

#### Francis Ledwidge Museum, Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath

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World War I poet and soldier, Francis Ledwidge, was born and raised in this lovingly restored C 19th labourers' cottage, containing memorabilia. The pretty cottage garden reminds us of the poet's love for nature deep in the countryside around Slane

Open: Mar - Oct, 10am -5pm, 7 days/week. Oct - Mar, 10am -3.30 pm, 7 days/week. Fee: €3 Adults, €2 Seniors and Students, €6 Family.

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

Tel: 353 (0) 49 854 1356 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, €5 OAP, €3 Children, €20 family ticket.

# Listoke Gardens, (Art Gallery, Pavilion Tea Rooms, Garden Shop & Distillery and Gin School) Ballymakenny Rd. Drogheda, Co. Louth

Tel: 353 (0) 86 2118741 / 353 (0) 87 744 7057 E: info@listoke.com W: www.listoke.com GPS: 53.743502, -6.347011

Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbeaceous 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. listoke.com & listokedistillery.ie

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

#### Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co Louth.

Tel: +353 (0) 86 864 4228 E: info@rokeby.ie W: rokeby.ie GPS: 53.805973, -6.349411

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

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

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

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

Sonairte is a great family day out; developed around a traditional C18th Irish farmstead. 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

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

Open: Feb 20-24 and Feb 27-28, 2pm-6pm Mar 1-3, Mon-Fri, 2-6pm Jul 3-9, 2pm-6pm. Jul 24-30, 2pm-6pm.

Aug 19-31, 2pm-6pm. Sept 1, 18-24, 25-29, 2pm-6pm. Oct 23-27, 2-6pm. Nov 6-10, 2-6pm Fee: €5 Adult. €2 unwaged.

# www.boynevalleygardentrail.com

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### **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

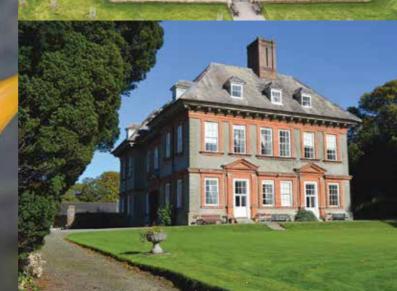


#### Location

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. Lout

#### GARDEN CENTRES

#### Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcalf, 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.



## 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: 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 3477283 E: nuil1@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 biodiver-sity 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

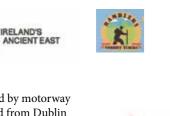
Tel: 353(0) 41 9829302 E: martin@alioth.eu W: boynevalleygardentrail.com

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. Ôpen: By appointment. Ĉontact 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.







June by Francis Ledwidge.

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