

Boyne Blueway Trim

Located just 45km from Dublin, Trim is the ideal location to begin your Blueway adventure.

Whether you're into paddling or walking or interested in the heritage and history of the Boyne Valley, the Boyne Blueway is a must for all paddling skill levels from beginners to the experienced.

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 itself and on to Bective Mill. With a length of 35km the full stretch can be paddled in approx 8 hours (experienced paddlers). Or why not take it in sections and at your own pace to savour the delights the river has to offer.



If you enjoyed the Boyne Blueway, contact the Trim Canoe Club or Ribbontail Paddlers via facebook to further your experience.

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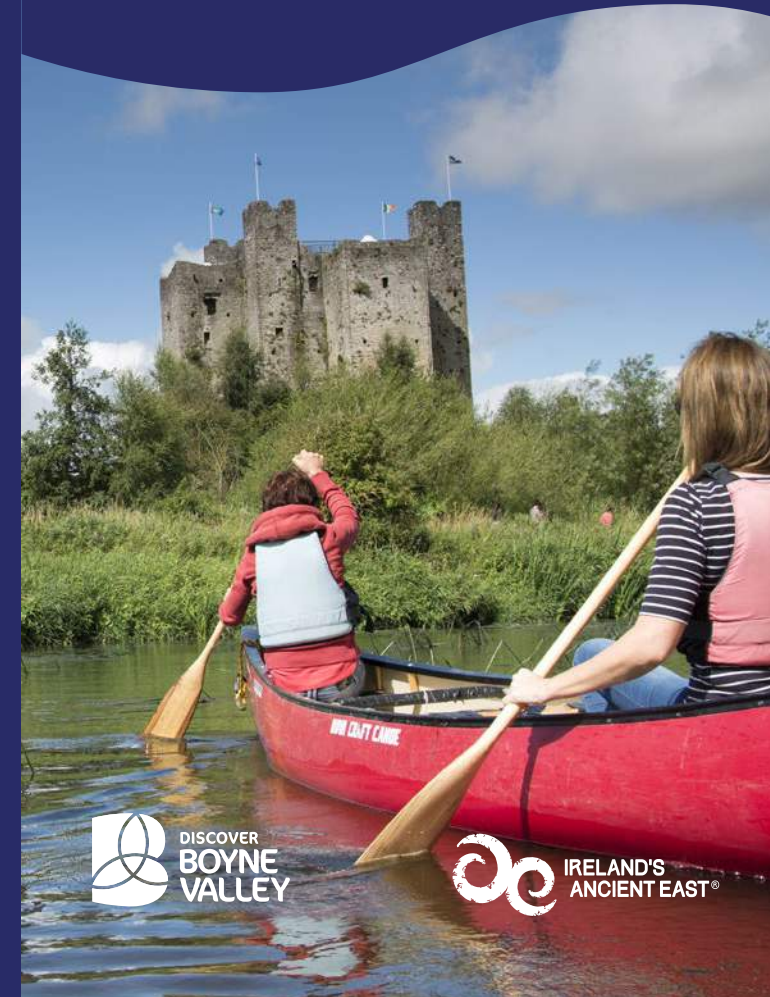


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Inchamore Bridge to Bective Mill



Trim

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.

While you are enjoying the Blueway, there is lots more to see around Trim which contains more medieval buildings than any town in Ireland. Why not call by the Trim Visitor Centre and Tourist Office to learn more about the area, local festivals and events, find a restaurant, bar or accommodation or visit discoverboynevalley.ie

Trim Visitor Centre and Medieval Armoury Tour

Trim Visitor Centre is conveniently located beside Trim Castle, in the historical old market house. It houses the Medieval Armoury Tour, tourist information and gift shop.

Step back in time to Medieval Trim and hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and feel real chainmail, this is a very interactive tour. Trim Living History Group will bring you on a walking tour around Medieval Trim, highlights include:

- Trim Castle (exterior of castle walls)
- River Boyne and Sheepgate
- Views to the Yellow Steeple
- The Old Gaol



Trim Castle and Town

Situated on the river banks of the Boyne, Trim is dominated by the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland. The town is thought to have been founded by St. Loman, a nephew and follower of St. Patrick. In the 13th century the town was enclosed within a circuit of stone walls. Augustinian, Franciscan and Dominican friaries were established, indicating the growing prosperity of the town. 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 is associated with many famous people including Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels who lived at Laracor, near Trim, where he served as vicar to a small congregation. Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington and victor of the Battle of Waterloo, went to school in Trim.

