





# BOYNE VALLEY Garden Trail 2017



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Garden Trail



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Boyne Valley Garden Trail in the historic counties of Meath and Louth consists of 10 Historic Gardens, 3 Garden Centres and 7 'Open By Appointment' gardens.

The rich heritage of the Boyne Valley is reflected in gardens that date as far back as the C17th. Each garden member hosts events in their gardens, including walks, charity fetes, plant sales, outdoor theatre, music and much more. Check website for more details.

Enquire at a garden on the trail or online:  
W: boynevalleygardentrail.com  
E: boynevalleygardentrail@gmail.com  
Facebook Boyne Valley Garden Trail



## Location

The Boyne Valley can be reached by motorway M1 from Dublin and Belfast and from Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ports in one hour, and from Dublin Airport in half an hour.



Beaulieu House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

## GARDEN CENTRES

### Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcaif, Slane, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0) 41 982 4350 E: boynegardencentre@eircom.net  
W: boynegardencentre.ie FB: Boyne Garden Centre Slane.  
GPS 53.745183, -6.577892

Multi-Award winning garden centre, including 'Best In Show' at Bloom 2016 and five successive gold medals at Bloom since 2012. Renowned for their unique selection of top quality plants, grown in their nursery with special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for catalogue.

Open: Mar 1 - Sept 30. Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.  
Also Bank Holidays. Oct 1 - Feb 28, Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.  
Child friendly. Bus parking. Guide dogs only.

### Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

Tel: 353 (0) 1 825 6678 E: ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com  
W: ratoathgardencentre.ie GPS 53.532146, -6.42569

Owned by John and Bernie Lord who have created one of the largest show gardens in Ireland. Please check web for free and informative Summer gardening talks. Sample tasty treats at Wildflower Café and eclectic gift shop.

Open: Summer, Mon-Sun, 10am-6pm. Winter, Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm.  
Coffee shop/gift shop. Bus parking. Child friendly.

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

Tel: 353 (0)87 636 3506 E: info@riverlane.ie W: www.riverlane.ie  
GPS 53.535564, - 6.83556

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

Open: Mar-Sept, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 12.00-5.30pm. Oct-Feb, Weds-Sat, 10am-5pm. Child friendly. Bus parking. Dogs on leads.



Boyne Garden Centre, Slane Co. Meath



Barmeath Castle and Gardens, Dunleer, Co. Louth

## By Appointment Only Gardens:

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

### Balrath House and Courtyard, Navan, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749 W: balrathcourtyard.com

A perfectly romantic Georgian house built in 1760, set in idyllic gardens, Balrath House offers 4 star self-catering accommodation. Please see website for reservations and to book a visit.

### Bramley Cottage, The Rath Farm, Kilsallaghan, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0) 87 683 9520 E: jane@janemccorkell.com W: janemccorkell.com

Jane McCorkell, seven times Gold Medal winner at Bloom, opens her own gorgeous garden, by appointment in June. Please see her website for more details and to book a visit. Open: June. Please contact owner for appointments and visits.

### College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0) 87 140 0220 E: eileen@collegehillhouse.ie W: collegehillhouse.ie

Owned by the O'Grady Blake family, this C18th house has delightful B/B accommodation set in three acres of superb landscaped garden and grounds. For reservations and group visits, please see website. Open: year round

### Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth

Tel: 353 (0) 87 235 5645 E: collonhoureception@gmail.com

W: collonhouse.com GPS: 53.732466-6.292419

Built in 1740, the house is now a guesthouse and member of Hidden Ireland. Period planting surrounds the house and features a restored, sunken box parterre. Delightful flower borders are home to phlox, delphiniums, asters and hostas. In 2014, Collon House won the An Taisce first prize for conservation and restoration. Gardens are open by appointment only. Tea and coffee by arrangement. Please see website for details. Bus parking. Dogs on leads.

### Julianstown Village Garden

Tel: 086 3477283 E: nuill@eircom.net W: julianstowncommunity.com

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

### Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath

Tel: 353(0) 41 9829302 E: martin@alioth.eu W: boynevalleygardentrail.com

Once upon the time, "Rosemount" was a commercial orchard, sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, it is an enchanted riverscape garden set on ten acres, studded with a collection of unusual trees and outhouses. Teas, apéritifs, music lectures, political and economic talks by arrangement. Open: By appointment. Contact owners.

Fee: for guided garden tour: € 5 - per person, minimum € 75 - per group visit.

### Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0) 41 9824621 E: info@tankardstown.ie W: tankardstown.ie

Tankardstown Estate comprises 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. The kitchen garden supplies the award-winning Brabazon Restaurant with vegetables and salads. The half kilometer lime tree avenue, offers a wonderful lead up to the focal point of the Estate - a late 18th Century Manor House with wonderfully tended gardens and surrounds. Open Day: Weds 13th September 2017. Fee: €5 proceeds to charity.

The hedges are all drowned in green grass seas,  
And bobbing poppies flare like Elmo's light

June by Francis Ledwidge.