 800m. Take local road on right to high point at Ardagh. House with paddock style fence on right as enter this road.
- Follow road for 600m uphill to a sharp right hand bend. This is the highest point on the Boyne Valley Camino with great views. Follow road for another 800m to a T-junction (Lynch's Cross).
- Go left at the T-Junction and stay on this road for 1.2km to a crossroad.
- Go left and walk 300m along a STAMP: cul-de-sac to Old Mellifont Abbev:





WAY BACK/SLÍ ABHAILE C. 13km Signage posts are placed along the route indicating the route from **Drogheda to Mellifont Abbey -**

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Leaving Mellifont Abbey, [STAMP]

Tullvallen School and football field.

church. (Our Lady of the Assumption).

back to the crossroad after the school.

your passport. STAMP;



for 1.2km to **Lynch's Cross.** Continue straight ahead

Go right and walk 100m to a crossroad. Go left here to

as the supermarket where you can get a stamp on

Tullyallen Village. Continue through the village as far

school. You can get a stamp at the Morning Star Pub.

Take the turn to the left, opposite the Morning Star Pub

signposted for the church and follow this road past the

Go around the back of the church (site of Williamite Camp

before **Battle of the Boyne**) and follow this road back to

the village opposite the pub. (There is a well on your right

Go left here opposite the Morning Star Pub pub and walk

Go left at the crossroad and approx. 200m downhill you

can access Belnumber Wood (King William's Glen)

path through the wood for 1.3km. At bottom of steps

Carefully cross the N51 in the direction of Oldbridge

take left and follow this path to leave woods.

over bridge veering left along the Boyne Canal,

then right across humpback bridge.

via a timber gate on your right. Follow this meandering

House, crossing the **Obelisk** metal bridge. Follow road

Return from the supermarket in the direction of the STAMP!

on this road for a further 1.6km to a T-Junction opposite

ST. PETER'S **RC CHURCH GPS:** 53.715017, -6.352781



outward and homeward. The shell

denotes you're on the Camino.

- The entrance to Oldbridge House (1750) is on STAMP! your right. You can detour off our walk to enjoy Oldbridge House which houses the Battle of the Boyne Interpretive Centre, café, gardens and magnificent grounds. Managed by OPW.
- Follow the Boyneside Trail for 1.6km and this leads onto the ramparts path along the Boyne. This riverside path leads to Drogheda after 2.3km. In Drogheda, follow the path under the roadway bridge (Bridge of Peace) and continue until you reach a pedestrian bridge. (Sculpture – 'The Wanderer')
- Cross St. Dominic's Bridge (Dominican church on other side) and continue straight ahead uphill. At the top of Dominic Street, go right and this will bring you back to St Peter's Church. STAMP



AT ST. DOMINIC'S BRIDGE





MARY MCALEESE **BOYNE CABLE BRIDGE**

DROGHEDA/DROICHEAD ÁTHA

Steeped in history on the banks of the Boyne, Drogheda / Droichead Átha, meaning the bridge of the ford, is Ireland's largest town. A medieval walled town full of arts, culture, lively bars, restaurants and many historical sites. Drogheda's proximity to the history-rich Boyne Valley to the west and fantastic beaches to the east make it a perfect base for exploring the town itself and hinterland. Boyne Valley Walking Group often lead walks and detail many local routes.

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If you'd like to explore more on foot, please search online for 'Drogheda Walks' or pick up a copy of the FREE Drogheda Walks map. Four walks through the town take different routes which highlight places of interest in our built, cultural, religious and natural history.

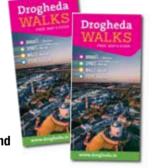


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C. 4KM WALK

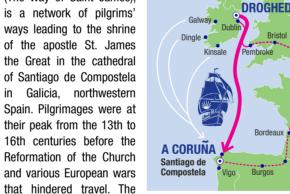
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DROGHEDA TO A CORUÑA

The Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James), is a network of pilgrims' ways leading to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, northwestern Spain. Pilgrimages were at their peak from the 13th to 16th centuries before the Reformation of the Church and various European wars



Camino routes are once again becoming popular for distance walks. spiritual journeys, endurance challenges or just the opportunity to do something different for holiday.

Pilgrim Routes

Traditionally, Camino pilgrims started their journey from their own homes and various Camino de Santiago routes developed over time crossing most of Europe. The Camino Ingles, was the route preferred by Irish and British pilgrims on their way to Santiago. Pilgrims would take a boat from the main ports in their countries and land in the north of Spain to continue their journey. The main starting point on this Camino route is A Coruña, in Galicia, Spain.

