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BOYNE VALLEY

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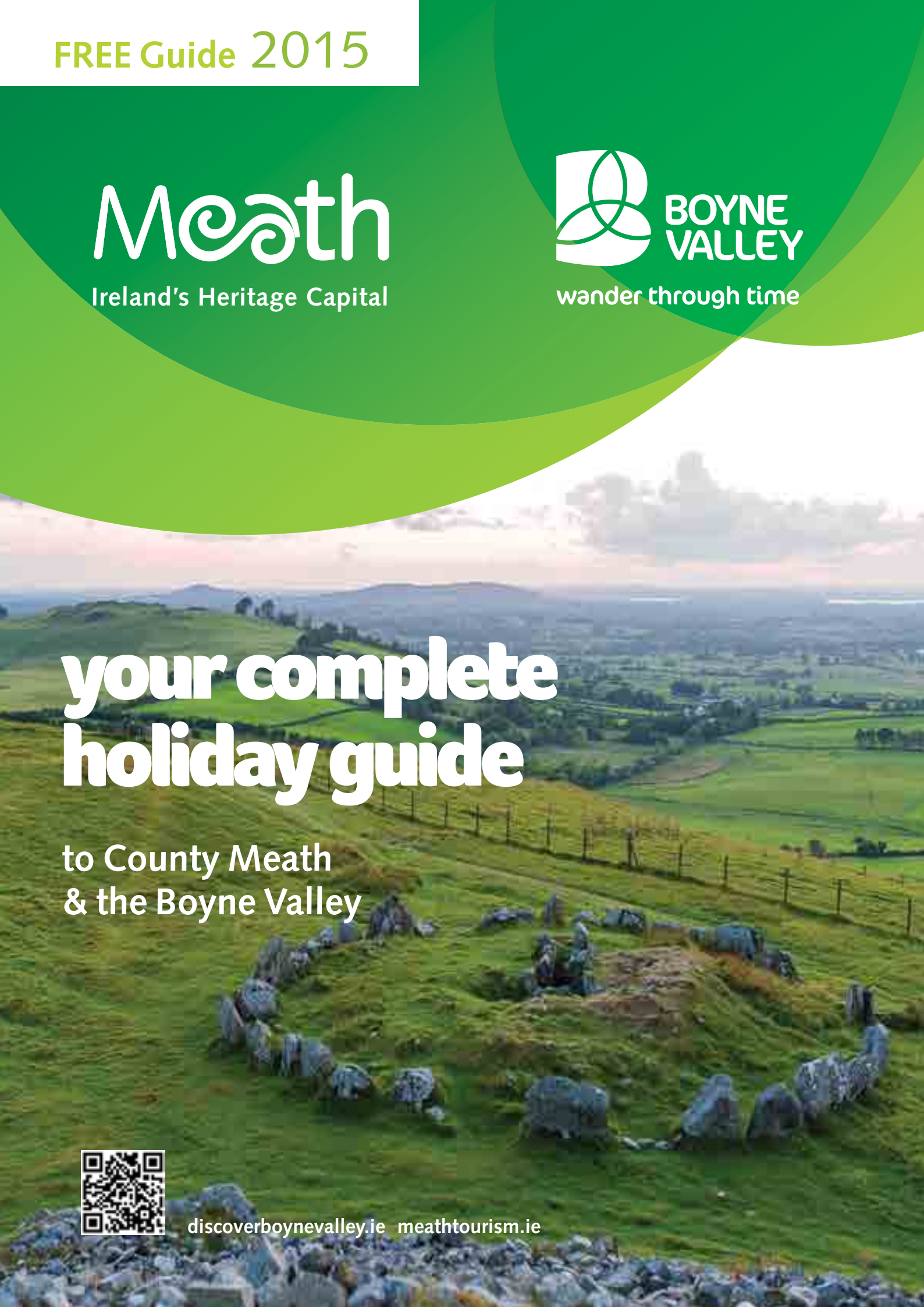

your complete holiday guide

to County Meath & the Boyne Valley

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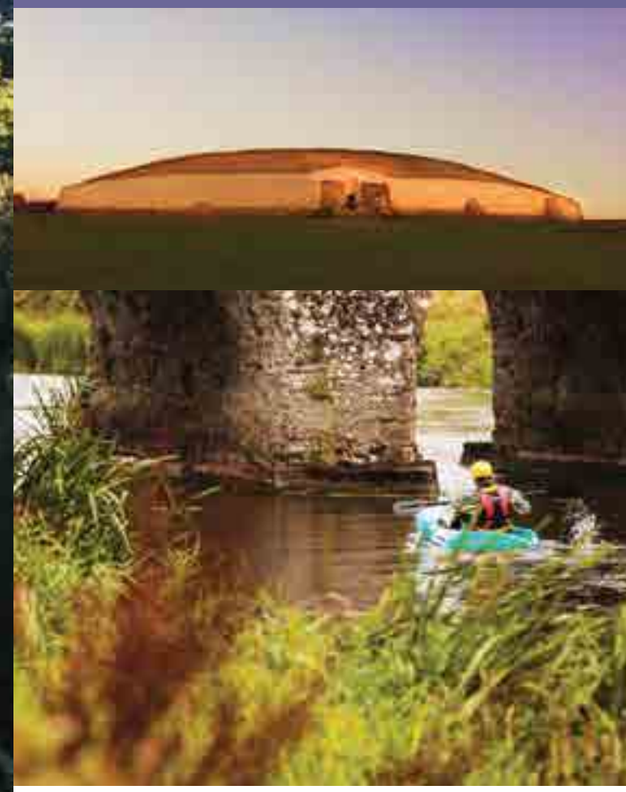
Welcome to the Boyne Valley



"The Boyne is not a showy river. It rises in Co Kildare and flows gently and majestically through County Meath and joins the sea at Drogheda in Co 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,
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County Meath

Navan

Just an hour from Dublin, Navan is a lively market town offering a wealth of attractions and activities. For evening entertainment, the numerous pubs and good food restaurants offer a warm, traditional welcome. You can also take in a performance or exhibition at Solstice Arts Centre.

Navan boasts several famous off-spring such as Sir Francis Beaufort (1774-1857) a Royal Navy, admiral who formulated the Beaufort Scale of wind force and personalities such as Hector O'Heoghagain, Tommy Tiernan, Dylan Moran and former 007 agent Pierce Brosnan.

Legend has it that a boy called Fionn became a wise man by being the first person to eat the Salmon of Knowledge caught on the magical River Boyne in Navan.

The Hill of Tara, rises 300ft with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Formerly the 'Seat of the High Kings of Ireland' it is now a National Monument, open to the public all year. On the hill, the 'Lia Fail', the inauguration stone of the High Kings roared when the new King was accepted. In the nearby graveyard, carved on St. Adamain's cross is a fine example of a Sile na Gig (a pre Christian fertility symbol).

Slumbering in Tara's royal shadows are numerous historical, cultural and architectural attractions such as: **Ardbraccan Church**, the medieval seat of the Bishop of Meath and site of an early Christian monastery, the bell tower and ruins of **Ardmulchan**, a medieval church overlooking the River Boyne and **Bective Abbey,** the second Cistercian monastery founded in Ireland. Its turrets, gables and early English cinquefoil arches in the cloisters still remain. Nearby is the early Christian monastery **Skryne**, called after the shrine of St. Colmcille's relics.

Hill of Tara

Trim Castle

Trim

One of Ireland's heritage towns. Situated on the River Boyne it is dominated by the medieval **Trim Castle**, which was built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173. The largest Anglo Norman Castle in Ireland, it is now restored and visitors can access the 75ft square keep and grounds by guided tour. Sections of the epic film 'Braveheart' were filmed here.

Surrounding the Castle are fascinating ruins which provide evidence of fervent religious activity. Stone relics abound in **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, its church and porch revealing a number of medieval graveslabs. **St. Marys Abbey** is the remains of an Augustinian monastery founded in the 12th century and later a focal point for pilgrimage.

The **Newtown Monuments** consist of a large medieval cathedral, two monasteries and a small church which date from 1206. On the walls of the church one will find the late 16th century altar tomb, renowned for cure of warts, with effigies of Sir Luke Dillon and his wife. Closeby, one will find the **Echo Gate**, shout to hear our ancestors echo. The **Yellow Steeple** is aptly named due to the colour of the evening sunlight and the Sheep Gate is the only surviving gateway of the Medieval town of Trim

During the early 1700's Jonathan Swift, author of 'Gullivers Travels', was presented with the Vicarage of Laracor in Trim and spent some of his happiest times in the area as judged by the 'Journal To Stella' which was published after his death. The Duke of Wellington, Sir Arthur Wellesley was educated in Trim and residents erected the Wellington Column to commemorate one of their past pupils.

CNN 's top trips of a lifetime lists the Blackfriary Community Archaeology Project in Trim, Co. Meath as **one of the top 10 places in the world, not just to visit, but to have a life-changing experience.**

Kells

Kells or *Ceanannas Mór*, meaning 'Great Fort', was known to be a royal residence before St. Colmcille established a religious settlement in Kells in 550AD. The monks from his community on the Scottish island of Iona fled to Kells in 806AD in order to escape savage Viking raids and it was here that they completed their illuminated manuscript of the Four Gospels, the **Book of Kells**. Kells is recognised as an official heritage town of Ireland.

The Kells Town Hall and Tourist information Point now houses a facsimile of The Book of Kells. While the original is on display at Trinity College Dublin, this book represents one of a very small number of copies ever made of this famous manuscript. **The Crozier** is on display in addition to a number of panels and an audio visual information on Kells Town. You can also commence the **Kells Historic Trail** from outside the Town Hall whereby a map can be obtained (weekdays). The map may also be obtained at Headfort Arms Hotel (7 days). Further facsimiles of the Book of Kells can be can be viewed at the Headfort Arms Hotel lobby and also in the Church of Ireland.

Following the walking trail in the town visitors will see the influence of both a pre-Norman monastic enclosure and a walled Anglo-Norman settlement. The circular street pattern which the Norman town walls followed, and is still respected today, went back to the more peaceful surrounds of the famous monastery. Inside the walls of **St. Columba's Church** are some of the finest **High Crosses** of the High Christian era.The Round Tower dates from Viking times, each of its five windows pointing to one of the town's gates in anticipation of attack from Norse Raiders. Nearby is St. Colmcille's Oratory, built in the 10th Century and part of the Monastic foundation. Tourist Maps available at the Headfort Arms Hotel (7 days per week).

Kells Cross

Book of Kells

Donaghmore Round Tower & Church is the site of a church founded by St. Patrick. Later a small monastic settlement built the round tower to provide refuge against the Vikings. The settlement of **Athlumney Castle** shows the changes in manorial building in Meath since the Norman conquest.

The Ringfort at **Teltown** was a prehistoric burial mound dating back to c. 2000BC. Olympic Games in honour of the dead were held there in August each year and were a historical and political symbol of the Kingship of Tara. The Tailteann Games as they were known predated the Greek Olympic Games. The Festival was revived again in 1924 and ran for 3 more occasions with gatherings of International Athletes at Croke Park.

The Solstice

National Geographic Travel Magazine tells families to go to the Blackfriary to "open your child's eyes & help them learn what interests them". Visit or participate in this multi-award winning Project in Trim Co Meath... Take a guided tour and see secrets of the lost 13th century friary unfold before your eyes, or join the excavation which is open to visitors during the summer months. Family friendly. Pre-Booking essential, please see www.culturaltourismireland.ie or contact enquiries@culturaltourismireland.ie. +353 1 2968190

Athboy

(*Town of the Yellow Ford*) is a medieval town with some of the original wall still intact. The Church of Ireland boasts an interesting medieval table tomb.

Two miles outside Athboy is the **Hill of Ward (Tlachtga)**, an Iron Age fort that was once the seat of the High Kings and a meeting place for the Celtic festival of 'Samhain' which was held on the 1st November each year. The festival heralded the beginning of Winter and the last recording of the celebrations was 1168.

Meath is unique as it is the only county in Leinster to have two Gaeltachts (fully Irish speaking region) the villages of **Rathcairn** and **Baile Ghib** east of Kells. Rath Cairn is unusual in that the area has grown in size and numbers over the years, a fact that reflects great credit on this thriving Gaelic speaking community where visitors interested in the Irish language, music and song will find a great welcome and much enjoyment. Rathcairn also has a fantastic Cultural Centre called An Bradán Feasa.

Today local sculptors in Kells keep the artistic tradition alive; The wonderful **Bronze Sculpture** of an oak tree at Bective Square in memory of St. Colmcille's love of the oak tree and the **Angel of the Past** in Kenlis Place.

3km from Kells is the **Spire of Lloyd**, an 18th century folly in the form of a lighthouse. On a clear day one can see five surrounding counties from the top of the spire.

Athboy

Towns & Villages

North Meath

Oldcastle, Nobber, Moynalty

This area of Meath, one of the few undiscovered regions of Ireland, has an extensive collection of pre-historic monuments, many of which still await archaeological investigation. The **Loughcrew Hills** of Oldcastle reveal passage graves, megalithic chambers and decorated stones carved in the same style as the famous Newgrange burial site, and are a great place for walkers. **Carnbane East** offers unparalleled panoramic views of the rich lands of the royal county and 14 additional counties stretching off into the distance. Crowned by the great 'Cairn' with its 'Hags Chair', **Sliabh na Callaighe**, *the Witches Hill*, outside Oldcastle is the highest point in Meath. Nearby *Carnbane West* is very impressive. Birthplace of the martyr **St. Oliver Plunkett**, the Plunkett family church is still standing in Loughcrew. **Cullcagh House**, the place in which Dean Jonathan Swift finished writing his book 'Gullivers Travels' is located nearby.

The region around **Nobber** is fondly referred to as *'O'Carolan Country'* in recognition of the birth of Turlough O'Carolan in 1670. Known as the last of the Irish Bairds, this blind harpist composed several works, the most famous being O'Carolans Concerto.

Drumconrath is the centre of coarse fishing in Co. Meath. Lough Bracken, the River Dee and a number of smaller lakes are situated in this forested drumlin country and are long established angling centres with walking areas.

The picturesque village of **Moynalty** is home to one of Ireland's largest steam threshing festivals in the month of August. Winner of the 2013 Tidiest Village in Ireland and Overall Winner of the Tidy Towns Competition in Ireland.

Castletown Kilpatrick is a small scenic village in the heart of lush farmland in north east Meath. With a population of 300 this small community is self-sufficient in its provision of all local amenities. The name Castletown Kilpatrick suggests a visit from St. Patrick on his way to Slane.

Moynalty

South Meath

Ashbourne, Clonard, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Enfield, Ratoath

Dunshaughlin, named after Secundinus or Seachnall, a disciple of St. Patrick who founded a church on the site in the 6th century, provides an ideal starting point for ventures into the historic countryside.

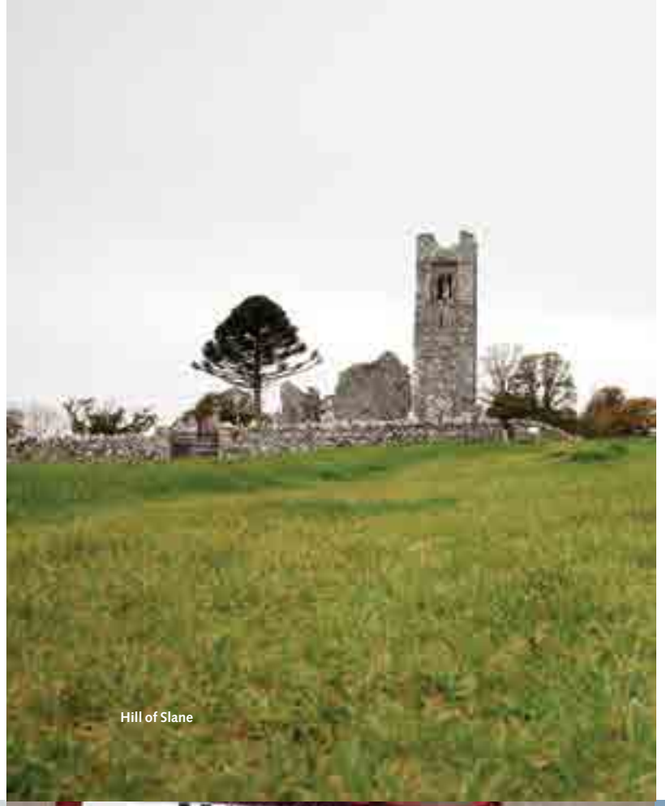
Ratoath's street plan follows the curve formed by the characteristic Norman Motte, the village is characterised by a series of long narrow plots of land, perhaps representing a medieval strip pattern. Ratoath has an exciting new Community Centre with a modern bistro and theatre called *'The Venue'*.

The town of **Ashbourne** was the only place of insurrection outside Dublin during the 1916 Easter rising and a monument, similar to a ship's bow, honours the nationalists that were killed there. Ashbourne Town Centre is now a great place to go shopping. South of Ashbourne, **Fairyhouse Racecourse** hosts regular race meetings and its crowning glory is the Easter Festival, culminating in the Irish Grand National on Easter Monday.

Clonard, the oldest home to Ireland's saints and scholars, now has a new self guided heritage trail for visitors.

Dunboyne Castle is an 18th century mansion which replaced the original castle as the seat of the Butlers, Lords of Dunboyne, and now is a hotel.

Enfield, built on the banks of the Royal Canal, gives visitors an opportunity to walk along the scenic towpath and offers excellent coarse fishing as well as being home to a variety of wildlife and fauna.



Hill of Slane

Slane

Slane

Slane is an elegant 18th century hillside estate village on the beautiful River Boyne, only 45 minutes from Dublin City. Situated at the intersection of the Dublin/Derry road and the Navan/Drogheda road, Slane has a long tradition of welcoming visitors.

The **Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre** (Newgrange) is open throughout the year allowing the visitor to explore the Neolithic tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Although less well known, the passage graves at **Knowth** and **Dowth** can rival their most illustrious neighbour. Knowth is the largest in the Boyne Valley and dates from circa 3,000 BC. Archaeological excavations have shown the site was used from the Stone Age to the Norman period. Of later but equal significance, the **Hill of Slane** and **Slane Abbey** situated just north of the village offer a superb view of the Boyne Valley as well as radiating the aura of a sacred place. It was here St. Patrick lit the Paschal Fire of Christianity that according to legend, was seen throughout the county. The **Battle of the Boyne Site** is located close to Slane at the newly opened visitor centre at Oldbridge Estate. Here you can learn more about this famous battle through a highly interactive display. Slane is also proud to have been the birthplace of the noted Irish poet Francis Ledwidge, 1887-1917. The **Ledwidge Cottage Museum** commemorates this fine writer. Situated by the River Boyne is **Slane Castle**, which in latter years, has distinguished itself as one of Ireland's premier rock venues.

The village of **Duleek** is reputed to be the site of the oldest stone church in Ireland, St. Cianan's, built in the 5th century. The village also boasts the 12th century **St. Mary's Abbey** and a **High Cross** depicting both Celtic and biblical designs.

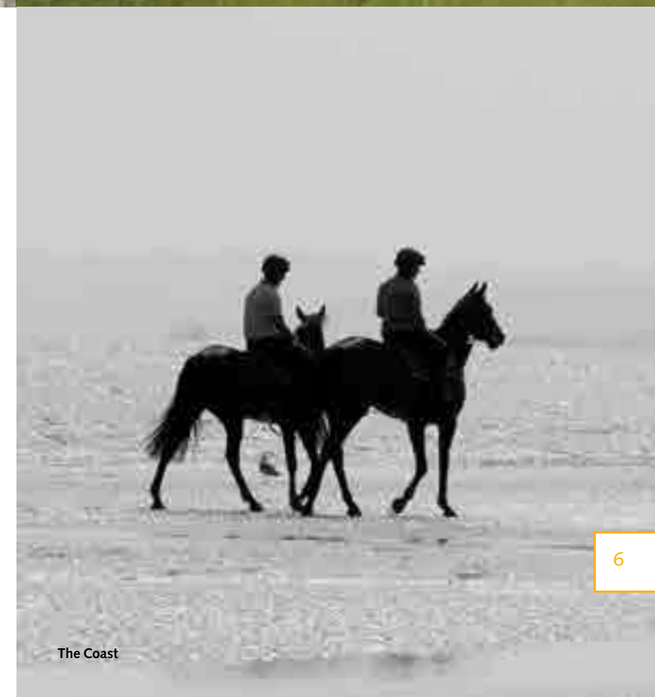
Dowth

The Meath Coast

Meath has just seven miles of coastline, but in that short stretch between the River Boyne and the River Delvin, visitors are treated to a microcosm of coastal life, both cultural and physical. **Bettystown** is one of the most favoured holiday destinations for Irish people with large sandy beaches and wide range of accommodation and activities.

The village of **Mornington** on the Boyne estuary was known as *Marinestown* in the 13th century. The **Maiden Tower** and the **Lady's Finger** were built as watchtowers and navigational aids during the long war with O'Neill when a Spanish invasion was feared. The Tara Brooch of 700 AD was found at Bettystown in 1850. It is now kept in the Royal Academy Collection of the National Museum, Dublin.

