Historic Gardens

These gardens are open at set times of the year. Some houses open also. Groups should book in advance. Many garden owners offer tea/coffee by arrangement.

Barmeath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth, Tel: +353 (0) 41 9899950 E: battleoftheboyne@opw.ie G:GPS 53.722910, -6.414290

Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Meath. Tel: +353 (0) 41 9838357 E: info@beaulieuhouse.ie G:GPS 53.724466, -6.292419

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Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Tel: +353 (0) 14 9838363 E: charles.p.carroll@gmail.com G:GPS 53.734229, -6.376233

St. Mary’s Abbey, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath. Tel: +353 (0) 87 205 7176 E: phaggin@radiocentre.ie G:GPS 53.546508, -6.790758

FRANCIS LEDWIDGE MUSEUM

Janesville, Slane, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 41 9824544 E: info@francisledwidge.com W: francisledwidge.com G:GPS 53.707104, -6.527456

World War I poet and soldier, Francis Ledwidge, was born and raised in this lovingly restored C19th labourers’ cottage, containing memorabilia. The pretty cottage garden reminds us of the poet’s love for nature deep in the countryside around Slane.

Open: 3rd Mar - Oct, 10am -5pm, 7 days/week. Oct - Mar, 10am -3.30pm, 7 days/week. Fee: €3 Adults, €2 Seniors and Students, €1 Families.

Loughcrew House and Gardens, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 49 854 1356 E: info@loughcrew.com W: loughcrew.com G:GPS 53.787672, -7.14606

Magnificent restored gardens with yew walk, woodland walks, walled garden, canal and parterre - nestled close to the iconic Loughcrew Cairns.

Adventure centre and coffee shop on site. Please see website for more details and tour guide.

Open: 7 days/week round: Weekdays 10am - 5pm, weekends 11am-5pm. Fee: €6 Adults, €3 OAP, €3 Children, €20 family ticket.


Tel: +353 (0) 87 744 7057 E: info@listoke.ie W: www.listoke.com G:GPS: 53.745502, -6.47011

Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbaceous plants, woodland walk and a small menagerie of feathered friends to delight all ages. Tea Pavilion and plantation for Tea Time opening times and more information about Art Gallery, Distillery & Gin School and B&B, please see website. listoke.com & listokesdistillery.ie

Open: April 1 - Sept 30, Mon-Sat, 11-16.30 Oct 1 - April 1, Thur-Sun, 11-16.30 Fee: €5 garden with guided tour. Groups by appointment.

Rokey Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth.

Tel: +353 (0) 86 864 4228 E: info@rokeye.ie G:GPS 53.809573, -6.49041

Built by architect Francis Johnson in the C18th, Rokeye won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2013, for the restoration of its Turner designed Conservatory. This and the garden can be visited at times listed below. Groups more than 8 must be booked in advance.

Please see website for more details.

Open: May 1-31, Mon-Sat, 10am-2pm. Sept 1-30, Mon-Sat, 10am-2pm Heritage Week: 10am-2pm. By appointment at all other times. Fee: €7 Adults, €5 Students/Children. No dogs.

Sonaire Eco Centre and Gardens

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 41 982 7572 E: info@sonaire.ie W: sonaire.ie G:GPS: 53.703211, -6.2677

Sonaire is a great family day out, developed around a traditional C18th Irish farmstead. Visit the productive walled garden, a pretty trail along the River Nanny and learn about bees at the Bree Museum. Craft and food fair round. Coffee shop on site. See website for more details.

Open: Year round, Tues-Sun, 10.30am-4.30pm Fee: €2

St. Mary’s Abbey, Slane, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 41 9824544 E: info@francisledwidge.com W: francisledwidge.com G:GPS 53.707104, -6.527456

An intriguing, medieval abbey dating back to 1415 with walled kitchen garden overlooking the River Boyne and Trim Castle. Converted to a manor house and then a school. St. Mary’s has centuries of history to tell.

Open: Feb 20-24 and Feb 27-28, 2pm-6pm Mar 1-3, Mon-Fri, 2-6pm Jul 3-9, 2pm-4pm. Jul 24-30, 2pm-6pm. Aug 19-22, 2pm-6pm. Sept 15-27, 25-29, 2pm-6pm. Oct 30-23, 26-6. Nov 6-10, 2-6pm Fee: €5 Adult, €2 unaged.
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Location

The Boyne Valley can be reached by motorway M1 from Dublin and Belfast and from Dublin Airport in half an hour.