Celtic Camino

While A Coruña is a traditional starting point, it is only 75km away from Santiago, meaning pilgrims wouldn't be able to obtain their Compostela certificate in Santiago. It is now possible to walk 25km on the Boyne Valley Camino around Drogheda and then do a further 75km from A Coruña to Santiago; a combination of the two walks will give pilgrims the required 100km for a Compostela. The Boyne Valley Camino reconnects ancient routes between Drogheda and A Coruña.

Link from Drogheda to A Coruña

In medieval times pilgrims travelled long distances to Drogheda from all over the North East and Midlands before embarking for A Coruña in Spain. In Drogheda, it is understood that there was a hostel/hospital catering for the pilgrims by providing shelter and rest while they waited for the ships. It was located near the town walls in what is now the Scotch Hall area. Several references are made to Drogheda as a departure point in Dr Bernadette Cunningham's book, 'Medieval Irish pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela'.

POINTS OF INTEREST



ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT 1625 - 1681 Born 1625 in Loughcrew, founded first integrated Jesuit College in Ireland, was hung drawn and quartered in Tyburn, London for 'promoting the Roman faith' - his head is in St Peter's RC Church in Drogheda since 1921, he was canonized in 1975.



TOWNLEY HALL WOODS

Part of Townley Hall estate, planted 200 years ago, mixed broadleaf, conifer and specimen species. The woods is under Coillte ownership for commercial forestry and recreation.



MELLIFONT ABBEY - 1142

Ireland's first Cistercian monastery, founded in 1142. Site managed by OPW - the name comes from Latin Melli Fons - meaning Font of Honey. Treaty of Mellifont 1603 signed here ending the



OBELISK BRIDGE - 1868 Single span iron girder road bridge A fine example of 19th century engineering



OLDBRIDGE HOUSE - 1750

You can detour off our walk to enjoy Oldbridge House which houses the Battle of the Bovne Interpretive Centre, café, gardens and magnificent grounds. Collect a stamp while you're there. Managed by the OPW.



Between Protestant King William III (William of Orange) and his father-in-law, Catholic King James II - fought in this location to control England, Scotland and Ireland. William of Orange with his army of 36,000 roops was victorious.



monastic site in Tullyallen Graveyard.



and both are official

Passport cost: €10

Buy online or at

This four lane, 352m, cable-staye bridge carries the M1 between Dublin and Belfast. This attractive inverted Y structure, with 56 individual span cables is illuminated with blue light at night.









BATTLE OF THE BOYNE - 1690



TULLYALLEN VILLAGE The Village of Tullyallen grew up around the Early Christian monastery founded by St Colman in 726. You will see a 15th century gable window of a chapel, built by the Abbot of Mellifont, marking the



MARY MCALEESE BOYNE CABLE BRIDGE - 2003

HOW TO GET YOUR CAMINO PASSPORT

The Camino Passport can be purchased from **The Camino Society Ireland** at the their

comes in book and the newer foldout format

The Camino Society Ireland office

Address: St. James's Church, James's St,

(Office beside St James's church)

Dublin 8, D08 X799.

Email: info@caminosociety.ie

087 224 3618

www.caminosociety.com

office or from their website. The passport

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food and drinks. Recycle or dispose of any waste correctly. If you encounter an

bring clothes layers, sunscreen and waterproofs for any weather eventuality. Bring

adhere to the rules of the road. Some areas may be mucky so wear sturdy boots,

wear hi-viz. Some parts of the trail are shared with vehicles and cyclists so please

where you are going, bring a charged phone, go in company, go in good light

Please ensure your personal safety while enjoying this Camino. Let someone know

Trail), OPW staff, Carolan Family (Morning Star), Vivienne Byrne (artist), Brian

(Coillte), Tullyallen Community (Belnumber Wood), Geoff, Peter, Eddie (Boyneside

Boyne Valley, Eddie Phelan (VCL Engineering), Kieran Moloney, and Jesper Petersen

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This project is being part-funded the Department of Rural and

emergency situation, call 999 or 112.

Advice to Walkers

Camino become a reality.

A Big Thanks To

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Buen Camino Boyne Camino

MALKING WALLEY

Boyne Valley



CAMINO



STAMPING YOUR PASSPORT

WAY OUT/SLÍ AMACH

St. Peter's Church – West Street, Drogheda The Marcy Hotel - West Street, Drogheda **Hurley's Delicatessen** – Narrow West Street, Drogheda **Mellifont Abbey** – OPW office during season (May–Sept)

WAY BACK/SLÍ ABHAILE

Lynch's Supermarket - Main Street, Tullyaller Morning Star Pub - Main Street, Tullyallen Oldbridge House - Oldbridge, Co. Meath Tourist Office - Tholsel, Drogheda Clarke's Bar - Peter Street, Drogheda



TO COMPLETE YOUR COMPOSTELA:

Bring your Camino Passport to A Coruña in Northern Spain and walk the 75km to Santiago, collecting stamps en route.