The village of **Laytown**, on the north bank of the Nanny water estuary, has evidence of an Iron Age settlement in the form of a burial mound. Reference to Laytown appears in the Annals of Ulster from 852 AD, which mentions a battle there in which Maelseachlainm and Flann slew 200 foreigners. It is perhaps better known today for its annual horse racing on the strand.



The Coast

Tholsel, Drogheda

Drogheda

Drogheda derives its name from the Irish Droichead Átha meaning 'Bridge of the Ford'. It is the largest town in Co. Louth – Ireland's smallest county – which is named after Lugh, the great God of the Celts. Although the origins of the settlement are obscure, the town certainly owes its development to the coming of the Anglo-Normans.

Drogheda proper began as an Anglo-Norman port founded by Hugh de Lacy after whom the 'de Lacy Bridge' in the town is named. Around 1180, it developed as two settlements on opposite banks of the Boyne estuary, downstream from the ford from which it gets it name. Drogheda was granted its charter in 1194. The Anglo-Normans made Drogheda one of their primary strongholds, completing the town walls in the mid 13th century. The walls enclosed and fortified and area of 43 hectares, north and south of the Boyne, making it one of the largest walled towns in medieval Ireland. Drogheda-in-Louth was the larger of the two towns with a walled area of 32 hectares. After years of conflict and rivalry, the two boroughs were conjoined as a single town in 1412, and in 1898 the southern portion of the town was transferred from Co. Meath to Co. Louth.

St. Laurence's Gate, which led to the Friary of St. Laurence, 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. It was originally known as the east gate but it was renamed in the 14th century because the street led to the Hospital of St. Laurence. Twice the walls and gates of Drogheda held strong against invasion, firstly when Edward Bruce attacked the town in 1317 and again in 1642 when Sir Phelim O'Neill attempted to take Drogheda. Drogheda surrendered to King William after the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. **Millmount Tower and Museum** and **St. Peter's Church**, housing the shrine of **St. Oliver Plunkett** are also within the town.

St Laurence's Gate

Loughcrew

Boyne Valley Myths & Legends

Loughcrew Cairns; Hill of the Witch
The grandest concentration of Neolithic passage tombs in Ireland can be found at Loughcrew. Local folklore maintains that the site is the work of the "monster woman" who once ruled the area. Loughcrew's name in Irish is Sliabh na Callaí meaning "Hill of the Witch" or "Hags Hill." The name of the ancient hag was Garavogue, known locally as An Cailleach Bhéara. This witch or hag may have had her origins in the Celtic goddess Buí, whom we encounter at Knowth in Brú na Bóinne. She was a Moon Goddess or Earth Mother. She was a supernatural figure responsible for the landscape; placing large boulders in rivers and creating rock formations on hillsides.

Local legend recounts the story of An Cailleach Bhéara jumping from one hill to the next dropping stones from her apron. The fallen stones formed the Cairns we see today. She was attempting this magical feat to attain great power and rule over all of Ireland. She was able to drop her cairns of stones on the first three peaks. As she jumped to the fourth hill she missed her mark and fell to her death on her last leap. The story claims that she was buried where she fell on the slopes of Patrickstown Hill. Indeed visitors today can sit on the Hag's Chair at Cairn T. Local belief claims that if you make a wish while sitting on this kerbstone the witch will grant it.

Discover the rich heritage of Ireland's Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley is situated in the east of Ireland, very convenient to Dublin and Belfast Airports and ports. It is at once Ireland's ancient capital and it's most sacred and mythical landscape. Its sites and monuments are amongst the best examples of their kind in Europe and are within a short distance from each other. Each of the following sites is located along the Boyne Valley Drive, a 225 km route. For details of opening times and admission fees, please visit page 10.

Millmount: The Resting Place of Ireland`s First Great Poet Amergin

The Martello tower atop Millmount takes pride of place overlooking Drogheda, one of Ireland's most picturesque medieval towns. Millmount's history dates back much further however. Local folklore says that Amergin, the great poet and son Mil is 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. Amergin then divided Ireland into two kingdoms for his brother's éremón and Eber, using Millmount to mark the border between north and south.

From Bronze Age tomb to Norman motte, 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 Boyne divided the de Lacy Lordship of Meath and the de Vedron lands in County Louth to the North. This border still exists today between the counties but at the time it would have meant there were two separate sets of town walls, one either side of the Boyne. The well preserved tower that graces Millmount today was built in the early nineteenth century to help protect the country from a potential invasion by Napoleon

Milllmount

Mellifont Abbey

Heritage Trail

Tracing Meath's Royal Past

The spirit of the past is wonderfully alive in Co. Meath today. It is full of mystery and excitement, heartbreak and humour.

There are high kings and scholarly monks, vikings and normans, castles and crosses, wise fish and singing stones, magical sagas and fabulous fairytales.

Ancient people of Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange) and Loughcrew left us enigmatic monuments, which were built to last forever. The mystery of these monuments still draws us to them…to trace the spirals they carved, to stand in these sacred places and to share for a moment an ancient view of the world.

Your tour through Meath is an experience in living history in a special place where magical things happen. Enjoy.

For more information check
discover boynevally.ie or meathtourism.ie

Newgrange

Battle of the Boyne Site

Travelling from Dublin city or airport, this historical driving route of Meath can be completed on one continuous journey or with planned overnight stops to savour the delights of Meath in the towns on route.

1 Hill of Tara

Tara, the ancient inauguration site of the High Kings of Ireland, is an evocative place celebrated in myth and legend. From the top of the hill there are dramatic views towards the Mourne and Cooley Mountains in the north east, across the Central Plain of Ireland to the Slieve Bloom Mountains in the southwest and to the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains in the south.
Location Halfway between Dunshaughlin and Navan off the N3
Open Access all year. Guided tours mid May - mid September. Admission Charge
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5903 /41 988 0300
heritageireland.ie
worldheritageireland.ie

2 Bective Abbey

Founded in 1147, the substantial remains of Ireland's second Cistercian monastery still stand. Of the surviving buildings the cloister is the most impressive. The Abbey is wonderfully situated along the River Boyne with Bective Bridge nearby.
Location 15 min from Trim off the R161
Open All year. Admission free
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227

3 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.
Location Trim Town
Open Mid March-October 31. Weekends in Winter. Admission charge. Access to keep/castle building by guided tour only
Tel + 353 (0) 46 943 8619
heritageireland.ie
worldheritageireland.ie

4 Rathcairn

Rathcairn village is home to a lively Gaelic speaking community, where visitors can be immersed in Irish language, music and song.
Tel + 353 (0) 46 943 2068

5 Kells Heritage Town

Kells is an Irish heritage town. Visitors will see the influence of both a pre-Norman monastic enclosure and a walled Anglo - Norman settlement. The High Crosses, with biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, represent decorative artifacts of Celtic Christianity. Five premier 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 illustrated manuscripts. A perfect copy of the book is located at the Kells Civic Offices along with other treasures.
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0064

6 Loughcrew Cairns

On top of the highest hills in Co Meath are some of its oldest monuments, the 5000 year old passage tombs of Loughcrew. Visitors to the monuments are rewarded not only by the ancient sites but also by some of the most stunning views in Ireland. Equinox Dawn - March 21-23
Location East of Oldcastle off the R163
Open all year, free guided tours June to Aug.
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Key available at Loughcrew Coffee Shop
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356
heritageireland.ie
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7 Donaghmore High Tower & Church

Donaghmore Round Tower & Church is the site of a church founded by St. Patrick. Later a small monastic settlement built the round tower to provide refuge against the Vikings.
Location Just outside Navan on the Slane Rd.
Open All year. Admission free
navanhistory.ie

8 Dunmoe Castle

This ruined castle stands close to the north bank of the River Boyne between Navan and Slane. It is believed that it was built in the 15th century. The castle was originally square with four round turrets at each corner.
Location 10 mins east of Navan, off the N51
Open All year. Admission free

9 Hill of Slane

Nearly 1,600 years ago, St Patrick lit the first Paschal Fire in Ireland to celebrate the Easter feast on the Hill of Slane. The Druids on the distant Hill of Tara had forbidden the lighting of any fires during the Pagan feast of Feis Temro, the Feast of Tara. Patrick's act of defiance was the spark that ignited the flame of Christianity in Ireland.
Location North of Slane off the N2
Open All year. Admission Free

10 Brú na Bóinne

Brú na Bóinne - the Palace or Mansion of the Boyne- is the name given to one of the world's most important archaeological landscapes, dominated by the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. In recognition of the international importance of these monuments and the many other archaeological features in the area, UNESCO has designated Brú na Bóinne a World Heritage Site. Constructed during the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5000 years old.
Location 2km west of Donore Village on L21
Open Newgrange - all year. Knowth - Easter to October. Admission charge. Access to Newgrange and Knowth from Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking for tour groups (extremely busy during summer months). It is advised to go early in the day.
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
heritageireland.ie
worldheritageireland.ie
Sat Nav coordinates:
N 53.694567 W -6.4463

11 Battle of the Boyne Site

The Battle of the Boyne was fought on 1st July 1690 (old calendar) between King William III and his father-in-law King James II. At stake were the English throne, French dominance of Europe and power in Ireland. Extensive free battle site walks link with the adjacent Boyne Canal Tow-path. Living History black powder musket firing and cavalry demonstrations every Sunday and Bank Holiday in June, July and August
Location On the south bank of the Boyne, 3km north of Donore Village off the L21. Signposted from off the N51 (Slane-Drogheda Rd, access for cars only-not suitable for coaches), off N1 (Drogheda) and off N2 (Slane-Ashbourne).
Open all year (except Christmasand New Year), Admission charge to Visitor Centre only, tea pavilion avail.
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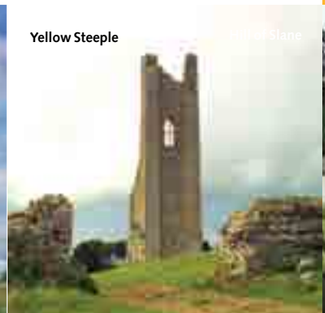
Trim Castle


Yellow Steeple

Heritage and Visitor Centres

Trim Visitor Centre
Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227
Fax +353 (0) 46 943 8053
E trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net
meathtourism.ie

The visitor centre offers the exciting 'Power & the Glory' Audio Visual Show which paints a vivid picture of the historical background of the magnificent medieval ruins of Trim. Welcome All Cafe serving speciality teas/coffees and homemade food all day Mon to Fri 9.30-5.30 Sat,Sun & bank Holidays 12-5.30 (seasonal)

Trim Castle has new opening hours from November to March. Guided tour of grounds at 11am, Monday to Friday. Tickets for these tours are available from Trim visitor centre. The castle itself will be open on Saturday and Sunday, with tickets available at the castle gate. The weekday tours are organised by Trim Community Historical Tours. The tour includes access to Trim Castle grounds finishing with a Medieval Weaponry tour at Trim Visitor Centre.

Bective Abbey

St. Mary's Abbey/Talbot Castle
High Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1213
E info@meathtourism.ie

15th Century house once owned by Jonathan Swift. The school was once attended by the Duke of Wellington. Guided tours available June, July and September

St. Columba's Church
Kells, Co. Meath
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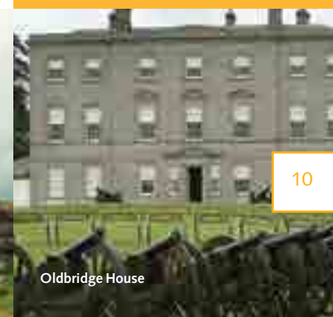
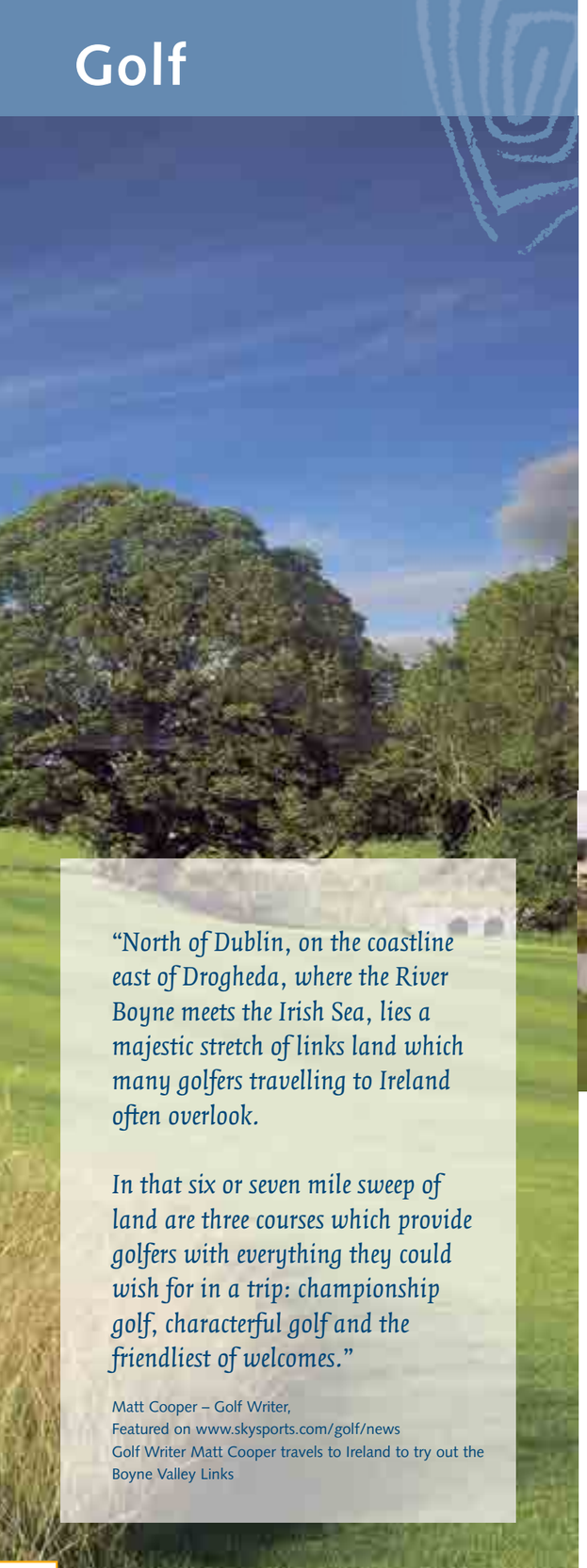
St Columba's Church and Grounds mark the original site of the Monastery of Kells. It stands on one of the most important Church sites in Co. Meath.


Oldbridge House

Golf



"North of Dublin, on the coastline east of Drogheda, where the River Boyne meets the Irish Sea, lies a majestic stretch of links land which many golfers travelling to Ireland often overlook.

In that six or seven mile sweep of land are three courses which provide golfers with everything they could wish for in a trip: championship golf, characterful golf and the friendliest of welcomes."

Matt Cooper – Golf Writer,
Featured on www.skysports.com/golf/news
Golf Writer Matt Cooper travels to Ireland to try out the Boyne Valley Links

Killeen Castle

Boyne Valley - home to some of the finest golf courses in all of Ireland

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

Meath offers quality and value to the visiting golfer 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 in the county.

Boyne Valley Links Golf - with Co Louth Golf Club, Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club and Seapoint Golf Club have great play and stay packages not to be missed.

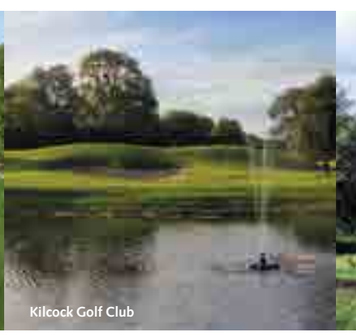
Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for further details on accommodation, golf and things to do while in the Boyne Valley.

Knightsbrook Golf Club

Headfort Golf Club

Seapoint Golf Links

Royal Tara Golf Club



Kilcock Golf Club

Rathcore Golf Club

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

Ranked among the top 10 courses in Ireland, County Louth received recognition as a Championship Links course when selected to host the Irish Open in 2004 and 2009. On the latter occasion it was won by Shane Lowry, which received worldwide coverage.The present course designed in 1938 by Tom Simpson. is laid out in two loops covering 190 acres with few holes running in the same direction. It is renowned for the consistent high quality and pace of its greens. Founded in 1892 and fondly referred to as 'Baltray' by those familiar with it, County Louth is a thriving members club renowned for its welcoming athmosphere.

County Meath Golf Club
Newtownmoynagh, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1463
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Established in 1898, this lovely parkland course is located 3km from the historic town of Trim. The course offers a fair challenge to all golfers. 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).

Julianstown Golf Club
Julianstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953
Mobile +353 (0) 87 417 8290

Julianstown's 9 hole parkland course is located along the R132, excellently maintained throughout and offers a real challenge to even the most experienced golfers. We boast five par 4's and four par 3's with lake and many difficult bunkers. The course is of flat terrain and has shelters on course for our players on that rainy day. We also have an 18 hole pitch and putt course. Club hire, teas and coffees available.

Kilcock Golf Club
Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 628 7592/628 4074
E info@kilcockgolfclub.ie
kilcockgolfclub.ie

Members' owned Par 72 Parkland course originally designed by Eddie Hackett and redesigned by Eddie Connaughton in 2008/2009. USGA standard greens and tees. A subtle blend of golf holes including lakes on 3, 5, 6, 13, 14 & 15 along with remodelled fairways make this a challenging but fair test. The picturesque 3rd, 13th and 15th stand out. A mix of well protected Par 4's, tempting Par 5's and testing Par 3's make this course well worth a visit. Winner of ALCI Best Landscaped Sports Grounds 2012.

Knightsbrook Golf Resort
Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100
E golf@knightsbrook.com
knightsbrook.com

Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & 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 Christy O'Connor Jnr. Challenging and creative, the course enjoys a stunning location with views over undulated fairways, testing greens and demanding water features. Enjoy the contemporary clubhouse with Gulliver's Lounge and Restaurant. Proud to have hosted the PING Junior Solheim Cup 2011.

Laytown and Bettystown Golf Club
Bettystown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7170
E links@landb.ie
landb.ie

Laytown and Bettystown, a traditional links with undulating fairways, riveted bunkers and fast greens, is situated on the banks of the River Boyne in the village of Bettystown, with views of the Cooley and Mourne mountains. First played in the 1880s, the club was not formally in existance until 1909. The course has produced some of Ireland's best golfers, notably Ryder Cup golfers - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. Top class amateurs include Declan Brannigan and John McGinn. Host of the Leinster Open Seniors Competition 2004.

Rathcore Golf & Country Club
Rathcore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 954 1855
info@rathcoregolfandcountryclub.com
rathcoregolfandcountryclub.com

Rathcore Golf Course may not be extr long, but it will test your game. It has numerous natural springs enabling 12 water features. With rolling hills, mature trees, yellow furze and strong historical background it is a course that can match any for class. The circular clubhouse draws its inspiration from the ring forts located on thecourse - cleverly sunk below the level of the fairway, only the upper floor is visible. Under the direction of Mel Flanagan, this course has been moulded by Mick Lyons.

Royal Tara Golf Club
Bellinter, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 6868
E info@royaltaragolfclub.com
royaltaragolfclub.com

Nestling at the base of the historic Hill of Tara, Royal Tara Golf Club is amongst Ireland's most enjoyable and conveniently located golfing retreats. It is reputably one of the finest inland complexes with 27 holes set in mature parkland and slick sandbased greens. All visitors are assured of a warm welcome to a royal golfing gem with terrific facilities. Just 20 minutes from Dublin off junction 7 on the M3. Venue for the All Ireland GUI Cups and Shields Finals 2013.

Ashbourne Golf Club
Archerstown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 2005
E info@ashbournegolfclub.ie
ashbournegolfclub.ie

Ashbourne Golf Club is a challenging and invigorating championship course located just 15 mins from Dublin Airport and 30 mins from Dublin City. Designed by Declan Branigan Design in association with Ryder Cup star Des Smyth, the course presents a fair but stern and enjoyable test and a friendly, informal atmosphere in the clubhouse.

Bellewstown Golf Course
Bellewstown, Co. Meath
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bellewstowngolf.com

Bellewstown is 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.

Black Bush Golf Course
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
353 (0)1 825 0021
E marketing@blackbushgolfclub.ie
blackbushgolfclub.ie

Black Bush Golf Club offers three 18-hole golf courses set on 186 acres of beautiful parkland with strategically placed bunkers and a few water hazards. It will please and test experienced players. The lush fairways lined with mature trees lead to sand based greens that are playable all year providing for an enjoyable round of golf in an ideal setting.

Headfort Golf Club
Headfort Old & Headfort New Courses
Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0146
E info@headfortgolfclub.ie
headfortgolfclub.ie

Located near the town of Kells, Headfort Golf Club is an outstanding 36-hole parkland facility set against the stunning backdrop of Headfort house. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course in Ireland with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort New is a splendid course set among ancient woodland with native and Asiatic specimens criss-crossing the River Blackwater. Ranked among the top ten parkland courses, it was designed by Ryder Cup hero Christy O'Connor Jnr.

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

Voted Best Parkland Course in the greater Dublin area in the Golf Digest Ireland 2013 Top 100 Courses. Rose to world-wide prominence as host of The 2011 Solheim Cup. Also host venue to the Ladies Irish Open 2010-2012. Set in historic grounds of a 12th century Norman castle, this spectacular 600 acre estate is home to a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course with world class golf and practice facilities. It also houses Europe's only Dave Pelz Scoring Game School.

