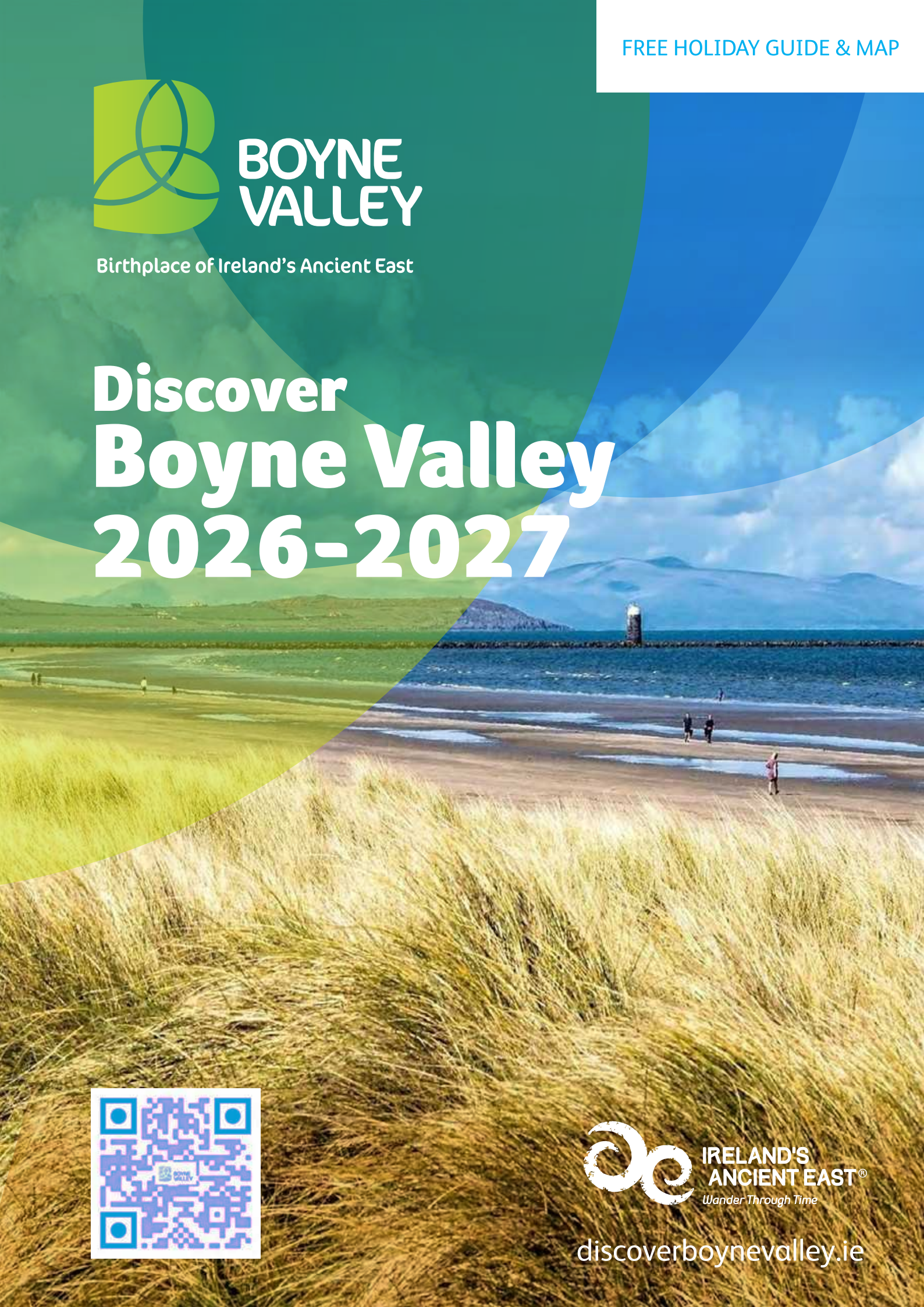
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"The Boyne is not a showy river. It rises in County Kildare and flows gently and majestically through County Meath and joins the sea at Drogheda in County Louth some 112 kilometres later. It has none of the razzmatazz of its sister, the Shannon. It's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

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

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

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

Discover tombs older than the pyramids at Brú na Bóinne and the birthplace of Samhain on the Hill of Tlachtga. Be moved at monasteries such as Mellifont Abbey, explore a medieval armoury at Trim Visitor Centre, brave a battleground at the famous Battle of Boyne or test your own courage on the legendary Cú Chulainn rollercoaster and the two new-state of the art intertwining rollercoasters, 'Na Fianna Force' and 'The Quest' at Emerald Park. Discover the stories of a time of contrasts, the time of empire, rebellion, innovation and industry.

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

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

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# Out and about in the Boyne Valley

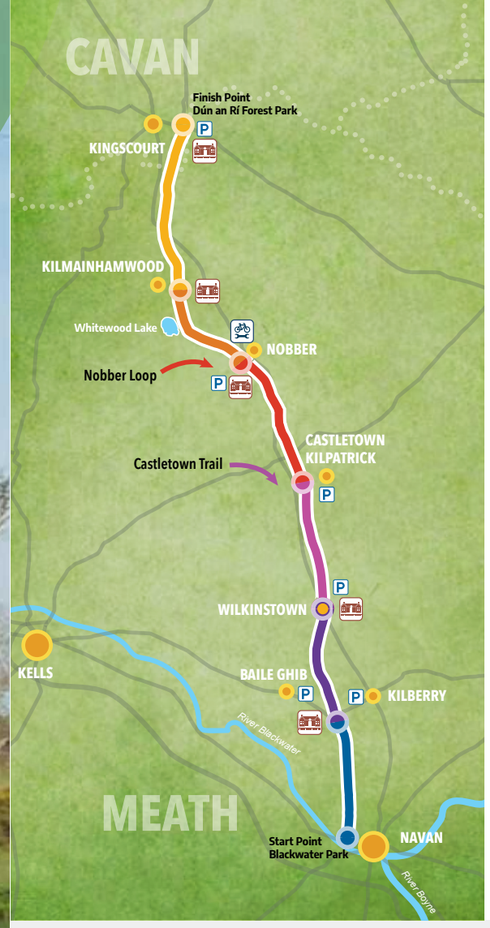



The Boyne Valley is best appreciated when travelling by boat, bike or strolling along our Greenways. Paddle along the Boyne Blueway that passes through Medieval Trim to Bective Abbey. There are many tracks and trails from woodlands, historic walks and The Boyne Valley Camino taking in a loop from Drogheda to Old Mellifont Abbey.

Wide open beaches North and South of the Boyne offer peaceful walks or the thrill of the gallops witnessed at our many racecourses. For a gentler pace, try our high quality golf courses designed by noted professionals or take part in The Boyne Valley Garden Trails with a kaleidoscope of colour and fragrances.








Greenway

## Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

### A Walker's Paradise

The Boyne Valley Lakelands Greenway provides a 30km car-free pathway starting at the Blackwater Park in Navan, County Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley and travelling along the former Midland Great Western Railway. Meet the locals as the greenway journeys through the rural picturesque villages of North County Meath, passing the beautiful architecture of the station houses, gates and rail line, finishing at Dún an Rí Forest Park, Kingscourt in the Lakelands of County Cavan. Ireland's most walking friendly greenway has 2 walking loops and 2 beautiful parks for you to enjoy forest trails or buggy friendly loops.

boynevalleytolakelandsgreenway.ie

**Greenway Routes**

- Blackwater Park, Navan - Gibbstown Station 3.7km
- Gibbstown Station - Wilkinstown 4.0km
- Wilkinstown - Castletown (South Entrance) 4.5km
- Castletown (North Entrance) - Nobber Station 4.3km
- Nobber Station - Kilmainhamwood Station 4.4 Km
- Kilmainhamwood Station - Kingscourt 7.1 Km

**Greenway Trails**

- Castletown Trail 3.5km
- Sli na hOibre (Nobber Loop) 3.5km
- Railway Station
- Bicycle Repair







Greenway

## 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.

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 travel onwards to Killucan.

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

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










# Walking, cycling and paddling

## Gentle pathways to explore at leisure

## Heritage and Cultural Walking Routes

### Amuigh Faoin Spéir, Navan
Amuigh Faoin Spéir is about a joyful celebration of the beauty of nature and the special sofa-snuggles that follow a big adventure. Have fun reading the book, listening to the songs and even singing.

### 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..

### The Batterstown Kilcloon Heritage Trail
The Batterstown Kilcloon Heritage Trail showcases Ireland's history through sites like Rathregan Church, Mulhussey Castle, and Moygaddy Tower House. Discover tales of Gaelic clans and Norman lords, with headstones dating back to the 15th century. The trail is a pilgrimage through time, celebrating the enduring spirit of the land and its people.

### 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.

### 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 National Trail 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. boynevalleycamino.ie

### 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
Seven 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 businesses 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).

### 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

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**



Boyne Valley Camino



The Scéal Trail



### Scéal Trail: Mo Chuid Amhráin Ghaeilge Páirc Ráth Chairn
Is bealach spraíúil é an Scéal Trail chun taitneamh na léitheoireachta, grá don taobh amuigh agus roinnt gníomhaíocht-a fisiciúla a thabhairt le chéile. The Scéal Trail is a fun way to bring together the enjoyment of reading, a love of the outdoors and some physical activity.

### 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 Boyne Valley Lakelands Greenway provides a 30km car-free pathway starting at the Blackwater Park in Navan, County Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley and travelling along the former Midland Great Western Railway finishing at Dún an Rí Forest Park, Kingscourt, County Cavan. See discoverboynevalley.ie for more 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.


Porchfield



Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway


Mullaghmeen Forest


Girley Bog Eco Walk


Littlewood Forest


Boyne Blueway Trim


Boyne Greenway




# Blooming amazing







The rich heritage of the Boyne Valley is reflected in gardens that date back to the C17th. Each garden member is open either by appointment, or for a set number of days/year. Many gardens host events, including walks, charity fetes, plant sales, outdoor theatre, music and much more. Opening dates subject to revision, please see individual websites and social media for details.

boynevalleygardentrail.com
Facebook: Boyne Valley Garden Trail




## Historic Gardens

**Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 P522**
Adjoining the Augustinian Church and drawing on its 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.
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8409
E drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com
Open Apr-Oct 9am - 5pm, Nov-Mar 9am -3pm
Fee Free

**Balrath House and Garden, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 W26N**
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.ie
Tel +353 (0) 87 954 7883
E frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com
Open See website for details

**Barmeath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth, A92 P973**
Unique, C18th landscape designed by Thomas Wright includes fine specimen azaleas and rhododendrons. A recently restored walled garden restoration project is a joy to visit with opulent herbaceous borders and kitchen garden plots. Groups by appointment. boynevalleygardentrail.com
Tel +353 (0) 41 685 1205
Open May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm. Heritage Week in August.
Fee €5. Children free

**Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Meath, A92 CY68**
Restored Victorian Walled Garden with unique sunken Octagonal Garden, herbaceous borders, Peach House, Dog Kennels and Bothy with exhibition about Walled Gardens in the area. Admission to gardens is free of charge. Dogs and ball games are not permitted in the gardens. battleoftheboyne.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All year
Fee Free admission

**Francis Ledwidge Museum, Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82**
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
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

**Kilgar House Gardens, Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath, W23 E7FK**
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
Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950
E kilgargardens@gmail.com
Open See website for details

**Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 P8K7**
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
Tel +353 (0) 86 232 3783
E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
Open Feb 1-20, May 1-31, Aug 16 -24
Fee €12pp (Garden €7, House €5)

**Loughcrew Estate and Gardens, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 X4Y1**
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
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.

**Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth, A92 HX52**
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.ie
Tel +353 (0) 86 864 4228
E info@rokeby.ie
Open June & Aug Daily 10am-2pm
Fee €10 adults, €5 students/children

**Sonairte Visitor Eco Centre and Gardens, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, A92 D9XH**
Sonairte, within an historic Georgian farmstead, features a walled organic garden, nature trail and ancient Rath with views of Ballygarth Castle, the river Nanny estuary and Irish sea. Visit the Bee Museum and the Energy Education suite. Vegetarian / Vegan Café and Eco Shop with organic, zero waste, fair trade & low carbon footprint products is on site. sonairte.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E hello@sonairte.ie
Open see website



## By Appointment Gardens

**Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 PD3R**
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

**Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth, A92 YT29**
Historic home built in 1740, with fine, Georgian interiors and an enclosed, ornamental garden with period planting. Award winning period accommodation is offered. Tea/Coffee by arrangement. Please see website for more details. collonhouse.com
Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645
E collonhousereception@gmail.com
Open By appointment only

**The Cottages Ireland, Seabank, Coast Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath, A92 C8VF**
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

**Herberts' Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 XF84**
Designer James McConnell's garden features a formal beech garden, boxwood parterre and a rose garden with a folly. Enjoy the lime walk, hornbeam arbour and vistas of parkland beautifully laid out around an early C19th farmhouse. A new walled garden is now open as part of the tour. Occasional art displays. Conveniently accessible from M3.
Tel +353 (0) 85 782 9966
E jfjmcconnell@gmail.com
Open 1 Jun-30 Sep by appointment. Min group 10. Lunch by arrangement. No dogs. Not suitable for small children. Fee €7.50

**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. See web for details. julianstowndistrictcommunityassociation.com
Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283
E julianstowndca@gmail.com
Open All year

**The Poppy Garden, Milltown, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 AP58**
The Poppy Garden is a beautiful cottage garden full of quirky features and whimsical touches. A maze of paths will take you through gorgeous planting, a vegetable plot, and an orchard, all overlooking stunning views of the Loughcrew Hills. Enjoy a tea, coffee and some cake on the patio and browse the lovely pots and plants for sale! Insta/Facebook The Poppy Garden
Tel +353 (0) 87 965 6076
E ealma.purcell@gmail.com
Open Friday-Saturday, May to October
Fee €6/adultCheck social media and the owner for details

**Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath, A92 WP70**
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, C15 N40D**
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, C15 D535**
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 Garden Centre, with several 'Best in Show' including ten Gold Medals at Bloom. Renowned for their unique selection of top quality plants, grown in their own nursery, with special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for catalogue. Members of ISNA [Irish Specialist Nursery Association]. boynegardencentre.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4350
E aileen@boynegardencentre.ie
Open Mar – Sep, Wednesday-Saturday 10-5pm.
Oct– Feb, Saturday only 10-5pm.

**Elmgrove Flower 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, gladioli & others throughout the seasons. Flowers sold through farm shop, farmers markets & online. elmgroveflowerfarm.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4389
E info@elmgroveflowerfarm.ie
Open Please see website and Facebook/Instagram. Dogs on leads. 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
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6678
E ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com
Open Summer, Mon-Sun 10am-6pm.
Winter, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.

**Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath, 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.

Bettystown Beach

# 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 and together with Termonfeckin holds the Green Coast Award. You might even see the rusting shipwreck of the MV Irish Trader at low tide. Clogherhead and Port Beaches both are Blue Flag beaches.

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. Mornington and Bettystown hold Green Coast Awards. Bettystown also has a Blue Flag award.

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






# Angling for a catch

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.

### Angling 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. Most associations support a policy of catch and release. When salmon fishing, both a permit and a state licence are required. Salmon fishing is subject to the salmon and sea trout regulations which are 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

# Chasing the wind

## Horse racing excitement in the Boyne Valley

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

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



Fairyhouse Racecourse

### Fairyhouse Racecourse

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. fairyhouse.ie

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

### Navan Racecourse

Home to 18 race meetings including the Navan Racing Festival which features the Fortria and Troytown Chase 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. navanracecourse.ie

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

### Laytown Races

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.
laytownstrandraces.ie

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.
bellewstownraces.ie

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

Navan Racecourse



Laytown Races



Bellewstown Racecourse



# 2026 race fixtures

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

### Fairyhouse Racecourse

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January | 01 | Thur |
| | 10 | Sat |
| | 15 | Thur |
| | 24 | Sat |
| February | 04 | Wed |
| | 21 | Sat |
| April | 04 | Sat |
| | 05 | Sun |
| | 06 | Mon |
| May | 28 | Thur |
| June | 05 | Fri |
| | 12 | Fri |
| July | 08 | Wed |
| September | 21 | Mon |
| October | 05 | Mon |
| | 10 | Mon |
| November | 03 | Tue |
| | 10 | Tue |
| | 28 | Sat |
| | 29 | Sun |
| December | 12 | Sat |

### Navan Racecourse

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January | 17 | Sat |
| February | 08 | Sun |
| | 28 | Sat |
| March | 21 | Sat |
| | 30 | Mon |
| April | 25 | Sat |
| May | 16 | Sat |
| June | 07 | Sun |
| July | 11 | Sat |
| August | 27 | Thur |
| September | 05 | Sat |
| | 19 | Sat |
| October | 07 | Wed |
| | 21 | Wed |
| November | 14 | Sat |
| | 15 | Sun |
| December | 05 | Sat |
| | 13 | Sun |

### Laytown Races

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| September | 10 | Thur |

A special event where the horses race on the beach since 1868

### Bellewstown Races

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April | 11 | Sat |
| | 18 | Sat |
| July | 02 | Thur |
| | 03 | Fri |
| | 04 | Sat |
| August | 25 | Tue |
| | 26 | Wed |
| September | 30 | Wed |
| October | 01 | Thur |

# Time for tee

## On some of the finest courses in Ireland

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

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

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

Killeen Castle Golf Club



### Bellewstown Golf Course

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

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

### 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. Tree-lined 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

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

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

### County Meath Golf Club

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

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

### Headfort Golf Club

36-hole parkland facility. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort 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

### Killeen Castle Golf Course

Experience the ultimate golfing challenge on this Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, complemented with warm-up facilities including a driving range powered by Toptracer. Killeen Castle is the host venue for the 2025 & 2027 Irish Challenge and a previous host venue of the Solheim Cup, Ladies Irish Opens and PGA events. Book your tee time online. killeencastle.com

Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 3000
**E** golf@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. knightsbrook.com

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

### Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club

A traditional links with undulating fairways, riveted bunkers and fast greens, situated on the banks of the River Boyne with views of the Cooley and Mourne mountains. First played in the 1880s, the club was formed in 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@landb.ie

### Royal Tara Golf Club

Nestling at the base of the Hill of Tara, the club is an enjoyable and conveniently located (just off M3 Motorway) golf retreat. One of the finest inland complexes with 27 championship holes set in mature parkland complete with new practice and driving range facilities. Awarded Best Parkland Course in Leinster for 2023 by the Golfers Guide to Ireland. royaltaragolfclub.com

Bellinter, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 5508
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Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club



Black Bush Golf Club



County Meath Golf Club



Emerald Park

# Ready, steady, go!

## Adventure time in the Boyne Valley

White River Karting

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

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

Fancy kayaking down the River Boyne or experiencing the thrills of karting? Why not make a splash down a thrilling water slide flume or test your nerve on a white-knuckle rollercoaster ride?

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



## Adventure Activities & Family Fun

### An Gobha, Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley
Traditional iron age metal forging as demonstrated by the character An Gobha - The award winning Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley. From the forge of the smooth road, Slighe Assail, Bohermeen, ancient corridor to the Hill of Tara, demonstrations are delivered with theatre, stories, myths, history and fun. An Gobha also creates and sells handcrafted decorative jewellery, commission works, blades, spears and shields based on an ancient and mythical past. angobha.ie

Durhamstown, Bohermeen, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D7W2
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 865 2679
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### The Ark Puddenhill
They provide a warm welcome from their family to yours, a place where everyone can relax and enjoy some family time. One big play space that's all inclusive & no time limits, with cafe & restaurant – comfortable with experienced staff that offers time out for everyone. thearkpuddenhill.ie

Garristown, Co. Meath A42Y046
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 835 5440
**E** info@thearkpuddenhill.ie

### Bread with Benefits
Bread with Benefits is an immersive and engaging hands-on food experience. Discover the history and techniques behind the traditional sourdough and cultured butter. Enjoy interactive activities, share stories and gain insights that inspire healthier eating. Savouring warm bread with a fruit compote and take home your own freshly baked sourdough loaf! breadwithbenefits.ie

Corbalton Lodge Tara, Co. Meath C15DX80
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 254 0074
**E** info@breadwithbenefits.ie

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

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

### Emerald Park
As Ireland's premier operated 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, and prove you are warrior worthy in the newly opened, Celtic themed, Tír na nÓg. emeraldpark.ie

Kilbrew, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 835 1999
**E** info@emeraldpark.ie

### Feel Good Bicycles
Explore the Boyne Valley by bike! Offering bike and e-bike hire. Pick-up from Park Beo Greenway Hub Wilkinstown. Perfect for Navan-Kingscourt Greenway adventures. All bikes include helmets, locks, and support. Book online or call for a personalised experience. feelgoodbicycles.ie

Park Beo, Wilkinstown, Co. Meath EY0P
Unit 2B, Virginia Shopping Centre, Co. Cavan, A82 HK07
**Tel** +353 (0) 49 854 7886
**E** hello@feelgoodbicycles.ie

### Four Shore Adventures
Four Shore Adventures offer paddleboarding tours & guided walks in Laytown, Co. Meath. All are welcome, from total beginners to seasoned paddlers. Whether you're in it for the adventure, the views, or just some peaceful time on the water — this is your sign to give it a go. See Facebook and Instagram at Four Shore Adventures

Laytown, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 318 8513
**E** fourshoreadventures@gmail.com

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

Unit 1, Donore Road Industrial Estate, Drogheda, Co. Louth
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 989 8000
**E** partyoffice@funtasia.ie

### 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 household items. Many of these items were in everyday use and are truly a link to the past and an education in the lifestyle of our fore fathers. Open by appointment only. moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

