





"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 is does have, and by the gallon, is history.

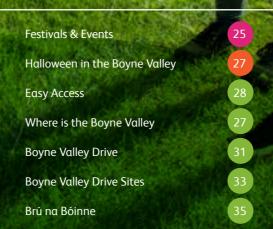
In fact, the Boyne Valley is like a time capsule. Travel along it and you travel through millennia of Irish history, from passage tombs that pre-date the Pyramids, to the Hill of Tara, seat of the High Kings of Ireland, all the way to the home of the First World War poet Francis Ledwidge in Slane. It's 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 Cara magazine is available online at issuu.com

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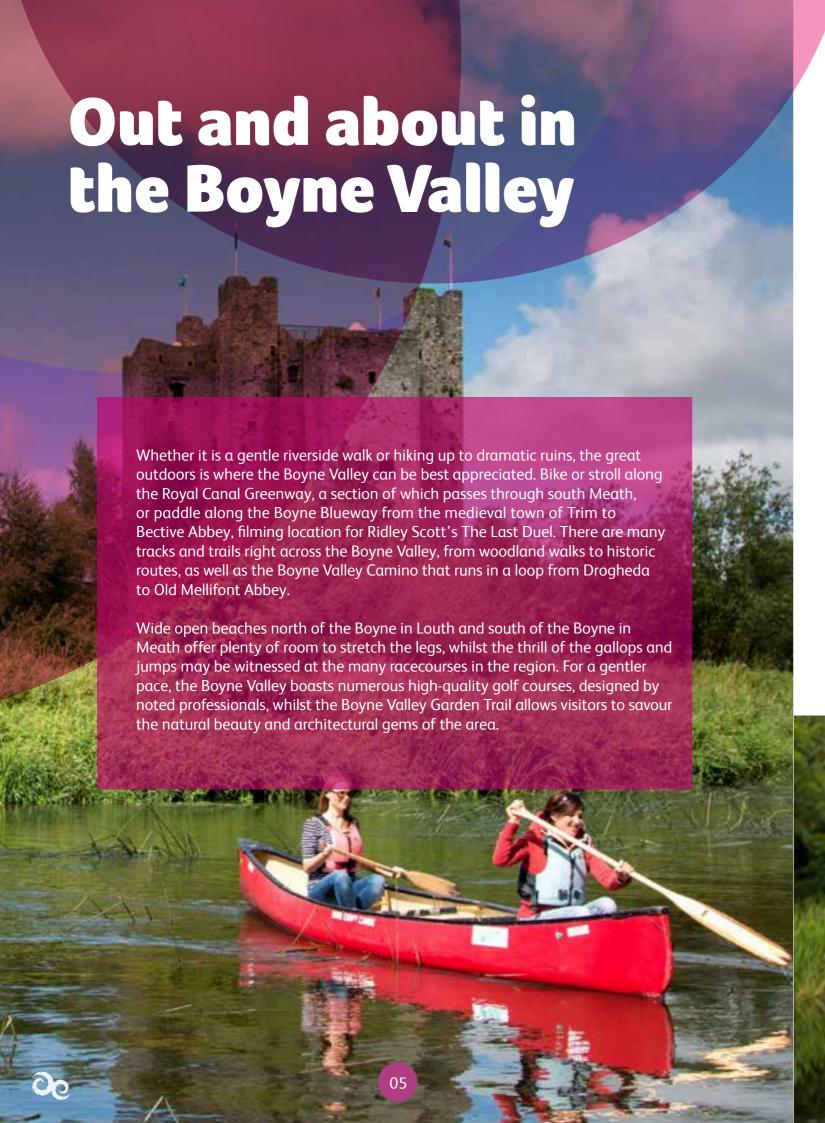
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The Royal Canal Greenway



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 stationmaster's house, 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

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 fo





Heritage and Cultural 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.

Blackwater Park Scéal Trail, Navan

A fun way to bring together the enjoyment of reading, a love of the outdoors and some physical activity. The story of 'Socks for Mr Wolf' starts at the playground and is told through story boards. Each one features questions about the story and movement tips to do on the way to the next page.

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.

DRAWDA Urban Art Trail

Six murals that focus on key figures and moments from mythology, with an Audio Trail! Pick up your printed map from Droichead Arts Centre, Love Drogheda BIDS or local business' or view it online. Take a stroll around Drogheda, use your smart device to scan the code at the mural and listen to the mythological stories behind them!

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 'Áinius Érenn' or 'The splendour of Ireland'. A series of information panels guide you around this historic town. Explore the medieval high crosses and monastic site where the Book of Kells was completed, one of Ireland's greatest cultural treasures. For guided tours see the Kells Walkabout Tours (p.20).

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...

For more details and downloadable maps see discoverboynevalley.ie

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 Castle Walking Trail

International rock legends have entertained millions of fans against the backdrop of Slane Castle since 1981. Follow in their footsteps on the Concert Field Walk which starts at the Castle courtyard, and wander through beautiful mature woodlands. Check slanecastle.ie for opening times.

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.

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.

Loughcrew Estate Walk

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a diverse, tranquil landscape, with plenty to entertain all ages. Children love the wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners can enjoy the beautiful array of trees and plants.

There are a number of peaceful walks within the grounds and a 6km hike to Lough Creve, which can be taken at any pace.

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.)

Porchfield

Explore the wonders of Trim through the medieval open field system known locally as the Porchfield. The Trim River Walk commences at Trim Castle and new interpretive panels guide you along the journey to the wonderful ruins of Newtown Trim. Enjoy a quick workout at the new exercise area, try out the performance space and appreciate nature as you walk.

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 and another section from Wilkinstown village to the Tailing Ponds near Navan. See discoverboynevalley.ie for up-to-date details.

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 Trim to Bective Mill. Paddle along the river and enjoy the scenery and heritage, on a trip that will take approximately 3 hours.















BOYNE VALLEY

Garden Trail

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.

Face Book: Boyne Valley Garden Trail



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. Groups by appointment.

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

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

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

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 of the poet's life and work. The pretty cottage garden reminds us of the poet's love for nature deep in the countryside of Slane. francisledwidge.com

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 sweet treats. Groups by appointment. Coach parking. kilgargardens.com

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. No dogs. killineerhouse.ie

Loughcrew Estate and Gardens, Co. Meath

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a tranquil landscape. Children love our wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners enjoy investigating the beautiful array of trees and plants. The remains of a medieval motte as well as St Oliver Plunkett's family church can all be explored here. loughcrew.com

Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth

Built by architect Francis Johnston in the C18th, Rokeby won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2014, for the restoration of its Turner designed conservatory. House and garden can be visited at times listed. Groups of 8 by appointment, rokeby is

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 / Open see website Vegan Café and Eco Shop with organic, zero waste, fair trade & low carbon footprint products is on site. sonairte.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8409

E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com Open Apr-Oct 9am - 5pm, Nov-Mar 9am -3pm

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

Tel +353 (0) 41 685 1205

Open May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm. Heritage Week in August.

Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and G

Fee €5. Children free

Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950

E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

Open All year

Fee Free admission

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544

E info@francisledwidge.com

Open 7 days: Mar-Oct 10am -5pm, Oct-Mar 10am-3.30pm

Fee €4 adults, €3 seniors and students, €8.50 family

Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950

E kilgargardens@gmail.com

Open May - Sep, Sat & Sun, 11-5 pm. Groups 7 days

Fee Garden €6pp

Tel +353 (0) 86 232 3783

E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com

Open Feb 1-20, May 1-15, June 1-10, Aug 10-24

Fee Garden €10nn

Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356

E admin@loughcrew.com

Open January - December, Monday to Sunday 10am - 5pm. Fee Daily: Adult €8, Senior/Student €6, Children €4. Annual family

pass: 2 adults & 3 children €95 or €40 for single tickets.