Navan Golf Club
Proudstown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 2888
E info@navangolfclub.ie
navangolfclub.ie

18 Hole golf course (par 72) designed by Robert J Browne comprising 6800 yards with large sand based greens in undulating ground and water hazards which test the skills of all categories of golfers. It is designed in two loops with 9 holes within the racetrack which gives the effect of heath land with mounds and low level trees. The back nine are set in typical parkland surrounded by mature trees. Situated on 180 acre grounds alongside Navan Racecourse, its fantastic greens are rated among the best in the country.

Seapoint Golf Links
Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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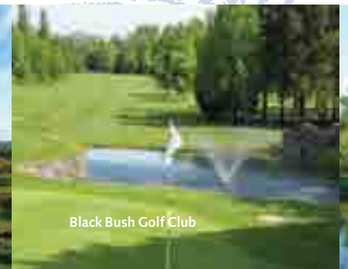
seapointgolflinks.com

Seapoint Golf Links open in 1993. The Links measures 7000 yards and is constructed on 260 acres of linksland. The closing holes are bordered by the beach and offer magnificent views of the Irish Sea and the Mountains of Mourne. The beauty of links is that we are open 365 days a year. We are one of only 150 Links Courses in the world. Visit Seapoint and take up the challenge on what is truly a Links with a difference.

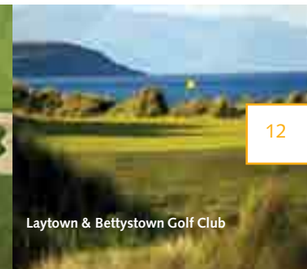
County Louth Golf Club



Black Bush Golf Club

Bellewstown Golf Club

Ashbourne Golf Club



Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club

Walking & Cycling

The Pathways of the Boyne valley

Boyne Valley's rich culture, heritage, myths and legends, flora and fauna are to be experienced along these 3 heritage walking routes. Visit discoverboynevalley.ie/meathtourism.ie, or call 00353 (0) 46 909 7060 for a brochure on walking.

3 Heritage Walking Routes

Kells Girley Bog Eco Walk is a 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.

Boyne Ramparts Heritage 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.

Trim Castle River Walk provides a glimpse of life in the middle ages in Trim. The walk is a linear walk commencing at Trim Castle and takes approximately 30 minutes along well marked pathways to Newtown.

Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk

Explore at leisure the gentle winding pathways

Slane Electric Bikes

Canal Walk

Royal Canal Way

The Royal Canal Way is a 77km, long distance walking trail. It is divided into 7 sections each representing a half days walking. The trail starts at Ashtown, Dublin (lock 10) and ends in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. The Royal Canal Way passes through Co. Meath at Enfield and you can join the route here. Some interesting features are Enfield Harbour and Moyvalley tree lined stretch. The route can be wet and muddy, so take care.

For more information see OSI Discovery Series Sheet 50, Guide to the Royal Canal of Ireland - The Waterways Service & Inland Waterways Association of Ireland. Visit waterwaysireland.org or walkingireland.ie

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 fluid. Leave only footprints and take only memories...

Forest Walks

Loughcrew Cairns

There is a walk to Loughcrew Cairns and a guiding service for visits to the Cairns is available during the Summer months. Call 041 9880 300 for details. Also loughcrew.com

Balrath Wood

Balrath Wood, near Navan, was once part of the larger 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.

Location

Balrath Wood is located just off the N2 on the R153 for Navan (only approx. 35 km from Dublin). (situated 10km from Navan / 10km from Slane). For more information, visit meath.ie

Littlewood Forest, Slane

Littlewood Forest is located on the N2 Collon Road, 1 mile from Slane Village and 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. In 2010, a series of directional posts and information panels detailing the flora, fauna and history were installed to create an interesting 30 minute walk.

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.)

Location:

From Oldcastle, take the Castlepollard road past Millbrook to the first Y junction where a right turn off the main road should be taken. Follow this road until you pass Katsy Browne's on the right and take a left turn immediately after this shop. The forest is on this road so keep driving until the main entrance gate is seen on the right.

Other Walks include:

Sli na Slainte Walks - irishheart.ie

Oldbridge Estate walk near Slane - battleoftheboyne.ie

Heritage Town Walks

Athboy Heritage Trail

The Athboy heritage trail is a looped route and takes approximately 25 minutes, commencing at St. James RC Church and includes: 1. St. James Church, 2. Old Darnley Lodge Hotel, 3. Church of Ireland Grounds, 4. The Metal Footbridge, 5. Engine House of the Railway Station, 6. The Fair Green, 7. The Mail, 8. The Bridge, 9. Macra hall, 10. School, 11. Market House, 12. Remains of Athboy Castle, 13. The Waxie Dargle.

Castletown Kilpatrick Trail

Castletown Kilpatrick and the surrounding area boasts a number of historical sites and places of interest. Castletown Old Church and Graveyard, Croppies Monument at Mullins Cross, Father Murphy's Memorial, Drakestown, Croppies Bicentenary Monument, George's Cross old RIC Barracks, Mountainstown House, Kilshine Old Church and Graveyard, Fletcherstown Church, Clongill Churchyard, Clongill Castle, Raffin Fort, Croppies graves Cross Guns, Mitchelstown Old Churchyard, Killary Old Churchyard, Knock Old Graveyard, Plaque to C Y O'Connor Gravelmount, Castletown New Church.

Duleek Heritage Trail

Is a town trail with lots of heritage and stepping stones through time. Duleek began as an early Christian monastic settlement. St Patrick established a bishopric here about 450 AD, which he placed in the care of St Cianan on November 24, 489. 1. Courthouse, 2. Connell's House, 3. Parochial House, 4. Lime Tree, 5. St Cianan's RC Church, 6. Larrix St and Kingsgate, 7. St Mary's Abbey, 8. Duleek Wayside Cross, 9. Duleek House, 10. Duleek Commons, 11. Berford Cross, 12. Nanny Bridges, 13. Coach House or 'The Building'.

Dunshaughlin Heritage Trail

1.Library (formally St. Patricks Roman Catholic Church), 2. Norman Motte, 3.St. Patrick's Hall - Old National School, 4. Supple House Piers, 5. Supple House, 6. Garda Station, 7. Courthouse, 8. Nelson's Academy (Ivy House), 9.Turnpike Toll House, 10. Old Sales Market (Beside Gogans),11. Fingal Arms Hotel, 12.St. Secundinus Church (St. Seachnaill's Church), 13. Gallows Hill, 14. The Croppies Grave, 15. The Lagore Crannog, 16. Trevet Church & Graveyard, 17. Union Workhouse & Famine Graveyard.

Moynalty Heritage Trail

The Moynalty Heritage Trail is 20 minutes linear route around Ireland's Tidiest Village

1. Stone Cross, 2. RC Church and Mass Stone, 3. Donore Hoard, 4. Moynalty House Gatelodge, 5. National Boys School, 6. Old Forge, 7. Police Barracks, 8. Milestone, 9. National Girls School, 10. Midwife's House, 11. Muintir na Tire Hall, 12. Church of Ireland, 13. Battle of Salford Bridge, 14. Garryard Wood, 15. Protestant School, 16. Crochawella.

Trim Historic Trail

Follow the green heritage signs around Trim commencing at the Trim Visitor Centre taking approx. 60 mins. 1. Trim Visitor Centre, 2. St. Patrick's Church, 3. Wellington Monument, 4. Dublin Gate, 5. Trim Castle, 6. Maudlin's Cemetary, 7. Echo Gate, 8. Priory of St. John the Baptist, 9. Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman, 10. Newtown Cathedral, 11. Victorine Friary, 12. Newtown Church, 13. Navan Gate, 14. Athboy Gate, 15. St. Patrick's Cathedral, 16. The Old Gaol, 17. St. Mary's Abbey, 18. Yellow Steeple, 19. Sheepgate, 20. The Cannon, 21. Courthouse, 22. Trim Visitor Centre

Historic Town Walks

Kells Historic Trail

This is a self guided historic trail with 15 points marked by the heritage green plaques and information panels providing an insight into monastic Kells and other significant points in the history of Kells.

1. Kells Town Hall, 2. Monastic Site, 3. St. Colmcille's House, 4. St. Colmcille's Well, 5. People's Park, 6. Ring Fort, 7. Monastic Site, Churchyard Wall, 8. Bective Square, 9. Presbyterian Church, 10. Parnell Park, 11. Old Courthouse, 12. Market Cross, 13. St. John's Cemetary, 14. Headfort Bridge, 15. Kells town Hall.

Navan Points of Pride Walk

This walking tour of Navan is designed to showcase the best of Navan's heritage with reference to the Town's rich historical past and more recent developments. It is a celebration of the people, the architecture and the culture of Navan. Commencing at Solstice Arts Centre the walk is 4km long and at a leisurely pace it can be completed in approximately two hours. Booklet and audio guide available at Solstice Arts Centre.

Slane Historic Trail

The Slane Historic Trail is a self guided historic trail with 18 points marked by the heritage green plaques and information panels providing an exploration of Slane's vibrant historic past.

Points of interest include: 1. Slane Cottages; 2. Catholic Church, 3. The Old School, 4. 1798 Monument, 5. Hill of Slane, 6. Rock House - Village 'Square', 7. Conyngham Arms Hotel, 8. Church of Ireland, 9. Georgian House, 10. Dean Cogan House, 11. Millers' Row, 12. Slane Mill, 13. Gothic Gate, 14. Gate Lodge, 15. Georgian House, 16. Parochial house, 17. Site of Erasmus Smith School, 18. Slane Cottages

Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate Walks

Starting from Oldbridge House, over 4 kms of walks take you along grass and gravel through the Oldbridge Estate to join with the Boyne Canal Tow-path. Walks are self guiding and free of charge. Several orientation signs on site highlight aspects of the battle, specimen trees and nature on the Estate. All walks are marked with colour coded way markers. Parking is available at the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre. For walking route maps visit battleoftheboyne.ie

Gormanston/ Stamullen Trail

Commencing from the CityNorth Hotel's grounds and taking in the quaint rural villages of Gormanston and Stamullen, these walking trails (which can also be enjoyed on bicycles - hired from the hotel) feature a number of fascinating hidden heritage gems which guests can read about on the hotel's new comprehensive Heritage Trail Map. The Gormanston route can also be enjoyed with an audio guided tour with highlights that include details of a prehistoric salt works and Bronze Age landscape! Free heritage trail map and MP3 audio guide from CityNorth Hotel.

Horse Racing

Chasing the Wind

Meath 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 else to go racing than in County Meath. There is plenty of choice. National Hunt and Flat racing is 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. Laytown is a unique event where the horses race on the beach.

Thundering hooves and pounding hearts…

Fairyhouse

Laytown Strand Races

Fairyhouse Racecourse
Ratoath, Co. Meath
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fairyhouse.ie

Home of the Irish Grand National, Ireland's most valuable handicap steeple-chase with a prize fund of €250,000. First run in 1870, it has be- come a key date in the Irish sporting calendar. Public bar/ restaurant and suites available for meetings and functions.

Navan Racecourse
Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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navanracecourse.ie

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Laytown Races
Laytown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111
E klaybell@eircom.net

Ireland's Unique Race Meeting, Laytown is famous for its annual strand races, the only official strand races remaining in Europe and is a wonderful day out.

Bellewstown Races
Bellewstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111
(982 3614 on raceday)
(982 3644 on raceday)
E klaybell@eircom.net
bellewstownraces.ie

Bellewstown has two festivals. The first recorded dates of the Bellewstown Races were in 1726.

Bloodstock Sales

Tattersalls Ireland
Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
Ratoath, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 886 4300
E info@tattersalls.ie or
info@tattshorsetrials.ie
tattersalls.ie or tattshorsetrials.ie

The World's Largest NH Bloodstock Auctioneers and home to the Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair. See events listing pages 25 - 27.

Equine Holidays

Newrath Stud & Luxury Self-Catering Mews
Newrath, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4764
E info@newrathstud.com
newrathstud.com

Luxury self catering accomodation & Equine Farm - the ultimate experience from stunning accommodation to watching thoroughbred horses being trained or walking the grounds of the equine farm. Set on 104 acres of rolling meadows overlooking the hills of Slane, Tara & Skryne. The self-catering Mews are set in an oval courtyard with marble floors throughout and an abundance of light from glazed screens overlooking the countryside.

Racing 2015
For information on Race Fixtures for 2015 visit

fairyhouse.ie
navanracecourse.ie
bellewstownraces.ie
meathtourism.ie

Oracle

Racing Calendar

Fairyhouse Racecourse
Ratoath, Co. Meath
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E info@fairyhouse.ie
fairyhouse.ie

January	**1**	*Thursday*
	11	*Sunday*
	21	*Wednesday*
	31	*Saturday*
February	**21**	*Saturday*
April	**5 -7**	*Sun-Mon Easter Festival*
	22	*Wednesday*
May	**28**	*Thursday*
June	**10**	*Wednesday*
July	**1**	*Wednesday*
	5	*Sunday*
September	**29**	*Tuesday*
October	**10**	*Saturday*
November	**4**	*Wednesday*
	18	*Wednesday*
	28-29	*Sat-Sun Prem Jump*
December	**19**	*Saturday*

Laytown Races
Laytown, Co. Meath
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September	**10**	*Thursday (evening)*

Europe's only strand races

Navan Racecourse
Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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navanracecourse.ie

January	**24**	*Saturday*
February	**15**	*Sunday*
March	**1**	*Sunday*
	15	*Sunday*
	28	*Saturday*
April	**18**	*Saturday*
May	**17**	*Sunday*
June	**13**	*Saturday*
July	**10**	*Friday*
September	**5**	*Saturday*
	26	*Saturday*
October	**7**	*Wednesday*
	21	*Wednesday*
November	**8**	*Sunday*
	22	*Sunday*
December	**5**	*Saturday*
	13	*Sunday*

Bellewstown Races
Bellewstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 984 2111
bellewstownraces.ie

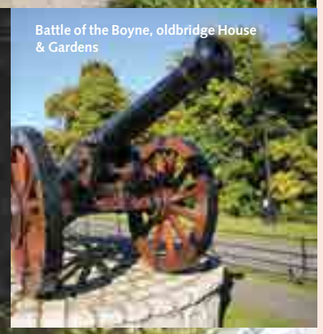
July	**TBC**	*Fri-Sat (evening)*
August	**TBC**	*Wed-Thur (evening)*

Gardens

Rokeby Hall

Beaulieu House & Gardens

Listoke Gardens


Battle of the Boyne, oldbridge House & Gardens

Loughcrew House & Gardens

Boyne Valley Garden Trail 2015

boynevalleygardentrail@gmail.com

boynevalleygardentrail.com
Face Book: Boyne Valley Garden Trail

The Boyne Valley Garden Trail in the historic counties of Meath and Louth, consists of 11 historic gardens, 3 garden centres and 5 'Open by Appointment' gardens in rural and urban settings.

The rich heritage of the Boyne Valley is reflected in gardens that date as far back as the 17th century. Each garden member hosts events in their gardens, including walks, charity fêtes, plants sales, outdoor theatre, music and much more. Check website for details.

Become a 'Friend of the Boyne Valley Garden Trail' and get free admission to all gardens for one year. Enquire at a garden on the trail or on boynevalleygardentrail@gmail.com

Historic Garden

These gardens are opened at set times during the year. Groups should book in advance. Most gardens can offer tea/ coffee by arrangement in advance.

Balrath House and Courtyard
Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749
balrathcourtyard.com
GPS 53.650663, -6.479416

Balrath House & Courtyard, County Meath is a superb Georgian family home built in c. 1760 - the traditional architecture of which echoes a sense of the past. The farmyard is traditional with stone out-houses, a Coach House, with many original features lovingly restored into 4 star self catering accommodation. The gardens are set in 1.5 acres surrounded by 20.5 acres on the River Nanny.

Open: Jan 9 - Feb 3, May 1 - June 9 daily from 9am - 1pm.

Fee: Adult €8 - OAP/Students/Children €4.

Barmeath Castle
Dunleer, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 041 685 1205
barmeath-castle.com
GPS 53.823152, -6.337824

18th century gardens designed by Thomas Wright. Specimen azaleas and rhododendrons amongst the array of beautiful shrubs to be seen. Monterey pines and mature cedars abound in the woodland walks. The artificial lake made to resemble a river and ornamental bridge are typical of Wright's work. The archery grounds is one of the oldest examples in Ireland today. The 4 acre walled garden is almost back to its original creation of 120 years ago.

Open: 1 - 31 May, 1- 9 June, 9.00 - 1.00 and Heritage Week in August and by appointment outside of these dates.

Fee: €5.

Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens
Drogheda, Co. Meath
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E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
battleoftheboyne.ie
GPS 53.722910, -6.414290

Restored Walled Garden with unique sunken Octagon Garden. Peach House, herbaceous border, dog kennels and an exhibition about historic gardens in the Bothy are all part of the visitor experience at Oldbridge. Tea Room located in the Garden is open all year selling delicious fare. Walks through the battle site and along the Boyne Canal located on site.

Open: All year except Christmas & New Year.

Fee: Gardens are free of charge, Admission charges apply to the Visitor Centre.

Beaulieu House and Gardens
Drogheda, Co. Meath
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E cara@beaulieuhouse.ie
beaulieuhouse.ie
GPS: 53.732466, -6.292419

18th century walled garden with a vibrant herbaceous border thought to be the longest in Ireland, Situated on the banks of the River Boyne, the house is one of the earliest examples of an unfortified house in Ireland. The Great Hall at Beaulieu provides a stunning setting for a wedding, celebratory drinks party, banquet, or concert and our walled garden offers many a picturesque location for photographs, or a family picnic. Accommodation open from 6th May, 2015 - 1st October, 2015. Events planned in 2015, include Drogheda Arts Festival on May Bank Holiday. Bus parking, Tea/ Coffee by arrangement, Dogs allowed on leads.

Open: 1 June - 4 September, except for parties of 10 or more, prior booking is necessary. Monday to Friday, 11.00 - 5.00. July and August, weekends only 1.00 -5.00 and by appointment at other times of the year (for groups more than 10).

Fee: €10 per person. Free for under 16s.

Killineer House and Gardens
Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8563
E charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
www.killineerhouse.ie
GPS 53.734229, -6.376233

The early 19th century gardens have formal paths descending from terraces and lawns to a woodland garden with walks surrounding the attractive lake and summer house. Original 1.5 acre walled garden with vegetables, fruit trees and herbaceous border.

Open: Feb 1- 20, May 4- 14, June 1 - 16 and August 18 - 30.

Fee: €6 garden.

Francis Ledwidge Museum
Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4544
E info@francisledwidge.com
francisledwidge.com
GPS 53.707104, -6.527456

The World War One poet, Francis Ledwidge was born and raised in this cottage. His rural poetry was influenced by the flora and fauna of his native Slane. The cottage is a perfect example of a 19th century labourers cottage and house artefacts from the period and memorabilia from World War One. The gardens to the rear are a haven in spring time with daffodils, bluebells and primroses. In summer the roses and other cottage garden flowers are in full bloom. Bus parking, child friendly.

Open: March - Oct, 10.00 - 5.00, 7 days week. Oct - March, 10.00- 3.30 pm, 7 days a week.

Fee: adults €3, seniors/students €2, family €6.

Loughcrew House and Gardens
Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1356
E info@loughcrew.com
loughcrew.com
GPS 53.787672, -7.146066

The result of years of restoration can be seen in the stunning garden, comprising of a magnificent yew walk, a walled garden, a canal and a parterre. Also to be explored are a woodland walks, adventure centre and coffee shop.

Open: 7 days a week year round. Weekdays 10.00 - 5.00, weekends 11.00 - 5.00. Coffee

Fee: Adults: €6 OAP: €5 Children: €3 Group: €5 Family (2 adults, up to 4 children): €20 Family Season Ticket: €65 Tour Guide: €20 Single Season Ticket: €40

Listoke Gardens
Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 2265
GPS: 53.748508, -6345978

Beautiful Edwardian gardens and woodland walk. Film locations for Asterix and Obelix movie starring Gerard Depardieu. Home to many feathered ducks, hens and doves. Bus parking, tea/ coffee by arrangement, child friendly.

Open: 1st May - end of August, including Heritage Week. Enquire with owners.

Fee: Enquire with owners. Groups by appointment only.

Rokeby Hall
Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 86 864 4228
rokeby.ie
GPS 53.805973, -6.349411

Built by renowned Irish architect, Francis Johnston, in the 18th century as a neoclassical home for Richard Robinson, Archbishop of Armagh and designed by Thomas Cooley. Rokeby is an elegant example of beautiful detailing which remains unchanged to this day. In 2013 it was awarded the An Taisce Ellison award for restoration of its Turner Conservatory. Bus parking, child friendly

Open: May 1- 31, Monday - Saturday, 10.00- 2.00. August 22 - 30, daily including Sundays, 10.00 - 2.00. September 1 - 30, Monday to Saturday, 10.00 -2.00. Booking is not required for individuals or small groups at the above times. Bookings must be made outside of these dates.

Fee: €5 for adults and children are free. Groups of 8 or larger please phone or email to book.

Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens
The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E info@sonairte.ie
sonairte.ie and Face Book
GPS 53.703211, -6.2677

A great place for a family day out. Home to an 18th century organic walled garden, nature trail along the River Nanny and a Bee Museum. The Sunflower Cafe and Eco Shop have a wide selection of products available. The centre runs gardening and other courses and craft and food fairs all year round. Bus parking, tea /coffee by arrangement, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads.

Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10.30 - 5.00pm, February to December.

Fee: Free

St. Mary's Abbey
Trim, Co. Meath
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GPS 53.556508, -6.789578

Across the River Boyne from the castle are the ruins of the 12th-century Augustinian St Mary's Abbey. In 1415 part of the abbey was converted into a fine manor house by Sir John Talbot, then viceroy of Ireland; it came to be known as Talbot Castle. The castle played an important role in the educational history of Trim in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries when it was the Diocesan School, known as the Latin School. It was here that the Duke of Wellington and Sir William Rowan Hamilton were educated. The walled garden runs down to the river and has some fine shrubs and trees. Child friendly, dogs allowed on leads.

Open: Feb 9th - 13th & 16th - 20th , March 2nd -6th, March 13th - 17th , July 13th -26th , August 17th - 31st, September 1st - 6th (Tues - Sun. 10.00 - 6.00) and 21st - 25th- Mondays - Sundays , 10.00 – 6.00.

Fee: €5.00, €2.00 child/ student/ OAP.

Garden Centres

Boyne Garden Centre
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boynegardencentre.ie
GPS 53.745183, -6.577892

Boyne Garden Centre is nestled in the country-side just outside the village of Slane. The Garden Centre is situated within our mature landscaped garden, where visitors may get inspiration for their own gardens. We are family run business stocking an extensive range of plants at very competitive prices. We specialise in 'Cottage Garden' perennials, with emphasis on 'home grown' Irish plants. Bus parking, tea/coffee by arrangement, child friendly, guide dogs only.

Open: 1 March - 30 Sept, 9.30 - 6.00, Monday-Saturday, Sundays 2.00 - 6.00, 1 October - 28 February, weekends only.

Ratoath Garden Centre & Gardens
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ratoathgardencentre.ie
GPS 53.532146, -6.42569

Ratoath Garden Centre is a garden centre in a garden. Half of our space is taken up with planted borders. We now have one of the largest show gardens in Ireland which owner John Lord maintains to a high standard. John has a free talk on the second Saturday of every month during summer. John gives monthly talks on our borders as they develop. Bus parking, child friendly, Tea/ coffee available.

Open: Summer, Monday-Sunday 10.0 - 6.00, Winter, Monday- Sunday 10.00 - 5.00.

Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge
Trim, Co. Meath
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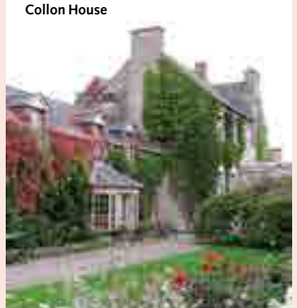
riverlane.ie
GPS 53.535564, -6.83556

Riverlane Nurseries is a retail plant nursery located outside the heritage town of Trim. We grow extensive range of herbaceous perennials and many cottage garden plants. We exhibit at lost of shows, including Bloom and are sliver gilt and gold medal winners there. Bus parking, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads.

Open: March - Sept, Monday - Saturday, 10.00 - 6.00, Sundays 12.00 - 5.30. Oct - Feb, Wednesday - Saturday, 10.00 - 5.00.


Collon House

By Appointment Gardens

The Boyne Valley Garden Trail is delighted to introduce gardens in urban and rural settings that will open to the public by appointment. Please contact the owners directly before visiting.

Bramley Cottage
The Rath, Killsallaghan, Co. Meath
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E jane@janemccorkelllandscape.ie
janemccorkellandscape.ie

A one acre family garden which is evolving over a period of 10 years since the restoration of the renovated 1700's farm house. The garden is a series of rooms and large perennial borders designed by 6 times gold medal Bloom winner and owner Jane McCorkrell. Bus parking, child friendly. Open June to Mid July. Contact owner for appointments.

College Hill House
Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath
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collegehillhouse.com

Built in 1826, the house was the former parochial house for Rathkenny parish. The gardens is set in 3 acres of landscaped gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee by arrangement, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads.

Collon House
Collon, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645
E mamcmahon@oceanfree.net
collonhouse.com

Built in 1740, the house has been appointed as a guest house with Georgian interiors. The gardens are surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. Period planting has been restored with a sunken box parterre with topiary. The ornamental garden has whit phlox, delphiniums, agapanthus, dahlais, asters, golden rudbeckia. The courtyard gardens is home to hostas. A greek style summer-house provides a restful vantage point. In 2013 Collon House won an An Taisce Ellison Award for restoration. Bus parking, tea/coffee by arrange-ment, dogs on leads. Open by appointment only.

Forest Edge
Stameen, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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forestedge.ie

A small prize winning town garden comprising of a woodland glade, paths, ponds, tree ferns, leading to an orangery in a beautiful and peaceful setting. A congenial ambience is created by an eclectic array of plants, flowers, shrubs, trees, especially roses, hostas, ferns and acers. Bus parking, child friendly. By appointment from May to October.

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

Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown House comprises an 18th century manor house for overnight guests and chic courtyard suites. In the lower courtyard dining is available in the rest-aurants. The parkland, walled pleasure gardens and kitchen garden supply the restaurants with vegetables, salads and herbs.Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch available, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Open day: Wednesday 15th May 2014, by appointment at all other times.

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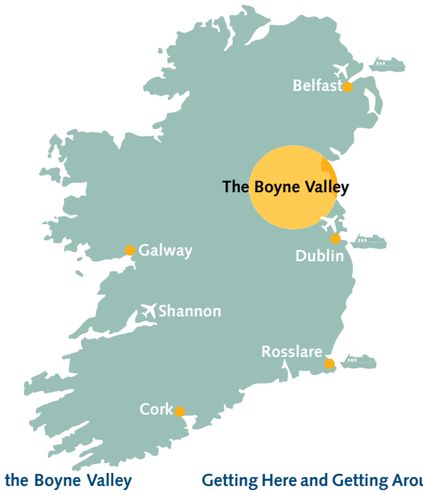

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Located just 30 minutes north of Dublin in the North East of Ireland, the Boyne Valley can boast a unique and enviable location at the hub of four major motorways - the M1, M2, M3 and M4. We are rightfully proud of the fact that we are Ireland's most accessible county. County Meath is located only 30 minutes from Dublin International Airport while the ferry ports in Dublin, Dun Laoghaire and Belfast are also convenient. Regular train services from Dublin stop at Laytown, Drogheda and Dunboyne while there are frequent bus services throughout County Meath from Dublin.

Distance from ferry ports and airports to Navan by car:

Dublin Airport	41km/26miles
Dun Laoghaire Port	57km/35miles
Rosslare Ferry Port	142km/88miles
Belfast Port & Airport	150km/93miles
Galway	199km/124miles
Cork	290km/180miles
Dundalk	57km/35miles
Shannon Airport	254km/158miles

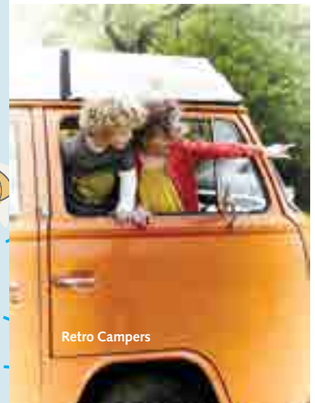
Useful Websites for Travel Schedules:

Ferries: irishferries.com
stenaline.ie
poirishsea.com

Rail: irishrail.ie

Bus: buseireann.ie

Air: aerlingus.com
ryanair.com


Retro Campers

Getting Here and Getting Around

Electric Bike Adventures
Rock Farm Slane
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Europcar
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E res@europcar.ie
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Europcar offers affordable car rental from a range of locations throughout Ireland, including a location in Navan Town Centre. Our easily accessible location is situated on Academy Street near the town centre. We have a wide range of vehicles to choose from to set you on your way along the Boyne Valley Drive.

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E holtonscoaches@eircom.net

Tours and airport transfers, coach and mini bus hire, outings, day trip, tours. Small/ large groups, keen rates, call for a quote. Covers Enfield area.

Retro Camper
The Barn, Puddenhill Activity Centre, Garristown, Co.Meath
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tarahouseaccommodation.ie

Offering Motor Home parking facilities from Summer 2015. Refer to Pg 38 for full details on Teach na Teamhrach..

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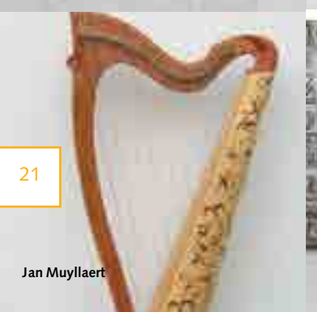
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An award winning craft retail outlet in the stunning historic village of Slane. The members of the collective work as a co-operative with a single vision of making and producing crafts in Ireland, and providing an accessible platform to original design. It offers a unique showcase of local craft and design: ceramics, glass, wood, pewter, photography, fine art, textiles, jewellery, knitwear and greeting cards. We also offer ongoing classes and regular in store demonstrations. Check our website for updates. Call in and meet the makers. Available 7 days a week - Mon-Sat 10-6pm and Sun & Bank Holiday 11-5pm

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Ann Gorman is a Textile and Paper Artist, who is also a recent graduate from the National College of Art and Design where she obtained a BDes (Hons) in Textile Design (Specializing in Embroidery). She enjoys exploring and working with a wide range of different mediums. She has been told her work 'brings alive a dream-like quality', using vivid colours, intense detail and 'attractive' chaos.

Bee Free Kids Clothing
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The award winning Bee Free Kids Clothing is a range of clothing and accessories, designed with children's amazing imagination and adventurous spirit in mind, made to help not hinder adventure, tree climbing and puddle jumping! The Bee Free range uses beautiful, soft, cosy anti pil fleece. Dresses, ponchos, hoodies & hats feature in this original collection of colourful clothes for girls and boys. The gorgeously cosy Bee Free snuggle wraps which are perfect for the buggy, car or cuddling on the couch, come in a range of adorable animal designs. All have cute features like floppy ears or waggy tails for little fingers to hold onto.

Colette Gough Ink Drawings
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Freehand ink drawings on canvas using a rich gamut of colour. Traditional and contemporary celtic designs inspired by 'The Book of Kells'. Also figurative illustrations based on Irish myth and legend. Commissions taken.

Crafty So & So Designs
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Crafty So & So is a design label by artist, designer and maker Jillian Gott. The collection of handmade, unique pieces includes functional and decorative work; eccentric creatures, original wall hangings, funky babywear and vintage inspired brooches and decorations. Use of vintage, contemporary and hand dyed fabric, embroidery, appliqué, print, paint and collage, produce new colourful and exciting objects of Arts and Crafts with an endearingly charming, quirky look, which ensures that each piece has a truly bespoke feel. Jillian also runs on going children and adult classes in store at Slane Craft Collective.

John Mc McCarthy Stained Glass
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His initial interest in stained glass began in 1994, at a stained glass class open day in Holland. Once he had seen the beautiful qualities and the numerous possibilities for its use, he was hooked. He has attended a number of stained glass classes over the years, yet describes himself as being largely self-taught.

Jo's Jewels
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Johanna has been working with jewellery since 1995. She started off as an apprentice in a jeweller's shop and worked her way up to management level. Johanna started making jewellery as a hobby but it has now become her passion. Johanna hopes you enjoy her jewellery as every piece is different and unique

Juniper Lily
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Helen Tully studied graphics at Limerick School of Art & Design and works in mixed media. Her paintings are abstract, working in vivid colour and textures, and incorporates handmade paper, fabric, stitch and poetry. In contrast her pen and ink drawings are highly detailed. She is influenced by nature, and in particular the Neolithic tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Her pieces have an ethereal, almost mystical feel. The Juniper Lily range also includes handmade cards, vintage noticeboards and Christmas decorations and she is constantly designing new products to extend her range.

Kierton Crafts
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Colm and Pauline are wood turners who produce beautiful decorative and functional pieces, who are inspired by the woodlands of Enfield, Co.Meath. All their wood is sourced locally including the bog oak which is from Molerick Bog, Co. Meath.

Seamus Cassidy Woodturner
Image courtesy of the RDS photographer Roland Paschhoff

Rose Cottage Painted Furniture
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Martina enjoys bringing an old piece of furniture to life. She upcycles furniture using a variety of techniques, from the smooth finish of satin or eggshell, to a high gloss shine, or a vintage chalk paint with beautiful waxed finish. From chairs to dressers, pieces are transformed and are hand painted to the highest standard. Martina can create bespoke pieces to suit your individual taste and unique to your home.

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Siobhán is an artist, designer and crafter specialising in pewter. Her beautiful designs and products range from large scale wall pieces to frames, notebooks, and free standing pieces. She has developed a unique nontoxic process for her pewter work and her designs are inspired by nature, Celtic knot work and animals.

Slane Hand Painted Furniture
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SuziKay Soy Candles
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SuziKay Soy Candles are all blended and poured by hand in small batches. They are made using only soy wax which is 100% natural, renewable, non-toxic and biodegradable so not only are they environmentally friendly, they are also clean burning and not harmful to you. The candles are fragranced with only pure essential oils which are natural aromatic oils extracted from flowers, herbs and various other plants. SuziKay Soy Candles do not use any synthetic fragrances or dyes. In addition to the standard size candles and wax melts Suzanne makes a range of quirky candles in repurposed teacups and sugar bowls.

SuziKay Textiles
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Kathleen has a real passion for textiles and loves working with colour and texture. Her range of handbags, aprons and notebooks are all made by hand with most of her handbags being one off pieces. Handbags can also be made to order or made using a client's fabric. SuziKay notebooks and diaries are manufactured and printed in Ireland and hand covered using a wide selection of fabrics. Kathleen takes great joy in her craft and hopes that her customers will love the finished product as much as she loves creating it.

Willow Farm Ceramics
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slanecraftcollective.com
facebook.com/ Willow Farm Ceramics (Lucy O'Gorman)

Willow Farm Ceramics is situated one and a half miles outside Slane village. Lucy O'Gorman (potter) creates her pieces on the farm. The pottery ranges from functional tableware ceramics to sculptural pieces such as the Hill of Slane and Lawrence's Gate. Novelty sheep mugs and Newgrange inspired ceramics are just some of her range.

Meath Crafts

Boyne Valley Wools
The Leck, Donore, Co. Meath
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boynevalleywools.com

Alison Fullam Gogan offers a unique experience in wool craft where you can see the Jacob sheep grazing the fields and see their wool being spun into yarn and then woven or knit the whole process is done by hand with demonstrations daily. Family Friendly / Wheelchair Accessible / Free of Charge. Open February to December - Hoot your horn for the shop!

Jan Muyllaert, Instrument Maker
Ardbraccan, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 9722
Mobile +353 (0) 86 8857558
E irishharpsnet@eircom.net
irishharps.net
Available by appointment

Jan Muyllaert has been making stringed instruments for over 30 years. His Irish harps are known world wide for their quality and sound. Native Irish wood is used. Carving and inlay work can also be carried out on items other than instruments. Current waiting list applies until august 2015.

Pats Art Studio – Crafts
1 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
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facebook.com/patsartstudio

Located in Slane Arty Quarter, Pat, a local artist, paints and exhibits his works in a friendly, inviting studio. The works include a broad selection of oil paintings and drawings with local themes from his excursions further afield. Landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes are included, as are figures and a variety of themed works. Pat invites you to visit, to browse and to chat with no obligation.

Seamus Cassidy Woodturner & Cabinetmaker
The Carthouse, Gilltown,
Beauparc, Navan, Co. Meath
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seamuscassidy.ie
meathcrafts.ie
Available Tue-Sat 10am-6pm

Unique furniture commissions in a contemporary style. Artistic and functional woodturned and sculptural forms available from his studio-gallery 5 minutes drive from Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange).

Thomas Diem Pottery
Milltown, Dublin Road, Ashbourne, Co Meath
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FB: facebook.com/DiemPottery/
meathcrafts.ie
Available Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Sat-times may vary so call ahead

See decorative and functional pottery created by hand in thier studio in Ashbourne. They cater for pottery parties, paint a pot, adult classes and our gift shop also displays work from other leading Irish craftworkers. Drop in and have a look!

Skylight Gallery
Julianstown Golf Course,
Julianstown, Co. Meath
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Mobile +353 (0) 87 417 8290
skylightgallery.net

View their collection of over 50 original oils and watercolours and perhaps take away a painting which you can enjoy for years to come. Let them help you choose that original gift for a presentation, retirement or special occasion. There is always something new and exciting to view at the Skylight Gallery - well worth a visit! Exit 7 off the M1, signposted Julianstown.

Angling

The Magical Waters of Co Meath

County Meath gives anglers of all disciplines some fantastic fishing opportunities to catch their target species of choice. The River Boyne and its many tributaries provide fly anglers with world class river fly fishing for wild brown trout from March to September and "Lough Style" fishing for brown trout is also available on the legendary Lough Sheelin. In addition to the trout fishing, Co. Meath offers anglers some great salmon fishing opportunities on the River Boyne between Navan and Drogheda. Pike, coarse and sea angling are also available in the area all year round. The quality of the fishing experience is further enhanced by the beautiful scenery and the availability of professional angling services such as specialist accommodation, fishing guides, boat and tackle hire, angling tuition and tackle shops.

Angling Associations:

The majority of game angling on the Boyne is controlled by angling associations and some by private fishery owners. Anglers wishing to fish for wild brown trout on an 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 is required. Salmon fishing is subject to the salmon and sea trout regulations which are renewed annually. For more information on game angling in the BoyneValley please visit fishinginireland.info

Wild Brown Trout

The River Boyne

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 as well on the legendary Lough Sheelin. 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 best time of year for brown trout fishing is from May 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, at Lough Bracken near Drumconrath and at Rathbeggan Lakes near Dunshaughlin.

Brochures and Publications: The Boyne Valley Fishery, Fishing in Ireland's North East and A Sea Angling Guide to the East Coast can be obtained from Inland Fisheries Ireland by blackrock@fisheriesireland.ie

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, City West Business Campus, Dublin 24
Tel + 353 (0) 278 7022
fisheriesireland.ie

Coarse & Pike Angling

The Boyne Valley Fishery offers excellent opportunities for the coarse and pike angler especially around Collinstown and Delvin to the West and Enfield to the southwest. Drumconrath village in County Meath is surrounded by a number of small to medium sized lakes including Corstown Lake, Ballyhoe Lakes 1 and 2, Mentrim Lakes, Bracken Lake and Balrath Lake. The Royal Canal also provides great fishing and a number of competitions are held here each year. Coarse and pike fishing are available all year round. More information available at www.fishinginireland.info

Sea Angling

South of the mouth of the River Boyne, there are extensive beaches at Mornington, Bettystown and Laytown. 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. Best time of year: May to October.

Things to Do

"There's no better place to start your visit to the Royal County than by kayaking down the River Boyne..... It was easily the children's highlight of their visit. But the Living History Tour at Trim Visitor Centre came a close second, especially after they were dressed up as a medieval knight and princess!"

Marie Toft – Irish Examiner
Extract from Irish Examiner Weekend Supplement on Sunday, 21st September 2014, Weekend break: lDunboyne Castle Hote, Dunboyne, Co. Meath

Boyne Valley Activities

Adventure Activities & Family Fun

Where wonderful living heritage and invigorating leisure activities sit effortlessly side by side...whether holiday in the Boyne Valley or just taking a day tour, we have it all!

Boyne Valley Activities
Trim, Co. Meath
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boynevalleyactivities.ie

Boyne Valley Activities have a wide range of exciting activities for everyone to avail of, with bases in Trim, Athboy and Slane. Try kayaking with your family down through the Medieval town of Trim. Test your nerve on the Tree Canopy Challenge Course set high in a forest at our base in Athboy. Please check the website for more information on white water rafting and exclusive heritage tours.

Causey Farm - Be Irish for a Day
Girley, Fordstown, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 4135
E info@causey.ie
causey.ie

Try your hand at brown bread making, celi dancing, the Irish drum, sugan rope making, hurling, milking a cow, turf cutting and working a sheepdog. Traditional meals and live music evening. Hen / Stag packages with accommodation at the Headfort Arms Hotel available also and group packages available. Events page 25-27. All visits must be pre-booked.

Fairyhouse Cookery School
Fairyhouse Road, Ratoath, Meath
Billie O'Shea
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fairyhousecookeryschool.com

Do you want to learn simple ways to prepare delicious food for your family and friends? Want to source and cook the freshest and best quality ingredients? Can you use a hot wok with a cool head? Would you like to impress your friends with a fantastic and easy to prepare meals for entertaining? If so, then welcome to our kitchen. Fairyhouse Cookery School provides courses for adults, teens and children. We offer a wide choice of themes and schedules, which are suitable for you, whatever your cooking skills. Why not give a present of a cookery course to a foodie friend – vouchers available.