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

### Navan Adventure Centre
Navan Adventure Centre winners of Best Tourism Experience 2023 in Co. Meath is the perfect choice for fun family days out! Family Fun package: Bouncy castles, train ride, pedalo boats, football golf, mini golf & pedal go-karting - check website for pricing. There are also family fun festivals throughout Easter, Halloween and Christmas. navanadventurecentre.ie

Navan Racecourse, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 X8HP
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 236 6322
**E** info@navanadventurecentre.ie

### Newgrange Farm
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. They 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@newgrangefarm.com

### Park Beo Greenway Hub
Beo (Gaelic): Alive, Live, Living, Lively. Explore, discover and feel alive at Park Beo, the perfect trailhead base for all your Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway adventures! Arrive by bike, car or 107 bus and find yourself wild and free, energised and grounded. Amenities include bike rental, WC, picnic areas, kids maze and Outdoor Café. parkbeo.ie

Wilkinstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 V6WF
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**E** info@parkbeo.ie

### Rockfield House
Take a step back in time, to experience below-stairs industriousness and upstairs luxury. On arrival, everyone dresses as servants to do household chores, under the watchful eye of the butler! Then rise through society and enjoy some fine dining and parlour games! An ideal venue for friends and family get-togethers/birthdays, hen parties, and team-building fun. rockfieldhouse.com

Rockfield House, Athboy Road, Kells, Co. Meath A82 V9D5
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 4135 / 086 129 6425
**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 the Eco Shop, visit the Bee Museum, and try a delicious meal in the Sonairte Cafe. sonairte.ie

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

### 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

### Whodunit Hunts
Try something different, outdoors and fun - a Whodunit Hunts self-guided murder mystery trail! Be Sherlock Holmes for a day! Meath walking Whodunit Hunts in Kells, Navan, Trim and driving trails explore the Boyne Valley, Athboy/Fore Abbey area, and the Meath-Fingal Coast. Discover fantastic new places and hidden gems! Different locations in the Boyne Valley whodunithunts.com

**E** info@whodunithunts.com

### The Zone Activity Centre
The Zone Activity centre Navan is an award-winning activity centre whose activities include indoor karting, bowling, virtual reality and soft play! They also have outdoor laser tag and other activities plus coffees and teas, hot lunch options and refreshments in the cafe. Perfect for families, corporate days out or school tours. thezone.ie

Unit 1-2 Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 9071623
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## Tour Guides

### Ancient East Tour Company
Step into the heart of Ireland's ancient soul with a journey through the Boyne Valley, where myth, legend, and history whisper through emerald hills and misty riverbanks. Home to some of the world's best archaeological treasures, including the 5,000-year-old passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth, and Dowth, walk in the footsteps of kings, druids, and warriors. ancienteasttourcompany.ie

Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 712 2732 / 087 625 8275
**E** info@ancienteasttourcompany.ie

### 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. Guests 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. They also host a popular September Walking Festival. boynevalleytrails.ie

**Tel** +353 (0) 87 254 9107
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### Custom Irish Tours
Custom Irish Tours offer award-winning chauffeur driven tours of Ireland (including the Boyne Valley) with a wide range of tours from historical castles and ruins, to more modern-day locations of cities and towns. The company was founded by Derek Smith, an experienced fully licensed and insured driver, historian and tour guide. customirishtours.com

42 Troytown Heights, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 605 5537
**E** 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
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**E** hillofslanetours@yahoo.ie


Tlachtga Abhaile


Boyne Valley Tours


An Gobha – Blacksmith of the Boyne Valley



### Ireland's Chauffeur Tours
Small bespoke chauffeur tours by a professional licensed guide in a luxurious 6-seater Mercedes. Day tours of the Boyne Valley and tours around Ireland available. chauffeurtours.ie

Rathmóre, Athboy, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 672 2193
**E** hello@chauffeurtours.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, their 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@discoverboynevalley.ie

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

Unit 3, The Village Pump, Batterstown, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 0008 / (0) 86 787 8892
**E** info@myirelandheritage.com

### Newgrange Day Tours
Newgrange Day Tours offers bespoke private day and multi-day tours from Dublin, Meath, and Louth. Led by national tour guide Owen Mullan, guests explore Ireland's heritage in luxury vehicles, with custom itineraries featuring Neolithic wonders, Celtic lore, medieval castles, and scenic landscapes in the Boyne Valley, all delivered with warm Irish hospitality. info@newgrangedaytours.com

24 Colpe Park, Deepforde, Drogheda, Co. Meath, A92 VP0K
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 649 3417
**E** info@newgrangedaytours.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, Co. Meath
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### Sacred Sites
Guided Spiritual Tours at Hill of Tara, Uisneach and Loughcrew. Private and Public Tours available. 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

### Spire of Lloyd Tours
Discover Boyne Valley is excited to present guided tours of the Spire of Lloyd, Ireland's only Inland Lighthouse with a 164 narrow step spiral staircase. 30 minute guided tours available on Fridays to experience magnificent views over the North Meath landscape, book online at discoverboynevalley.ie

Kells, Co.Meath A82 H2P1
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 924 7508
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### Tara Tours Ireland
Tara Tours Ireland deliver bespoke and small-group journeys showcasing the very best of Ireland. From the historic Boyne Valley to the Wild Atlantic Way, we deliver seamless, authentic experiences with expert local guides and handpicked accommodation. taratoursireland.com

28 The Crescent, Inse Bay Dublin A92VY7D
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 132 1455
**E** office@taratoursireland.com

### Tlachtga Abhaile
Tlachtga is the sacred hill outside Athboy where Halloween began as the Samhain Festival. Professional tour-guide and actor Fiona Dalton brings the Goddess Tlachtga to life in both a stage performance and a living history walking tour. See Facebook and Instagram at Tlachtga Abhaile.

Various venues around the Boyne Valley
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 717 9005
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## Tour Operators

### Johnsfort – Ireland At Your Leisure
Stay and Tour with Richard & Bairbre Ball at Johnsfort - our family farm. Enjoy private, bespoke tours in The Boyne Valley and all over Ireland. Stay in one of our beautiful self-catering cottages. Let Richard take you on day tours, multi-day tours or package tours including stays at our farm. irelandatyourleisure.ie

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

Unit 8 Scurlockstown Business Park, Trim, Co Meath
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### Zatino Travel
Zatino Travel, now under Ireland China International Travel Services, caters to tourists coming to Ireland and those traveling to China from Ireland, especially after the visa-free policy introduced in January 2024. Their offerings include custom tours, film-themed trips, educational tours, and event planning. For details on our broader services, please visit our websites cits.ie citsie.cn

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# Poetic inspiration

## Music, Arts and Irish Culture


Lucy O'Gorman Ceramics

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

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

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

### 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** droghedatouristoffice@gmail.com

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

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



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

Rathmaiden, Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 252 1393
**E** ogormanlucy@gmail.com

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

Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 174 0454
**E** Aubrey@perfectstills.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

### Swift Cultural Centre
Managed by Solstice Arts Centre, Swift Cultural Centre in Trim comprises rehearsal spaces, a 235-seated theatre, and a newly renovated church studio. Bringing a lively and engaging programme of theatre, music and visual arts to Trim, the Centre works with local and national production companies, as well as staging commissioned performances. swiftculturalcentre.ie

Swift Cultural Centre, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath C15 P668
**Tel** +353 (0) 046 909 2300
**E** info@swiftculturalcentre.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
**E** artsoffice@meathcoco.ie

### 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 Venue Theatre
The theatre presents dance and music, as well as the best of local and national professional and amateur companies. Their vibrant programme also includes puppetry, multimedia, clowning and comedy. thevenueratoath.ie

Main Street, Ratoath, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 5600
**E** 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/ individuals who can expect to find welcome, hospitality, healing & hope, woodlands & walkways. The centre offers Retreats/ Workshops year-round. antobar.ie

Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 907 8973
**E** antobarnavan@gmail.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 site are available from the archaeologists throughout the summer. Follow on Social Media for details of Open Days
Book via bafs.ie

Blackfriary Archaeology Field School, Griffin Park,
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 a permanent exhibition of military memorabilia, John Boyne O'Reilly's death mask and a superb new exhibition on the Battle of Waterloo. The neighbouring Drogheda Museum contains a wealth of local artefacts. millmount.net

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

### Farmfield Spa Escapes
Alleviate your stress, ground yourself and relax in Nature at Farmfield Spa, a luxurious Natural health farm and wellness Spa comprised of a quaint wooden haven of cabins, treatment areas and relaxation points situated in the Boyne Valley in the small parish of Oristown, Kells, Co.Meath . Just 30 minutes down the N3 from Blanchardstown Co. Dublin. farmfieldescapes.com

Bloomsbury Road, Oristown, Kells, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 83 464 6567
**E** ciara@farmfieldescapes.com

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

Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 DK82
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 4544
**E** info@francisledwidge.com

### Sea View Saunas
At Sea View Saunas, they are passionate about providing a unique wellness experience that blends the restorative benefits of traditional saunas with the natural beauty of Laytown Beach. Founded with a vision to create a sanctuary by the sea, their saunas are designed to help you unwind, reconnect, and rejuvenate. seaviewsaunas.net

Church Road, Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath
**E** Seaviewsaunas@gmail.com

### Slane Castle
Situated in a dramatic setting by the river Boyne, Slane Castle is one of the most exciting buildings architecturally in Ireland. Home to the Conyngham family since 1703, the historical tour takes in the 18th century interiors and covers the family's colourful history, including the famous rock concerts. Open throughout the year, tours available. slanecastle.ie

Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 4477
**E** info@slanecastle.ie

