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## Historic Gardens

### 1 Barmeath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth,

Tel: +353(0)41 685 1205 W: boynevalleygardentrail.com GPS 53.823152, -6.337824

Unique, C18th landscape designed by Thomas Wright includes fine specimen azaleas and rhododendrons. A recently restored walled garden is a joy to visit with opulent herbaceous borders and kitchen garden plots.

Open May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm and Heritage Week. Groups by appointment. Fee: €5 Adults. Free for children. No Dogs.

### 2 Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Meath

Tel: +353 (0) 41 9809950 E: battleoftheboyne@opw.ie W: battleoftheboyne.ie GPS 53.722910, -6.414290

Fine, restored walled garden with sunken Octagon Garden, peach house, apple orchard and paths lined with vibrant herbaceous borders leading to a historic garden exhibition located in the Bothy. Tea Pavilion overlooking the gardens. Free battle site walks and nearby Boyne Greenway canal and river walks. Events programme year round.

Open: All year except Christmas and New Year. Fee: Gardens are free of charge. Admission charges apply to Visitor Centre.

### 3 Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Tel: +353 (0) 41 983 8557 E: info@beaulieuhouse.ie W: beaulieuhouse.ie GPS: 53.732466, -6.292419

C18th walled garden overlooking the River Boyne, planted with a vibrant, double herbaceous border, fruit trees, knot garden, lawns and summer house. Guided tours of house times below. Groups by appointment. Tea and coffee by arrangement.

Open: June 1 - First week Sept., Mon - Fri, 11am-5pm.

July and August open Sat-Sun, 1pm-5pm.  
Fee: €10 (40 min guided tour) house and self-guided garden.  
€5 garden only. Free under 16. No dogs.

### 4 Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Tel: +353 (0) 41 983 8563 E: charles.p.carroll@gmail.com W: killineerhouse.ie GPS 53.734229, -6.376233

Early C19th Italianate garden has formal paths descending from terraces to a woodland walk, picturesque lake and summerhouse. A visit to the 1.5 acre walled garden with fruit trees, herbaceous borders and vegetables is heavenly. Guided tours of house available on dates below. Groups by appointment.

Open: Feb 1-20, May 1-15, June 1-10 and Aug 14-28. Fee: €6 garden. No dogs.

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

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

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.

### 6 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 walk, canal, parterre and fairy walk - nestled close to the iconic Loughcrew Cairns. Adventure centre and coffee shop. Please see website for more details and tour guide.

Open: 7 days/week year round. Weekdays 10am-5pm. Weekends 11am-5pm. Coffee shop open in winter 11am-3pm.

Fee: €6 Adults, €5 OAP, €3 Children, €20 family ticket.

### 7 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.

### 8 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.

### 9 Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, (By Appointment Only).

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.

Please see our website www.sonairte.ie for full information on admission charges and opening hours.

### 10 St. Mary's Abbey, High Street, Trim, Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 87 205 7176 E: phiggins@reganmcentee.ie W: boynevalleygardentrail.com GPS: 53.556508, -6.789578

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.

For opening times and admission please refer to boynevalleygardentrail.com

**Historic Gardens are open at set times as above. Some gardens offer tea/coffee by arrangement and some houses also open. Groups should book in advance.**





# BOYNE VALLEY Garden Trail 2018

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Boyne Valley Garden Trail in the historic counties of Meath and Louth promotes Historic Gardens, Garden Centres and Open by Appointment Gardens/Accommodation Providers for groups and individual visitors.

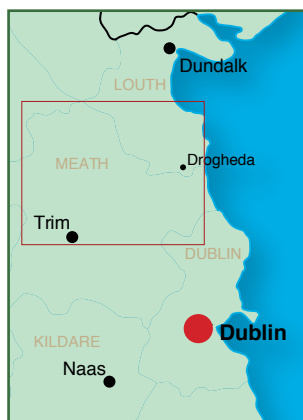
The rich heritage of the Boyne Valley is reflected in gardens that date as far back as the C17th. Each garden member hosts events in their gardens, including walks, charity fetes, plant sales, outdoor theatre, music and much more. Check website for more details.

**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.



Battle of the Boyne Octagon Garden Drogheda, Co Louth



Beaulieu House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

## GARDEN CENTRES

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

Tel: 353 (0) 41 982 4350 E: aileen@boynegardencentre.ie  
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 six 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.  
Bus parking. Guide dogs only.

### **L** 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. Garden walks and talks on request. Look out for John Lord's gardening advice on You Tube and book a group visit to learn more. Visit the Wildflower Café for tasty treats and enjoy the eclectic gift shop. Open: Summer, Mon-Sun, 10am-6pm. Winter, Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Coffee shop/gift shop. Bus parking. Child friendly, Wheelchair access.

### **M** 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 check website and contact owners directly before visiting.

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

Tel 353(0)41 9825749 E:frances.balrathhouse@gmail.com W: balrathcourtyard.com  
A perfectly romantic Georgian house built in 1760, set in idyllic gardens, Balrath House offers 4 star self-catering accommodation.

### **B** Bramley Cottage, The Rath Farm, Kilsallaghan, Co. Meath, K67 PX61.

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.

### **C** 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.

### **D** Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth

Tel: 353 (0)87 235 5645 E: collonhousereception@gmail.com  
W: collonhouse.com GPS: 53.7782, -6.4864  
Built in 1740, 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. Tea and coffee by arrangement. Bus parking. Dogs on leads.

### **E** Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath

Tel:353 (0)86 3477283 E: nuil1@eircom.net W: julianstowncommunity.com  
Once a derelict three acre site, now transformed into a beautiful garden. 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. See website for Event dates.

### **F** Kilgar House Gardens, Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0) 87 134 4950 E: kilgargardens@gmail.com W: kilgargardens.com  
Kilgar Gardens covers an area of 3 acres comprising of beautifully planted formal & informal garden rooms, graduating to a more naturalistic style of planting towards the outer reaches. Tearooms are now open serving sweet treats. Open weekends May-Sept. Groups by appointment. Fee: €5. Coach parking. Partial wheelchair access.

### **G** Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath

Tel: 353(0)41 9829302 E: martin@alioth.eu W: boynevalleygardentrail.com  
Once a commercial orchard sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, Rosemount 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. Fee: for guided garden tour: €5 - per person, minimum €75 - per group visit.

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

Tel: 353 (0)41 9824621 E: info@tankardstown.ie W: tankardstown.ie  
Comprising 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. The kitchen garden supplies the award-winning Brabazon Restaurant with vegetables and salads. The lime tree avenue offers a wonderful lead up to the focal point of the Estate - a late 18th Century Manor House. Open Day: Thurs 13th September 2018. Fee: €5 proceeds to charity.

### **I** The Cottages Ireland, Bettystown, Co. Meath, A92 TXE9.

Tel : 353 (0)41 9828104 E: info@cottages-ireland.com W: cottages-ireland.com  
The Cottages are a dreamy hamlet of 300 year old thatched cottages, set in large organic flower gardens by the seaside. Open: By appointment - max.10 people. Autumn and Spring Only.

### **J** The Station House Hotel, Kilmessan, Co. Meath

Tel: 353 (0)46 9025239 E: info@stationhousehotel.ie W: stationhousehotel.ie  
The Station House Hotel is the Boyne Valley's top country house hotel with exquisitely tended gardens creating an oasis of peace and relaxation. Country-style afternoon teas, with a special discount to all Boyne Valley Garden Trail visitors, can be booked year round. (Quote BVGT2018).



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

June by Francis Ledwidge.