Funtasia Waterpark
Bettystown & Drogheda, Co. Meath
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E partyoffice@funtasia.ie
funtasia.ie

Located two minutes off the M1 motorway, 20 minutes north of Dublin airport and 35 minutes south of Newry, this Egyptian themed entertainment center is the newest addition to the Funtasia family business. The Pirates Cove interactive waterpark features over 200 water gushing activities including the adrenaline pumping Super Bowl speed slide and the incredible gravity defying Boomerang slide. Other attractions include the Atlantis Cove Play Area, 14 lane Bowling alley, Disco Roller Skating, Caribbean Crazy Golf, Rock Climbing, Ultimate Sky Climb, Indoor Twin Zipline, casino, fast food restaurant, video games, simulators and lots lots more!

Loughrew Adventure Centre
Oldcastle, Co. Meath
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loughcrew.com

Loughcrew Adventure Centre - a great day team building, children's party or a day out with friends. Zipping Through The Trees, Abseiling, Wall Climbing, Ropes Course, Archery, Raft Building...and much more. This adventure course will test and challenge you, in the rolling Drumlin hills of northwest Meath.

Causey Farm

Tayto Park

Things to Do

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Adventure Activities & Family Fun

Newgrange Falconry
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Newgrange Falconry offer a stimulating, unique and memorable experience by a very experienced team in the ancient art of falconry. Their products and packages cater for a wide diversity of customers and can also be tailored to suit. Falconry displays, Static displays, Bird of Prey Appearances, Golden Eagle Appearances, 'Just Owls' Appearances, Falconry lessons in beautiful countryside, Visits to your venue with birds of prey, Hunting trips, Educational visits, Pest control of nuisance birds, Corporate Event packages, TV, Film, Advertising, Promotions, Photography & Art workshops - professional artist if required.

Newgrange Farm & Coffee Shop
Newgrange, Slane, Co. Meath
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newgrangefarm.com

Located beside the tourist site of Newgrange They are Ireland's leading open visitors farm where everyone can see-hold-feed animals and poultry, play areas provided. Superb facilities: indoor & outdoor picnic areas, gift shop, coffee shop and disabled facilities. Wonderful day out for the family. See website for special events. Events also on page 25-27.

Rathbeggan Lakes & Family Fun Park
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
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rathbegganlakes.com

Rathbeggan Lakes Heritage & Adventure Park is one of Meath's most popular family destinations! Fishing, lake walks and airsoft games all year round. Rathbeggan provides some of the most exciting children's entertainment in the county. Bounce away in Fun Valley, our inflatable park area with giant slides, castles and trampolines. Take a trip on the lake in our Pedal Boats. Climb, abseil and zip across the lake on our High Kings Adventure Tower. Visit our Heritage Park to see how people lived from the Stone Age up to early Christian times. Park admission is €2.50 per person with access to our Pet Farm, Picnic areas & Fairy Garden. Charges for extra activities on a pay as you play basis. Family Friendly & Wheelchair Accessible.

Tayto Park
Kilbrew, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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TaytoPark.ie

Tayto Park located in Ashbourne, is truly the first of its kind in Ireland. With over 100 attractions, it's designed to be a day out never to forget with something for the whole family to enjoy. Explore The Tayto Sky Walk, The Super-hero Training Wall and The Tayto Air Jumpers in The Eagle Sky Adventure Zone. After that they can discover The Pow Wow Play-ground, The Tayto Factory Tour, The Teahouse in The Tree House, The Potatohontus Native American Village, The Lodge Restaurant, some of the 250 farmed buffalo herd and hundreds of rare animals.

The Zone
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The Zone is bursting with activities for you and your family or friends to enjoy! At The Zone in Navan we have: Karting, Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery, Ireland's only Lazer Maze, Shooting Simulator, Airsoft and Laser Tag Paintball. Our Extreme Activity Centre in Navan, Co Meath provides 36,000sq.ft of fun over 2 floors! With an Indoor Karting Track, an Indoor Airsoft and Laser Tag Arena, a dedicated Archery Centre and a wide range of other activities, you know when you're in THE ZONE! Our NEW premises in Ashbourne has an ever expanding selection of indoor and outdoor activities now that The Zone and Huckleberry's Den are now at Puddenhill! A venue that has such a diverse range of activities and facilities such as: Karting, Paintballing, Archery, Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting, Laser Tag Paintball, Airsoft Target Shooting, a Soft Play Centre with 3 play areas and a fab café!

Swimming Pools & Leisure Centres
Kells Swimming Pool
Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
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Navan Aura Leisure Centre
Navan, Co. Meath
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Trim Aura Swimming Pool
Newhaggard Rd, Trim, Co. Meath
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Pillo Hotel Ashbourne
Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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Dunboyne Castle Hotel
Dunboyne, Co. Meath
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Knightsbrook Hotel
Dublin Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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Irish Military War Museum

Cultural Tourism Attractions

Battle of the Boyne Site
Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath
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battleoftheboyne.ie

The Visitor Centre houses a laser model of the battle site, original and replica weaponry and a 15 minute audio visual film. Extensive free battle site walks link with the adjacent Boyne Canal Tow-path. Free access to the Victorian Walled Garden and Garden Exhibition in the Bothy. Year round events, including Living History, black powder musket firing and cavalry demonstrations every Sunday and Bank Holiday in June, July and August. Oldbridge Tea Pavilion is located in the Walled Garden.

Brú na Boinne Visitor Centre
Donore, Co. Meath
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worldheritageireland.ie

Brú na Bóinne - the Palace or Mansion of the Boyne- is the name given to one of the world's most important archaeological landscapes, dominated by the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. UNESCO has designated Brú na Bóinne a World Heritage Site. Constructed during the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5000 years old. Newgrange is open all year. Knowth - Easter to October. Access to Newgrange and Knowth from Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking for tour groups (extremely busy during summer months). It is advised to go early in the day.

Collon House
Collon, Co. Louth
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collonhouse.com

Collon House, steeped in history, is full of character and charm; its gracious rooms are exquisitely furnished with period antiques and paintings, retaining the atmosphere of early Georgian living, making this a rare opportunity to experience less than one hour from Dublin City Centre, and thirty minutes from Dublin Airport. Collon House is a perfect location from which to enjoy the wonderful treasures of the Boyne Valley. Bru na Boinne (Newgrange) prehistoric megalithic sites, The Battle of the Boyne visitor centre at Oldbridge, Slane Castle, Old Mellifont Abbey and Monasterboice High Crosses are all less than twenty minutes drive from Collon House. Built in 1740 in the Irish Long House style, Collon House was the home of Anthony Foster, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. His famous son John "Speaker" Foster (born 1740), was the last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons up to its dissolution by the Act of Union in 1800. John Foster later became a peer of the United Kingdom as Baron Oriel of Ferrard in the County of Louth until his death in 1828. Group tours are welcome (minimum 6 guests) by appointment only. A tour of the house is followed by tea/coffee and homemade cake. Catering for lunch can be arranged for larger groups up to 50 guests.

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Experience a sense of excitement and discovery on a real research excavation. Join the team of expert archaeologists excavating the 13th century Dominican Blackfriary in Trim as they uncover archaeological finds buried for hundreds of years. Learn first-hand how they unearth lost buildings, recover artefacts and plot and record features. Discover all about early Irish monastic life. Immerse yourself in the archaeology of the Boyne Valley. No experience necessary. Excavations from May to September. Group discounts available. Tailored family archaeological experiences.

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre
Janesville, Slane, Co. Meath
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francisledwidge.com

Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre is the birthplace of WWI poet Francis E Ledwidge and is a perfect example of a 19th century farm labourer's cottage. Situated in the heart of the Boyne Valley close to the village of Slane, the cottage museum houses the poet's works and artefacts from World War I, alongside memorabilia of the period. Its millennium exhibition portrays the poet's life in picture and text from his birth in the cottage to his death at the third battle of Ypres, Belgium, in July 1917. Opening Hours: 10am - 1pm, 1.30pm - 5pm daily. Winter opening: 10am - 3.30pm. Check website for details. Special rates.

John Philip Holland Memorial Submarine
Scholars Townhouse Hotel
King Street, Co. Louth
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John Philip Holland, born in county Clare in 1841, the son of a lighthouse keeper. He joined the Christian Brothers and in1865 arrived at the Christian Brothers Convent Drogheda now 'Scholars Townhouse Hotel', where he taught mathamatics and music. He never abandoned his passion for engineering and it was during his residence here he designed the submersible mechanical Duck (which could walk around the garden and swim, dive and resurface when put in water). He then designed what became the world's first workable submarine; the Fenian Ram. In 1873 Holland left both the Christian Brothers and Ireland for America, to pursue turning his submarine design into an actual vessel. He secured funding from the Boston based Fenian Organisation to establish the Electric Boat Company which still exists today as the submarine manufacturing division of General Dynamics. The Memorial celebrating John Philip Hollands stands in the Gardens of the hotel itself.

Martry Mill
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Martry Mill is a traditional family run watermill run by the Tallon Family since 1859. The mill is located on the River Blackwater outside Kells, County Meath. The first records of Mill is census of 1641 where the townload of Martry had a mill and twenty cabins. James Tallon, current owner of the mill, is the fourth generation of Tallon men to run the mill. In the past number of years the mill has undergone a series of renovations to repair the iconic waterwheel and some of the internal machinery. The Mill produces traditional stone-ground wholemeal flour. Guided tours of the Mill are available to groups and school tours. By appointment only.

Navan School of Languages
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Navan School of Languages provides classes in French, German and Spanish for adults, secondary school students and children. For foreign students wishing to learn English, we also provide classes leading to a recognised qualification, if required. We cater for people who wish to learn for fun and for exam purposes, so why not contact us to book your place today. With flexible class times and our convenient location -what are you waiting for? NEW: We now offer beginners' classes in Chinese, Russian and Italian.

Slane Castle
Slane, Co. Meath
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Slane Castle, set in the middle of a 1,500 acre estate in the heart of the Boyne Valley, lies only twenty-five minutes from Dublin Airport. Slane Castle hosts many high profile events, from its famous Summer Concerts with a capacity of 80,000 people, to intimate events inside the castle against the backdrop of the River Boyne and the surrounding estate. It provides peace, privacy and security for residential and day conferences, meetings, corporate hospitality and banqueting, to suit all budgets. From stunning weddings, large or small, in the Castle's Reception Rooms, including the Gothic Revival Ballroom created for King George IV, to outdoor activities and team building, Slane Castle's experienced hospitality and events team will tailor your event to your individual needs in a unique environment.

The Irish Military War Museum
Starinagh, Collon, Co. Meath
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Ireland's largest private military collection housed in a purposed built 5000 sq foot "hands on" museum. See what it is like to sit in WW1 and WW2 trenches and vehicles, handle weapons and equipment that were actually used in the wars (all of which are fully decomm-issioned and perfectly safe), get a real sense of what it was like to be a soldier in war. Experience the thrill of a tank ride or lesson or why not book the day for you and your friends to experience our airsoft site which covers 12 acres. The mus-eum and park is family friendly with a petting farm,playground and assault course, Come and "learn by having fun and have fun learning". Open 10:00am to 5:00pm everyday except Monday.

Trim Living History Group
Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227

Trim Living History Group step back in time with a Medieval Knight of Trim with a display that lets you feel the heft of a sword, try on a closed helmet and wear chain mail. Trim Living History Group will bring you on a walking tour around Medieval Trim, highlights include: Trim Castle, River Boyne and Sheepsgate, views to the Yellow Steeple, St. Mary's Abbey and the Crutched Friary. Tours last approx. 1 hour and are partly outdoors, finishing in Trim Visitor Centre with a display of medieval weaponry. From the 1st of November until 17th of March the tour includes a walk inside the ancient walls of Trim Castle. Tours start at 10.30am & 11am daily, midweek only, pre-booking is essential. Access to the Castle grounds is with permission from OPW's Friends of Irish Heritage. Contact Trim Visitor Centre at 046 9437227 to book your tour.

Genealogy

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Searching for your ancestors can be very enjoyable and addictive but it can also be a daunting, difficult task and very time consuming. We at Elaine Hannon Genealogy will do the work for you and help you trace your Irish ancestors using some of the following sources to help us identify your ancestor, find out where they lived, what they worked at, did they marry etc...

My Ireland Family Heritage
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Genealogist and Fáilte Ireland approved National Tour Guide Seán Quinn and the My Ireland Heritage Team are dedicated to assisting you in search for your Roots and Records of Past generations as well as providing you with a once in a Lifetime Tour experience to visit your Families Homeland and Walk in the Footsteps of your Irish Ancestors.

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Twitter @slaneancestry

If you have a keen interest in discovering your ancestry, and would like to help in tracing your family history, then you should make use of our genealogical research service provided at Slane Ancestry Centre. Through intensive research, and with the aid of experienced genealogists, we are dedicated in helping you in the search for information regarding past generations, and shedding light on your ancestry. Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any queries or drop into our office and view our gallery of photos of events throughout the years which make Slane a deeply historical place. If you happen to be in Slane village for Heritage week, then please drop in to our office which will showcase a variety of events in Slane from years past.

Things to Do

The Irish Maritime Festival, Drogheda Port

Boyne Valley Tours

Aaran Executive Travel
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Specialised tailored tours. Call me and we will design a tour to suit you.

Beautiful Meath
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beautifulmeath.com

Derek collects people from their accomm-odation and takes them on a private tour of Meath. Tours are tailored to people's interests, be that the neolithic period, scenic or family tours. Organised on a day that will suit everyone

Boyne Valley Tours
Michael Fox
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boynevalleytours.com

Personalised tours of Boyne Valley heritage sites. Tourists can be collected and returned to their accommodation. Suggested tours include Brú na Boinne, Tara, Bective Abbey, Trim Castle. A bespoke tour can be designed around your specific interests, for example stone age sites, celtic sites or monastic sites.

The Hill of Tara - self-guided tour
Ingenious Ireland
ready-to-go guided tours
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The Hill of Tara: premium audio guide Ingenious Ireland ready-to-go guided tours. Explore the wonderful Hill of Tara any time you want, and at your own pace with this comprehensive guided tour. The audio guide is packed with 80-minutes of stories, music and history, and brings Tara to life, yet costs less than a coffee! The commentary covers all the sacred and ritual monuments, legends and stories, and is perfect whether you have 20 minutes, or want to spend all day. You can also download the guide and listen in advance to prepare for your visit. Available as a handy MP3 album, as a full-featured app for iPhone and Android, and on a souvenir player at Tara gift shop.

The Holy Trail of Knights & Monks
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This is a linear walk which takes approximately 40 mins.Starting at the Millennium Bridge at Trim Castle, it takes you along the banks of the Boyne through the Porchfields, which have significant cultural & educational value as a Medieval Open Field. Meet the Goddess Boinn, hear the tale of Fionn & Fiontan. You decide why the Sword of State lies between the incumbent figures of Sir Lucas and Lady Jane at Newtown.

Kells Experience
Teach Cuailgne, Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath
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Daily Heritage Tours of The Heritage Town of Kells (10:00 a.m. Headfort Arms Hotel). The monastic site in Kells is considered by many historians to be one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland. It is on the tentative list for consideration as a World Heritage Site. Follow the footsteps of the monks as we walk up to the highest point in the town where St. Columba established a religious settlement in circa 550 A.D. We will visit:

- the Monastic site, the Round tower, the High Crosses, St. Colmcille's House (where the Book of Kells may have been written)

Minimum 2 persons - €10.00 per person (accompanying children free). Conditions: Tours are subject to availability. Group prices available on request. Add On's Available: Visit the 5,000 year old passage tombs in Loughcrew in the afternoon or the sacred ritual area of the pre-Olympic Tailteann Games and Donaghpatrick. Recommendations: Book Early! Please book the day before if possible.

Meath Eco Tours
Kate Flood
Balrath Woods, Kells, Co. Meath
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Discover the fascinating habitat of an Irish raised bog, identify Irish wild flowers, forage for wild berries and plants. Learn about Ireland's native species and the folklore that surrounds them. Discover Ireland's wildlife and biodiversity, including birds, butterflies, flora, fauna and fungi. Group discounts available. Walks suitable for all ages.

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Royal Tara Tours
David McCabe, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 673 8488
E david@royaltaratours.ie
royaltaratours.com

Royal Tara Tours is a company dedicated to show-casing Meath as a tourist destination, providing professional guided tours of the heritage capital of Ireland. Bespoke itineraries catered to your specific needs. Meath also boasts wonderful parkland and links golf courses. Enrich your experience by combining culture with sport. Pick up and drop off from airport or accommodation.

St Patrick Trail Tours
Cepta Dungan, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 304 7280
E saintpatricktrailtours@gmail.com
tourguide.ie

Join me at Donaghmore Round Tower and Monastic settlement founded by St. Patrick. Learn where St. Patrick gave the care of the church to a Priest called Cassanus, whose relics lie here, hear about the 10th century Tower, the fragments of the 13th century church, the burial rights, the Croppy grave, keening women, the grave robbers, the strangers' plot, the tomb, see the headstones of 1,000 years old with their Norman influence. Small or large groups, and school tours taken

Sli na Mi
Colum Mac Eoin
Boyne Valley Heritage Guide
4 Garrai Tam Taimín, Rath Cairn, Athboy, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 858 3791
E colummaceoin@gmail.com
slinami.com/heritagetours

Personalised tour guide - taking tourists to Meath heritage, history & cultural sites, all of which are on my website. Tours conducted in English, Irish, French and Spanish. Member of Meath Tourism and The Meath Tour Guides Association. Fully insured.

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Shopping

Geoghegans
23/24 Trimgate Street, Navan, Meath
Larry Geoghegan
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1722
E info@geoghegans.ie
geoghegans.ie

Department Store with an extensive range of quality clothes for men and women, household textiles including Irish linen & tableware.

Riverside Home & Gift
Coast Road, Mornington, Drogheda, Co Meath.
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8835
E sales@rhg.ie
rhg.ie

The North Easts premier Home & Gift Store. The area's largest selection of Interiors, Fashion, Furniture, Gifts, Jewellery, including all leading brands, In store Florist, Hairstylist, & Beauty Salon.

Town Jewellers Ltd.
Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel/ Fax +353 (0) 46 902 3777

Extensive range of gold and silver Celtic jewellery. Stocking a wide range of Irish giftware including Newbridge Silver, Irish Dresden, Galway Crystal, Genesis Fine Art and much more.

Kells Chamber of Commerce
Maudlin Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0055
E info@kellschamber.ie
kellschamber.ie

To develop the tourism potential of the historical and cultural aspects of Kells and the surrounding area.

Oldcastle Chamber of Commerce
Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel/ Fax +353 (0) 49 854 1138
E oldcastlechamber@gmail.com

Oldcastle Chamber of Commerce is a volun-tary organisation set up in 2007 to develop the economic needs of Oldcastle and sur-rounding area, to make our community a better place in which to live, work & conduct business.Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00am- 6:00pm

Trim Chamber of Commerce
Market Square, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 86 805 3293
E info@trimchamber.ie
trimchamber.ie

Trim Chamber of Commerce works to develop Trim for tourism through its involve-ment in organising events and other tourism initiatives. Terrific Trim - Town of Festivals.

Tara

Boyne Valley Tours

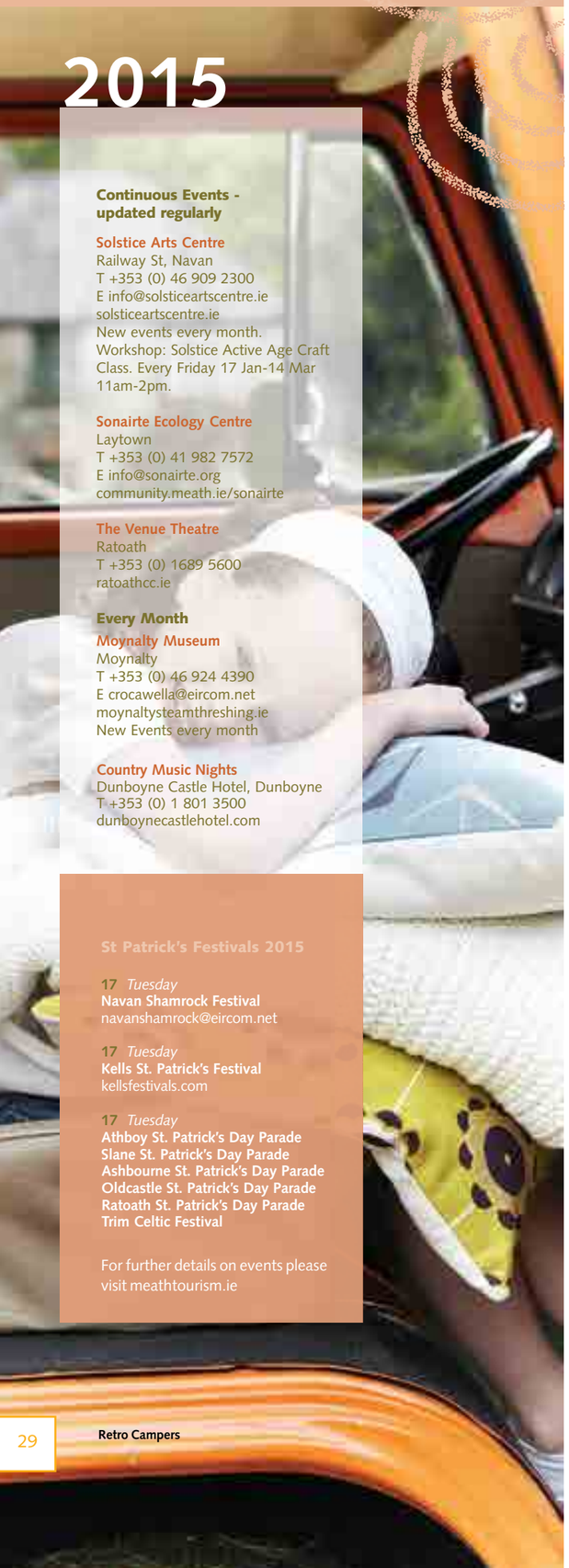
Geoghegans

Boyne Valley Food Series 2014

Slane Tourism Hub, Slane, Co. Meath
E info@boynevalleyfoodseries.ie
E boynevalleyfoodseries@gmail.com
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

Following on from the success of the Boyne Valley Food Series in 2014, producers, restaurateurs, food service providers and food enthusiasts in the Boyne Valley will present some wonderful coastline and Oriel culinary delights throughout the summer months of 2015. An exciting summer long calendar of culinary events will cater for those wishing to truly 'taste' the region, wishing to learn the story of their food and wanting to get a real sense of 'place on a plate'. The Boyne Valley hosts a rich array of unique producers, visitor experiences and wonderful people with great stories just waiting to be told to the foodie adventurer! Foraging Days, Food Forums, Gourmet Cycles, Restaurant Trails, Food Safari…Be guided by taste this summer in the Boyne Valley!