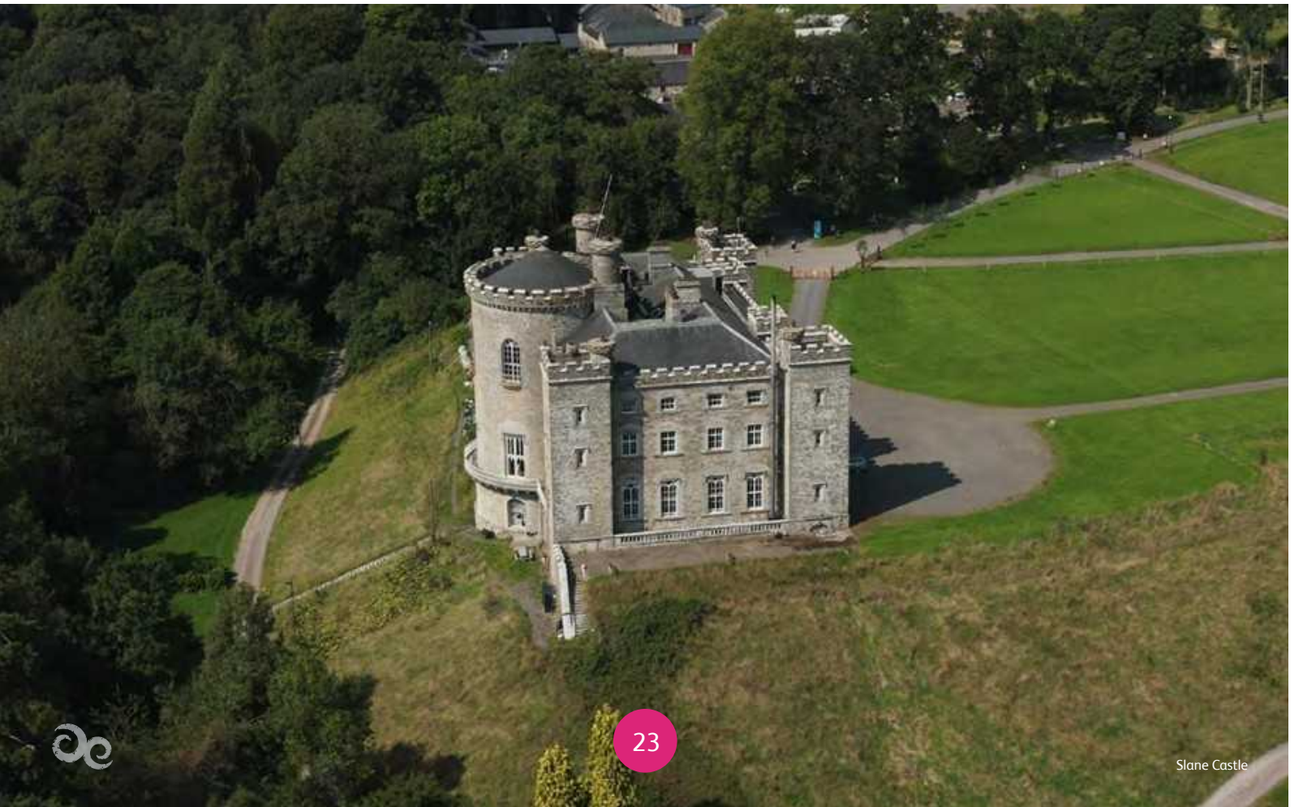
### Wellness at the Coach House
Wellness at The Coach House is a serene day spa located on a picturesque thoroughbred stud farm. They offer a range of holistic massage and facial treatments designed to help you unwind and rejuvenate in a peaceful countryside setting. Their retail store features an exquisite selection of wellness products and gift vouchers, perfect for extending the relaxation experience. Open Monday through Saturday, ready to help you escape and restore balance. wellnessatthecoachhouse.com

Townley Hall Road, Tullyallen, Co Louth A92 EA25
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 799 7709
**E** info@wellnessatthecoachhouse.com

## Genealogy

### My Ireland Family Heritage
Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland-approved national tour guide Seán Quinn and team provide customized genealogy itineraries throughout Ireland and the Boyne Valley. Winner of the Meath Awards for Boyne Valley Best Tourism Experience and Best Overall Tourism Business - 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) 1 689 0008 /(0) 86 787 8892
**E** info@myirelandheritage.com



Slane Castle





# Crafts, Gifts & Local Produce
## Retail therapy

### Anita Reynolds Art and Design
Anita is a Meath-based artist who works with ceramics and textiles to create unique pieces for the home and garden. Anita has a wide range of workshops and products in her gift shop. Anita now provides a Word from the Heart tourist experience in ceramics in Kilmainhamwood and Ballivor suitable for all the family. Bookings and details on anitareynoldsartanddesign.com

Anita Reynolds
Shanco, Ballivor, Co. Meath, C15 HRN8
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 338 0155
**E** anitareynoldsart@gmail.com

### Boyne Valley Wools
A unique experience in wool craft - watch the Jacob sheep grazing the fields and see their wool spun into yarn and woven or knit. The whole process is done by hand with demonstrations daily. Family friendly, wheelchair accessible, free of charge. Open February to December - New spin a yarn experience and handcrafts stocked from the area. All information on boynevalleywools.com

Alison Fullam Gogan
The Leck, Donore, Co. Meath A92TFD0
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 893 1692
**E** boynevalleywools@gmail.com

### Bréidín na Bóinne
Bréidín na Bóinne, or Boyne Valley Tweed celebrates the timeless craft of handweaving natural wool on traditional looms in an Irish speaking community. You are welcome to visit Anna's showroom by prior appointment to see weaving demonstrations and to view/purchase her unique selection of handwoven Irish tweed products.

21 Ráth Chairn Athboy, Co. Meath, C15DX81
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 080 5222
**E** breidinnaboinne@gmail.com

### Castle Crafts
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. castlecraftstrim.com

Trim,Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 948 6667
**E** castlecraftstrim@gmail.com

### Frayne Woodcraft
Damian is the woodturner and stick dresser, creating individual pieces from mainly Irish hardwoods or hardwoods from sustainable forests. Each piece is handcrafted to bring out the beauty of the wood. Their items are both functional and decorative and have a huge range. Damian is now offering 1:1 classes, please contact directly for bookings. fraynewoodcraft.ie

Frayne Cottage, Rathcormick, Kildalkey Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 035 0469
**E** damian@fraynewoodcraft.ie

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

Jan Muyllaert
Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath, C15DE42
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 885 7558
**E** irishharps.jan@gmail.com

### Kandle Queen
Join Aisling, (Kandle Queen) for a creative and calming candle-making experience where you'll design your own unique candle jar using various materials before filling it with a handcrafted soy wax candle infused with your choice of essential oils. A hands-on workshop perfect for all ages, combining artistic expression with the soothing ritual of candle-making as part of your wellness day. Leave with a beautiful, personalized candle that captures your creativity. kandlequeen.com

Dunsany, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 195 6823
**E** kandlequeen@outlook.ie

### Pat's Art Studio
Located in Slane's 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, including seascapes, cityscapes, figures, equine scenes and a variety of themed works. Browse and chat with no obligation. You are also invited to view his extensive Adventures Travelogue. patsartstudio.ie

1 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 CVA4
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 2445 246
**E** pm1arts@gmail.com

### Shane Holland Design Workshops
Shane Holland Design Workshops are designers and makers of lighting, furniture, awards and sculptural works since 1991. Their workshop and studio are based in Duleek, County Meath. The products are inspired by nature as are the materials themselves and the ultimate aim is to create timeless pieces that are aesthetically pleasing and functional. shanehollanddesign.com

Unit 11c Duleek Business Park, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 2220
**E** info@shanehollanddesign.com

### Shine Craft and Gift Shop
Shine is an artist owned craft and gift shop with a working artist's studio, in the heart of the picturesque village of Slane. Showcasing makers from the Meath Made, amidst many other talented makers.

3 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 0664
**E** shinecraftsandgifts@gmail.com

### Sonas Craft Studio
Experience the joy of unleashing your creativity in the heart of the Boyne Valley, near Slane village, under the guidance of Martina at Sonas Craft Studio. Martina offers expert instruction, endless inspiration, and a touch of fun as she teaches the intricate art of Decoupage in a unique and innovative manner. nordicwalkingireland.com

Rathmaiden, Slane, Co Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 756 2862
**E** martinafarrell24@gmail.com

# A Festival of fun

## What's happening in the Boyne Valley

Boyne Midsummer Festival



## Festivals & Events 2026

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

### Summer
Blue Jean Country Queen Festival
Boyne Adventure Race
Boyne Music Festival
Boyne Valley International Film Festival
Boyne Viking Experience at Slane Castle
Dogitude Festival
DRAWDA | Mythical Midsummer Festival
Drogheda Classical Music Concert Series
Dunderry Fair Day
Fairy Festival at Loughcrew Estate
Heritage Week
Hinterland Festival Kells
Kells Type Trail
Living History Weekend, Irish Military War Museum
Moynalty Country Music Festival
Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival
Navan Choral Festival
Navan Midsummer Festival
Nobber Show and Fair
Oldcastle Agricultural Show
Otherside Festival
Scurlogstown Olympiad
St Colmcille Illuminations Kells
Trim Haymaking Festival
Trim Midsummer Jazz and Blues Weekend

### Autumn
Another Love Story
Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
Farmaphobia
Féile Siamsa Glas
Laytown Strand Races
Leanbh Children's Festival
Loughcrew Autumn Equinox
Lú Festival of Light
Meath Film Festival
Navan Race Festival
Royal Meath Agricultural Show
Púca Festival
Samhain Festival of Food & Culture
September Walking Festival
Spirts of Meath Halloween Festival

### Winter
A Classical Christmas Evening (Trim)
Christmas and Fun at Navan Adventure Centre
Christmas markets across the Boyne Valley
Pumpkin and Fun at Navan Adventure Centre

Meath Film Festival

Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival




DRAWDA



Dogitude



Loughcrew Light Festival



### Ongoing Events
(please refer to individual websites for dates and details)
Boyne Valley Food Series
Bellewstown Races
Droichead Arts Centre
Fairyhouse Racecourse
Highlanes Gallery
Laytown Races
Meath Beo Music Series
Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Bar
Navan Racecourse
Solstice Arts Centre
Swift Cultural Centre
The Venue Theatre, Ratoath
Toradh Art Gallery
Winter Solstice at Newgrange

For an online calendar of Boyne Valley events and festivals check out discoverboynevalley.ie for full details



Féile Siamsa Glas

# SPIRITS OF MEATH

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

2 Oct - 8 Nov 2026



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 it's '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

# Halloween in the Boyne Valley

IRELAND HOME of HALLOWEEN



## Púca Halloween Festival

29 Oct - 1 Nov 2026

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

Through the spectacular nights at Púca Festival, we salute the Halloween spirits through folklore, food, comedy and music reopening the pathways of reflection and celebration carved by travellers over 2,000 years ago, and lighting up the night sky with awe-inspiring and unearthly illuminations.For up-to-date details see pucafestival.com








## Samhain Festival of Food & Culture

5 - 8 Nov 2026

Celebrate Ireland's rich culinary and cultural heritage with this unmissable festival which brings together the best of Irish food and drink, through a packed programme of events, including the renowned Sheridans Irish Food Fair.

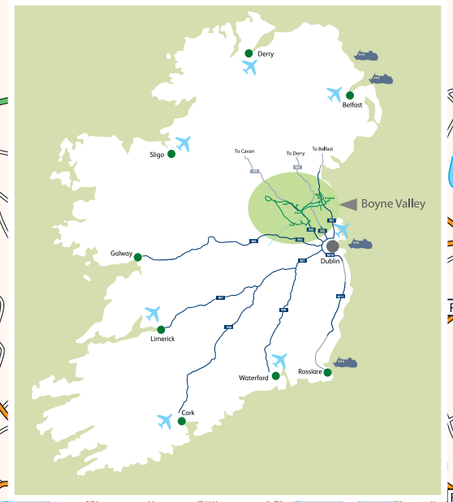
There is something for everyone to enjoy at Samhain Festival; cultural performances, storytelling, immersive food and drinks tastings, cookery demonstrations, the iconic Samhain Long Table Supper, local farm visits, the bustling producers' market and plenty of kids' workshops and activities.

