“The Boyne is not a showy river. It rises in County Kildare and flows gently and majestically through County Meath and joins the sea at Drogheda in County 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 it 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, October/November 2014 Pg 68-78
Cara magazine is available online at issuu.com

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Cultural Attractions

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**Drogheda Museum Millmount & Millmount Tower**
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A Festival of fun
Festivals & Events

**Spring Festivals**
Drogheda Arts Festival
Easter Weekend Egg Hunt & Family Fun Day,
Irish Military War Museum
Fairhouse Easter Racing Festival
Landsailing Events, Bettystown Beach
Boyene Valley Electronic Arts Festival (Trim)
Meath Bea, Traditional Irish Music performance series
Loughcrew Spring Equinox Festival
Muck of Kells
St. Patrick’s Day Festivals
Trad Ash Irish Music and Song Festival, Ashbourne

**Summer Festivals**
ALMC Motor Rally
Boyene Adventure Race (Trim)
Bellewstown House Racing Festival
Blue Jeans Country Queen Festival
Boyene Valley Walking Festival
Dunderry Fair
Fleadh Cheoil na Héireann 2019 Drogheda
Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival
Hinterland Festival, Kells
Irish Maritime Festival, Drogheda
International Clay Target Shooting Federation’s Championships, Dowth
Kells Road Races
Kells Type Trail
Leinster Fleadh Cheoil, Athboy
Loughcrew Fairy Festival
Meath Heritage Cycle
Maynalty Steam Threshing Festival
Navan Choral Festival & Nat. Choir of the Year Comp.
Heritage Week
Nobber Fair
Outdoor Theatre at Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge
Race Around Ireland
Seafood Rocks Festival, Clogherhead
Sheridan’s Irish Food Festival
Summer Solstice Festival
Scoulstown Olympiad
Tom March
Tara Lecture Series
Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
Tough Mudder, Loughcrew
Trim Salmon of Knowledge Festival
Trim Vintage Car Rally
Vantastival

**Autumn Festivals**
Bellewstown Races
Boyene Music Festival
Trim Trad Fest
Point to Point at Dowth
Meath Bea, Traditional Irish Music performance series
Le Cheile Children’s Festival, Drogheda
Le Cheile Festival, Oldcastle
Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival
Farmaphobia
Laytown Beach Horse Racing Festival
Loughcrew Equinox Festival
Royal Meath Agricultural Show
O’Carolan Harp Festival
Pumpkin Patch at Irish Military War Museum
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
Strawfest, Rock Farm Slane
Taste of Togher

**Winter Festivals**
A Classical Christmas Evening III (Trim)
Drogheda Traditional Music Festival
Winter Solstice at Newgrange

**Ongoing Events**
(please refer to individual websites for dates and details)
Boyene Valley Food Series
Droichead Arts Centre
Farrellys Pub Oldcastle Drama
Highlanes Gallery
Navan Laughs Comedy at The Central Bar
Solstice Arts Centre
Tattersalls Horse Sales
The TLT
The Venue Theatre, Ratoath

St. Patrick’s Day Festivals 17th March
(see discoverboynevalley.ie for details)

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Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for more event and festival details
Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, organised by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is the largest traditional music festival in the world with over 500,000 people attending the annual event. It celebrates all that is truly valued in Irish culture, language, music, song, dance, and heritage.

History was made in Drogheda in August 2018 when the Fleadh came to the Boyne Valley for the first time. The festival returns to Drogheda in 2019 to once again celebrate Ireland’s ‘ceoil agus craic’ (music and fun).
Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann
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11th – 18th August 2019
visit fleadhcheoil.ie for more information, full programme of events and accommodation listings.
Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival
the birthplace of Halloween!

Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival 2019
6th October – 3rd November

Lots of events including a House of Horrors; Farmaphobia, Terrifying Treasure Trails; PookaSpooka during the day and spine-tingling spooky themed nights.
Visit spiritsofmeath.ie for more information.
According to legend, Samhain, the ancient Celtic Festival that we now call Halloween, originated here in Co. Meath in the Boyne Valley more than 3,000 years ago.

Samhain was a fusion of pagan and Christian beliefs, said to mark the harvest and the end of the old Celtic year and the beginning of the New Year, and where the spirits of the dead passed on to the next world, invoking the Christian idea of resurrection too.

According to one of the early chroniclers of Ireland, the Samhain festival began on top of the hill of Tlachtga, now called the Hill of Ward, one mile east of Athboy, Co. Meath. It was believed that Tlachtga was closely linked to the spirit world and it was from here that the sacred Samhain fire of the new year was lit and carried to seven other hills around the county including Tara, Loughcrew and then on to light up Ireland’s Ancient East and beyond.