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MELLIFONT ABBEY - 1142

TOWNLEY HALL WOOD

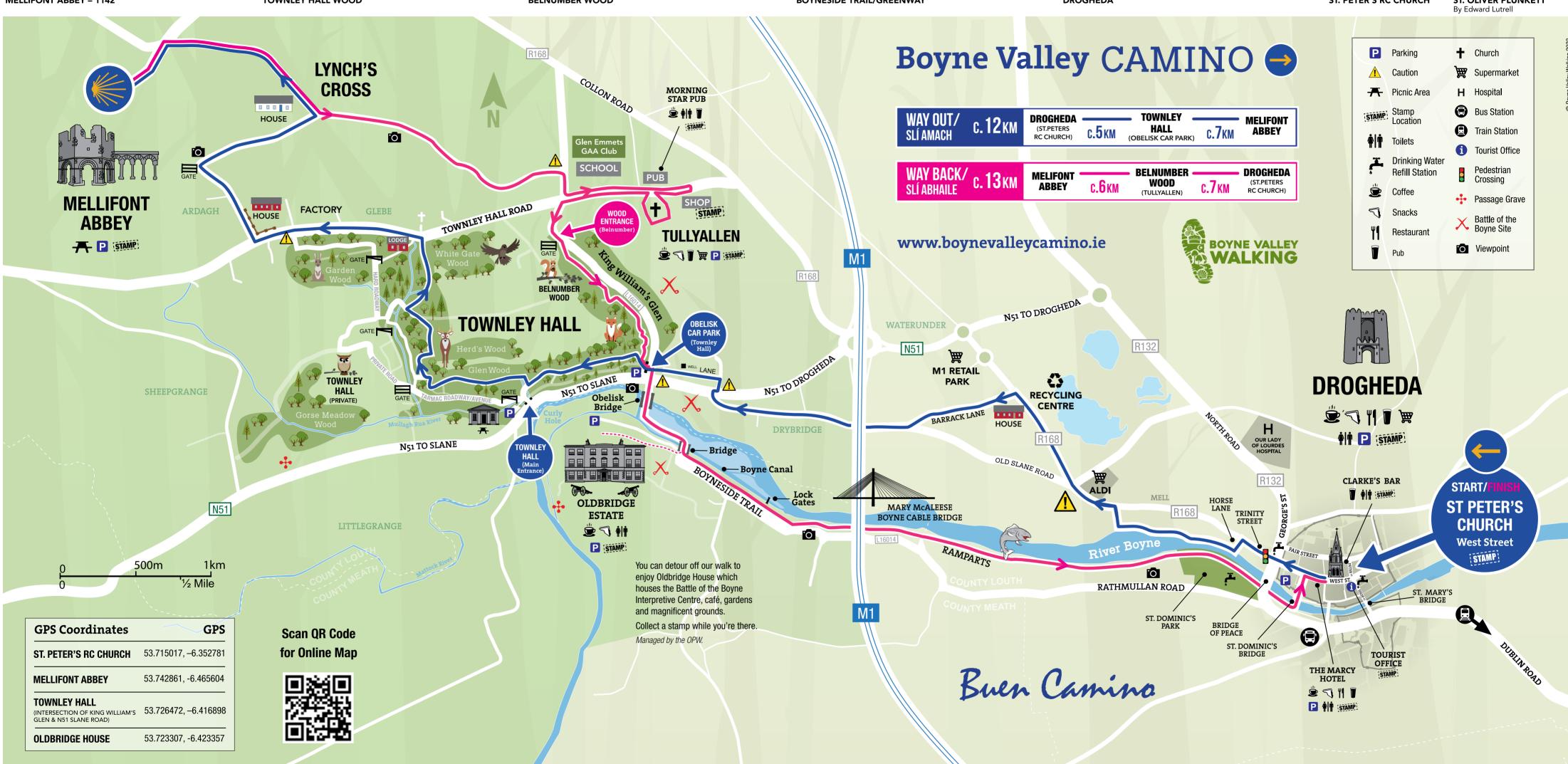
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BOYNESIDE TRAIL/GREENWAY

DROGHEDA

ST. PETER'S RC CHURCH

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT By Edward Lutrell



Waymarkers

Traditional yellow Camino scallop shells and arrows are used to mark this route. These will be displayed with blue backgrounds, the shell denoting you're on the Camino and the arrow showing the direction. These may be wall mounted (in the town), on National Road Authority-standard posts at the side of the roads / paths / boardwalks / along roads and on wooden Coillte-standard posts / finger posts in woods. They will be maximum 500m apart and should be evident at each junction.





OLDBRIDGE HOUSE - 1750







TOADSTOOLS IN TOWNLEY HALL

BOYNESIDE TRAIL/GREENWAY BOYNE RAMPARTS, DROGHEDA