Festivals & Events



2015

Continuous Events - updated regularly

Solstice Arts Centre
Railway St, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie
solsticeartscentre.ie
New events every month.
Workshop: Solstice Active Age Craft Class. Every Friday 17 Jan-14 Mar 11am-2pm.

Sonairte Ecology Centre
Laytown
T +353 (0) 41 982 7572
E info@sonairte.org
community.meath.ie/sonairte

The Venue Theatre
Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1689 5600
ratoathcc.ie

Every Month

Moynalty Museum
Moynalty
T +353 (0) 46 924 4390
E crocawella@eircom.net
moynaltysteamthreshing.ie
New Events every month

Country Music Nights
Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 1 801 3500
dunboynecastlehotel.com

St Patrick's Festivals 2015

17 *Tuesday*
Navan Shamrock Festival
navanshamrock@eircom.net

17 *Tuesday*
Kells St. Patrick's Festival
kellsfestivals.com

17 *Tuesday*
Athboy St. Patrick's Day Parade
Slane St. Patrick's Day Parade
Ashbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade
Oldcastle St. Patrick's Day Parade
Ratoath St. Patrick's Day Parade
Trim Celtic Festival

For further details on events please visit meathtourism.ie

Retro Campers

January

Solstice Arts Centre, Navan:
10 *Saturday*
Film: Cinderella
14 *Wednesday*
Film: The 100 year old man who climbed out the window & disappeared
23 - 24 *Friday - Saturday*
Theatre: It's the Real McCoy
30 *Friday*
Music: Duke Special
31 *Saturday*
Comedy: Pat Shortt's "Selfie" Tour
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

3 *Saturday*
Wedding Open Day
Station House Hotel, Kilmessan
T +353 (0) 46 902 5239
stationhousehotel.ie

8 *Thursday*
Foster & Allen
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 94 82100
knightsbrook.com

18 *Sunday*
Wedding Open Day
Ardboyne Hotel, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 3119
ardboynehotel.com

21 *Wednesday*
An Evening with Brendan Grace
Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 1 8013500
dunboynecastlehotel.com

22 *Thursday*
Wedding Open Evening
Newgrange Hotel, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 907 4100
newgrangehotel.ie

22 *Thursday*
Meath Sports Awards
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 94 82100
knightsbrook.com

24 *Saturday*
Slane Farm Winter Runs
Slane Farm Cottages
T +353 (0) 41 988 4985
knightsbrook.com

29 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

30 *Friday*
The High Kings Concert
Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne
T +353 (0) 1 835 0800
pillohotelashbourne.ie

February

Solstice Arts Centre, Navan:
1 *Sunday*
Comedy: Pat Shortt's "Selfie" Tour
5 *Thursday*
Art: Exhibition Opening-Roisin de Builtlear
Music: Liam O Maonlai & Peter O'Toole
6 *Friday*
Music: The Three Tenors
7 *Saturday*
Arts: Meath Macra Na Feirme Capers Final
9 *Monday*
Childrens: Eirgrid Schools Science Programme
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

Solstice Arts Centre, Navan:
11 *Wednesday*
Film: Boyhood (2014)
13 *Friday*
Theatre: Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man
14 *Saturday*
Music: Redmond O'Toole & Kim Sheehan
19 *Thursday*
Comedy: Jason Byrne: "You Name the Show
21 *Sunday*
Children's: Snow White – Lambert Theatre
27 *Friday*
Music: Luan Parle
28 *Saturday*
Music: Julianstown Youth Orchestra "The Magic Ballarma"
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

1 *Sunday*
Brendan Grace
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 94 82100
knightsbrook.com

3 - 4 *Tuesday - Wednesday*
National Hunt Sales
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

12 *Thursday*
Wedding Fair
City North Hotel
T +353 (0) 1 690 6624
citynothhotel.com

12 *Thursday*
22 *Sunday*
Dunboyne Wedding Fair
Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 1 8013500
dunboynecastlehotel.com

March

Solstice Arts Centre, Navan:
3 *Tuesday*
St Patrick's Classical School "A Classical Recital"
4 *Wednesday*
Film: Two days, One Night (2014)
6 *Friday*
Comedy: Neil Delamere: It's The Fresh Prince of Dalamere!
7 *Saturday*
Music: The Fureys
12 - 13 *Wednesday - Thursday*
Arts: Honk Jr - Loreto Secondary School
14 *Saturday*
Theatre: Little Gem
20 - 22 *Friday - Sunday*
Arts: Rathkenny Revels 2015
25 - 28 *Wednesday - Saturday*
Arts: Dunshaughlin Players
Children's: Wonderland Drama Workshop
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

8 *Saturday*
Knightsbrook Wedding Fair
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 9482100

14 - 15 *Saturday - Sunday*
St Patrick & Mothers Day Weekend Festival
Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne
T +353 (0) 1 835 0800
pillohotelashbourne.ie

15 *Sunday*
Slane Striders Walking Festival
Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

15 *Sunday*
Tri an Mhi Duathlon Series
Trim Castle, Trim
T +353 (0) 86 323 3361
trianmhi.com

17 *Tuesday*
Hunter Trials
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

20 *Friday*
An Evening with Johnny McEvoy
Ardboyne Hotel, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 3119
ardboynehotel.com

21 - 23 *Friday - Sunday*
Loughcrew Equinox Festival
Loughcrew
T +353 (0) 41 9880 300
loughcrew.com

22 *Sunday*
Faulty Towers - The Dining Experience
City North Hotel
T +353 (0) 1 690 6624
citynothhotel.com

26 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

April

Solstice Arts Centre, Navan:
1 - 2 *Wednesday - Thursday*
Children's: Wonderland Drama Workshop
8 *Wednesday*
Theatre: Chronicle of Oogle
9 *Thursday*
Music: Inni-K
15 - 19
Arts: The Wedding Singer - St Mary's Musical Society
18 *Saturday*
Music: Callino Quartet & Ailish Tynan
22 *Wednesday*
Film: Harvey (1950)
24 - 25 *Friday - Saturday*
Arts: Dunshaughlin Choral Society Gala Concert
28 *Tuesday*
Ballet: Tutus and Beyond - Ballet Ireland
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

4 *Saturday*
Slane Easter Hunt
Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

5 *Sunday*
Loughcrew Gardens Easter Egg Hunt
Loughcrew Historic Gardens
T +353 (0) 49 854 1356
loughcrew.com

12 *Sunday*
Tri an Mhi Duathlon Series
Trim Castle, Trim
T +353 (0) 86 323 3361
trianmhi.com

23 - 26 *Thursday - Sunday*
Trad Ash Irish Music & Song Festival
Ashbourne
Tradash10@gmail.com
tradash.com

24 - 26 *Friday - Sunday*
Gallipoli 100 - Kells
Kells Town
T +353 (0) 46 924 0055

26 *Sunday*
Royal County 5Km
Trim & Environs
T +353 (0) 46 906 7337
meathsports.ie

30 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

May

All Month
Bealtaine Festival
Meath County Council Arts Office
T +353 (0) 46 909 7000
meath.ie

May - Sept
Innovative Food adventure!
Boyne Valley Food Series
T +353 (0) 87 616 7546
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

1 - 4 *Friday - Monday*
The Duke of Wellington Festival
Trim
T +353 (0) 86 805 3293 Noel
T +353 (0) 86 820 7804 Brian

1 - 4 *Friday - Monday*
Drogheda Arts Festival
Drogheda
T +353 (0) 41 983 3946
droghedaartsfestival.ie

2 - 3 *Saturday - sundayday*
Irish Military War Museum-Living History reinactments
Starinagh, Collon,Slane
T +353 (0) 86 395 2180
Imwm.ie/tag/slane

7 - 10 *Thursday - Sunday*
Navan Choral Festival & National Choir of the Year Competition
Navan - various venues
T +353 (0) 87 244 3739
navanchoralfestival.com

10 *Sunday*
Dunderry Fair Day
Dunderry, Navan
T +353 (0) 87 621 1264

17 *Sunday*
Nobber Fair Day
Nobber, Navan

27 - 31 *Wednesday - Sunday*
International Horse Trials & Country Fair
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

28 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

29 May - 1 Jun
Blue Jean Country Queen Festival
Athboy
T +353 (0) 087 215 4729
bluejeanfest.com

30 *Saturday*
Foo Fighters plus Kaiser Chiefs & Hozier
Slane Castle Annual Concert
T +353 (0) 41 9820644
slanecastle.ie

TBC
Boyne Valley Walking Festival
Boyne Valley
facebook.com/BoyneValleyWalking

June

May - Sept
Innovative Food adventure!
Boyne Valley Food Series
T +353 (0) 87 616 7546
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

Every Sunday & Bank Hol Monday for June/July/Aug
Living History Displays
Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
T +353 (0) 41 980 9950
battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

6 - 7 *Saturday - Monday*
Irish Military War Museum-Airsoft Expo
Starinagh, Collon,Slane
T +353 (0) 86 395 2180
Imwm.ie/tag/slane

6 - 8 *Saturday - Monday*
A celebration of St. Columba
Kells
T +353 (0) 87 213 9507

8 *Monday*
Annual Pageant Day St Colmcilles Well
St Colmcilles Well, Climber Hall

13 - 15 *Saturday - Monday*
The Irish Maritime Festival
Drogheda Port
droghedaport.ie

17 - 21 *Wednesday - Sunday*
Solstice Festival 2015
Solstice Arts Centre, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 909 2300
solsticeartscentre.ie

20 *Saturday*
Michael Manning Memorial Dunshaughlin 10km Road Race
Dunshaughlin
T +353 (0) 87 259 7731
087 785 5580
dunshaughlinac.com

21 *Sunday*
Scurlogstown Olympiad, Trim (Traditional Haymaking Festival)
Trim
T +353 (0) 86 857 5618
Trimhaymakingfestival.com

24 - 26 *Wednesday - Friday*
Derby Sale
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

25 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

25 - 28 *Thursday - Sunday*
Hay Festival Kells
Kells
T +353 (0) 87 417 4000
kells@hayfestival.com

26 - 28 *Friday - unday*
Drogheda Samba Festival
Drogheda
droghedasamba.com

30 *Tuesday*
Scurlogstown Olympiad, Trim High Nellie
Trim
T +353 (0) 86 857 5618
Trimhaymakingfestival.com

TBC
Oldbridge Country Fair
T +353 (0) 41 980 9950
battleoftheboyne.ie

July

May - Sept
Innovative Food adventure!
Boyne Valley Food Series
T +353 (0) 87 616 7546
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

Every Sunday & Bank Hol Monday for June/July/Aug
Living History Displays
Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
T +353 (0) 41 980 9950
battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

TBC
Slane Food Festival
Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

1, 8, 15 & 22 *Wednesdays*
Tara Lecture Series
Hill of Tara Visitor Centre
8.00pm free of charge

1 - TBC
Young Event Horse League
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

4 *Saturday*
The Connemara Pony Breeders Event
Ledwidge Museum, Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

4 - 5 *Saturday - Sunday*
Irish Military War Museum-Easter Rising & reinactments
Starinagh, Collon,Slane
T +353 (0) 86 395 2180
Imwm.ie/tag/slane

5 *Sunday*
ALMC Motor Rally
Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 87 623 1992
almc.ie

5 *Sunday*
Area 7 Horse Trials
6 - 7 *Monday - Tuesday*
Ward Union Hunt Pony Camp
13 - 17 (TBC) *Monday - Friday*
Meath Hunt Pony Club Camp
25 - 26 *Saturday - Sunday*
Tattersalls July Show
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

10 - 12 *Friday - Sunday*
Loughcrew Garden Opera
Loughcrew Gardens
T +353 (0) 49 854 1356
loughcrew.com

18 - 21 *Saturday - Tuesday*
Craft in Action
Bru Na Boinne Visitor Centre
T +353 (0) 46 909 7060
meathtourism.ie

TBC
The Salty Dog Trials
Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

TBC
Swift Satire Festival Trim
Trim
T +353 (0) 87 926 8066
swiftsatirefestival.com

TBC
Trim Vintage Car Rally
T +353 (0) 87 763 7030
trimcarrally.ie

Festivals & Events

25 - 26 *Saturday - Sunday*
Meath Heritage Cycle
Trim & Environs
T +353 (0) 46 906 7337
meathsports.ie

28 *Tuesday*
Ledwidge Day
Slane
T +353 (0) 49 854 2645
slaneforummail@gmail.com

30 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

30 Jul - 3 Aug
Le Cheile Oldcastle Festival
T +353 (0) 086 877 2716
lecheile.com

August

30 Jul - 3 Aug
Le Cheile Oldcastle Festival
T +353 (0) 086 877 2716
lecheile.com

May - Sept
Innovative Food adventure!
Boyne Valley Food Series
T +353 (0) 87 616 7546
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

Every Sunday & Bank Hol Monday for June/July/Aug
Living History Displays
Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
T +353 (0) 41 980 9950
battleoftheboyne@opw.ie

1 - 3 *Saturday - Monday*
Irish Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships
11 - 13 *Tuesday - Thursday*
August N.H Sale
15 - 16 *Saturday - Sunday*
Irish Pony Club All Ireland Horse Trial Championships
23 *Sunday*
Tattersalls Ireland one Day Event
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

9 *Sunday*
Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival
T +353 (0) 46 924 4390
moynaltysteamthreshing.ie

22 - 30 *Saturday - Sunday*
Heritage Week
Events all around Co. Meath
meath.ie

23 *Sunday*
The Ladywell Fete
Slane Castle
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

27 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

30 *Sunday*
Race Around Ireland (start)
Trim
racearoundireland.com

September

May - Sept
Innovative Food adventure!
Boyne Valley Food Series
T +353 (0) 87 616 7546
boynevalleyfoodseries.ie

5 *Saturday*
Tri An Mhi XXVI Sprint Dist. Triathlon
Slane
T +353 (0) 86 819 9726
trianmhi.com

6 *Sunday*
Royal Meath Agricultural Show
Trim
T +353 (0) 46 902 5599
trim-show.com

18 -20 *Friday - Sunday*
Spirit of Folk
Dunderry Park
T +353 (0) 87 7835 372
spiritoffolk.com

19 - 22 *Saturday - Tuesday*
Loughcrew Equinox Dawn
Loughcrew, Oldcastle
T +353 (0) 41 988 0300

20 *Saturday*
Spirit of Folk
Dunderry Park
spiritoffolk.com

22 - 23 *Tuesday - Wednesday*
Yearling & Event Horse Sales
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

24 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

TBC
Lady Well Fete at Slane Castle
Slane
T +353 (0) 87 909 1640
meathtourism.com

TBC
The Johnstons Folk Music Festival
Slane
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

TBC
Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
Dunshaughlin
T +353 (0) 87 917 8912
DunFest.com

TBC
Bru na Boinne Solstice Draw
Donore
T +353 (0) 41 988 0300

October

2 - 4 *Friday - Sunday*
Guth Gafa International Film Festival
Headfort House & Kells town
T +353 (0) 86 811 8112
guthgafa.com

2 - 4 *Friday - Sunday*
O'Carolan Harp Cultural & Heritage Fest.
Nobber & Environs
T +353 (0) 46 905 2115
carolanfestival.com

4 *Sunday*
Boyne Valley Pink Ribbon Walk
Kells
T +353 (0) 87 984 4724
pinkribbonwalk.ie

11 *Sunday*
Dunboyne Wedding Fair
Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 1 801 3500
dunboynecastlehotel.com

16 Oct - 1 Nov
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
40 + events all around Co Meath
T +353 (0) 46 909 7060
meathtourism.ie
spiritsofmeath.ie

17 *Saturday*
Megalithic Man Adventure Race
Loughcrew Adventure Centre
T +353 (0) 49 854 1356
megalithicman.com

24 *Saturday*
Slane Halloween Hunt
Slane Castle
T +353 (0) 41 982 4000
visitslane@gmail.com

24 - 25 *Saturday - Sunday*
Mine Vention 2015
City North Hotel
T +353 (0) 1 690 6624
citynorthhotel.com

TBC
Haunted Spooktacular
Grove Gardens, Kells
T +353 (0) 46 943 4276
hauntedspooktacular.com

TBC
Farmaphobia
Pooka Spooka
Causey Farm, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 943 4135
causey.ie

TBC
CarnEvil & Family Halloween Fun
29 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

TBC
Family Hallloween Fun
The Bective
T +353 (0) 46 924 7780
thebective.ie

TBC
Halloween
Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
T +353 (0) 041 980 9950
battleoftheboyne.ie

November

8 - 15 *Saturday - Saturday*
November N.H Sale
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

7 *Saturday*
Christy Moore
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 94 82100
knightsbrook.com

26 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

December

6 *Sunday*
Dunboyne Castle Hotel Christmas Fair
Dunboyne
T +353 (0) 1 801 3500
dunboynecastlehotel.com

6 (TBC) *Sunday*
Louth Hunt Autumn Point to Point
15 *Tuesday*
Mixed Sale
Tattersalls, Ratoath
T +353 (0) 1 886 4300
tattersalls.ie

21 *Monday*
Winter Solstice at Newgrange
Bru na Boinne/ Newgrange
T +353 (0) 41 988 0300

31 *Thursday*
New Years Eve Shamanic Celebration
Dunderry
T +353 (0) 87 783 5372
Nastasha@spiritoffolk.com

31 *Thursday*
Comedy: Navan Laughs
The Central, Navan
T +353 (0) 46 902 7999
thecentral.ie

TBC
Knightsbrook Christmas Fair
Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
T +353 (0) 46 948 2100
knightsbrook.com

Festivals & Events

The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival - Where Halloween Began!

The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival celebrates its 7th year in 2015 and offers almost 40 spooky and fun events for all the family during October. Why not visit Co. Meath, where Halloween began, and witness the reenactment of the Celtic celebration with a torchlit procession from Athboy to the top of the Hill of Tlachtga on Samhain night - 31st October.

The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival 2015 takes place from 19th October – 2nd November with lots of events to choose from; including a House of Horrors; Haunted Spooktacular, Terrifying Treasure Trails; PookaSpooka during the day and spine-tingling spooky themed nights; There is something to entertain all ages at the Spirits of Meath Festival this Halloween with 'scarily' good accommodation offers and lots of the events are free of charge. Visit www.spiritsofmeath.ie for more information. Find us on Facebook.

Spirits of Meath (courtesy of Barry Cronin Photography)

Hill of Ward (Tlachtga), - The Birthplace of Halloween

Samhain, the ancient Celtic Festival that we now call Halloween, originated here in Co. Meath more than 2,000 years ago. Samhain marks the end of the old Celtic Year and the beginning of the New Year. The Celts believed that this was a time of transition, when the veil between our world and the next came down, and the spirits of all who had died since the last Oíche Shamhna (Night of Samhain) moved on to the next life.

One of the main spiritual centres of the ancient Celts was located on top of the hill of Tlachtga, now called the Hill of Ward, near Athboy, Co. Meath. The druids felt that this world and the otherworld were closest at Tlachtga and it was here that the festival of Samhain, or Halloween, was started. The old year's fires were extinguished and, after sunset, the ceremonial New Year Samhain fire was lit here. Torches were lit from this sacred fire and carried to seven other hills around the county including Tara and Loughcrew, and then on to light up the whole countryside.

Today, the old Celtic ceremony at Tlachtga has been revived and we mix the ancient past and the twenty-first century with a reenactment of the Celtic celebration starting with a torchlit procession from the Fair Green in Athboy, Co. Meath to the top of the Hill of Tlachtga, at 7pm on October 31st each year.