GARDEN CENTRES

Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcal, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel: 353 (0) 41 982 4350  E: boynegardencentre@eircom.net  W: boynegardencentre.ie  FB: Boyne Garden Centre Slane. GPS 53.745183, -6.577892
Multi-Award winning garden centre, including 'Best In Show' at Bloom 2016 and five successive gold medals at Bloom since 2012. Renowned for their unique selection of top quality plants, grown in their nursery with special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for catalogue.

Ratoath Garden Centre, Ratoath, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Tel: 353 (0) 1 825 6678  E: ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com  W: ratoathgardencentre.ie  GPS 53.532186, -6.42569
Owned by John and Bernie Lord who have created one of the largest show gardens in Ireland. Please check web for free and informative Summer gardening talks. Sample treaty treats at Whollywood Café and ecolie gift shop.
Open: Summer, Mon-Sun, 10am-6pm. Winter, Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Child friendly. Coffee shop/gift shop. Bus parking. Guide dogs only.

Riverlane Nurseries, Rostorion Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath.
Tel: 353 (0)87 636 5356  E: info@riverlane.ie  W: www.riverlane.ie  GPS 53.535564, -6.83556
Owned by John and Eileen Rivers - winners of Gold, Gold and Silver medals at Bloom. Riverlane nursery specializes in herbaceous perennials and cottage garden plants.
Open: Mar-Sept, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 12.00-5.30pm. Oct-Feb, Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm. Child friendly. Bus parking. Dogs on leads.

By Appointment Only Gardens:

The Boyne Valley Garden Trail includes gardens open by appointment in rural and village settings. Please contact the owners directly before visiting.

Balrath House and Courtyard, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel: +353 (0) 41 982 5749  W: balrathcourt-yard.com
A perfectly romantic Georgian house built in 1760, set in idyllic gardens, Balrath House offers 4 star self-catering accommodation. Please see website for reservations and to book a visit.

Bramley Cottage, The Rath Farm, Kilsallaghan, Co. Meath
Tel: 353 087 483 9520  E: jane@ramcorkell.com  W: janeamcorkell.com
Jane McCorkell, seven times Gold Medal winner at Bloom, opens her own gorgeous garden, by appointment in June. Please see her website for more details and to book a visit. Open: June. Please contact owner for appointments and visits.

College Hill House, Braysstown, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel: 353 (0) 87 140 0220  E: eileen@collegehillhouse.ie  W: collegehillhouse.ie
Owned by the O’Gadly Blake family, this 1716 house has delightful B&B accommodation set in three acres of superb landscaped garden and grounds. For reservations and group visits, please see website. Open: year round.

Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth
Tel: 353 (0) 87 235 5445  E: collonhousereception@gmail.com  W: collonhouse.com  GPS: 53.7328466,-6.292419
Built in 1740, the house is now a guesthouse and member of Hidden Ireland. Period planting surrounds the house and features a restored, sunken box parterre. Delightful flower borders are home to phlox, delphiniums, asters and hostas. In 2014, Collon House won the An Taisce first prize for conservation and restoration. Gardens are open by appointment only. Tea and coffee by arrangement. Please see website for details. Bus parking. Dogs on leads.

Julianstown Village Garden
Tel: 086 3477285  E: juliet@eircom.net  W: julianstowncommunity.com
Julianstown Award Winning Village Garden was a derelict three acre site, now transformed into a beautiful garden. Extensive landscaping has created many interesting features, including an orchard, woodland, flowerbeds, soft fruit bushes, herbs, pond and scattered seating. Plants for pollinators and biodiversity encourage bees and butterflies. Teddy Bears’ Picnic June 11th. Halloween Night Event Oct 31st. Check website for details. Open: All year. Entry: Free

Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel: 353 (0) 87 683 9520  E: jamiemccorkell.com W: jamiemccorkell.com
Once upon the time, “Rosemount” was a commercial orchard, sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, it is an enchanted riverscape garden set on two acres, studded with a collection of unusual trees and shrubs. Trees, aperitifs, music lectures, political and economic talks by arrangement. Open: By appointment. Contact owner. Fees: for guided garden tour: € 5 - per person, minimum € 75 - per group visit.

Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel: 353 (0) 41 9824621  E: info@tankardstown.ie  W: tankardstown.ie
Tankardstown Estate comprises 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. The kitchen garden supplies the award-winning Brabazon Restaurant with vegetables and salads. The half kilometer lime tree avenue, offers a wonderful lead up to the focal point of the Estate - a late 18th Century Manor House with wonderfully tended gardens and surrounds. Open Day: Weds 13th September 2017. Fee: €5 proceeds to charity.