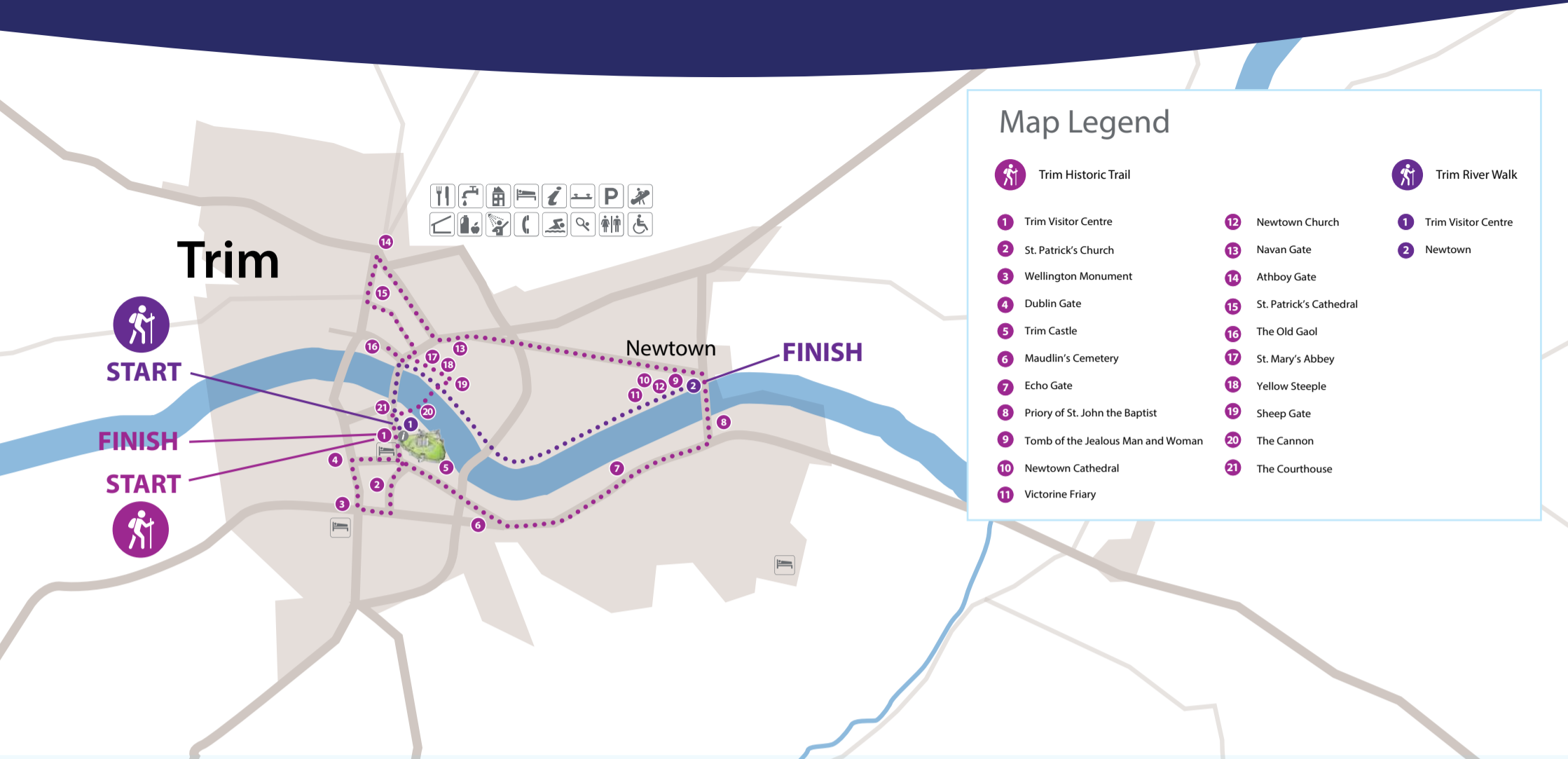
Newtown Trim

A few kilometres downstream from Trim stand the ruins of Newtown Trim, one of the largest medieval cathedrals in Ireland, two monasteries and a small church.

Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman

A point of interest along the way in Newtown is the Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman. This is the ruins of a small medieval church which contains the sixteenth century tomb of Sir Lucas Dillon and his wife. Here you can talk to locals who will tell you how to find the cure for warts.

Trim Walking Trails



Map Legend



Trim Historic Trail

- 1 Trim Visitor Centre
- 2 St. Patrick's Church
- 3 Wellington Monument
- 4 Dublin Gate
- 5 Trim Castle
- 6 Maudlin's Cemetery
- 7 Echo Gate
- 8 Priory of St. John the Baptist
- 9 Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman
- 10 Newtown Cathedral
- 11 Victorine Friary



Trim River Walk

- 1 Trim Visitor Centre
- 2 Newtown

- 12 Newtown Church
- 13 Navan Gate
- 14 Athboy Gate
- 15 St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 16 The Old Gaol
- 17 St. Mary's Abbey
- 18 Yellow Steeple
- 19 Sheep Gate
- 20 The Cannon
- 21 The Courthouse



Walking Trails

There are many walking routes through the historic town of Trim, where you can explore the rich heritage of the town and enjoy the meandering River Boyne at your leisure. Two are listed here but there are a number of trails around the Porchfields for you to follow.