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

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572

E hello@sonairte.ie

By Appointment Gardens

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. Min group of 10

Bee Wise Nature Trail, Crerogue, Kilmessan, Co Meath

This biodiversity nature trail comprises young woodland, flowering/fruiting hedgerows and wildflowers. The 1.5km woodland path has information points and benches to sit and enjoy the wildlife around you, and a large, working Observation Hive to view the fascinating life of the Honey Bee. A sensory area, maze and play area can be enjoyed by all. 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 is set in 4 acres of superb, landscaped gardens. Eileen offers garden design services and gardening skills classes. There are amazing mature trees, an extensive organic vegetable garden, a crocus lawn, a walled garden and a wonderful, feature Georgian stone parterre. Open all year round. collegehillhouse.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 140 0220 E info@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@amail.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 info@cottages-ireland.com

Open By appointment Spring & Autumn only. Min group of 10

Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath

Transformed from a derelict 3 acre site by volunteer residents, the garden has an orchard, woodland, pollinating flower beds, soft fruit bushes, herbs and pond with seating scattered throughout. With An Taisce green flag & Biodiversity Ireland Pollinator awards, regular family events are held in this wonderful garden. Check website for details. julianstowncommunity.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283 E julianstowndca@gmail.com

Open All year

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 €15 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 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

Garden Centres

Boyne Garden Centre & Nursery, Ardcalf, Slane, Co. Meath, C15P92W

Multi-Award-Winning Nursery, winning several 'Best in Show' & ten 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 Please see website for opening times

Elmgrove Farm, Drogheda Road, Gormanston, Co. Meath, K32 C925

Owned by the McCullough family, Ireland's largest flower farm grows 20 varieties of daffodils, peony roses, sunflowers, lilies, qladioli & others throughout the seasons. Flowers sold through farm shop, farmers markets & online. elmgrovefarm.ie

Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4389 E info@elmarovefarm.ie

Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6678

Open Please see website and Facebook/Instagram. No Dogs. Min 4, Max 30 per Group. By appointment only.

Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, A84 C938

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

E ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com Open Summer, Mon-Sun 10am-6pm. Winter, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.

Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 EO2X

Owned by John and Eileen Eivers - winners of Gold, Gilt and Silver medals at Bloom, the nursery specializes in herbaceous perennials and cottage garden plants. riverlane.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 636 3506 E info@riverlane.ie

Open Please check website for opening times.



Feel the sand in your toes

Discover our coastal wonderland



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.



The Boyne Valley is a great destination for the visiting angler. The river and its many smaller tributaries offer superb sport for the fly fishing enthusiast and the chance to catch wild brown trout and salmon. The region also has many beautiful lakes and canal stretches offering a fantastic variety of game, pike and coarse fishing.

ngling Associations

The majority of trout and salmon angling on the Boyne River is controlled by angling associations and some by private fishery owners. Anglers wishing to fish for wild brown trout on 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. Mos 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 updated annually.

in the magical waters of the Boyne Valley

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 on the legendary Lough Sheelin (a Midland Fisheries permit is required). Beautiful Lough Lene near Collinstown offers excellent fly fishing for stocked rainbow and brown trout.

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 fishing season on the Boyne River and tributaries runs from March 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.

Pike and Coarse Angling

With dozens of lakes and miles of canal to choose from, the Boyne Valley offers excellent opportunities for the coarse and pike angler. This type of fishing is available twelve months of the year. A licence is not generally required, but check locally if fishing a club-controlled water.

Drumconrath village in County Meath is surrounded by a number of small to medium sized lakes with parking and fishing platforms. These include Corstown Lake, Ballyhoe Lakes, Mentrim Lakes, Lough Bracken and Balrath Lake. Whitewood Lake near Kilmainhamwood is another good fishery. All these lakes contain good stocks of roach, bream, tench and hybrids.

The Royal Canal also provides great coarse fishing and big catches. A number of competitions are held here each year. Access points to this wild, rural coarse fishery may be found at Ferns Lock, Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down.

Sea Angling

From Clogherhead down to the mouth of the river Boyne and further south, there are extensive beaches offering good shore angling opportunities to fish for bass, flatfish, dogfish and mullet. 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.

More Information

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland. For more information about angling the region, fishing reports, publications, contact details and regulations contact Inland Fisheries Ireland. fishinginireland.info

Go Fishing Ireland

Guided boat fishing trips on the lakes and rivers of the Boyne Valley and Ireland's East. Go fishing and explore our beautiful waterways in the company of a professional, qualified fishing guide/instructor. All fishing equipment provided. All levels of experience catered for. Macetown, Navan, Co. Meath, T +353 (0) 86 805 5337 E chris@gofishingireland.ie gofishingireland.ie







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. 2022 sees the 150th running of the Boylesports 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 including the Fortria and Troytown on a superb National Hunt track. Enjoy fine dining and entertainment after racing. Tailored packages for birthdays, stag hen parties, afternoon tea and fundraisers of all group sizes available. payantage ourse is

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

Lavtown Race

Laytown is famous for its annual strand races, and is a wonderful day out. Laytown Races occupies a unique position in the Irish and British racing calendar as it is the only race event run on a beach under the rules of the Turf Club.

Laytown, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111 / (0) 86 374 8985 E laytownraces@gmail.com

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.

Bellewstown, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 982 3614 E info@bellewstownraces.ie

Laytown Strand Races

Navan Racecourse

Bellewstown Racecourse







2023 race fixtures

Please check websites for up-to-date race fixtures.

Fairyhouse Racecourse

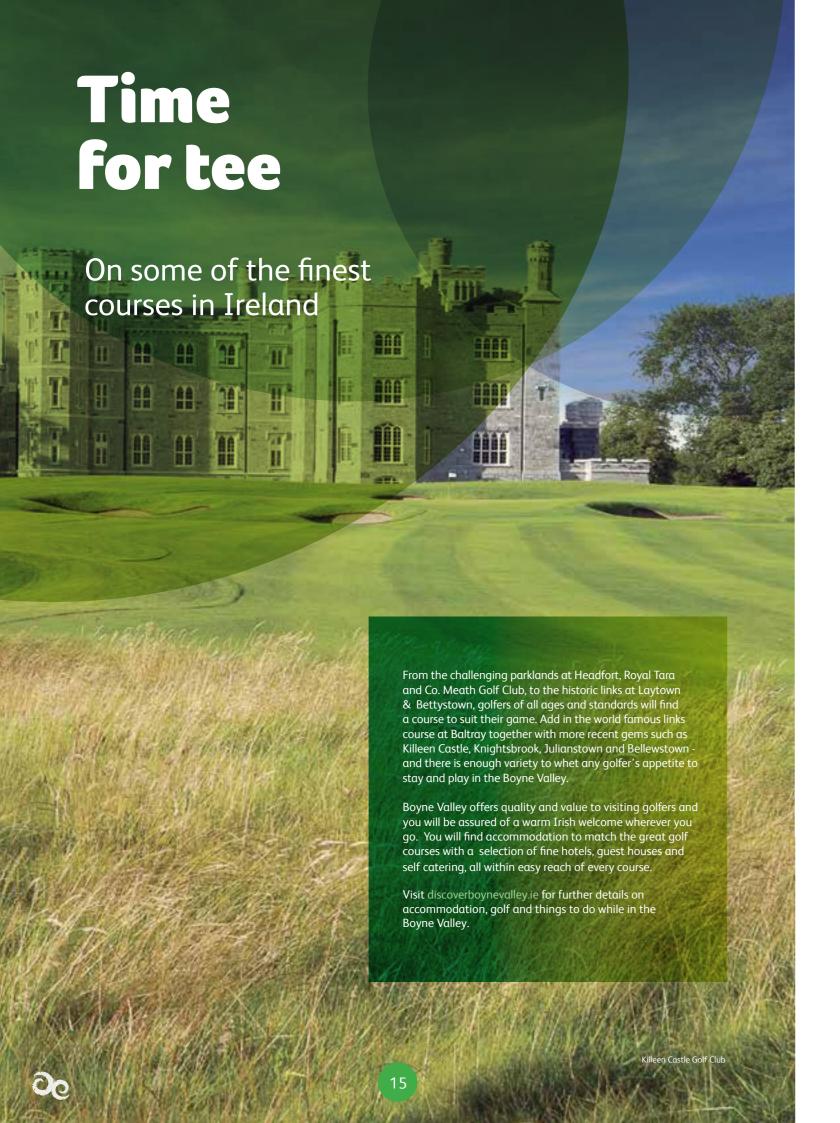
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Laytown Races