Accommodation

A bed fit for a King in the Boyne Valley

Accommodation in the Boyne Valley offers a variety of choice for visitors. With luxurious hotels and guesthouses, first class bed and breakfast homes, old heritage style houses, self catering cottages and hostels, there is something to appeal to all tastes and needs. Quality leisure centres and state of the art conference facilities are a feature of many hotels and many sporting and leisure amenities are available close to all accommodation types. Wherever you choose to stay in the Boyne Valley you may be assured of exceptional standards of quality and service and a genuine interest in your enjoyment of your chosen destination.

****CityNorth Hotel M1

Gormanston Co. Meath
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citynorthhotel.com

Located midway between the famous Boyne Valley Region and Dublin City Centre, CityNorth Hotel lies just 20 minutes north of Dublin Airport (exit Jcn 7 on the M1), with a 24 hr shuttle bus service to and from Dublin Airport.This is a contemporary 4 star hotel that combines high standards of hospitality and service, stylish bedrooms and excellent value with an accessible location. Guests will enjoy a range of amenities including a children's games room, outdoor playground, tots play area, 'Lavender Suite' - for beauty & massage treatments, acupuncture clinic, fitness suite, and site heritage trails. Guests can avail of a public coach service which calls directly to the hotel (14 times daily - 7 days) and transfers to the historic town of Drogheda, Dublin city centre and some of the local coastal villages.

Darnley Lodge Hotel

Main Street, Athboy Co. Meath
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Situated in the historic town of Athboy, the Darnley Lodge Hotel is a haven of tranquillity nestled in the heart of the Boyne Valley Drive. Our Hotel is traditional with a warm and welcoming atmosphere and boasts a portfolio of fifteen en-suite bedrooms including our stunning Jewel Suite. Our hotel is an ideal place for you to relax and unwind with its homely charm and friendly feel. The lounge bar or restaurant are ideal if you would like to dine and our menus offer great variety. We have live music playing every Saturday night and live trad sessions every Sunday night from 8.30pm. Located just 40 minutes' drive from Dublin Airport and 2 hours from Belfast City Airport, the Darnley Lodge Hotel serves as an excellent base from which to explore the Boyne River Valley.

Ardboyne Hotel

Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
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ardboynehotel.com

Located on the outskirts of Navan Town, The Ardboyne Hotel is situated only 30 minutes drive from Dublin. The hotel boasts 29 en suite bedrooms, with mature gardens to the rear of the hotel. Additional facilities include conference & banqueting facilities, Wireless internet, complimentary car parking. Dining available in Hugo's Restaurant & the Kells Bar daily, with Live Music every Saturday.

Castle Arch Hotel

Summerhill Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1516
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castlearchhotel.com

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. The hotel offers 21 excellently appointed ensuite bedrooms. Additional facilities include Conference & Banqueting Suites, private car parking and dining in the Arch Lounge daily. We offer comp Wi-Fi to all guests.

The Conyngham Arms Hotel

Main Street, Slane, Co Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4444
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A lovingly restored 17th Century Coaching Inn, in the heart of the manor village of Slane. The little sister of nearby Tankardstown, this classic country style village hotel is bang up to date on a new style of home grown, 15 bedroom country village hotel, original, relaxed and sitting comfortably within its environment. Uncomplicated, fresh menus, offer locally produced fare where possible and in season. Diners can dine from a comprehensive selection of dishes on offer all day, seven days a week. Having just acquired its first AA Rosette, dining in The Conyngham Arms is a most enjoyable experience and with beautiful gardens behind the hotel, guests can dine outdoors on clement days, in peaceful surroundings, with the Slane Castle estate just over the wall. 15 tastefully decorated bedrooms, some with four poster have been named after areas around Slane. Just 40 minutes from Dublin and Dublin Airport, the Conyngham Arms is the perfect base for visiting Newgrange, Slane Castle, Tayto Park, Hill of Slane, the tourist office and genealogy centre are just down the street. Navan, Fairyhouse and Bellew-stown Racecourses are only a few furlongs away from the Conyngham Arms.

the d hotel

Scotch Hall, Marsh Road, Drogheda.
Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 7700
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thedhotel.com

The award-winning 4 star d hotel Drogheda is located on the banks of the River Boyne. This impressive waterfront location includes the Scotch Hall shopping complex and a purpose built pedestrian bridge to the town centre, with its many traditional pubs and restaurant. The 104 luxurious bedrooms are excellently complemented with De Lacy's Steak & Seafood Restaurant and the historic and lively Wm Cairnes & Son Gastropub housed in the original Cairnes Brewery buildings. The hotel is ideally located only 25minutes from Dublin airport and in the heart of Irelands most historic region with Newgrange, the Battle of the Boyne, Monaterboice & Mellifont only minutes away. The hotel has played host to world famous golfers during the European Tour Irish Open and is ideally situated to play the excellent links courses of Baltray, Seapoint & Bettystown.

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

Dunboyne, Co. Meath
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frontoffice@dunboynecastlehotel.com
dunboynecastlehotel.com

Set in the historical village of Dunboyne. This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne now offers sophisticated modern luxury for your enjoyment. With a location convenient to both the airport and Dublin city centre, yet nestled in the heart of Meath, this hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities and the exquisite Seoid Spa.145 spacious bedrooms boast the latest in modern amenities and there is complimentary WIFI throughout the hotel. Dunboyne Castle is the perfect venue for any occasion.

Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

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

Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort promises a combination of luxury and modern sophistication. Set in 186 acres of rolling parkland, Knightsbrook Hotel and Golf Resort offers a contemporary new 4 star hotel with 131 bedrooms including 12 suites, health club, 17 suite Spa, championship golf course designed by Christy O'Connor Jnr conference facilities for up to 1100 delegates and 28 luxurious holiday homes. Located only 35 minutes from Dublin in the heritage town of Trim. Knightbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort is proud to have hosted the PING Junior Solheim Cup 2011.

The Pillo Hotel and Spa Ashbourne

The Rath, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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pillohotelashbourne.com

The Pillo Hotel and Spa, Ashbourne combines contemporary chic with 4 star luxury. Perfectly located 22Km from Dublin city centre and at the gateway to Meath, the Heritage capital of Ireland,The Pillo Hotel and Spa Ashbourne boasts 148 bedrooms decorated to the highest standard, a full leisure centre, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and kids pool. There's children's play room onsite and kids club during the summer months and at peak times, allowing Mum and Dad the chance to enjoy our Red Bar and Grill 21 Restaurant. We are the closest hotel to Tayto Park, only a five minute drive away, and the ideal base to visit both Dublin Zoo and Funtasia and our recently upgraded high speed complimentary wi-fi access makes us the perfect choic for your families stay in Co. Meath.

The Station House Hotel

Kilmessan, Co. Meath
Tel 353 (0) 46 902 5239
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stationhousehotel.ie

Set on 11 acres of landscaped gardens and woodlands, this award winning, cosy country house hotel has been run by the Slattery family since 1983. This converted railway station which dates back over 150 years has much old memorabilia still on display providing an authentic character and quaint appeal. The original "Railway Signal Box" has been beautifully transformed into a bridal suite. Located in Kilmessan village, the hotel is just 4km from the Hill of Tara and makes for a perfect rest point when touring the Boyne Valley or nearby golf courses such as Kileen Castle.

Headfort Arms Hotel

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

National Gold Medal Award Winner for 2010 and National finalist for 2011 this family owned & managed hotel offers a true Irish Experience in the heritage town of Kells, the perfect base to discover the Boyne Valley. This listed building has 45 bespoke bedrooms with all modern facilities. Also included is the Award Winning Vanilla Pod Restaurant, all day Café, Headfort Spa, traditional Kelltic Pub & Headfort Lounge with open fire. The hotel hosts a facsimile edition of the Book of Kells, also renowned for it's packages with Headfort Golf Club & local visitor attractions. Tour guide also available on the premises for walking tours. National Gold Medal Winner 2010, National Finalist 2011 & 2013.

The Newgrange Hotel

Navan, Co. Meath
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newgrangehotel.ie

Located in the centre of Navan Town. Private car parking. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. The hotel boasts 62 luxurious bedrooms. Additional facilities include Conference & Banqueting suites, private car parking, the Bridge Restaurant, Ruxton's Café, The Club Lounge & Rowley's bar with live entertainment Thursday - Sunday.

Scholars Townhouse Hotel

King Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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scholarshotel.com

Built in 1867 as a monastery for the Christian Brothers by renowned architects Ashlin and Pugin, noted for designing many parliamentary buildings in Ireland and the UK.It was renovated by the McGowan family in 2005 who have transformed the magnificent building into a boutique hotel. Scholars Townhouse is currently the only family owned hotel in the region and is renowned for its excellence in hospitality and customer service. The McGowan family Martin, Patricia and their two sons Mark and Glenn operate the hotel to a very professional standard yet have created a homely atmosphere throughout and promise you the warmest of Irish Welcomes. The hotel consists of 16 en suite bedrooms, fine dining restaurant, bar and gastro lounge. Scholars Townhouse is an excellent destination for food and relaxation. The hotel is centrally located in the heart of Drogheda's city centre, all amenities and a host of attractions are a stones throw away.

Trim Castle Hotel

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

Trim Castle Hotel sits with quiet authority overlooking the mystical Trim Castle and the adjoining rolling lawns of St. Patricks Church. This stunning but contemporary 4 star hotel offers superb accommodation in the beautiful heritage town of Trim. A perfect tourist destination and ideal venue for a conference or special wedding day. Stunning rooftop garden, 68 bedrooms, conference facilities, cafe, bar, restaurant, ample parking, Kilkenny Gift Shop. We offer comp wifi to all guests & we have the showband show act 'Reeling in the Years' taking place here on the 11th Jan 2014.

Accommodation

The Cottages

Specialist Accommodation

Clonabreany House & Courtyard
Crossakiel, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9243814
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clonabreanyhouse.ie

Clonabreany House and Courtyard lies at the gateway to the Boyne Valleynear Crossakiel. The four star approved cottages surround a large car-free courtyard, with ample parking to the rear include a cosy private country bar and restaurant for up to 60 people. All cottages provide luxury and comfort with modern facilities, whilst retaining the character of eachhouse and the historical charm of this beautiful courtyard. The cottages are fully furnished with fitted kitchens and luxury bathrooms and provide flexible accommodation, sleeping up to 84 people. Ideal for short-breaks, family holidays and large group gatherings for special occasions.

Tankardstown House
Slane, Co. Meath
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Exuding elegance and luxury, Tankardstown comprises an 18th Century Manor House, Courtyard Cottage Suites and Restaurant Area on 80 acres of park and woodland. Beautifully restored, offering Irish hospitality, whilst retaining the true feel of a Country House. Choose a Main House Heritage Bedroom or a beautifully appointed Courtyard Cottage Suite. Compliment your stay with dinner from the 2AA Rosette Brabazon Restaurant. Lunch or afternoon tea is served in the more casual 'Cellar Area'. Member of Ireland's Blue Book.

Tankardstown House

Navan

Bed & Breakfast

Hill of Tara House
Hil of Tara, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5296
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Located on the Hill of Tara with beautiful views. 10km from Navan town off the N3. Convenient to Dublin/Navan Bus Route. Free wifi for guests. Home baking a speciality.

Telltown House
Telltown, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3239
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teltownhouse.net

A 17th Century Country House on 290 acres of rich pasture in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Situated close to where the historical Tailteann Games were held. Accommodation for 8-10 people, all bedrooms en suite with 3 reception rooms, log fires and Jacussi and a full Irish breakfast is included. A chauffeur driven mini bus is available and guests are met at the airport if necessary. Convenient to all heritage sites and tourist attractions, easily accessible from Kells and Navan.

The Yellow House B&B
1 Springfield Glen, Dublin Road,
Navan, Co. Meath
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theyellowhouse.ie

Spacious detached house located beside the famous River Boyne on the R147. Two minutes walk from Ardboyne Hotel with full bar and restaurant facilities. Free wifi for guests. Short walk to town centre. Dublin Bus and Airport bus stop 2 mins. from B&B. Free parking. Home cooking a speciality.

Self Catering

Decoy Country Cottages
Award winning 4 star Luxury Self Catering Accommodation & Day Spa
Garlow Cross, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 6960
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decoycountrycottages.ie

Beautifully restored stable mews in a peaceful and tranquil setting. Accommodation ranges from 1,2,3 or 4 bedrooms. Located close to Tara & Newgrange, yet Dublin only 30 mins. Facilities indoor/outdoor play area, games room, relaxation room, gym, day spa, underfloor heating, satellite TV, Car e-charging point. Some cottages with Jacuzzi bath, BBQ, boules, enclosed courtyard garden. Baby equipment, extra fold up bed, and babysitting avail. Weekly rates from €450 fully inc. short break rates on request.

Trim & Athboy

Bed & Breakfast

Crannmor Guesthouse
Dunderry Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Anne O'Regan
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Georgian Country House with gardens on the outskirts of Trim "Heritage Town", Convenient to Golf, fishing and Boyne Valley. Marc O'Regan is a qualified Fishing Guide. Approx 45 minutes to Dublin Airport.

Tigh Cathain B&B
Longwood Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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E tighcathain.bnb@gmail.com
www.tighcathain-bnb.com

A Tudor style country house 1 km from Trim Castle on the R160. 40 minutes to Dublin Airport. Large luxury ensuite rooms. Secure private parking.

White Lodge
Lackanash, New Road, Trim, Meath
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whitelodge.com

Town house - 5 mins walk to the Castle - 6 ensuite bedrooms, TV, Coffee/Tea, free internet. Free private parking. Walking distance of all locations in Trim. Airport only 40 mins.

Guesthouses

Highfield House
Maudlins Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Geraldine Duignan
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Fax +353 (0) 46 943 8182
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highfieldguesthouse.com

Highfield House Guesthouse is a beautiful period residence/historical building overlooking Trim Castle and the River Boyne and right in the heart of the Boyne Valley . 30 Mins to Newgrange, 40 mins from Dublin Airport. Facilities include: laundry services, baby-sitting service, free Internet access. (Wi fi) tea/coffee making facilities & flat screen TVs. A relaxing and memorable experience with a very warm welcome awaiting all.

Self Catering

Beechwood Lodge Self Catering
Readstown, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel/Fax +353 (0) 46 943 6926
beechwoodlodge.ie

Swift & Delacy - Wellington- Rustic location on 30 acres, private parking. 2 storey homes, 4 star approved with tennis, sauna, angling facilities. Sleeps 4.
Pine - Sycamore -Chestnut - Bungalow style luxury homes, large decked veranda overlooking tennis court and country views in all directions. Underfloor heating for extra comfort. Private parking, close to Dublin airport and city. Sleeps 7. Internet on site.

Kiltale Holiday Homes
Kiltale, Dunsany, Co. Meath
Tel/Fax +353 (0) 46 943 6679
E mmlydon@eircom.net
meathselfcatering.com

Kiltale House, Cottage, The Loft/Stable/Dairy and the new Stone Cottage
Award winning 4 star approved self catering accommodation with all modern conveniences. Ideal for families where you can meet a range of animals, milk the goats, feed the lambs, even ride the donkeys and ponies. Well equipped playground and playhouse. Angling facilities on site. On bus route to Dublin city. Private parking, farm tour on request, close to Dublin airport, Sleeps 3, 4, 6 or 7.

Steeple View Holiday Homes
Steeple View, High Street,Trim,
Meath
Tel/Fax +353 (0) 86 122 1589
E mmlydon@eircom.net
meathselfcatering.com

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.

Kells

Bed & Breakfast

Clonabreany House & Courtyard
Crossakiel, Co. Meath
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clonabreanyhouse.ie

The four star approved cottages surround a large car-free courtyard, with ample parking to the rear include a cosy private country bar and restaurant for up to 60 people. All cottages provide luxury and comfort with modern facilities, whilst retaining the character of eachhouse and the historical charm of this beautiful courtyard. The cottages are fully furnished with fitted kitchens and luxury bathrooms and provide flexible accommodation, sleeping up to 84 people. Ideal for short-breaks, family holidays and large group gatherings for special occasions.

Teach Cuailgne
Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath
Peggy O'Reilly
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teachcuailgne.com

A 3* B&B in the heart of the Boyne Valley. A base for visiting Loughcrew and all local Heritage.Walking distance to pubs and facilities. All sporting activity needs ie: drying freezing etc.catered for. Packed lunches and tour guide arranged on request. Breakfast choice,home cooking and special diets our speciality.

Self Catering

Clonleason Gate Lodge
Fordstown, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 4111
E clonleason@eircom.net
clonleason.com

An extremely cosy one bedroom riverside cottage overlooking parkland. Located in the heart of the Boyne Valley between Athboy and Kells the cottage is a perfect place to unwind. Roses scent the air in summer and logs are provided for winter warmth. Only one hour from Dublin/Dublin Airport.

Hideaway at Foxhollow
Fordstown, Navan, Co. Meath
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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.

Slane

Bed & Breakfast

Newgrange Lodge
Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 2478
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newgrangelodge.com

Traditional farmhouse style 27 bedroom lodge uniquely located within a minute's walk to Newgrange World UNESCO Heritage site. 22 double/twin and family ensuite rooms, 40 dorm beds ideal for groups, self catering kitchen, conference facilities, recreation rooms, BBQ & picnic areas. Wheelchair accessible and very family friendly. Complimentary wifi, 24hr security, bike hire, coach and car parking.

Newrath Stud Racing Stables and Thoroughbred Breeders Luxury Swish B&B in Self Catering Mews
Newrath, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4764
E info@newrathstud.com
newrathstud.com

The ultimate experience from stunning accommodation to watching thoroughbred horses being trained or walking the grounds of the equine farm. On 104 acres of rolling meadows overlooking the hills of Slane, Tara & Skryne, the self-catering mews are set in an oval courtyard with marble floors throughout and lots of light from glazed screens overlooking the countryside.

Slane Farm Cottages
Harlinstown, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4985
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slanefarmhostel.ie

Award winning 4 star cottages converted from old farm buildings into luxury accommodation.

Hostels

Slane Farm Hostel & Campsite
Harlinstown House, Slane, Meath
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slanecamping.ie

Old farm stables converted into a luxury hostel with private rooms and dorms. Camping also available.

Glamping

Rock Farm Eco Tourism
Slane, Co. Meath
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Rock Farm Slane is a naturally inspiring eco-tourism destination set on an organic farm along the banks of the River Boyne opposite Slane Castle. We offer Boutique Camping in timeless nomadic dwellings. There are 5 luxurious Yurts and 2 romantic Shepherd Huts, beautifully furnished with comfortable beds made up with crisp white linen. Your luxurious Glamping experience starts here! Rock Farm Slane is in the heart of the Boyne Valley - located only 29 miles (50 mins drive) from Dublin City centre. Escape modern life and explore the beauty of the Boyne Valley with us. We offer several packages for romantic weekends away, family get-togethers, short midweek breaks, private events, hen and stag parties, festival weddings, activity-based family breaks, cycling and walking holidays.

Drumconrath / Nobber

Self Catering

Rathgillan Farm
Nobber, Co. Meath
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rathgillanfarm.ie

A large renovated stone barn situated on 125 acre working cattle farm. Rathgillan Lodge is a renovated stone cottage. Both properties date from 1850 and are renovated to the highest standards with wood burning stoves, solar panels and oil central heating. Beautiful views of the surrounding countryside with walkways throughout the farm. Located 1 km from the pretty village of Nobber and 1 hour drive from Dublin. Pets welcome.

The Quoin Stone & The Arch Court
Drumconrath, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 685 4162
Tel +353 (0) 87 3251651
E quoinstone@gmail.com

An old stone coach house converted into two 4 star self-catering properties. The Quoin Stone has 3 bedrooms and The Arch Court has 2 bedrooms, in a village setting within walking distance from shops and pubs. Very suitable for walking, cycling or angling. 20 minutes to Slane and Newgrange. 45 minutes from Dublin Airport and 10 mins from the M1.

Ashbourne / Dunshaughlin / Enfield

Guesthouses

Aisling Guesthouse
Dublin Road, Baltrasna, Ashbourne
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20 rooms sleep 60 People (inc large family rooms sleep 5, family sleep 4 & family sleep 3) also 2/3 Bed self-catering apartments, FREE Wifi in Rooms & Apts. Only 2 mins from Ashbourne centre, 5 mins from M50, 5 mins from Fairyhouse Racecourse & Tattersalls. Croke Park & Dublin Airport just 10 mins away. The bus stops outside our gate - 25 mins journey to the Dublin City. We pride ourselves on our top class accommodation & service for over 30 years.

Broadmeadow Country House
Bullstown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 2823
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irishcountryhouse.com

4 star country estate on 100 acres. 15 minutes from Dublin airport. 20 minutes from Dublin city. Excellent venue for conferences and seminars catering for groups of 4-30 people. Broadmeadow Health and Beauty Salon now open.

Kilmore House
Enfield, Co. Kildare
Tel +353 (0) 46 954 9172
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kilmorehouse.ie

A beautiful Georgian country house situated close to the N4 and M4, less than 1 hour from Dublin City and 2 hours from Galway. Set in 47 acres of parkland with mature trees, the house is almost 300 years old, laid out on the orientation of the sun. A small working farm with rare breed animals such as Dexter cattle, guinea fowl, Aylesbury ducks, Gloucester old spot pigs, Texel sheep, and our llama, Kuzco.

Self Catering

Ballinakill Mews
Enfield, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 954 1835
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ballinakillmews.com
Mary O'Malley

Self Catering 4 star quality, 2 bed apartment with garden in grounds of period house.