Trim Heritage Trail (90 minutes)

Trim Historic Trail breathes life into the historical significance of Trim. Start at Trim Visitor Centre and follow the historic panels and signs to learn about Trim and its history. Weaving around the streets of the medieval town you will see the old town gates, the Yellow Steeple, the remains of the old leper hospital, the Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman.



Trim River Walk (30 minutes)

This walk provides a glimpse of life in the middle ages in Trim. The walk is linear commencing at Trim Castle and takes approximately 30 minutes along well marked pathways to the 13th century town of Newtown, offering a journey through the medieval landscape of Trim. From the many interpretive panels, learn more about the medieval town, life in the Porchfields, medieval pastimes, farming and forestry. Once you reach Newtown, retrace your steps back to the Castle.



Trim River Walk



Medieval Armoury Tour



Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman



Sheep Gate

Points of Interest

Some other points of interest around Trim to look out for include: Millennium Bridge, Talbot Castle, St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Trim Playground, Trim Visitor Centre and Medieval Armoury Tour, Blackfriary Archaeology Field School



Trim Castle and River Boyne



Blueway

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Paddling Trailhead

There are two trailheads for the Boyne Blueway which both beginners and experienced paddlers can enjoy. The route is Grade II (ie generally slow moving, easily manageable, no weirs or obstructions).

1. Inchamore Bridge, Near Longwood

You can start your adventure at Inchamore Bridge, near Longwood. This section of the Blueway spans Inchamore Bridge to Trim which is 27kms.

2. Trim Town

You can also start your paddling trail in Trim at Boyne Valley Activities located on Jonathan Swift Street. Facilities here include boat washdown and kayak hire, shower, toilets, coffee facilities and shuttlebus service.

Beginners - New to the Blue

Trim Town is a beautiful historic town with many monuments dotted alongside the banks of the majestic River Boyne. If you are new to paddling, why not try out the stretch from Trim to Bective Mill which takes approximately 3 hours. Book a Blueway visit with one of the local activity providers who will provide equipment, a guide and all the expertise so that you can enjoy the experience.

Experienced

If you are experienced in paddling a kayak or canoe and you have your own equipment and can safely use it, then check out the following trails.

The Boyne Blueway can be divided into manageable sections of:

Inchamore Bridge to Trim 27km (approx 6 hours)

Trim to Bective Mill 8km (approx 2.5 - 3 hours paddling to suit beginners and intermediates).

Inchamore Bridge to Bective Mill The full paddling trail from Inchamore Bridge to Bective Mill is 35km (8 hours). A reasonable level of paddling fitness and experience is required to complete the full Grade II route.

Points of Interest

Some points of interest for you to look out for as you paddle along include:
Donore Castle Ruins, near Inchamore Bridge
Newhaggard Mill
Old Town
Trim Castle, Trim Town
Railway Bridge Arch
Rathnally Mill & House
Bective Abbey, near Bective Mill