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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
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Black Bush Golf Club

Located in Dunshaughlin in the heart of County Meath, Black Bush Golf Club has matured into a fantastic test of golf. Treelined fairways, strategically positioned hazards and immaculate greens provide an enjoyable challenge for golfers. Excellent bar and restaurant open to non-members. blackbushgolfclub.ie Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 825 0021 E clubadmin@blackbushgolfclub.ie

County Louth Golf Club

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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 Championship Course 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

Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953 / (0) 87 464 7916
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, knightshrook com

Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100 / 46 948 2102 E qolf@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 in 1909 and has produced some of Ireland's best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. landbgolfclub.ie

Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7170
E. links@landh.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. royaltaragolfclub.com

Bellinter, Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5508 E info@royaltaragolfclub.com

Headfort Golf Club



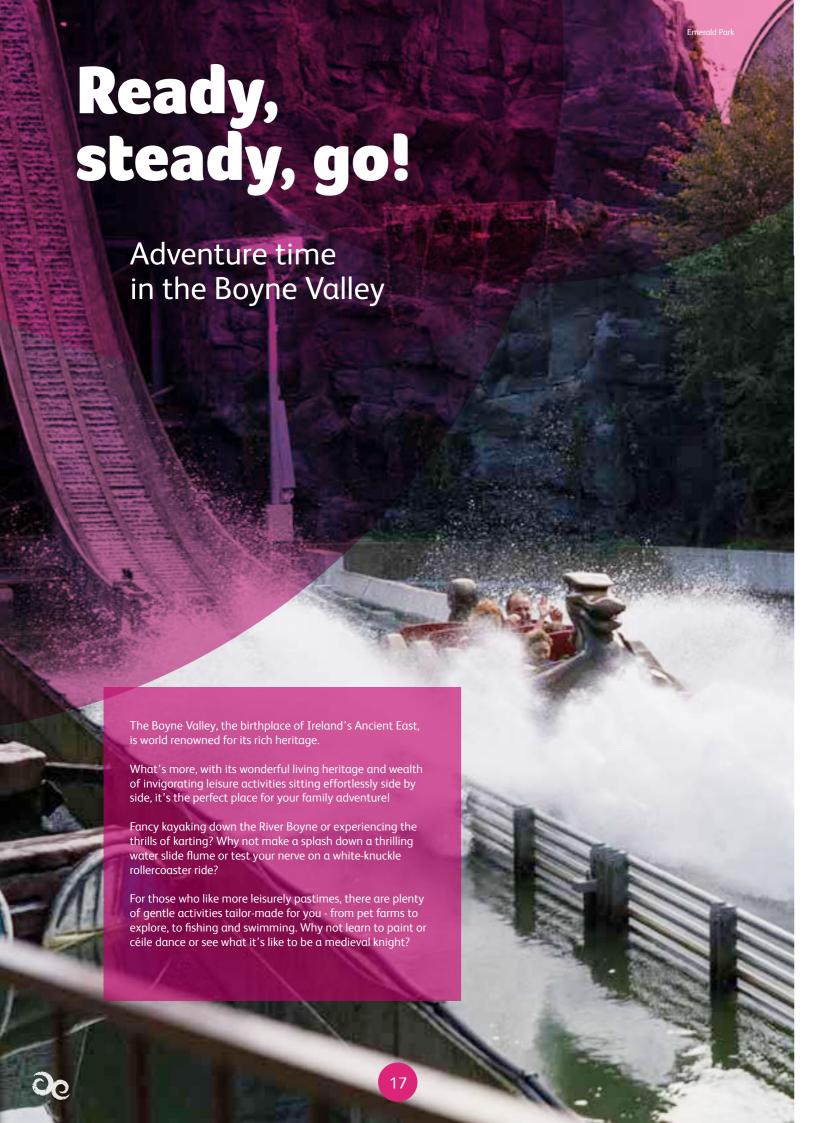




County Louth Golf Club

Knightsbrook Golf Club

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Adventure Activities & Family Fun

An Gobha, Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley

An Gobha offers immersive and interactive experiences of traditional iron age metal forging, as demonstrated by the character An Gobha, the blacksmith, delivered with theatre, stories, myths, history and fun. An Gobha also manufactures and sells handcrafted metal decorative objects and blade works based on ancient Celtic symbols and artefacts. Social Media: Tom King

Durhamstown, Bohermeen, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D7W2 Tel +353 (0) 86 865 2679

E angobha@gmail.com

Ashbourne Baseball Club

An amateur baseball and softball club drawing players from Dublin, Ashbourne and surrounding areas, Ashbourne Baseball Club has teams at all levels in the Irish Baseball League. New players are always welcome and the club is delighted to host visitors to its home games at the International Baseball Centre. ashbournebaseball.com

International Baseball Centre Archerstown, Ashbourne, Co Meath E ashbournebaseballclub@gmail.com

Ree Wise Nature Trail

Where Education, Nature and Fun meet! Explore the nature trail and discover some hidden gems for all ages to enjoy-sensory area, pond, observation hive, maze and outdoor play area. We have picnic areas throughout the trail to refuel. For further information on our Open Days and group tour options see beewise.ie

Creroque, Kilmessan, Co. Meath, C15 X62D Tel +353 (0) 86 344 6791 E paddy@beewise.ie

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@bovneboats.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

As Ireland's only Theme Park and Zoo, with unlimited fun-filled attractions, there is something for the whole family to enjoy at Emerald Park. Conquer the epic Cú Chulainn coaster, get close to dinosaurs on Dino Dash, enjoy the award-winning World of Raptors display, check out amazing Amur tigers and more! emeraldpark.ie

Kilbrew, Ashbourne, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 835 1999

Pirates Cove waterpark features over 200 water qushing activities including the adrenaline pumping Super Bowl speed slide and the Unit 1, Donore Road Industrial Estate, Drogheda, Co. Louth gravity defying Boomerang slide. Other attractions include Atlantis Cove play area, bowling alley, disco roller skating, crazy golf, rock Tel +353 (0) 41 989 8000 climbing, ultimate sky climb, indoor twin zipline, restaurant, simulators and more! funtasia.ie

E partyoffice@funtasia.ie

Irish Military War Museum

Irelands's only 'hands on' military museum, family park, playground and conference facilities. Also housing US convoy military vehicles. Extensive displays on WW1 and WW2, Irish War of Independence, Vietnam War and First Gulf War. Audio and guided tours daily. Tank rides, picnic area, maze, inflatable obstacle course and camping facilities. irishmilitarywarmuseum.com

Starinagh, Collon, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 981 9501 E irishmilitarvwarmuseum@amail.com

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

Visit Loughcrew's historic gardens and spend a day rambling through a tranquil landscape. Children love our wonderful Fairy Trail, while gardeners enjoy investigating the beautiful array of trees and plants. The remains of a medieval motte as well as St Oliver Plunkett's family church can all be explored here. 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 Donore, Moynalty Kells, Co. Meath, A82 C6K7 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 Tel +353 (0) 87 239 3342 fore fathers. Open by appointment only. moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

E office@movnaltysteamthreshing.ie

Navan Adventure Centre

Navan Adventure Centre is the perfect choice for fun family days out, play dates, birthday parties, hen parties and more! We offer Navan Racecourse, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 X8HP a huge range of activities including laser tag, bouncy castles, obstacle courses, archery, football golf, mini golf, pedal go-karting and kids pedalo boats. We also have family fun festivals throughout Easter, Halloween & Christmas, navanadventurecentre.ie