Samhain Festival is a true celebration of Irish food, drink, and culture. For event details and updates, visit foodcultureireland.ie or follow us on social media @SamhainFestivalKells





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**Useful Travel Links**

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| Airlines | aerlingus.com, ryanair.com |
| Ferries | irishferries.com, stenaline.ie |
| | poirishsea.com, poferries.com |
| Bus | buseireann.ie |
| Dublin Airport | dublinairport.com |
| Irish Rail | irishrail.ie |
| TFI Journey Planner | transportforireland.ie |





# Easy access

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

## Getting Here & Getting Around

### Carolan Coach Hire

Carolan Coaches is a family run superior executive Irish coach company who provide executive style and economy coach tours along with coach hire for any business trips. carolancoachhire.ie

Nobber, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 905 2336 **E** info@carolancoachhire.ie

### Donie Quinn

Donie Quinns are a professional family run business who have been running since 1989, who offer many types of services including golf trips, airport transfers and wheelchair accessible cars. Coach & bus hire are also available. doniequinntaxis.ie

Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 6009 **E** annie@doniequinntaxis.ie

### Ireland's Chauffeur Tours

Small bespoke chauffeur tours by a professional licensed guide in a luxurious 6-seater Mercedes. Day tours of the Boyne Valley and tours around Ireland available. chauffertours.ie

Rathmóre, Athboy, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 672 2193 **E** hello@chauffeurtours.ie

### Murray and Son Coaches

Murray & Son Coaches provide coach hire services of the highest standard and represent excellent value for money. They offer a wide range of vehicles from mini-buses to luxury executive coaches.

Duleek, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 239 0222 **E** murrayscoachhire@gmail.com

### Rambling Rover Campervans

Our fleet of brand-new, high-standard campervans has a range of options that can accommodate from 1 to 6 people, perfect for families (including your dog), friends, or couples. With bike rental also available we are a one stop shop for your road trip, staycation, or Irish adventure. ramblingrover.ie

Slane, Co. Meath, C15PY76
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 045 3932 / (0) 1 604 1900 **E** info@ramblingrover.ie

### TransferMe

Transfer Me provides a luxury chauffeur service for airport transfers, to all major events including sporting events, private events, meetings, conferences and music events. We also cater for clients who want to do tours of Ireland and see some of the country's historical sites like, The Boyne Valley and Dublin. transferme.ie

Kentstown, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 712 2732 **E** info@transferme.ie

See also pg. 19-20 for chauffeur-driven tour guide options.

DISCOVER BOYNE VALLEY

Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East

IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST®

*Wander Through Time*

# Boyne Valley Drive

CAVAN

NORTH LOUTH

WESTMEATH

OFFALY

KILDARE

Kingscourt

Drumconrath

Kilmainhamwood

Nobber

Moynalty

Castletown Kilpatrick

Oldcastle

Ballinlough

Kells

Tailteann Games Site

Kilskyre

Girley Bog

Fordstown

Donaghpatrick

Donaghmore

Gibbstown

Navan

Wilkinstown

Athboy

Delvin

Tlachtga (Hill of Ward)

Trim

Bective Abbey

Bective

Tara

Killmessan

Dunsany

Kiltale

Clonard

Longwood

Enfield

Kilcock

Maynooth

Dunshaughlin

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Port Beach

Clogherhead

Clogherhead Beach

Termonfeckin

Seapoint Beach

Drogheda

Baltray

Baltray Beach

Mornington

Bettystown

Bettystown Beach

Laytown

Laytown Beach

Gormanston Beach

Gormanston

Bellewstown

Oldbridge

Donore

Brú na Bóinne

Duleek

Balrath Woods

Mellifont

Littlewood Forest

Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway

Nobber Loop

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Boyne Ramparts Walk

Trim Porchfield and River Walk

Boyne Blueway

Royal Canal Greenway

Royal Canal

River Boyne

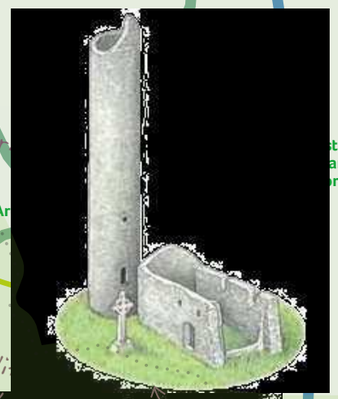
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# Boyne Valley Drive

Please check individual websites for current opening times and availability.

## 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.
heritageireland.ie






## Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

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

Kells, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 924 7508
**Open** Access all year to Monastic sites. See Kells Courthouse for walking tours and information on access to Spire of Lloyd.

## Old Mellifont Abbey

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

Tullyallen, Co. Louth
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 6459
**Tour guides on site** during the summer.
heritageireland.ie



## Hill of Slane

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

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

## Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)

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

Donore, Co. Meath, A92 EH5C
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 0300
**Open** Access all year. Access to monuments through Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking essential for Newgrange chamber tour (see website)
heritageireland.ie

**Don't Forget**
book your ticket at heritageireland.ie

## Trim Castle

Built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173 this is the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland. In medieval times, the castle stood like an imposing stone sentinel and powerful symbol of Norman strength. In modern times, the castle remains a strong focal point in Trim town and has been used in the film Braveheart with Mel Gibson.

Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 8619
**Open** Open daily from Mid Feb – end of October. From November to mid Feb, open weekends for tours, and once a day during the week (contact Trim Visitor Centre for details).
heritageireland.ie







## Monasterboice

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

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 987 2843
**Open** All year

## St. Laurence's Gate

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

drogheda.ie







## Millmount

Folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and his 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






## Hill of Tara

The Hill of Tara was the seat of the High Kings of Ireland and the most sacred site in ancient Ireland. Stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 5903 / 41 988 0300
**Visitor Centre open** during the summer. Hill open all year.
heritageireland.ie



## Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

An international battle fought on 1st July 1690 (old calendar) between King William III and his father in law King James II, brought to life using a laser battle site model, audio visual film, real and replica weaponry and interactive guided tours. The Visitor Centre is located in the restored 18th century Oldbridge House surrounded by Victorian Gardens and battle site walks. Yearly events programme.

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 980 9950
**E** battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
**Open** All Year, Admission charge to Visitor Centre. Gardens and battle site walks free of charge. Gift Shop and Tea Room available on site
battleoftheboyne.ie

# 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, landscape 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 Forget**
Advance booking essential. Book your ticket at heritageireland.ie

Knowth



### Newgrange

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.


Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre


Newgrange


Newgrange

### 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.

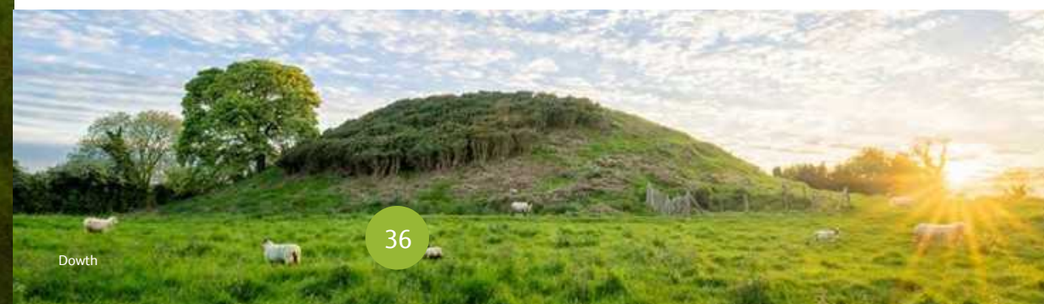
**Don't Forget**
All access to the monuments is via the Brú na Bóinne VisitorCentre. Do NOT go directly to Newgrange or Knowth.


Newgrange


Knowth

### Dowth

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.


Dowth

# More to discover

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

Trim

## 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, Khan Spices, Brogans or Sally Rogers Bar, all of whom have an avid love of great food and guarantee you won't be disappointed!



Drogheda

## Drogheda

Drogheda truly is the Gateway to the Boyne Valley. A visit to the interactive Boyne Valley exhibition in the historic Tholsel in the centre of the town is a must for anyone exploring the region. Drogheda is an ideal town to explore on foot. Pick up a copy of the Drogheda Visitor Guide (or download from drogheda.ie) and visit St. Oliver Plunkett's head in St. Peter's Church (saintoliverplunkett.com), see William III's Sword and Mace at the beautiful Highlanes Gallery (highlanes.ie), grab a selfie at St. Laurence's 13th century barbican gate, cross the river and stroll up to Millmount Tower for magnificent views and to visit the Millmount Museum (Millmount.net) or take a stroll to Mornington. After your adventures, take time to enjoy the many 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.



Hill of Ward



Bective Abbey



Tholsel Tourist Office, Drogheda



Spire of Lloyd

## 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. Its 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. Discover Boyne Valley are now offering guided tours of the Spire of Lloyd which is Ireland's only Inland Lighthouse with a 164 narrow step spiral staircase. The Spire of Lloyd was recently featured in the Traitors Ireland finale.

### 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.

### What else...

If you'd ever considered being 'Irish for a Day' you must book a visit to Causey Farm just outside Kells where you can learn to make brown bread, play the bodhrán or milk a cow! Kells has lots to offer the visiting tourist with fantastic accommodation, food, golf, equestrian, theatrical and artistic activities, and is truly the 'town of festivals'. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours and the annual Samhain Food Festival or book your place at the Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. Explore the latest exhibition at the Toradh2 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.

## Oldcastle

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

### What else...

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



## Slane

Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland. It was created in the 1760's by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. Slane Castle, Distillery & The Hill of Slane were the main stars of the recent Traitors Ireland. 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 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. Visit Slane`s Arty Quarter and browse in Shine Craft Shop with its wide range of local crafts and Pats Art Studio with its wide selection of Boyne Valley, Irish and International and Equine Paintings.

## Boyne Valley Coast

Discover the Boyne Valley Coast. Choose from Mornington (Green Coast Award), Bettystown (Green Coast Award), 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 (Green Coast Award), Clogherhead (Blue Flag beach), Baltray and Port Beach (Blue Flag 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. Whether you're stopping by for a delicious breakfast, lunch or some bayview light bites Navy Bettystown has something to satisfy all. You may wish to spend the whole afternoon on the beach and enjoy a leisurely coffee in McDonough's Coffee House & Bar, 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.

### What else...

Emerald Park, one of Ireland's top tourist attractions is situated outside of the town of Ashbourne in the south of the Boyne Valley. As Ireland's premier operated 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, and prove you are warrior worthy in the newly opened, Celtic themed, Tír na nÓg. Enjoy the flavours of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. For sports enthusiasts a visit Ashbourne Baseball Club is a must or stop in at Neddy`s and the Newbarn Farm Shop for some goodies.

