## Discover...our wonderful tracks and trails

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#### Boyne Valley Camino

The Boyne Valley Camino is a self-guided, 25km looped walk from Drogheda, forming part of the Celtic Camino series. Download a Boyne Valley Camino Map & Guide or pick up a copy from the Drogheda Tourist Office.

#### **Bovne Greenway**

Running from Dominic's Park 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. Suitable for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### **Discover...our unique heritage**

Wander through the beautiful Boyne Valley and experience 5000 years of history in this unique destination.

#### Trim Castle & Heritage Town

The picturesque town of Trim is home to Ireland's largest Anglo-Norman Castle. Built in 1172 by Hugh de Lacy, the castle featured in the 1995 epic movie "Braveheart" starring Mel Gibson. Enjoy the beautiful medieval heritage of Trim while you visit. Check website for details of guided tours and opening hours.

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#### 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 founded this beautiful Cistercian Abbey, the first in Ireland.

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The picturesque village of Slane is also well known for being the location where St Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland. In recent times, Slane has become more famous as a concert venue. Castle Tours are available as are tours of Slane Distillery. Slane Hub offers a tourist information point and tours of the Hill of Slane are available.

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#### Brú na Bóinne

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Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World The Battle of the Boyne was Heritage Site and one of the largest fought between King William and most important prehistoric III and his father-in-law King megalithic sites in Europe. The visitor James II on July 1st 1690. A centre interprets the Neolithic monfantastic visitor centre is uments of Newgrange, Knowth and located on thebattle site, in the Dowth, and an exhibition at Knowth restored 18th century Oldbridge showcases its megalithic carved stone artwork. All access to the monuments heritageireland.ie is via Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre. Advance online booking is required.

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The Battle of the Boyne

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#### Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

This project is currently in development and includes recentlycompleted looped sections at Nobber and another at Castletown Kilpatrick which are suitable for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### Royal Canal Greenway

The enchanting Royal Canal Greenway is 130km of level towpath, ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists of all ages and stages. Approximately 22km of the Greenway is set in County Meath, with access points at Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down. Storyboards at the access points guide you along the way, with picnic areas and benches to pause and enjoy your surroundings.



#### Girley Bog Eco Walk

This 6km trail is of considerable conservation significance and is home to a variety of birds, plants and animals. Walking boots are recommended and interpretive panels are dotted along the route.

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#### Hill of Tara

Once the inauguration site of the ancient high kings of Ireland, the Hill of Tara was used for millennia as a ritual assembly and burial site. The hill is accessible all year round. See website for more details

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#### Monasterboice

The late 9th/10th century Cross of Muiredach at Monasterboice is the finest high cross in Ireland and is highly regarded as one of the best surviving examples of Irish religious art. Access is year round.

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#### Kells

The heritage town of Kells contains many fine examples of early Christian architecture including its 9th and 10th century High Crosses, It's most famous treasure, the Book of Kells resides at Trinity College but a facsimile version is on display in Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub. Visit the Spire of Lloyd, Ireland's only inland lighthouse.

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## **Loughcrew Cairns**

The Loughcrew Cairns are a group of 30 passage tombs comprising one of the most important prehistoric cemetaries in Ireland. Dating from 3200BC, the tombs are older than the pyramids of Egypt and boast some of Europe's finest megalithic carved stone art.

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# Drogheda

Gateway to the Boyne Valley: Visit the interactive Boyne Valley exhibition in the Tholsel in the town centre or walk up to Millmount Martello tower to visit the museum. Marvel at the maiestic St Laurence's barbican gate and be sure to visit St Peter's Church, shrine to St Oliver Plunkett. Highlanes Gallery is home to Drogheda's municipal art collection. There are many theatres in the town along with a vibrant arts scene.

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Brú na Bóinne.



Navan, Ireland's floral town, is a vibrant business, shopping and tourist destination. The Solstice Arts Centre, located in the heart of town has a tourist information point and is the starting point for the Navan Points of Pride Walking Trail.

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# Boyne Blueway

Flowing through the picturesque heritage town of Trim, the Boyne Blueway is a beautiful stretch of the River Boyne from Trim to Bective Mill. 8kms in length, it can be paddled in 2.5 to 3 hours and is suitable for dabblers and intermediate ability. Canoeing Ireland has graded this section of the river as "Grade II" (generally slow moving and easily manageable, no weirs or obstructions). More information at Trim Visitor Centre.

#### Trim Castle Riverwalk and Porchfield

From Trim Castle to the monuments at Newtown, there are many interesting information panels dotted along the river bank providing ample opportunities for learning about the history of this medieval landscape. More information at Trim Visitor Centre.

## 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. The walk commences in Navan from the carpark on the R153. Visit discoverbovnevallev.ie.





Inst 20 minutes north of Dublin
International Airport in the North East
of Ireland, the Boyne Valley boasts 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, Droghedg and Duphoyne and Laytown, Drogheda and Dunboyne and frequent bus services throughout the Boyne Valley from Dublin, planning



## **Boyne Valley Tourist Information Points**

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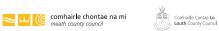
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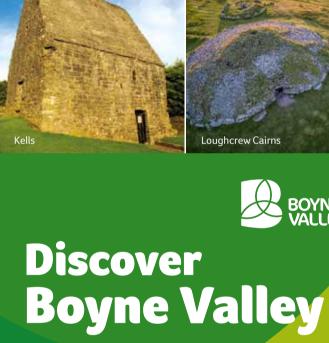
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# **Discover Boyne Valley...**

**Discover...the Boyne Valley Coastline** 

# A vibrant landscape, inspired by the past

The Boyne Valley region, consisting of County Meath and the southern part of County Louth, is a holiday destination with something for everyone. Famed for its rich heritage and mythical landscapes, the Boyne Valley is home to illustrious landmarks such as the Hill of Tara, Trim Castle, Old Mellifont Abbey, the site of the Battle of the Boyne and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of

With it's own Blueway, and no less than three fantastic Greenways to visit, outdoor enthuasiasts will be spoiled for choice and can paddle, pedal or walk to their heart's content. And don't forget your bucket and spade, the Boyne Valley coastline is a real hidden gem just waiting to be explored.