Tel +353 (0) 85 236 6322

Newgrange Open Farm and Coffee Shop offers a truly marvellous insight into farming life, allowing children a fun, up-close and hands-on experience with our animals. We also have indoor and outdoor play facilities and picnic areas. Meet the animals: puppies, kittens, rabbits, chicks, pet lambs, pet calves, pigs and more. newgrangefarm.com

Newgrange, Slane, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4119 E info@newarangefarm.com

Red Mountain Open Farm

Located just five minutes from the Newgrange monument, the open farm boasts the most extensive indoor facilities of all open Corballis, Donore, Drogheda, Co Meath, A92 TN59 farms in Ireland. It runs events for Easter and Halloween and is open six days a week during the summer. During the months of Tel +353 (0) 41 982 3221 May and June the farm runs school tours which offer a fun learning experience. redmountainopenfarm.ie

E info@redmountainopenfarm.ie

Rockfield House

Take a step back in time, to experience below-stairs industriousness and upstairs luxury. On arrival, everyone dresses as servants Rockfield House, Athboy Road, Kells, Co. Meath A82 V9D5 to do household chores, under the watchful eye of the butler! Then rise through society and enjoy some fine dining and parlour Tel +353 (0) 46 943 4135 / 086 129 6425 games! An ideal venue for friends and family get-togethers/birthdays, hen parties, and team-building fun. rockfieldhouse.com

E info@rockfieldhouse.com

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

Trim Medieval Armoury

Step back in time to Medieval Trim; hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and handle chainmail. Self-quided tours in the Trim Visitor Centre, or guided tours available on request (please contact Trim Visitor Centre for details).

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 Navan is an award-winning activity centre whose activities include indoor karting, bowling, virtual Unit 1-2 Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath reality and soft play! We also have outdoor laser tag and other activities plus we have coffees and teas, hot lunch options and Tel +353 (0) 46 9071623 refreshments in the cafe. Perfect for families, corporate days out or school tours. thezone.ie

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, Ardcath, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 87 835 4805 E BoyneValleyTours@gmail.com

Boyne Valley Trails

Boyne Valley Trails is a Drogheda based voluntary group which aims to share the beauty, heritage and culture of Ireland's ancient Boyne Valley, through a series of bespoke walks, trails and adventures. Check out the website for details of what's planned! Walks take place in different locations, see website. boynevalleytrails.ie

Tel +353 (0) 87 254 9107 E dustyflanagan@gmail.com

Funtasia Waterpark



Tlachtga Abhaile





Newgrange Farm





Custom Irish Tours

Custom Irish Tours offer award-winning chauffeur driven tours of Ireland (including the Boyne Valley) with a wide range of tours 42 Troytown Heights, Navan, Co. Meath 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 quide, customirishtours.com

Tel +353 (0) 86 605 5537 F info@customirishtours.com

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

Ireland-At Your Leisure

Private, fun and luxurious day and multi-day tours of Ireland including Boyne Valley, Northern Ireland, Cliffs of Moher etc. Tours conducted by Richard, a professional, caring quide who will look after all abilities and age groups. His farming background gives him great insights into the heritage of the Irish landscape. irelandatyourleisure.ie

Johnsfort House, Clonmellon, Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 86 373 3644 E richard@irelandatyourleisure.ie

Kells Walkabout Tours

Volunteers will take you on a free walking tour of their town. From the early medieval monastic site to the Georgian quarter, our volunteers will share with you the local stories and hidden gems of Kells, Co. Meath.

Kells Courthouse, Headfort Rd, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62 Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508

E kellscourthouse@discoverbovnevallev.ie

My Ireland Family Heritage

Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland-approved national tour quide 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 Tel +353 (0) 867 347 094 / 861 980 402 E ian@royalhistoricaltours.com

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

Hill of Tara Open Studio, Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 86 606 9201 E treasa@sacredsites.ie

Tlachtga Abhaile

Tlachtga is the sacred hill outside Athboy where Halloween began as the Samhain festival. Actress, singer and tour guide Fiona Dalton, as the goddess Tlachtag, brings this legend glive in an performance of story and song. Tlachtag Abhaile can be booked for events and offers a new walking tour of Athboy. For more for details see Facebook and Instagram

Various venues around the Boyne Valley Tel +353 (0) 85 717 9005 E gmeade@stayintrim.ie

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 Tel +353 (0) 1888-508-6639 / (0) 46 943 7555 E edel@loveirishtours.com

Zatino Travel

Ireland China International Travel Services Ltd (I-CITS) is specialized in inbound Chinese visitors to the island of Ireland. We focus on tailor-made tours, film-themed tours including Game of Thrones and Star Wars, photography workshops, high-ranking governmental visits, business investors' inspections, study tours, event organizing, and conference arrangement. cits.ie citsie.cn

15 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 XY47 Tel +353 (0) 76 888 9858 E info@cits.ie





Arts Centres, Galleries, Exhibitions & Theatres

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

Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub. Kells Courthouse, Kells, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508 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 Tel +353 (0) 86 867 2339 E info@copterview.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

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

Emily McCormack- Artist

Located outside Dunboyne, Co. Meath, Emily McCormack – Artist runs an oil painting school offering various workshops. Complete beginners are welcome and paintings are available to buy from her website, by appointment in her gallery or every Sunday from 112-113 Merrion Square's Open-Air Art Gallery, Dublin. emilymccormack-artist.ie

Warrenstown, Kilcock, Co. Meath, W23 TVH7 Tel +353 (0) 86 838 2740 E emily@emilymccormack-artist.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 Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843 E droahedatouristoffice@amail.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.

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

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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

Solstice Arts Centre

Regular exhibitions & workshops from international, national and local artists, open Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm. The 320-seat theatre hosts the best of local talent as well as professional theatre, music, ballet, opera, comedy, dance & children's events and houses a 4K surround sound cinema. Solstice café offers fresh, locally sourced food. solsticeartscentre.ie

Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 KWP1 Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300 E info@solsticeartscentre.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 Fartsoffice@meathcoco.je

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

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. thevenueratoath.ie

Main Street, Ratoath, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 689 5600 F info@ratoathcc ie

Cultural, Heritage and Wellness 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/ Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath individuals who can expect to find welcome, hospitality, healing & hope, woodlands & walkways. The centre offers Retreats/ Workshops year-round. antobar.ie

Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8973 E antobarnavan@amail.com

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 Black Friary is a medieval Dominican Friary in the historic town of Trim, under excavation since 2010. Tours of the excavation

Blackfriary Archaeology Field School, Griffin Park, site are available from the archaeologists throughout the summer. Follow on Social Media for details of Open Days Book via bafs.ie

Trim, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 85 756 3671 E info@bafs.ie

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. Advance booking essential. heritageireland.ie

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

Drogheda Museum Millmount & Martello Tower

Millmount's 'cup and saucer' offers spectacular views over the town. Lovingly restored, the 1808 Martello-type tower houses Millmount Complex, Drogheda, Co. Louth a permanent exhibition of military memorabilia, John Boyne O'Reilly's death mask and a superb new exhibition on the Battle Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3097 of Waterloo. The neighbouring Drogheda Museum contains a wealth of local artefacts. millmount.net

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 Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544 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

The Hot Box Sauna

We are an outdoor sauna experience based on the bank of the river Boyne at Bective Mill House. We offer 55 minute sauna and hot tub sessions where quests switch between the sauna or hot tub and the river Boyne for hot and cold therapy which leaves them feeling brand new! thehotboxsauna.ie

Bective Mill House, Balina, Navan, Co Meath Tel +353 (0) 85 277 2599 E info@thehotboxsauna.ie

Killua Castle

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Clonmellon Lodge, Killua Castle, Clonmellon, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 87 943 6727 F info@killugcastle.com

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

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

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 Convinging 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 and courtyard Café. slanecastle.ie

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Language Schools

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Caoimhe Tuthill Cashel, Slane, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 87 241 9315 E info@boann.ie

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E boynevalleywools@gmail.com