Colmcille's House, Kells



Enfield



Slane Castle



# Boyne Valley Towns & Villages

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




# Itineraries

## Suggested routes to enjoy your time in the Boyne Valley

For more details and downloadable maps see **discoverboynevalley.ie**

### Discover Memorable Experiences in the Boyne Valley - 3 days

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










**Heritage Sites**

1 Drogheda
2 Monasterboice
3 Mellifont Abbey
4 Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
5 Loughcrew Cairn
6 Monastic Kells
7 Hill of Tara
8 Brú na Bóinne/Newgrange
9 Trim Castle
10 Trim Visitor Centre

**Family Activities**

A Loughcrew Gardens and Fairy Trail
B Causey Farm
C Navan Adventure Centre
D Boyne Valley Activities
E Emerald Park
F Slane Castle and Distillery



Mellifont Abbey



Causey Farm



Navan Adventure Centre



### Discover Family Fun in the Boyne Valley - 2 /3 days

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




Family Activities to chose from

Day 1
1 Brú na Bóinne
2 Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
3 Funtasia
Day 2
4 Trim Castle
5 Navan Adventure Centre
6 The Zone
7 Boyne Valley Activities
Day 3
8 Emerald Park
9 WhiteRiver Karting
10 Bettystown/Laytown Beaches
11 Loughcrew Gardens and Fairy Trail



Navan Adventure Centre



Funtasia



The Zone Activity Centre

### 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, from bread & butter making in Tara to a very Viking experience by enjoying a fresh seafood banquet on the coast at Clogherhead.




Boyne Valley Flavours

Day 1
1 Platter by Lu - Freshly Baked French Toast
2 Bread with Benefits - Bake bread & make your Butter
3 Overnight - Rock Farm, Slane

Day 2
4 Breakfast at Brambles Brú Na Bóinne or at Battle of the Boyne
5 The Glyde Inn coastal Viking experience with a banquet of Seafood.



The Glyde Inn



Rock Farm, Slane



Bread with Benefits

## Discover Arts and Culture in the Boyne Valley - 2 days

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




**Arts & Culture**

Day 1
1 Brú na Bóinne
2 Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
Day 2
3 Slane Castle, Distillery and Village
4 Drogheda - Galleries and Museums
5 Monasterboice

**Galleries & Theatres to Visit**

A Skylight Gallery
B Drogheda Arts Centre
C Highlanes Gallery
D TLT Theatre
E Barbican Centre
F Solstice Arts Centre
G The Venue Theatre


Droichead Arts Centre


Slane Castle


Solstice Arts Centre

## 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.




**Ecotourism**

1 Sonairte Eco Centre
2 Boyne Valley Wools
3 Rock Farm
4 Boyne Valley Activitiexs

**Other Ecotourism Experiences**

A Girley Bog Walk
B Balrath Wood
C Littlewood Forest
D Blackfriary Archaeology Field School
E An Tobar Spiritual Retreat


Sonairte


Boyne Valley Wools


Girley Bog



# Other itineraries include...

### Rediscover Golf in the Boyne Valley

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

Killeen Castle



Headfort Golf Club



### 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.

An Tobar Retreat Spiritual Centre



Farmfield Spa Escapes



### 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.

Royal Canal Greenway



Johnstown Estate



### 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.

Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda



Millmount, Drogheda



### Memorable Experiences in Kells

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

Toradh2 Kells Courthouse Type Trail



Girley Bog



### 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.

Bective Mill



Blueway, Trim



### Memorable Experiences in Slane

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

Slane Distillery




Slane Village



### 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.

Ramparts, Navan



Navan Adventure Centre



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

# Foodie destination

## Discover the flavours of Boyne Valley

Embark on a culinary journey through the Boyne Valley, a celebrated gastronomic region recognised globally for its exceptional food and drink. Winner of the World Food Travel Association's Food Trekking Award in 2019 for Food Destination and highlighted by National Geographic Traveller UK as one of the World's Best Food Destinations, the Boyne Valley is a feast for the senses.



Cooley Oysters



With fertile soils steeped in history, this ancient valley has nurtured generations of skilled farmers and food producers. Today, their traditions thrive alongside innovative practices, creating a vibrant community of passionate farmers, artisan producers, chefs, and eateries dedicated to showcasing the flavours of this remarkable landscape.

Discover the Taste of the Boyne Valley
On your travels through the region look out for Boyne Valley Bites—dishes that showcase local ingredients often paired with a local beverage. Beyond dining out, the Boyne Valley offers a host of unforgettable food experiences. Join a hands-on cookery class at Bread with Benefits or Lismullen Cookery School, explore the many vibrant farmers' markets that take place throughout the year such as Sheridans Cheesemongers and The Cottage Market, Drogheda or take a scenic farm walk at Rock Farm Slane to connect with the people and places behind the food. From artisan producers to award-winning eateries, the Boyne Valley is your gateway to the best of Irish food culture.

The Boyne Valley Food Series, an award-winning celebration of local food culture, runs throughout the year and offers a diverse array of events. From long table suppers and vibrant festivals to foraging walks, cookery demonstrations, and farm tours, this acclaimed series showcases the very best of the region's culinary heritage. Recognised for its innovation and excellence, the Boyne Valley Food Series invites you to explore the tastes, traditions, and stories behind the food. Whether sampling artisan creations, connecting with passionate producers, or learning from renowned chefs, every event is a feast for the senses.

Discover all the delicious experiences waiting for you in the Boyne Valley. Stay updated on upcoming events and news at BoyneValleyFlavours.ie or follow us on social media @BoyneValleyFlavours

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## Eating out in the Boyne Valley

### Restaurants

**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

**BoAnn Café & Bistro**
BoAnn is named after the legendary goddess of the River Boyne. By night, the café transforms into a sophisticated bistro, offering creative and elegant dining experiences. Their menus feature classic dishes with contemporary twists, highlighting local seasonal flavours. Enjoy expertly crafted cocktails, whiskies, beers, spirits, and wine in a relaxed atmosphere. trimcastlehotel.com

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

**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, afternoon tea and evening dinner, choose from set menus or 10 course tasting menus, for a dining experience to satisfy the eyes and the palate. tankardstown.ie

Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 D535
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 0807
**E** reservations@brabazonrestaurant.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

**Coach House Brassiere at Johnstown Estate**
Instantly feel at home in the Coach House Brasserie with its booth-seating and roaring fire in Kitty's Corner. Upstairs, The Loft offers a more refined brasserie-style experience, and when the sun shines, a new, spacious, outdoor terrace to the front of The Coach House seats nearly 50 people in airy, heated comfort. thejohnstownestate.com

The Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath A83 V070
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 954 0000
**E** info@thejohnstownestate.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

**Fifty50 Kells**
Fifty50 Kells, located in the heart of the beautiful heritage town, offers a diverse menu featuring European, Mediterranean, and exotic Eastern dishes. Their experienced chefs use locally sourced ingredients, cooked fresh to order. Join them for lunch Thursday to Saturday, with an early bird menu available daily until 6:30 pm. fifty50.ie

80 Bective St, Townparks, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 VY50
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 924 7780
**E** info@fifty50.ie

**Flambé**
Located just steps from the iconic Trim Castle, with views overlooking this historic landmark, Flambé offers more than dining — it offers atmosphere. Perfect for a relaxed dinner, celebration, or special occasion, Flambé aim to create memorable experiences in the heart of Trim. flambe.ie

5 Frenchs Ln, Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 099 2528
**E** reservation@flambe.ie

**Henrys at the Glenside**
The perfect intimate space for any special occasion or evening out with family & friends. A la Carte, Early Bird, Sunday Lunch and Special Occasion Menus available. Popular favourites are their Roast Dinner, Steak & Scampi Dishes.
Book online at theglensidehotel.ie/henrys

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Kiln at Killeen Castle**
The Kiln at Killeen Castle uses the highest quality locally sourced ingredients to ensure satisfying flavours in perfectly balanced exciting and contemporary dishes. Offering a variety of delicious options to cater for all tastes and ages. The perfect place to unwind and enjoy an all-day dining experience. Open 7 days a week and available to book online. killeencastle.com

Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 3000
**E** reservations@killeencastle.com

**Matt the Thresher Julianstown**
A warm welcome awaits you at Matt the Thresher, Julianstown. Nestled in the heart of County Meath, their award-winning gastro bar and restaurant offers a relaxed yet refined dining experience that celebrates the best of land and sea.

Main Street, Julianstown West, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 9001
**E** mattsjulianstown@gmail.com

**Monasterboice Inn**
Family run restaurant close to Monsterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak. Scampi is also a big hit. Good wholesome local food of the highest quality, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Can cater for any group, with 3 dining rooms varying sizes. monasterboice-inn.ie

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

**Park Rí Destination Stop & Food Court Kells**
A place to Refuel, Relax & Refresh and enjoy good food in a relaxed atmosphere. Food outlets include: The Cook of Kells Carvery; Kells Kitchen; Supermacs; Papa John's Pizza; Petite Camile & Zambrero. Located just off the M3, N3 & N52.
parkri.ie

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

**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

**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

**Sixteen at Killeen Castle**
Located within the grounds of Killeen Castle offering a picturesque setting with the calmness of the surroundings of nature. Their expert chefs use the freshest local produce to serve dining experiences with an ethos of food creativity and sustainability. Dinner reservations and Sunday Lunch are available to book online. killeencastle.com

Sixteen, Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 3000
**E** reservations@killeencastle.com

### The Snailbox
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 their family look after your family. snailbox.ie

Kilmoon, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, A84YK35
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 835 4277
**E** info@snailbox.ie

### Tara Lounge at CityNorth Hotel
The Tara Lounge offers exceptional food focused on local produce and great value. Open daily from 6.30am serving full Irish breakfast, lunch from 12-5pm and dinner from 5pm to 9pm. The award-winning carvery offers a choice of freshly roasted meats with traditional sides and a full bar service with live piano on Sundays. citynorthhotel.com

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

### Twelve Points Restaurant
Set within the breathtaking demesne of Killua Castle, Twelve Points transforms the finest local Irish ingredients into extraordinary dishes, full of flavour and character. A relaxed fine dining experience in the Boyne Valley. To make a booking call or go through the website. twelvepointsrestaurant.com

Killua Castle, Killua, Co. Meath, C15 EWF2
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 486 8151
**E**

### 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. They offer good quality, carefully sourced produce from local suppliers, using ingredients that are in season with specialties such as locally reared lamb. headfortarms.ie

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

## Cafés

### Ariosa by the Sea
Ariosa by the Sea serves exceptional coffee, expertly roasted in our own roastery along with cakes baked by their inhouse baker and freshly prepared sandwiches and acai. Ariosa is more than coffee; it is a moment to pause, reconnect, and savour. Trusted by baristas and loved by regulars, it's a name built on passion, precision, and people. ariosacoffee.com

Coast Road, Corballis, Laytown, Co. Meath. A92 C9FD
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 715 1265
**E** info@ariosacoffee.com

### Bácús Café Kildalkey
Bácús Café Kildalkey is a family-run, family-friendly, McKenna's Guide–recommended café with a deep passion for baking and great coffee. Blending Irish and Argentine influences, they bake fresh pastries, cakes and treats daily. We also cater for all events, offering homemade bakes made with care, quality and flavour at their heart.