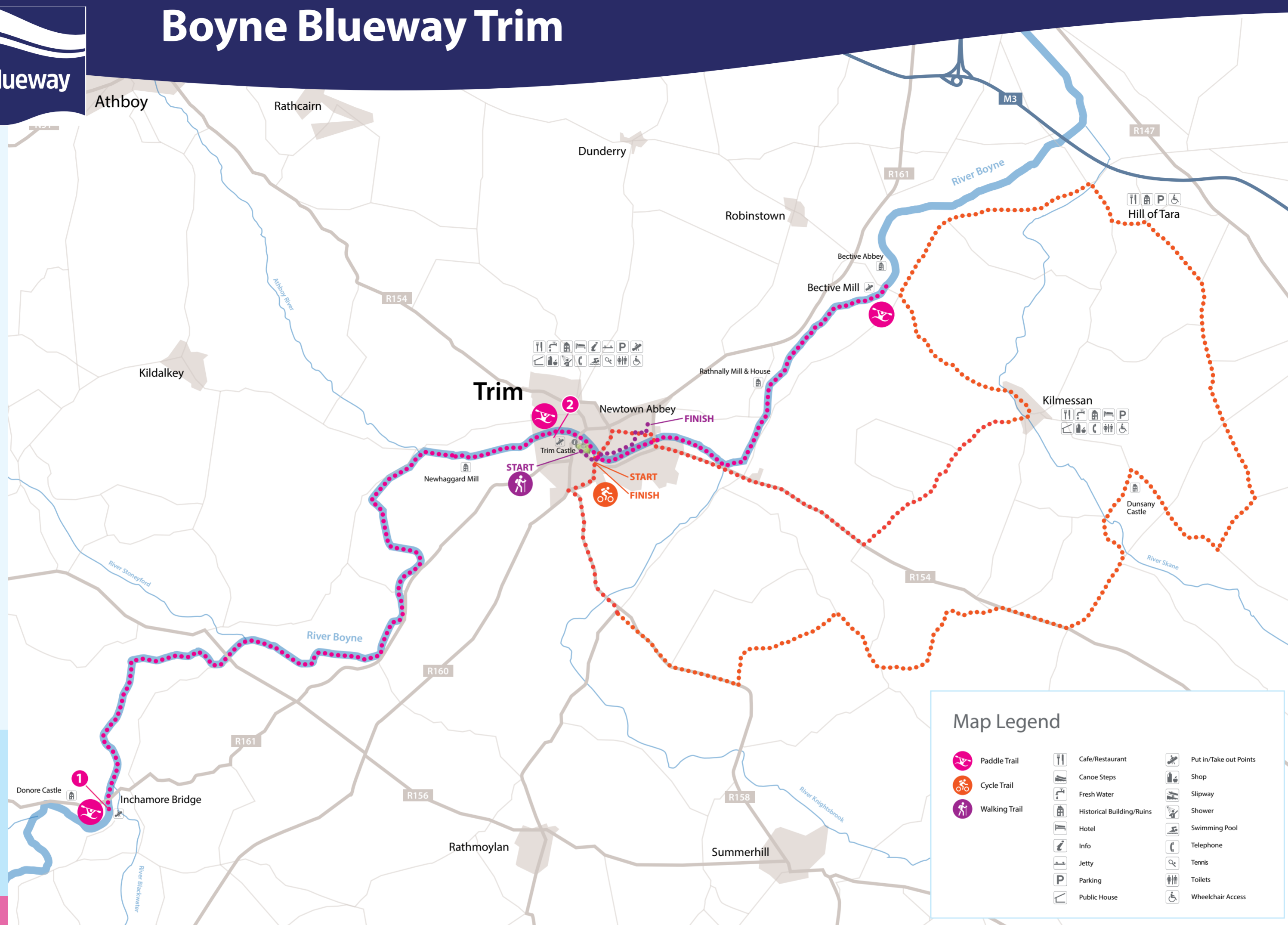
Safety Information

The River Boyne is prone to flooding. Please regard the water levels and when it is at red, do not enter the Blueway. The Boyne Blueway is closed from November to March inclusive.

Paddle in groups of 3 at all times and wear adequate thermal attire.

Due to invasive species, always use the washdown before entering a new watercourse. Boat washdowns are available at all 3 access/egress points.

Emergency Services: 999 or 112



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Boyne Rapids



Cycle Trail

There is a splendid Cycling Trail around Trim where you can discover the wonderful heritage of Meath.

Meath Heritage Cycle Route

The Meath Heritage Cycle Route is 50km in distance. This route is a relatively flat rolling cycle which commences on Castle Street in Trim under the watchful eye of the impressive Trim Castle before heading out past the medieval monastery at Newtown.

Cyclists undertaking this route will experience a mix of quiet rural and local roads passing through the village of Kilmessan, and by Dunsany Castle.

The challenge on this route is the approach up to the Hill of Tara (elevation gain of 145m). The cyclist then has a quick descent down to Dunsany, before heading back to Trim along the Summerhill road.

Points of Interest

Some points of interest to look out for on the cycle trail include: Enjoy majestic views from your halfway point at the top of the Hill of Tara including the Hill of Slane (where St. Patrick lit the Paschal Fire); of the rolling Meath countryside and the 15th Century Abbey on the Hill of Skyrne. On the return journey, look out for Dunsany Castle.



Map Legend

	Paddle Trail		Cafe/Restaurant		Put in/Take out Points
	Cycle Trail		Canoe Steps		Shop
	Walking Trail		Fresh Water		Slipway
			Historical Building/Ruins		Shower
			Hotel		Swimming Pool
			Info		Telephone
			Jetty		Tennis
			Parking		Toilets
			Public House		Wheelchair Access

Where to stop for refreshments

Trim town has a myriad of restaurants, cafés and pubs where you can grab a bite before your paddle; or relax and enjoy a well earned break afterwards.

On the cycle trail, pick up supplies at the Service Station on the Longwood Road Roundabout, or visit Maguires of Tara at the midway point of the trail.

Walking around Trim at a leisurely pace, allows you the time to choose from an array of places to stop for a coffee or lunch as you follow one of the trails.

Why not stay over in Trim and enjoy the food, evening entertainment and great accommodation options. Check out the accommodation list on www.discoverboynevalley.ie.



Hill of Tara