Castle Crafts is run by a mother/daughter duo who proudly support over 100 local crafters by creating an outlet to showcase their work, talent and skills in ceramics, glassblowing, one-of-a-kind art pieces, beautiful home fragrances, handmade jewellery and artisan food among many other Irish crafts. castlect

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Rathmaiden, Slane, Co. Meath

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Newbarn Farm, Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co. Meath E info@newbarnfarm.ie

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 Traveloque. patsart

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Festivals & Events

Spring

Drogheda Arts Festival Fairyhouse Easter Racing Festival Loughcrew Spring Equinox St. Patrick's Day Festivals

Blue Jean Country Queen Festival Boyne Adventure Race Boyne Music Festival Boyne Valley Film Festival Boyne Viking Experience at Slane Castle Dogitude Festival DRAWDA I Mythical Midsummer Festival 2023 Drogheda Classical Music Concert Series Dunderry Fair Day Fairy Festival at Loughcrew Estate Heritage Week 12 - 20 August 2023 Hinterland Festival Kells

Kells Type Trail Living History Weekend, Irish Military War Museum Moynalty Country Music Festival

Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival Navan Choral Festival Nobber Show and Fair Oldcastle Agricultural Show

Otherside Festival Scurlogstown Olympiad St Colmcille Illuminations Kells Trim Haymaking Festival

Autumn

Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival Farmaphobia Laytown Strand Races Leanbh Children's Festival Loughcrew Autumn Equinox Meath Film Festival O'Carolan Harp Festival Royal Meath Agricultural Show Púca Festival Samhain Food Festival 4th-6th November 2023 Spirts of Meath Halloween Festival

Winter

A Classical Christmas Evening (Trim) Christmas markets across the Boyne Valley

(please refer to individual websites for dates and details) Boyne Valley Food Series Droichead Arts Centre Fairyhouse Racecourse

Highlanes Gallery Meath Beo Music Series

Ongoing Events

Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Ba

Slane Food Circle Solstice Arts Centre

Winter Solstice at Newgrange

For an online calendar of Boyne Valley events and festivals

Boyne Music Festival





Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival



DRAWDA Urban Art Trail



Halloween the Boyne Valley SPIRITS OF MEATH HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL Oct 6 - Nov 6 2023 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

Come alive in the dark



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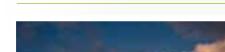


Loughcrew Cairns

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) Tour guides on site during the summer.





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 Tour guides on site during the summer. heritaaeireland.ie



Hill of Slane

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Slane, Co. Meath

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

Kells

Newgrange and Knowth (Brú

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

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Donore, Co. Meath, A92 EH5C Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300

Open Access all year. Access to monuments through

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking sential for Newgrange chamber tour (see website)

Don't Forget

book your ticket at heritageireland.ie

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

Trim Castle

Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

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Kells, Co. Meath

Early monastic settlement where the High Crosses depict

biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, representing early Irish

including the famous Market Cross. Kells is also associated

with the Book of Kells, probably the most famous of Irish

Christianity. Five stunning examples can be found in Kells

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 for tours, and once a day during the week (contact Trim Visitor Centre for details).

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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.



Dong

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 Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3097 E info@droghedamuseum.ie Open All year. Admission charge millmount.net



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

Visitor Centre open during the summer. Hill open all year.



Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge

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



Please check individual websites for current opening times and availability.





Discover Brú na Bóinne Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth

The World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne is Ireland's richest archaeological landscape and is situated within a bend in the River Boyne. Brú na Bóinne is famous for the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Knowth, Newgrange and Dowth which were built circa 3200 BC. These ceremonial structures are among the most important Neolithic sites in the world and contain the largest collection of megalithic art in Western Europe.

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre is the starting point for all visits to Newgrange and Knowth. Do not go directly to the monuments as you will not gain entry. Visitors are brought via shuttle bus to the monuments at Newgrange and Knowth. Dowth is not part of the tour.

The Visitor Centre exhibition is a fully interactive and newly-refurbished visitor experience exploring the Neolithic culture, land-scape and monuments of Brú na Bóinne. Pre-booking tickets is essential. Universal access is limited at the monuments — those who require special assistance or those with mobility issues please contact us in advance of visit. Tours must be booked at heritageireland.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, Donore, County Meath, A92 EH5C Tel: +353 (0) 41 988 0300 E: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Don't Forge

Advance booking essential. Book your ticket at heritageireland.ie

Newgrang

Newgrange (c 3,200 BC) is the best-known monument of Brú na Bóinne, predating the ancient pyramids of Giza by 400 years and Stonehenge in England by 1000 years. The passage tomb is surrounded by 97 kerb stones, the most impressive is the large entrance stone which is covered in swirls and designs. Inside the large mound there is a long passage leading into a chamber which branches off three ways. The cremated remains of the dead were laid on large stone basins inside the chamber which usually were accompanied by grave goods.

At dawn on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year (December 21st), a shaft of sunlight enters the chamber of Newgrange through a specially designed opening over the doorway which illuminates the chamber. On December 21st 1967, Prof M. J. O'Kelly was the first person in modern times to see this now world-famous event.



Knowth

The passage tomb complex lies to the west of Newgrange. The large mound covers two passage tombs placed back to back which is surrounded by 127 massive kerbstones. Outside this large passage tomb there are eighteen small tombs.

Over three hundred decorated stones make up Knowth which represents the greatest concentration of megalithic art in Western Europe. Recurring motifs on these stones include circles serpentine forms and spirals. A new exhibit at Knowth explores the megalithic art of the Boyne Valley, and the story of the archaeologists who discovered it, including the famed Meath archaeologist Prof George Eogan.

Don't Forge

All access to the monuments is via the Brú na Bóinne VisitorCentre. Do NOT go directly to Newgrange or Knowth



Dowt

Dowth is the least well known of the three monuments, although it compares in size. The mound is surrounded by a kerb of 115 stones and has two tombs facing westwards. On the 21st of December (Winter Solstice), the rays of the setting sun illuminate one of the passages in a similar manner to the rising sun at Newgrange. At least thirty-eight of the stones at Dowth contain megalithic art, the circle being the most common motif used. There is no access to the interior of the Dowth Mound, but visitors may still walk around the outside and admire the monument and views.



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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...

The annual Navan Choral and Instrumental Festival is one of the primary choral festivals in Ireland, hosting competitions for schools, youth and adult choirs. A great day out for all ages. See navanchoralfestival.com. If sport is your thing check out Navan Racecourse and its Racing Festival in November, or the fairways of 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. Winner of Ireland's Tidiest Town in 2022.

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 Scurlogstown 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!

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 cafés, 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 Marcy 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.









Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda

Navan

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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. It was built on a prehistoric hill fort named Mullach Aiti, which is mentioned in the epic Táin Bó Cúailnge. In later years a paupers' graveyard was placed here during the Great Famine. 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, the Georgian Quarter, St. Kieran's Well.

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, and is truly the 'town of festivals'. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours and their annual Samhain Food Festival or book your place at the Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. $Explore the latest exhibition \ at the \ Toradh 2 \ art \ gallery \ in the \ Courthouse. Why not \ pay \ a \ visit \ to \ Donaghpatrick \ and \ Teltown - the \ venues \ for \ the \ ancient \ Tailteann \ Games.$ 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.

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. Nearby is Loughcrew Estate and Gardens, former home of St Oliver Plunkett and now the location for luxury accommodation, historic gardens, a café, and an annual programme of events for all the family.

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.

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 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 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. Cianan's Church, St. Mary's Abbey $and the High Crosses. Slane \ Castle is the residence of The Marquess \ Conyngham \ and is internationally famous for its summer music concerts. \ Guided tours of Slane \ Castle \ C$ 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...

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, hosteling 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. In Louth, choose from Seapoint, Clogherhead, Baltray and Port beaches. 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. 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-ireland.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.

Emerald 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 Emerald 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 Ashbourne Baseball Club or the Newbarn Farm Shop for some goodies..