Unit 1 Abbey Row Kildalkey Co. Meath C15X3PA
**Tel** +353 (0) 85 166 3382
**E** bacusbakes@gmail.com

### 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 their in-house chefs. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too. bectivestud.com

Bective Tea Rooms Bective Stud, Balgil, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DFC8
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 2362
**E** info@bectivestud.com

### Brambles at Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre
Situated at Brú na Bóinne, Brambles are delighted to operate the onsite café nestled within the surrounds of the Visitor Centre. The café has a wonderful bright aspect for visitors to enjoy some flavoursome handmade food incorporating local ingredients. Relax with a Barista coffee and some delicious handmade cakes or a hearty lunch from our daily selections. 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
Located in a specially designed building, The Tea Pavilion at Old Bridge House has wonderful views over carefully manicured gardens. With fully glazed walls, there are uninterrupted views to soak in as you enjoy a delicious lunch or barista coffee. There's also plenty of outdoor seating to bask in the sun during the summer months, whilst enjoying an ice cream. brambles.ie

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

### Café Sabrosa
Sabrosa means delicious, tasty & flavoursome in Portuguese! A family run restaurant producing fresh wholesome dishes, with a nod to the chef's Portuguese heritage. A varied breakfast menu served until 12pm followed by a lunch menu with a range of sandwiches, main course salads and hot meals, delicious pastries, cakes, good coffee and full wine list. cafesabrosa.ie

Unit 2, AMC, Main Street, Athboy, Meath C15 TAA8
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 948 7366
**E** hello@cafesabrosa.ie

### Coffee Spot
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

### GNR Café Kilmainhamwood
Located along the Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway in Kilmainhamwood, G'N'R Café is a welcoming stop for walkers, cyclists, and families. Enjoy great coffee, cold drinks, and tasty snacks beside our historic buildings and Christmas tree fields. They also host fun events, from kids' crafts to adult workshops throughout the year. gnrcafe.com

Station Store, Kilmainhamwood, Ireland A82 P654
**Tel** +353 (0) 83 183 2045
**E** info@gnrcafe.com

### Greenways Café
Greenways Café is 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, A82 K0N2
**E** thegreenwaycafenobber@gmail.com

### Harvest Home Bakery & Café
In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 9am. Tuesday to Saturday. Homemade vegetable soup, Irish Soda bread, freshly cut sandwiches and Gourmet Sausage Rolls. Fresh cream cakes, home bakes, Bewley's Coffee and selection of teas. Outdoor seating, Wi-Fi and an Irish welcome! Follow them on FB and Instagram. Award winning Cafè Bistro

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

### McDonough's Coffee House & Bar
Experience tradition at McDonough's Coffee House & Bar. Located in Bettystown, they serve artisan coffee, fresh baked pastries, toasted sandwiches, sweet treats and also offer an extensive drinks menu. Relax by the fire, enjoy live music, or soak up the sun on our terrace. Come for the craic, stay for the experience.

Triton Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath A92RV05
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 7295
**E** mcdonoughspub@gmail.com

### Navy Bettystown
Whether you're stopping by for a delicious breakfast, lunch or some Bayview light bites Navy Bettystown has something to satisfy all. Recently refurbished our beachside location has indoor and outdoor dining with amazing seaviews, a favourite with locals and visitors alike. A perfectly chilled glass of wine or the perfect coffee and a warm welcome awaits you!

5 Bayview Bettystown Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 981 3344
**E** hello@navybettystown.ie

### Park Beo Outdoor Café
Savour and enjoy simple good food and drinks in this unique outdoor space within Park Beo Greenway Hub. Nourish body and mind with one of their infamous açai bowls or a grounding matcha or cacao. Refuel with sourdough toasties, smoothies, Lilyphils protein balls and premium coffees on your picnic or pitstop. parkbeo.ie

Wilkinstown, Navan, Co, Meath C15V6WF
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 314 6780
**E** info@parkbeo.ie

### PlatterByLu
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

### Room 8 Navan
Fabulous food in the heart of Navan. Whether it's breakfast, lunch or evening dinner, morning coffee to afternoon cake, homemade soup or a superfood salad; from catch ups to early bird dining and raising a glass or two, room8 are proud of their exciting new dishes and the many more friends they have made. They look forward to welcoming you. room8.iecom

8 Watergate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 7663
**E** info@room8.ie

### Sheridans Cheesemongers Meath Shop and Café
Offering the finest farmhouse cheeses and artisan foods from Ireland and Europe. Adjoining the shop is our Sheridans Café, where they serve teas, coffees, light lunches, cakes and baked goods fresh in our kitchen. Open 7 days a week and our local Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Follow us @sheridanscheese. sheridanscheesemongers.com

Virginia Road Station, Pottlereagh, Co Meath, A82 PC42
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 924 5799
**E** info@sheridanscheesemongers.com

### Solstice Café
A family-friendly café providing a range of high quality, locally sourced foods throughout the day. Delicious & healthy breakfasts are available along with gourmet sandwiches/wraps, soups, crisp salads and tasty lunch specials. A variety of cakes, scones, granola slices and protein balls are homemade daily to compliment your favourite coffee or speciality tea.

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

### 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. Their 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

### Stonewall Café
Stonewall Café opened their café on 29th June 2024. Located across the road from Trim Tourist Office and Trim Castle, it's a great place to fill up on the best fresh brewed coffee with treats and healthy options like Acai bowls right before sightseeing. Café walk-in only. Breakfast served till 11am – indoor/outdoor seating or take away. facebook.com/stonewallcoffee1

Castle St. Trim, Co.Meath
**E** stonewallcoffee@hotmail.com



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Boann Café and Bistro

## 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

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

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

### Jack's Bar, Restaurant & Garden
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! Also offers a pet friendly garden. facebook.com/jacksbarand-garden

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

### Jack Quinn's Bar
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

### Kelltic Bar & Courtyard
Experience a true Irish pub with gourmet pub grub, live entertainment, and cosy vibes. Celebrate life's milestones in our stylish Courtyard venue, complete with bar, dance floor, and heated outdoor seating. headfortarms.ie

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

### Nelly's Bar
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. nellysdrogheda.ie

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

### Peter's Pub
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

## 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.com

Clarkes Bar, No 19 Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 983 6724
**E** info@clarkesofdrogheda.com

### Dolly's Bar & Pantry
Dolly's Bar is a traditional family run pub that exudes warmth and character. The Pantry is their newly opened coffee shop at the back of the bar serving speciality coffee, delicious treats and artisan hand produced food using top quality ingredients seven days a week.

Balfeddock, Slane, Co. Meath C15 WC57
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 4411/ /(0) 87 985 2197
**E** infodollysbar@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
**E** irmafox26@gmail.com

### 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 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



### McCormack's Bar & Lounge
McCormack's Pub is a charming, traditional Irish pub opposite the historic Trim Castle in County Meath. The front bar offers a cozy, welcoming atmosphere, with a perfect view of one of Ireland's most impressive medieval landmarks. The lounge offers a more modern, party ambience, and hosts live music every weekend throughout the year. mccormackstrim.com

Castle Street, rim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 1963
**E** bookings@mccormackstrim.com

### McDonough's Coffee House & Bar
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Triton Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath A92RV05
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 7295
**E** mcdonoughspub@gmail.com

### Odd Mollies
Odd Mollies is an eclectic bar and music venue where you'll find a warm and sociable atmosphere. They are dedicated to providing top quality live music and entertainment, whether it's in the intimate venue or on the stage in the 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** oddmolliesdrogheda@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 6 nights a week from their delicious pizza menu. royalmeathbar.ie

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

### The Village Inn Slane
The Village Inn is your quintessential homely, family run pub. With regular live music and sport, they also cater for parties and wedding afters. Located in the heart of Slane Village.

Main Street, Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 744 6730
**E** villageinnslane@gmail.com

## Boyne Valley Craft Distilling and Brewing

### Boann Distillery
Family owned distillery producing a range of triple distilled Irish single malt and Irish pot still whiskey from three handmade bespoke copper pot stills. From "Grain to Glass" crafted within the distillery ensuring whiskey and gin of great character with a unique provenance and a real sense of place. Visitor experience opening soon. boanndistillery.ie

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

### Fore Distillery
Fore Distillery is a craft distillery producing their own Golden Rum, White Rum, and Poitin entirely at their 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

### Slane Distillery
Allow the 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 their state of the art working distillery. Finish the tour with a taste of their signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. Combine your tour with a visit to Slane Castle. See details on slaneirishwhiskey.

Slane Distillery, Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 903 0600
**E** reservations@slanedistillery.com



Fore Distillery


Nelly's Bar


Slane Distillery

# Stay a while

## Great accommodation in the Boyne Valley

From luxury four star hotels to cosy cottages and fabulous yurts for those looking for something a bit different, the range of accommodation in the Boyne Valley will certainly tempt you to stay longer...



Knightsbrook Hotel

## Hotels

### Ardboyne Hotel
Situated on the outskirts of Navan, this hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Boyne Valley. Carefully selected furnishings and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, alongside beautifully appointed rooms, provide the very best in creature comforts. Live music every Saturday night. Hugo's Restaurant, The Kells Bar. ardboynehotel.com

Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
**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 Dublin airport. With a full range of spa services, specialty experiences, and the finest award-winning cuisine in the area, your time in Bellinter House will be a truly unforgettable experience. Preston's Restaurant. bellinterhouse.com

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

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

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

### City North Hotel & Conference Centre
Only 15 minutes on the M1 from Dublin Airport, our recently renovated large bedrooms are equipped with free wifi, tea/coffee and SMART TVs. Located only 10 minutes from sandy beaches and lush golf courses, and within a short drive to family attractions, this four-star hotel is the perfect base to explore the Boyne Valley. 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
A 3-star family run hotel, offering a haven of tranquillity nestled in the heart of the Boyne Valley Drive, yet only 45 minutes from Dublin Airport. The Hotel boasts 15 en-suite luxury bedrooms suitable for corporate or leisure use. Ample free parking. Weddings, confirmations, communions, family gatherings and special occasions catered for. The Darnley Lounge. darnleylodgehotel.ie

Main Street, Athboy Co. Meath, C15YP2K
**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. Conveniently located to many attractions in the Boyne Valley, along with Dublin Airport. This hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities, and the exquisite Spa. 145 spacious bedrooms. The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadlier Bar. dunboynecastlehotel.com

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

### The Glenside Hotel
Let their family look after yours in our beautifully appointed, family owned 17 bedroom hotel only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. Ample free parking, delicious food, beautiful gardens and a traditional 'céad míle fáilte' which has been extended to guests for almost 50 years. Henry's Restaurant, Bar food served daily. theglenside.ie

Dublin Road, Drogheda, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 9999
**E** info@theglenside.ie