Duffy's of Ballybin
Ashbourne, Co. Meath
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E theresefoster@gmail.com
duffysofballybin.com

Offering the best of both worlds. The apartments are located in a quiet secluded yard, surrounded by countryside, but within easy reach of local towns, for shopping and leisure. Downtown Dublin is less than 45 mins away and it is only a 20 min drive to the airport.

Gaulstown House Courtyard Apts
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath
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dunshaughlinselfcatering.com

This exclusive and unique 4 star apartments in a converted stone faced barn on a working farm beside the N3. Only 24 km from Dublin. Open all year. Weekly or shorter lets.

East Meath

Guesthouses

Rannoch Guesthouse
Bettystown, Co. Meath
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holidayinmeath.com

Located on the seafront overlooking the beautiful beaches of Laytown and Bettystown in Co. Meath. Our family owned and run guesthouse offers a spectacular seaview. Guests can access the beach directly from the garden. Complimentary WIFI and parking provided.

Self Catering

The Garden Rooms, Beamond House
Bellewstown, Co. Meath
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beamondhouse.com

Set in beautiful rolling parkland, the Garden Rooms at Beamond House have been restored in keeping with the history of this lovely Georgian period home. Our 4 star self-catering accommodation sleeps up to 6 in luxurious comfort and coziness comprising a light, bright living/kitchen/diner with all mod cons and wood burning stove, 3 bedrooms, one en suite, a large family bathroom, utility room and laundry facilities. There is also a secluded patio area with BBQ. Large garden with magnificent countryside views. 25 minutes from Dublin airport and 40 minutes from Dublin.

The Cottages
Seabank, Coast Rd, Bettystown,
Liz & Roger Pickett
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cottages-ireland.com

Featured by The Sunday Times Magazine in their "Coolest Cottages in Britain and Ireland", 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 in Ireland. Just 25 minutes from Dublin airport.

Food & Drink

Restaurants

Daly's of Donore
Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 3252
E info@dalysofdonore.com
dalysofdonore.com
A stone's throw from Newgrange and almost as famous! The Newgrange Steakhouse & Seafood Restaurant at Daly's of Donore offers excellent home cooking with a choice of both traditional and European Dishes. The ambience in this 90-seater restaurant is relaxing, cosy and friendly.

The Gate Restaurant
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Tel +353 (0) 46 902 2508
E noreenamcfadden@gmail.com
A Relaxed modern bistro with a friendly atmosphere. Seasonal menu of local produce. Weekly specials with complimentary glass of house wine. Home baked desserts are a speciality. Awarded 'The Happy Heart' for healthy food options. Open: Mon-Sat 8.00am - 6.30pm Fri 8.00am - 9.00pm

Gaylord Spices
Indian Restaurant & Take Away
26 Railway Street, Navan, Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 6631
gaylordspices.com
A traditional and contemporary Indian cuisine in a warm and friendly environment. Our chef has the unique experience of working in a Michelin Star restaurant. Our ethos is to source fresh, local produce while providing a memorable dining experience.

Khan Spices
Indian Restaurant & Take Away
Emmet St, Emmet Yard, Trim, Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1378
E info:khanspicestrim.ie
khanspicestrim.ie
Khan Spices represents real Indian cuisine, in the centre of Trim. Although there is a difference of country and culture, we create the flavour of real Indian cuisine in the same way as back home in India. To make the various flavours authentic, traditional Indian methods are used, with pungent spices and herbs, exotic and fragrant ingredients to offer subtle sensuality - the very essence of our Indian cuisine. We are proudly serving our customers since 2008 and have been awarded a certificate of excellence by Tripadvisor for the last 3 years.

Khan Tandoori
19 Watergate Street, Navan, Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 8762
khantandoori.ie
Khan Tandoori, a very well known authentic Indian restaurant and take away in Navan centre. We are famous for our friendly management and staff and our unique Indian cuisine. Special offers Monday to Thursday. Delivery service & outdoor catering available

Martry Restaurant
Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1994
The Martry Restaurant & Bar is situated just outside The Heritage town of Kells. Marie Kenny & her staff take great pride in offering patrons a relaxed and delicious dining experience with a taste of Irish hospitality that the Martry has become renowned for. From your next lunch meeting with important cleints, to dinner out with friends, we are here to take care of you. Open 12-9pm Monday to Saturday 12.30-8pm Sunday.

Monasterboice Inn
Monasterboice Co Louth.
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 2989
E reservations@donegans.net
monasterboice-inn.ie
Monasterboice Inn is a family run restaurant 5 minutes from Monasterboice where you can see the world famous Muiredocks Cross, and 12 minutes from Newgrange. We specialise in Steak from our own farm. Scampi is also a big hit. We serve good wholesome local food of the highest quality, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We can cater for any group, large or small, as we have 3 dining rooms of varying capacity, and 2 large private car parks.

Tankardstown House
Brabazon Restaurant
The Cellar Restaurant & Bar
Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 98 24621
E info@tankardstown.ie
tankardstown.ie
Set in the 'Garden Village' at Tankardstown, 2AA Brabazon Restaurant offers seasonal dishes that are carefully created from local produce and vegetables, salads and just picked herbs from the walled garden on the estate wherever possible. Dine from the a la carte Menu, or from the 7 Course Tasting Menu, which is becoming more and more popular with our discerning diners. French doors lead seamlessly to the outdoor terrace and garden area complete with awning and patio heaters, where guests can enjoy dining 'alfresco' when the weather is clement. The dining experience at Tankardstown is a feast for both the eyes and the palate. House smoked meats , honey bees, happy hens, just some of the in house activity which provides ingredients for the menu in Brabazon which is a feast for the eyes and the palate. Open for Dinner Wednesday to Sunday from 6pm. Open for Sunday Lunch 12.30-3.30pm.

Station House Hotel Restaurant

Hotel Dining

Ardboyne Hotel
Hugo's Restuarant
Dining – Kells Bar
Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119
E nfo@ardboynehotel.com
ardboynehotel.com
Hugo's Restaurant offers Daily Carvery Lunch Specials from 12.30pm with evening dining available Friday - Sunday. The Kells Bar offers a more informal dining option with a special lunch menu and an Early Bird & A la Carte Menu available daily from 3pm.

Castle Arch Hotel
Arch Lounge
Conservatory
Summerhill Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1516
E info@castlearchhotel.com
castlearchhotel.com
The Arch Lounge offers a Daily Carvery Menu and an Early Bird and A la Carte Menu from 3pm Monday - Saturday & 5pm on Sunday.

CityNorth Hotel
Mornington Restaurant
Tara Lounge
Gormanston, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 690 6666
E info@citynorthhotel.com
citynorthhotel.com
Live entertainment available in the Tara Lounge every weekend.

Conyngham Arms Hotel
Main Street, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 4444
E info@conynghamarms.ie
conynghamarms.ie
From breakfast to supper, dining is an all day event in The Conyngham Arms. This former 17th Century Coaching Inn has been serving food and drink to guests for hundreds of years! Cosy and warm surroundings provide the backdrop for carefully created dishes of freshly prepared food, sourced from local suppliers wherever possible. Casual dining from an extensive menu offers diners a varied choice of quality dishes to choose from.

The d hotel
De Lacy's Steak & Seafood Restaurant
Scotch Hall, Drogheda
Tel +353 (0) 041 987 7700
E info@delacys.ie
delacys.ie
Open from 5-10pm Thursday to Sunday and for Sunday Lunch. Also open 7 days during School Holidays. De Lacy's offers a steak and seafood menu, capturing a food market in Drogheda, not previously matched. All our dishes are prepared with thought and care, using only the finest local ingredients and top quality food sources. Our Executive Chef Nick Woollard is renowned for his creativity and spark in mixing traditional with new. We are happy to alter any dish to take account of special dietary needs on request. We also welcome feedback from our customers to keep our menu fresh and interesting. Inspired by Parisian Chic, De Lacy's offers a formal dining space for the individual diner or groups alike. The clean lines reflect the River Boyne and our steak and seafood menus are represented in the decor throughout. With minimalist design, De Lacy's is the ultimate in modern dining experience.

Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa
The Ivy, The Terrace Lounge
& The Sadlier Bar
Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 801 3500
E info@dunboynecastlehotel.com
dunboynecastlehotel.com
Dunboyne castle hotel and spa is home to the award winning 2 AA Rosette The Ivy, popular with both guests and locals, serving up the finest cuisine using local sourced ingredients. Early Bird Menu, A la Carte and Tasting menus available. Relax in the Terrace Lounge with afternoon tea or a snack and enjoy a drink or bar food in the Sadlier Bar.

Headfort Arms Hotel
Vanilla Pod Restaurant
Café Therese
Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
E info@headfortarms.ie
Featured in the Bridgestone Guide, Georgina Campbell Guide & Winner of the Bushmills 2003 Best National Newcomer Award. Contemporary setting for European and world dishes using Irish ingredients. Jazz nights and wine evenings a speciality. Open 5.30pm-10pm Monday to Thursday, Earlybird 5.30-7.30pm. Sunday lunch 12-3pm. Open 5pm for dinner and earlybird. Open Friday & Saturday-11pm.

Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort
Rococo Restaurant
Swifts Bar and Terrace Lounge
Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 2100
E info@knightsbrook.com
knightsbrook.com
This restaurant has been described as 'a food connoisseur's delight'. Foods from North Africia, Thailand and Ireland ensure a unique menu.

Newgrange Hotel
The Bridge Restaurant
Rowley's Pub, Ruxton's Café
Bridge St, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100
E info@newgrangehotel.ie
newgrangehotel.ie
Bar food served all day in Rowley's Bar. Daily Carvery lunch in Ruxton's Café. The Bridge Restaurant serves Early Bird Menu, Table D'hote & a La Carte Menu each evening.

The Pillo Hotel and Spa Ashbourne
Grill 21
Red Lounge Bar
The Rath, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 835 0800
E info@pillohotelashbourne.com
pillohotelashbourne.com
Feast on savoury steaks & seafood in Grill 21, all prepared with the finest local ingredients and finish with a drink in the Red Bar.

Station House Hotel
Signal Restaurant
The Platform Piano Lounge
Kilmessan, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
E info@stationhousehotel.ie
stationhousehotel.ie
The award winning Signal Restaurant was once a railway Station, then converted into an award winning country house hotel set on acres of woodlands and gardens. Recent awards include Georgina Campbell 2012,
Lucinda O'Sullivan 2012, Best Chef in Meath Awards 2010 & 2011, AA Rosette, Wedding Venue of the Year 2012 and more. A warm welcome and a taste of the Boyne Valley awaits you at The Signal Restaurant.

Trim Castle Hotel
Jules Restaurant
The Bailey Bar
Barista Cafe
Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3000
E info@trimcastlehotel.com
trimcastlehotel.com
Savour a creative and sumptuous menu prepared by Chef Sean McDonald, featuring a variety of dishes to suit any palette.

Cafés

'As You Like It Caffe..'
Ratoath, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 689 6333
E asyoulikeitratoath@gmail.com
asyoulikeit.ie
Taking our name from the Shakespearean play, our Name is our aim "As You Like It," Open every day! We offer breakfast, lunch and pre–show dinner menus and specialise in 'Occasion Catering' ... your location or ours!

Barista Cafe @ Trim Castle Hotel
Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3000
E info@trimcastlehotel.com
trimcastlehotel.com
Barista Café offers a delectable range of coffees, teas, hearty soups, homemade treats and gourmet dishes. Breakfasts and light lunches are also available which include a variety of traditional and modern Irish dishes with an international twist.

The Book Market Café
Market Street, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 9241 605
E thebookmarketcafe@gmail.com
Centrally located in the monastic heart of Kells. It's a friendly, relaxed second hand bookshop and café serving great coffee, the best of local cakes, appetising soup, sandwiches and hot lunches. We also have a selection of best selling new books, and books on Monastic Kells and the Book of Kells. We stock local crafts, have a pantry stocking local food produce. And we have free WiFi.

The Central
4 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 7999
E info@thecentral.ie
thecentral.ie
National Winner Bar of the Year 2014, Best Modern Cooking 2014 and Meath Best Gastropub 2014 & 2013. The Central features several bars, a restaurant, cafe & roof top terrace in Navan town centre. Family friendly venue with a buzzy atmosphere, unique design, outdoor areas & open kitchen style restaurant. Fresh wholesome food served all day. Live Music 7 Nights. Comedy Every Month. Check web for events.

Harvest Home Bakery & Cafe
18 Market St, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 6660
E merlynmahon@gmail.com
In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 8.30am. Homemade soup, soda bread, toasted panini and salad plates. Fresh cream cakes and Bewleys coffee. Open on Summer Sundays. Outdoor seating available. Like us on facebook and twitter

The Welcome All Café
Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 7227
E trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net
Located beside Trim Castle offering delicious homemade fare, scones straight from the oven served with jam & cream. Soups made fresh every day, groups welcome. Open all day Mon to Fri 9.30-5.30pm. Sat, Sun & bank Holidays 12-5.30pm (seasonal).

Pubs

Farrelly Lounge, Bar & Off License
Chapel Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel/Fax +353 (0) 49 854 1136
E farrellysbar@eircom.net
farrellysbar.com
Farrellys bar is a truly authentic family run traditional irish Pub. At Farrellys, we are famous for the quality of our pint of Guinness. As well as providing a traditional atmosphere we have a very pleasant outdoor area, a modern Wi-Fi network and live music every Thursday and Sunday night.

Fincourt Pub
Oliver Plunkett Street, Oldcastle
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 1153
E info@fincourt.com
fincourt.com
Small family run pub adjacent to Loughcrew passage graves and gardens. Open fire comfortable bar and coffee shop. Ideal for walking, fishing, golfing ,equestrian. Accommodation also available: cosy town house with open fire, large kitchen dining area and 4 bedrooms (3 ensuite) sleeps up to 8 people.

Fitzsimons Bar & Lounge
Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1157
Traditional Irish pub.

Ryan's Bar
22 Trimgate Street, Navan, Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1154
Fax +353 (0) 46 907 8333
Family run pub serving award winning lunches daily 12noon-2.30pm. Visit is a must! Also off- licence with an impressive selection of wine and champagne offering monthly tastings and wine club.

Shanks Mare
Summerhill, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 955 7028
E info@shanksmare.ie
shanksmare.ie
Shanks Mare Pub & Restaurant is located in a lovely rural setting between Moynalvey and Summerhill, Co. Meath. Shanks Mare has quickly developed a reputation as a good food pub and an enjoyable venue for a drink. Traditional Irish Music every Thursday night by Trim Comhaltas from 9.30pm, free of change. Family friendly, wheelchair accessible.

Slevins Pub
Main Street, Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1825 1068
E slevinspub@gmail.com
slevinspub.ie
Breakfast, lunch and á la carte menu Monday to Friday 10am - 9pm, Saturday 10am - 9pm and Sunday 12.30pm - 7pm. Two function rooms, local parties, free finger food, live music every Saturday night. Sunday - Family Day, 10% Discount off all meals on our a La Carte Menu in upstairs restaurant, complementary ice cream for the Kids, from 2.30-7.00pm. Live music and B.B.Q. every Sunday evening in our Beer Garden in Summer. Child-friendly, family run pub.

Smyths
53/54 Academy Street, Navan
Tel +353 (0) 46 9021899
smythbridge_galanavan@eircom.net
smythsofthebridge.com/
smythsofthebridge.blogspot.com
Smyths is run by one of Navan's oldest Publican families, where you can enjoy our hospitality in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. Enjoy a tasty bite from our all day food menu. Our pub features a traditional Forge area with Blacksmiths Tools and bellows on display. Beer garden and bicycle shed.

Smyths Flathouse
Railway Street, Navan
Tel +353 (0) 46 9022751
Traditional Family run pub situated direct across from The Solstice Arts Centre. Enjoy pre and post Theatre Drinks. Toasted sanwiches served.

Smyths of the Square
10 Market Square, Navan
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 1749
E artsmyth@eircom.net
Bar, Lounge, Off License, beer garden, BBQ, soup and sandwiches, family run. Now stocking an extensive range of Craft Beers. Wednesday night Karokee. Live Music on Friday nights. Finger food available for parties. Tourist information hub - providing tourism brochures, walking trail maps, tour guide information etc.

Teach na Teamhrach
Balreask Cross, Trim Road, Navan
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 8248
E info@tarahouseaccommodation.ie
tarahouseaccommodation.ie
Teach na Teamhrach offers a traditional Irish pub atmosphere in our convivial bar. Discuss the issues of the day with your fellow patrons, have a leisurely read of the newspaper or debate with our friendly bar-staff. Set just beside Navan town, perfect location for both the tourist and business visitor. Food served all day in the restaurant, including breakfast, lunch, a la carte and early bird options.

Gastro Pubs

The Bective
Bective St, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7780
E info@thebective.ie
thebective.ie
A relaxed, atmospheric restaurant in the heritage town of Kells. Open 7 nights from 5pm Monday – Saturday and from 3pm on Sundays. Enclosed Outdoor Terrace, Kids Play Area & Private Party Room with outdoor balcony. The Bective specialise in Irish beef and fish with over 90% of food sourced within Meath. Great value and friendly service and early bird menu. Georgina Campbell Recommended

The Central
4 Trimgate Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 7999
E info@thecentral.ie
thecentral.ie
National Winner Bar of the Year 2014, Best Modern Cooking 2014 and Meath Best Gastropub 2014 & 2013. The Central features several bars, a restaurant, cafe & roof top terrace in Navan town centre. Family friendly venue with a buzzy atmosphere, unique design, outdoor areas & open kitchen style restaurant. Premium Cocktails, Wines, World & Craft Beers & Spirits. Fresh wholesome food served all day. Live Music 7 NIghts. Comedy Every Month. Check web for events.

Wm Cairnes & Son Gastropub
Scotch Hall, Drogheda
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 7700
E book@wmcairnes.com
wmcairnes.com
Open daily from 11am to close, Wm Cairnes serves a fabulous all day menu from 12-10pm. With live music from Thursday to Sunday and late bars till 2am at the weekend it is the place to be in Drogheda. At Wm Cairnes & Son Drogheda we are truly passionate when it comes to great service, food, beer, whiskey and wine. We strive hard to use local, seasonal produce to provide you with the finest food and to support the local economy and jobs. We offer a wide range of Irish Craft beers from small microbreweries across the country from Belfast to Cork and beyond. We also have the finest selection of whiskies from around the world to be found in Drogheda.

Nightclubs

Chasers
Dunboyne Castle Hotel
Dunboyne, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 1 8013500
Open 11pm - 2am every Saturday night-weekly promotional offers.

The Palace Nite Club
Ludlow Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 905 9200
+353 (0) 86 602 8019
E info@thepalace.ie
thepalace.ie
Piano Bar open 7 days from 5pm with late bar Thurs - Mon with Live Music 6 nights per week. Palace Night Club open Thursday - Sun. Awarded Nightclub of the year 2012. Awarded Music Venue of the year 2014.

Solar Nightclub
Newgrange Hotel
Bridge Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 907 4100

Swan Lane Music Venue
Ardboyne Hotel
Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 3119
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E info@ardboynehotel.com
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ardboynehotel.com
A brand new purpose built Music Venue in Ardboyne Hotel, Navan.

LIVE Nite Club
Headfort Arms Hotel
Headfort Place, Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0063
Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11pm-2am.

Xango Night Club
Castle Arch
Summerhill Road, Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 1516
E info@castlearchhotel.com
castlearchhotel.com

Wm Cairns Gastro Pub

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Our Tourist Information Centres can also provide information on activities, entertainment and reserve accommodation at approved facilities throughout Ireland

Trim

Trim Visitor Centre and The Welcome All Café
Tourist information Centre
Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath
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Fax +353 (0) 46 943 8053
E trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net
meathtourism.ie

The visitor centre offers a wide range of books, gifts and crafts, as well as the Power and Glory Audio Visual Show. New modern Coffee Shop The Welcome All Café open serving speciality teas/coffees and food all day Mon - Sun.

Kells

Kells Tourist Information Point
Kells Civic Offices,Headfort Place, Kells,
Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0064
Fax +353 (0) 46 924 9316
E kellstouristoffice@meathcoco.ie

Houses copy of the book of Kells along with other treasures. Open Monday - Friday for tourist information, brochures and accommodation.

Navan

Solstice Arts Centre and Tourist Information Point
Railway Street, Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 909 2300
Fax +353 (0) 46 909 2305
E info@solsticeartscentre.ie
solsticeartscentre.ie

New theatre and arts centre occupies a pivotal site in the town of Navan. The 320 seat theatre will play host to numerous concerts, exhibitions and events. Hosts state of the art visual art gallery and exhibition space. Tourist information provided also.

Brú na Bóinne

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre
Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 8000

Slane

Slane Hub & Tourism Centre
2 Main Street, Slane, Co Meath.
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4000
E slaneforummail@gmail.com
visitslane.ie

Oldcastle

Kraft Kaffee and Tourist Point
No. 1 Ardfrail Court, Millbrook Road,
Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 49 854 2645

Tourist Information Point / Craft Shop stocking all Irish made gifts. Coffee Dock with speciality coffees.

Mornington

Riverside Home & Gift
Coast Road, Mornington, Drogheda, Co Meath.
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