Boyne Valley
Towns & Villages

Loughcrew, Oldcastle



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 momories are made of this!









Loughcrew Gardens and Lightscape



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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 adventurel



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



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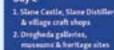
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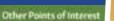
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Droichead Arts Centre

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.



Girley Bog

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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 Emerald Park and the 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.

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, one of early Christian Ireland's greatest treasures. The town hosts many festivals and events including the Hinterland Literary Festival and the Samhain Food Festival. There is plenty to see and do nearby, including the Loughcrew Cairns, Girley Big and Causey Farm.

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.

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.

For more on these itineraries see **discoverboynevalley.ie**



Golfing



Laytown beach



Canoeing on the River Boyne





Drogheda



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Foodie destination

Discover the flavours of Boyne Valley

Make time this year to discover the flavours of Boyne Valley, a unique gastronomic region and 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.



The fertile soils of the ancient Boyne Valley have been home to skilled farmers and food producers for thousands of years and the traditions have been passed down and continued to this day. The region boasts a bountiful supply of innovative 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.

Discover and immerse yourself in the traditions of the ancient Boyne Valley, one of the leading food tourism destinations in the world where there are so many delicious adventures to be explored. Immerse yourself in many authentic food experiences on offer across the region including Farm Tours where you will meet the producer, learn how their produce is grown or created and of course tasting the end result.

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. Brush up on your cooking skills, at one of the many cookery schools or if whiskey is your thing don't miss the Slane Whiskey Distillery Experience. Meet the producers at one the many Farmer's Markets that take place and sample the freshest of produce.

The Boyne Valley Food Series also takes place throughout the year and features many unique culinary events including long table suppers, festivals, foraging walks and more. The highlight of the Boyne Valley Food Series is the Samhain Food Festival which takes place in November and celebrates 5,000 years of Irish food and culture. A weekend long celebration featuring some of Ireland's most prolific culinary names, with many different events including long table suppers, cookery demonstrations, farm tours, foraging walks, children's workshops, panel discussions and so much more.

All of this and so much more is just waiting for you to discover when you visit the Boyne Valley. Keep up to date with all our latest news & events at BoyneValleyFlavours.ie or find us on social media @BoyneValleyFlavours.



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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 is

Bective Square, Kells, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7780 E laura@thebective.ie

Bective Tea Rooms

A beautiful and modern café with immaculate gardens and eye-catching surroundings. Sit back and relax with a hot drink, try some freshly baked confectionary or a full breakfast or light brunch. All food is sourced locally and freshly prepared by our in-house chefs. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too. bectivestud.com

North Gate Lodge, Bective Stud, Balgil, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DFC8
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 2362
F. info@hectivestud.com

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, the award winning Brabazon Restaurant offers seasonal dishes created from local produce, and vegetables, salads and herbs from their own kitchen garden. Serving Lunch and evening Dinner, choose from set menus or extensive Tasting Menus, for a dining experience that will satisfy both the eyes and the palette. 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.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'hote 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

The Darnley Restaurant

The Darnley Restaurant oozes warmth and character. Guests are welcome to enjoy the homely ambiance where visitors and locals mingle over tasty food and drink. A haven of secluded nooks, this space is ideal for quiet chats over delicious coffee or alternatively for enjoying a drink and some banter. darnleylodgehotel.ie

Main Street, Athboy Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 943 2283 E info@darnleylodgehotel.ie

The Donkey Shed

Located at Newbarn Farm, The Donkey Shed Restaurant is dedicated to local farmers and food producers. The restaurant serves delicious breakfasts, gourmet sandwiches, mouth-watering main courses and scrumptious desserts. We have a large patio area, perfect for al'fresco dining, and our restaurant is heated by two wood burning stoves. newbarnfarm.ie

Newbarn Farm, Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 8499 337

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 Wednesday -Sunday. See social media for lunchtime opening hours. franzinis.com

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

E info@ardboynehotel.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.

The Ardboyne Hotel, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119

l Forno

Il Forno is a charming restaurant in Drogheda that exudes a continental vibe. Open 7 days, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Specialising in wood-fired pizza, along with pasta dishes, world wines, cocktails and beers. Dine-out food and coffee service available. Always an elegant dining experience.

90 West Street, Drogheda, County Louth, A92WA09 Tel +353 (0) 41 980 2100 E eventsatthegreygoose@gmail.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 covered 2 AA Rosettes from 2013 to date, duphovnerastlehotel.com

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa, Dunboyne, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 801 3500

Iules 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

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

d, Emmet St, Emmet Yard, Trim, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1378

E info@trimcastlehotel.com

E info@khanspicestrim.ie

E info@dunboynecastlehotel.com

The Lloyd

A family friendly restaurant offering a high-quality extensive menu. With a full alcohol licence & waiter service, relax and enjoy a delicious meal in our state-of-the-art eco-friendly facility, Park Rí, which also boasts food outlets Kanoodle, Papa-John's Pizza & Supermacs. Opening hours and reservations online. parkri.ie

Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 E7F3
Tel +353 (0) 46 927 1124
E info@parkri.ie

Med Street Food

Located at the back of the Bounty Bar in Trim, with Trim Castle views, Med Street Food is housed in a converted horse box with a wood-fired oven. Here you can find the best of Mediterranean-style food, specialising in wood-fired sourdough pizzas. Everything is homemade using the finest of ingredients.

Back of the Bounty Bar, Abbey Lane, Trim, Co Meath, C15 XD72
Tel +353 (0) 89 983 8693
F MFDstreetfood2@amail.com

Monasterboice Inn

Family run restaurant close to Monsterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak. Scampi is also a big hit. Good whole-some 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

Preston's Restaurant at Bellinter House Hotel

Preston's Restaurant at Bellinter House Hotel is recognised for its exceptionally high standards in culinary excellence by the AA Rosette Scheme. The menus provided in Preston's 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

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

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The Snailbox is a family run business in the heart of County Meath. Known for its outstanding food and service with the most amazing views of the surrounding countryside. Come and visit the largest baseball hat collection in the world. Let our family look after your family. snailbox.ie

Kilmoon Ashbourne Co Meath A84YK35

Tel +353 (0) 1 835 4277

E info@snailbox.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, Finnegans Way, Trim, Co Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7388

E justask@stockhouserestaurant.ie

Tara Lounge at CityNorth Hotel

Our stylish Tara Lounge serves seasonal food using quality local produce. Open daily from 12-9pm, 7 days per week. Carvery is also available on Sundays. Bookings are recommended. citynorthhotel.com

CityNorth Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 690 6666

E info@citynorthhotel.com

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 Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063 produce from local suppliers, using ingredients that are in season with specialties such as locally reared lamb. headfortarms.ie

Headford Arms Hotel, Kells, Co. Meath

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

Zucchini's Restaurant

Award-winning restaurant & cocktail bar on the edge of Navan. Casual dining food with a modern twist, using local produce & seasonal ingredients. Expect great food, modern stylish surroundings, wines from around the world and our own signature cocktails, value for money and service with a smile! zucchinisnayan.ie

18-20 Blackcastle SC. Slane Rd. Navan Co Meath, C15 YRT9 Tel +353 (0) 46 906 0459

E zucchinisnavan@gmail.com

Cafés

Bective Tea Rooms

A beautiful and modern café with immaculate gardens and eye-catching surroundings. Sit back and relax with a hot drink, try some freshly baked confectionary or a full breakfast or light brunch. All food is sourced locally and freshly prepared by our in-house chefs. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too.. bectivestud.com

North Gate Lodge, Bective Stud, Balgil, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DFC8 Tel +353 (0) 46 902 2362 F info@hectivestud.com

Brambles at Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre

We are an Irish family business, proud of our artisan hand-produced food. Join us for breakfast, morning coffee or lunch. Our cafe is located in the visitor centre of Brú na Bóinne, where its glazed wall brings the outside in. Enjoy a light lunch or a coffee in a bright airy space. brambles.ie