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

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

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

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

### The Johnstown Estate
The Johnstown Estate is a favourite destination for so many travellers, our luxurious 4-star estate is a haven of comfort and relaxation For those with a passion for food, there is a choice of dining experiences, from fine dining to light bites and al fresco cocktails. The estate is also home to our award-winning spa, while bicycles are available to enjoy the estate parklands and discover the nearby Royal Canal Greenway. 'Fire & Salt' Restaurant, The Coach House Brasserie, Parterre. thejohnstownestate.com

Enfield, Co. Meath A83 V070
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 954 0000
**E** info@thejohnstownestate.com

### Killeen Castle Lodges
The lodge accommodations at Killeen Castle have a beautiful design and come equipped with high-quality interior fixtures and fittings that can be found in a four-star hotel. They provide spacious and comfortable accommodation, equipped with all necessary amenities to ensure a pleasant stay, including air conditioning and complimentary Wi-Fi. All accommodations offer light-filled rooms that present stunning views of the green, yellow, and gold picturesque landscapes. Sixteen, The Kiln. killeencastle.com

Dunsany, Co. Meath, C15 FH39
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 689 3000
**E** reservations@killeencastle.com

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

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


The Station House Hotel

### The Marcy Hotel
Proudly overlooking the main thoroughfare, this grand 'ol lady of West Street is the pulsing heart of Drogheda and has hospitality in her veins. Recently refurbished, The Marcy is a modern vibrant boutique hotel catering for those who want to soak up the buzz at the heart of Drogheda. Casual luxury is the vibe from guest rooms to the lobbies, comfort & convenience is all part of your experience with The Marcy. Nelly`s Bar is a must for great food, music and craic themarcy.ie

29 West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 981 0196
**E** reservations@themarcy.ie

### The Newgrange Hotel
Located in the centre of Navan Town and 2 min walk from the main bus stop. Private car parking. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. The hotel boasts 62 luxurious bedrooms. Additional facilities include complimentary wi-fi, live entertainment in Rowley's bar Friday - Sunday. The Bridge Restaurant, Rowley's Pub and Bridge Brasserie serving food all day. newgrangehotel.ie

Navan, Co. Meath
**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 for excellence in hospitality and customer service, the McGowan family have created a homely atmosphere with the warmest of Irish welcomes. 16 en-suite bedrooms and award-winning restaurant: 2 AA rosettes 2019-20, Best Hotel Restaurant County Louth 2019. scholarshotel.com

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

### The Station House Hotel
Built in 1862 as a busy railway junction, this award winning, boutique hotel has been run by the Slattery family since 1984. Renowned in Ireland for its food, and a member of the prestigious Ireland's Blue Book collection, it is the perfect place to stay whilst you explore the Boyne Valley. Signal Restaurant. stationhousehotel.ie

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

### Trim Castle Hotel
Enjoy breathtaking views of Trim Castle and the River Boyne while indulging in three exceptional eateries, crafted with locally sourced ingredients. This 4-star hotel hosts 68 bedrooms, conference facilities, shops, and traditional Irish bars on its doorstep. Stunning panoramic views from the Rooftop Garden Terrace. BoAnn Café & Bistro, Bailey Brasserie, Jules Restaurant. trimcastlehotel.com

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

### The Village Hotel
Discover the charm of The Village Hotel in Bettystown, a cosy 16-bedroom establishment steps from Bettystown Beach. It offers coastal walks, dining options, and a friendly local atmosphere. Located 15 minutes from Drogheda and within 30 minutes of Dublin Airport and Emerald Park, it is perfectly situated for leisure and adventure. villagehotel.ie

Eastham Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath, A92 XY19
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 7766
**E** hello@villagehotel.ie

## Specialist Accommodation

### Boyne House Slane
Boyne House Slane is a former rectory dating from 1807, magnificently renewed, to offer luxury accommodation bearing exceptional levels of comfort and style. An addition to the Tankardstown and Conyngham Arms family in the area, Boyne House Slane comprising 10 bedrooms is perfect for visiting groups. boynehouseslane.ie

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

### Johnsfort House Farmstay
200-year-old Johnsfort House is steeped in Irish charm and history. We have Highland cattle, sheep and chickens. Stunning self - catering cottages with original stone. Enjoy the countryside, meet the animals, take a walk on the farm path through the woodland. They also run private tours all over Ireland. johnsfort.ie

Johnsfort House, Clonmellon, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 878 6194 / 86 373 3644
**E** richard@irelandatyourleisure.ie



### Loughcrew House
Private and exclusive accommodation in the centuries old Loughcrew Estate. Decorated with style by Emily Naper the house sleeps 17 with options for more in the courtyard apartments. Views of beautiful landscapes transport you back to a different time where you can imagine yourself as the lord of the Estate. loughcrew.com

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

### Tankardstown House
Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown House comprises an impressive 18th Century Manor House & Orangery; a central courtyard of Cottage Suites; a luxurious Lodge and Barn and Stable accommodation, as well as the award-winning Brabazon Restaurant. Ample parkland and walled pleasure gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch/dinner available, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Viewing by appointment only. tankardstown.ie

Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath, C15 D535
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 982 4621
**E** info@tankardstown.ie

### Tom Blake House
An historic house in the heritage town of Kells, Co. Meath in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Tom Blake House provides luxury accommodation and exclusive private hire. It combines the warmth and hospitality of a B&B within the beautiful 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

## B&Bs

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

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

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

Navan Road, Trim, Co Meath. C15P2N8
**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

### 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 them on booking.com

Adamstown, Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 860 1337/ 87 601 9491
**E** woodviewlodge123@gmail.com

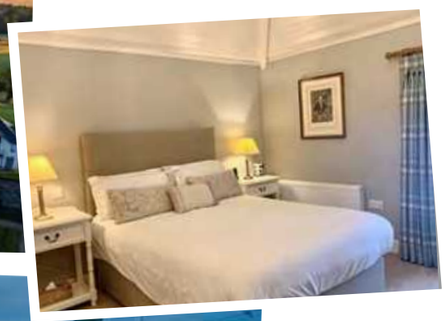
Bellinter House Hotel



The Lodges at Killeen Castle



Conningham Arms Hotel





Loughcrew House



The Marcy Hotel



The Cottages

## Self Catering

### Ashbourne Self Catering
Ashbourne self-catering consist of a number of newly renovated properties in 3 separate locations. These properties are all ideally located close to Dublin Airport, Dublin City Centre and some of Ireland's most historical sites including The Hill of Tara, Newgrange Brú Na Bóinne and Bective Abbey. ashbourneselfcatering.ie

Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co. Meath A84 W621
**Tel** +353 (0) 87256 6380
**E** info@ashbourneselfcatering.ie

### Bective Stud Apartments
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

Bective Stud, Balgil, Navan, Co. Meath C15 X967
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 2363
**E** info@bectivestud.com

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

Drinadaly, Trim Co Meath, C15 PRR0
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 1325 / 86 839 2946
**E** deirdre@boyneview.ie

### 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 Dublin. decoycountrycottages.ie

Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 902 6960
**E** info@decoycountrycottages.ie

### Eco Lodges, Rock Farm Slane
Stay in straw-bale eco lodges or a traditional farmhouse on an 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 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

Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 4861
**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. hideawayatfoxhollow.com

Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 46 943 4042 / 87 851 8553
**E** junehideawayatfoxhollow@gmail.com



### Kilcloon Holiday Homes & Private Guided Tours
Eight self-catering holiday homes with a Private National Tour Guide on site. Fully furnished with hotel quality bedlinens & towels provided. Complimentary Wi-Fi, communal BBQ area, giant size Chess Board and private parking. Stay & Tour with them, travel in style with packages tailored to suit all guests. kilclooncottages.ie

Brownstown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 1 629 0803 / 87 683 9670
**E** kilclooncottages@gmail.com

### Kiltale Holiday Homes
The self-catering accommodation consists of: Kiltale House, Cottage, Loft, Dairy, Stable, the lodge all 4-star approved and the newly built " Oak" 5 star approved and the Ash, total capacity 47 guests. Perfect for large groups and families, milk the goats, feed the lambs, ride the donkeys. B.B.Q, playground, and indoor play area on site. Centrally located for touring the Boyne valley, on bus route to Dublin city, close to Dublin airport. meathselfcatering.com

Kiltale, Dunsany, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 122 1589
**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) 41 988 4444
**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.

Steeple View, High Street,Trim, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 87 913 5064
**E** trimaccommodation@gmail.com

## Hostels, Glamping & Camping

### Glamping, Rock Farm Slane
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Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 4861
**E** info@rockfarmslane.ie

### Loughcrew Megalithic Centre
Loughcrew Megalithic Centre provides a unique base to explore the history, nature and adventure of the Boyne Valley, including the nearby ancient Loughcrew Cairns. The accommodation includes glamping, camping and campervan facilities. On site are Maggie Heaney's Heritage Cottage, cafe and gift shop. They also provide tours of the Loughcrew Cairns. loughcrewmega.com

Summerbank, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 86 736 1948 / 87 211 3624
**E** loughcrewmegalithiccentre@gmail.com

### Peggy Moore's Pub and Backpackers
Peggy Moore's Pub and Backpackers At the heart of the Drogheda community for over 115 years, Peggy Moore's brings ancient and modern Ireland together in one uniquely designed setting. Peggy Moore's offers a top-of-the-line group-style backpackers' accommodation above the beloved pub with an awesome food and beverage offering to enhance your stay. peggymoores.ie

Sundays Gate, Drogheda, A92 V447
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 213 6162
**E** info@peggymoores.ie

### Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping
Old farm stables converted into a luxury hostel with private rooms and dorms. Camping also available. slanefarmhostel.ie

Harlinstown, Slane, Co. Meath
**Tel** +353 (0) 41 988 4985
**E** info@slanefarmhostel.ie

Tankardstown House



Boyne View House

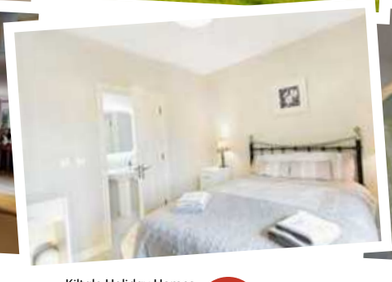


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Bellinter House Hotel

## Boyne Valley Tourist Information Points

### Brú na Bóinne
Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre & Tourist Information Point
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Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
E brunaboinne@opw.ie
#BoyneValley worldheritageireland.ie/bru-na-boinne

### Drogheda
Drogheda Tourist Information Point
The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 CF29
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843
E droghedatouristoffice@gmail.com
#BoyneValley discoverboynevalley.ie

### Kells
Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub
Kells Courthouse, Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath, A82 RY62
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508
E kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie
#BoyneValley discoverboynevalley.ie

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

### Slane
Slane Hub & & Tourist Information Centre
2 Main Street, Slane, Co Meath, C15 W312
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4000
E visitslane@gmail.com
#BoyneValley visitslane.ie

### Trim
Trim Visitor Centre & Tourist Information Centre
Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath, C15 TXA5
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