Historic Gardens

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

**Open: All year except Christmas and New Year. Fee: Gardens are free of charge.**

**Admission charges apply to Visitor Centre.**

**Open: June 1 - Sept 1, 18-24, 25-29, 2pm-6pm. Oct 23-27, 2-6pm. Nov 6-10, 2-6pm.**

**Fee:** €3 OAP, €5 Adult.

**Listoke Gardens**, [Art Gallery, Pavilion Tea Rooms, Garden Shop & Distillery and Gin School] Ballymackeny Rd, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Tel: +353 (0) 86 864 4228  E: info@listoke.com  W: www.listoke.com  GPS: 53.743502, -6.347011

Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbaceous plants, woodland walk and a small menagerie of feathered friends to delight all ages. Tea Pavilion and plantshop. For Tearoom opening times and more information about Art Gallery openings, Distillery & Gin School and B&B, please see website.

Open: 8 days/week year round. Weekdays 10am - 5pm, weekends 11am-5pm.

**Fee:** €9 Adults, €5 OAP, €3 Children. €20 family ticket.

**Loughcrew House and Gardens**, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 49 854 1336  E: info@loughcrew.com  W: loughcrew.com  GPS 53.787672, -7.146066

Magnificent restored gardens with yew walk, woodland walks, walled garden, canal and parterre - nestled close to the iconic Loughcrew Cairns. Adventure centre and coffee shop on site. Please see website for more details and tour guide.

Open: 7 days/week year round. Weekdays 10am - 5pm, weekends 11am-5pm.

**Fee:** €6 Adults, €3 OAP, €1 Children, £30 family ticket.

**Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens**, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 41 982 7572  E: info@sonairte.com  W: www.sonairte.com  GPS: 53.703221, -6.2637

Sonairte is a great family day out; developed around a traditional C18th Irish farmyard. Visit the productive walled garden, walk a pretty trail along the River Nanny and learn about bees at the Bee Museum. Craft and food fairs year round. Coffee shop on site. See website for more details.

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

**Fee:** €2

**St. Mary’s Abbey**, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 87 205 7176  E: llvm@reganmcentee.ie  W: www.stmarysabbeyireland.com  GPS: 53.706058, -6.375978

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

Open: Feb 20-24 and Feb 27-28, 2pm-6pm; Mar 1-3, Mon-Fri, 2-6pm; Jul 3-9, 2-6pm; Jul 24-30, 2-6pm; Aug 19-21, 2pm-6pm; Sept 1, 18-24, 25-29, 2-6pm. Oct 22-27, 2-6pm. Nov 6-10, 2-6pm.

**Fee:** €5 Adult, €2 unaged.
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.

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Tel: 353 (0) 41 982 4350 E: boynegardencentre@eircom.net W: boynegardencentre.ie FB: Boyne Garden Centre Slane. GPS: 53.7345183, -6.757892

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.


Ratoath Garden Centre, Ratoath, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.
Tel: 353 (0) 1 825 6678 E: ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com W: ratoathgardencentre.ie GPS: 53.321246, -6.42549

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.


Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath.
Tel: 353 (0) 41 982 3902 E: info@riverlane.ie W: www.riverlane.ie GPS: 53.533564 , -6.43556

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

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Balrath House and Courtyard, Navan, Co. Meath
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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) 41 982 9320 E: janie@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

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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 5445 E: collonhousereception@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: 086 347 7283 E: null1@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) 41 982 9382 E: martina@rosenmount.ie W: boynevalleygardentrail.com
Once upon the time, “Rosenmount” 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, afternoons, 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
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