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre. Staleen Rd. Donore. Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 981 4888 E customercare@brambles.ie

Brambles at Oldbridge House, Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

We are an Irish family business, proud of our artisan hand-produced food. Join us for breakfast, morning coffee and lunch or afternoon teas in the beautiful Tea Pavilion at Oldbridge House, with views of the wonderful gardens. We offer baked goods and sandwiches alongside our award-winning coffee. Dine in or enjoy the grounds of Oldbridge estate. brambles.ie

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2921 E customercare@brambles.ie

Located in Park Rí, which also houses Kells Kitchen Deli & The Cook of Kells Carvery, Coffee Spot is the perfect place to relax. Enjoy Barista coffee, gourmet sandwiches & delicious sweet treats, made fresh every day in our in-house bakery. The perfect spot to relax on your Boyne Valley adventure. parkri.ie/eat-here/coffee-spot

Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 E7F3 Tel +353 (0) 46 927 1123 E info@parkri.ie

Coffee Works

Coffee Works is a family-owned speciality coffee shop serving coffee from Groundwork Coffee as well as treats and a selection of Irish products. coffeeworks.ie

Emmet Street, Trim, Co Meath Tel +353 (0) 085 213 8037 E coffeeworks.ie@gmail.com

Eureka House

Eureka House is the perfect location to unwind and relax. Located within lush parklands, our unique spot in the heart of the heritage town of Kells, County Meath offers a delicious range of breakfasts, lunches, cakes, bakes and treats with tasty teas and luxury barista style coffees. eurekahousekells.business.site

Eureka House, Navan Road, Co. Meath, A82 DX47 Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0499

The Greenways Cafe

In the heart of the village of Nobber and only one minute from the Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway. Serving breakfast, lunch and tasty treats, with speciality coffee and artisan local food produce. Open daily.

Main Street, Nobber, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 87 224 2437 E thegreenwaycafenobber@gmail.com

E eurekahousekells@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 harvesthomebakery@gmail.com

Loughcrew Estate Coffee Shop

Situated in peaceful, historic gardens, this is the perfect place to relax and unwind away from the hustle and bustle. Serving delicious coffee and food, Loughcrew's Lime Tree Cafe is open 7 days a week from 11am - 5pm. See social media for seasonal updates. loughcrew.com

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

Maguires Cafe Hill of Tara

If a walk on the famous hill has worked up an appetite, Maguires Cafe can help restore you. Relax 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.co

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

A unique experience in the heart of Trim, PlatterByLu envelops all your senses. Café, artisan pantry and cheesemonger, offering brunch, catering and platterboxes and hampers. Dine-in and takeaway with a French influence, outdoor seating and dog friendly. Mobile unit available for events. platterbylu.ie

Athboy Gate Trim Co Meath C15 TV0F Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7444 E hello@platterbylu.ie

Scullery N°4

Scullery $N^{\circ}4$ is located in the heart of Kells providing fresh homemade food sourced from as many local suppliers as we can find. Relax inside or outside in our garden and when the weather permits enjoy tasty dishes from our BBQ and grills with either a fresh juice or a cold stronger beverage. sculleryn4.com

Bective Street, Kells, Co Meath, A82 NR76 Tel +353 (0) 46 924 1884 E sculleryn4@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

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) 46 907 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 everything@thecentral.ie

Coburns Bar

Old world bar that still houses original 1900s features, forming the on-street presence of The Lawrence Hotel . There's α selection of beer, spirits, worldwide wines, cocktails, unique coffees, teas, small gourmet treats and a pint of Arthur which can be drunk on a counter that has stood the test of time.

Main Street, Athboy, Co. Meath, C15 N6YD Tel +353 (0) 46 948 7001 F info@thelawrence ie

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@theqlydeinn.ie

Jack's Bar and Restaurant

Jack's Bar, Restaurant and Garden is a chic Gastrobar in Kells, Co Meath. Specialising in great food, drinks, cocktails and craic. Renowned for its weekly Thursday trad session! facebook.com/jacksbarandgarden

Rockfield Road, Kells, Co Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 924 1973 E jacksbarandgarden@gmail.com

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.

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

Located in the heart of Drogheda, Rest your feet and raise your glass at Nellys! Come check us out; live music, great DJs, the best cocktails & delicious food...see you there. themarcy.ie

The Marcy Hotel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth Tel +353 (0) 41 981 0196 E nellys@themarcy.ie

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

Family owned pub since 1997, with great food, beers, spirits and amazing cocktails and a wow outdoor area! Fully refurbished first floor venue catering for up to 280 people for every event. petersdunshaughlin.ie/

Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 1 825 9161 / (0) 87 339 6695 E peterspub@live.ie

Sally Rogers Bar

In the heart of Trim, Sally's is the perfect spot to enjoy a delicious coffee, lunch or pint on the riverside balcony. This traditional Irish pub has a welcoming atmosphere, live music Friday- Monday and is dog-friendly! 👩 👩

Bridge Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 XKTS Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3510 E sallyrogerstrim@gmail.com



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 tipple and is said to be the best pint in town. Well worth a visit! clarkesofdrogheda.cor

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

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. farrellyspub.ie

Church Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1136 E farrellyspuboldcastle@gmail.com

Fox's Castle Lounge

Family-run traditional pub located on picturesque hill of Skryne with lovely views of the countryside. A warm welcome and a great pint of Guinness awaits you. Well known for the great traditional music session every Wednesday night.

Skryne, Tara, Co. Meath, C15A25F Tel +353 (0) 86 396 9830



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) 83 091 3168 E bookings.jamesgriffinpub@gmail.com

Kiely's Bar

Kiely's Bar is a family-run bar since 1921, and the best place in town to watch live sports or enjoy a creamy pint of Guinness. On the two hot days we get every summer, you can enjoy a refreshing pint in our Beer Garden!

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Lynch's Motor Bar

Lynch's -The Motor Bar, est. 1926 is a third-generation family-run pub. With several rooms within, there's always a quiet corner. Warm, friendly atmosphere focusing on the quality of our beers, plus a large selection of whiskeys and other spirits. All Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7620 live sports covered daily, and a large sun-soaked beer garden.

Emmet Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 CX53

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. Cocktails, fine wines, real music. oddmollies.ie

19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth Tel +353 (0) 41 983 6724

E lynchesmotorbar@gmail.com

E oddmolliesdrogheda@gmail.com

The Punt Pub

Family run traditional pub, with live music. Full sports coverage daily. Function room available for private parties.

51 Fair Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth Tel +353 (0) 41 984 7868 E thepuntpub@gmail.com

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 Rí

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. taranari.ie

Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1460

TJ's Bar at the The Lime Kiln

Located in the heart of Julianstown village is The Lime Kiln Gastropub and TJ's Bar. A cosy and charming pub offering great food and a wide selection of craft beers and ciders. Our stylish surroundings and welcoming staff help to ensure a warm atmosphere for you and your family to relax in. limekiln.ie

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





Boyne Valley Craft Distilling, Brewing and Cider Making

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

Lagavooren, Platin Road, Drogheda, Co Meath Tel +353 (0) 41 987 8078 E hello@boanndistillerv.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 handpicked 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

Fore Distillery

Fore Distillery is a craft distillery producing our own Golden Rum, White Rum, and Poitin entirely at our own distillery. Guided tours and tasting, and Barrel and Bean Cafe on site. Located close to Fore Abbey, the Nancie and Nellie Walk and only 15 minutes from Loughcrew Cairns. foredistillery.ie

Moortown Fore, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, N91 TY06 Tel +353 (0) 44 966 1775 E info@foredistillery.ie

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@listokedistillerv.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@slanedistillery.com





Hotels



Situated on the outskirts of Navan, this hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Boyne Valley. Carefully selected furnishings and Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath 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

Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41 E info@ardboynehotel.com

Bellinter House Hotel and Spa

A magnificent 18th century Georgian house, less than 5 minutes off the M3 and under 30 minutes from Dublin City centre and Navan, Co. Meath $Dublin\ airport.\ With\ a\ full\ range\ of\ spa\ services,\ specialty\ experiences,\ and\ the\ finest\ award-winning\ cuisine\ in\ the\ area,\ your\ properties of\ spa\ services,\ specialty\ experiences,\ and\ the\ finest\ award-winning\ cuisine\ in\ the\ area,\ your\ properties\ for\ propert$ time in Bellinter House will be a truly unforgettable experience. Preston's Restaurant. bellinterhouse.com

Tel +353 (0) 46 903 0900 F reservations@hellinterhouse.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 F 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. Conveniently located close to the Meath coast and many family-friendly attractions. 15 minutes from Dublin Airport on M1, 25 minutes from Dublin city centre, direct coach link to Dublin City Centre from Hotel. 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

Darnley Lodge Hotel

Situated in the historic town of Athboy, the Darnley Lodge Hotel is a haven of tranquillity nestled in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Our hotel is an ideal place for you to relax and unwind with its homely charm and friendly feel, or savour our varied menus in the lounge bar or restaurant. darnleylodgehotel.ie

Main Street, Athboy Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 943 2283 E info@darnleylodgehotel.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 Tel +353 (0) 1 801 3500 the exquisite Seoid Spa. 145 spacious bedrooms. The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadlier Bar. dunboynecastlehotel.com

Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Glenside Hotel

Let our family look after yours in our beautifully appointed, family owned 17 bedroom hotel only 20 minutes from Dublin (20 minutes) and (20 minutes) appointed (20 minutes) and (20 minutes) appointed (20Airport. 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

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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

Headfort Arms Hotel

Family owned & managed award winning hotel offers a true Irish experience in the heritage town of Kells. This listed building Kells, Co. Meath 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. (A) Vanilla Pod Restaurant, Café Therese, The Kelltic Bar. headfortarms.ie

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 Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath 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

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. 16 The Bridge Restaurant, Rowley's Pub and Bridge Brasserie serving food all day. newgrangehotel.ie

Navan, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100 / LoCall IRL 1890 43 42 41 E info@newgrangehotel.ie

Scholars Townhouse Hotel

Steeped in history, the magnificent Scholars Townhouse building is now a boutique hotel in the heart of Drogheda. Renowned King Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth for excellence in hospitality and customer service, the McGowan family have created a homely atmosphere with the warmest Tel +353 (0) 41 983 5410 of Irish welcomes. 16 en-suite bedrooms and award-winning restaurant: 1 2 AA rosettes 2019-20, Best Hotel Restaurant E info@scholarshotel.com County Louth 2019. scholarshotel.com





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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Trim Castle Hotel

Overlooking Trim Castle and the adjoining rolling lawns of St. Patricks Church, this contemporary 4 star hotel offers superb accommodation. Stunning roof top 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 E info@trimcastlehotel.com

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

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Highfield House

Beautiful period residence overlooking Trim Castle and the River Boyne. 30 mins to Newgrange, 40 mins from Dublin Airport. Facilities include: laundry services, baby-sitting service, free Internet access, (Wifi) tea/coffee making facilities & flat screen TVs. A relaxing and memorable experience with a very warm welcome awaiting all. Large groups can be accommodated. highfieldguesthouse.com

Maudlins Road, Trim, Co. Meath, C15XP28 Tel +353 (0) 86 857 7115 / 86 254 5318 E info@highfieldguesthouse.com

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 quests and chic courtyard suites. Dine in the flagship Brabazon Restaurant. Parkland and walled pleasure gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch available, Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4621 child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Viewing by appointment only. tankardstown.ie

Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath 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

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Tigh Cathain

Tudor style country house in a quiet environment. 1km from Trim Castle on the R160, 40 minutes to Dublin Airport, Large luxury en-suite rooms with tea and coffee facilities. Secure private parking and free WI-FI. Accommodation only. Breakfast is not served. tighcathain-bnb.com

Longwood Road, Trim, Co. Meath Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1996 / 086 257 7313 E tighcathain.bnb@gmail.com

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 Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath Navan, Balreask is the ideal location for the tourist and business visitor. balreask.ie

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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 Tel +353 (0) 46 949 0499 E rooms@caravoguehouse.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 teltownhouse1@gmail.com

Tom Blake House

Housed in a 130-year-old historic house in the heritage town of Kells, Co. Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Tom Blake House combines the warmth and hospitality of a B&B within the luxurious interiors of a boutique hotel. tomblakehouse.ie

Bective Street, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 V3K0 Tel +353 (0) 87 109 1252 / / 087 718 9507 E tomblakehouse@gmail.com

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 Woodstock, Old Road, Dunsany, Co. Meath a private bathroom. Breakfast isn't offered but there is a private guest sitting room with snacks provided and coffee making facilities. woodstockbednobreakfast.ie

Tel +353 (0) 86 852 0378 E audrey@woodstockbednobreakfast.ie



Dunboyne Castle Hotel and Spa





Woodview Lodge

A modern bungalow situatuated 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

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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 1 Springfield Glen, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath bar and restaurant facilities. Free wifi for quests. Short walk to town centre. Dublin Bus and Airport bus stop 2 mins, from B&B. Free parking. Home cooking a speciality. theyellowhouse.ie

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Self Catering

Our self-catering apartments overlook the front garden and the courtyard within the Bective Estate. The apartments are newly refurbished, spacious, stylish and contemporary, with a fully equipped kitchen, separate bathroom and flat-screen TVs with complimentary Wi-Fi. Private entrance with dedicated secure parking. There is an onsite restaurant open Mon-Sat 9-5pm and over 4km of Woodland Walks. bectivestud.com

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Boyne View House Guest Accommodation

Boyne View House offers the guest a range of accommodation including individual bespoke lodges and cottages. Our lodges and cottages are set in a tranquil setting where our guests can escape to the countryside and be at one with nature.

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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 Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104 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 the state of the stDublin. decoycountrycottages.ie

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Eco Lodges, Rock Farm Slane

Stay in straw-bale eco lodges or a traditional farmhouse on our organic farm. Swallow's Nest eco-lodge sleeps 2 while Lime House is the largest straw-bale residential house in Ireland with six en-suite bedrooms and luxurious living space. River House Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4861 is a 5-bed holiday home in a private riverside setting. Ideal for reunions, celebrations, corporate and special interest groups. Catering and activities are available on the farm. rockfarmslane.ie

E info@rockfarmslane.ie



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.

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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 Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath playground. All cottages are fully furnished and equipped with open plan kitchens, dining areas and tv lounges. Whether it's Tel +353 (0) 1 629 0803 / 87 683 9670 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. kilclooncottages.ie

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Kiltale Holiday Homes

Kiltale House, Cottage, The Loft/Stable/Dairy/The Oaks 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 Tel +353 (0) 86 122 1589 playhouse. Angling facilities on site. On bus route to Dublin city, close to Dublin airport, Sleeps 3, 4, 6, 7 or 12. meathselfcatering.com

E kiltaleholidayhomes@gmail.com

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.

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Hostels, Glamping & Camping

Glamping, Rock Farm Slane

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Loughcrew Megalithic Centre

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre provides a unique base to explore the history, nature and adventure of the Boyne Valley, including the Summerbank, Oldcastle, Co. Meath nearby ancient Loughcrew Cairns. Our accommodation includes glamping, camping and campervan facilities. On site we also have Tel +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624 Maggie Heaney's Heritage Cottage, cafe and gift shop. We also provide tours of the Loughcrew Cairns. loughcrewmega.com

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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

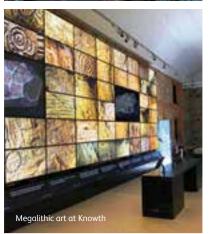
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Drogheda Tourist Information Point The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 CF29 Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843

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Kells Courthouse, Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62 Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508

E kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie #BoyneValley discoverboynevalley.ie

Solstice Arts Centre and Tourist Information Point Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 KWP1 Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300 E info@solsticeartscentre.ie

Oldcastle
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