Recent archaeological excavations at Tlachtga suggest this ancient hill was indeed used for feasting and ceremonies, and to this day the Boyne Valley has remained the home of Halloween. Spine-tingling fun awaits for young and old alike in the Spirits of Meath festival, enter if you dare!

For details of all Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival events check out www.spiritsofmeath.ie/events or download the Official Discover Boyne Valley App.
take a walk on the wild side

Gentle pathways to explore at leisure

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...
Heritage Walking Routes

**Battle of the Boyne - Oldbridge Estate Walks**
Over 5 km of scenic walks on the historic battle site, linking with adjacent Boyne Greenway and Boyne Canal Walk. Free of charge. Dogs must be on leads at all times. No bikes permitted on walks.

**Boyne Ramparts Heritage Walk**
This 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.

**Kells Girley Bog Eco Walk**
3.5 mile waymarked National Loop covering forest and bogland located on the NS2 to Mullingar just 5 km from Kells on the left hand side. The loop takes approximately 1 hr 30 mins and requires walking boots.

**Trim Castle River Walk**
This 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.

**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 or visit heritageireland.ie

**Balrath Wood**
Balrath Wood, located just off the N2 on the R153 for Navan, was once part of the 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.

**Littlewood Forest, Slane**
Located on the N2 Collon Road, 1 mile from Slane, 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. A series of directional posts and information panels detail the flora, fauna and history along the 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.)

**Canal Walks**

**Royal Canal Greenway**
The Royal Canal Greenway will connect Dublin’s Spencer Dock with Richmond Harbour in Longford, including Counties Kildare, Meath and Westmeath along the way. It will be the longest greenway in Ireland with 144km off road trail for walking and cycling. It passes through County Meath at Kilcock, Enfield, Moyvalley and near Longwood. Interesting features: Enfield Harbour and Moyvalley tree lined stretch. Take time to enjoy the beautiful sights along the Royal canal.

**Walk & Cycle**

**Boyne Greenway Cycleway and Boardwalk**
Phase 1 of the Greenway is a 1.9km long fully segregated walking and cycling facility which utilises sections of boardwalk to create a riverside resource connecting Oldbridge Estate to Drogheda’s town centre, via the existing ramparts.

**Bike Hire**

**Rock Farm Slane – Electric Bike Hire**
Rock Farm Slane Electric Bikes are part of the Electric Escapes network and use the same high standard Kalkhoff electric bicycles to provide the longest range and safest travel throughout the Boyne Valley. We provide everything you need including a high-vis jacket and a helmet and self-guided routes. rockfarmslane.ie
### Augustinian Garden of Remembrance, Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Adjoining the Augustinian Church and drawing on its monastic heritage, the garden holds the names of loved ones to be remembered in a peaceful setting formed by pleached lime trees and standing stones surrounding a water memorial. Holly, Juniper, soft fruit trees, flowering herbaceous varieties and aromatic herbs fill the garden.

- **Tel:** +353 (0) 41 983 8409
- **E:** drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com
- **Open:** Apr-Oct 9am - 6pm, Nov-Mar 9am - 3pm
- **Fee:** Free

### Barmeath Castle, Dunleer, Co. Louth
Unique, C18th landscape designed by Thomas Wright includes fine specimen azaleas and rhododendrons. A recently restored walled garden restoration project is a joy to visit with opulent herbaceous borders and kitchen garden plots.

- **Groups by appointment.**
- **boynevalleygardentrail.com**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 41 685 1205
- **Open:** May 1-31, June 1-9, 9am-1pm. Heritage Week in August.
- **Fee:** €5. Children free

### Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Restored Victorian Walled Garden with unique sunken Octagonal Garden, herbaceous borders, Peach House, Dog Kennels and Bothy with exhibition about Walled Gardens in the area. Admission to gardens is free of charge. Dogs and ball games are not permitted in the gardens.

- **battleoftheboyne.ie**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 41 980 9950
- **E:** battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
- **Open:** All year
- **Fee:** Free admission

### Francis Ledwidge Museum, Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath
World War I poet and soldier, Francis Ledwidge, was born and raised in this restored C19th labourers’ cottage, containing memorabilia. The pretty cottage garden reminds us of the poet’s love for nature deep in the countryside of Slane.

- **francisledwidge.com**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 41 982 4544
- **E:** info@francisledwidge.com
- **Open:** 7 days: Mar-Oct 10am -5pm, Oct-Mar 10am-3.30pm
- **Fee:** €3 adults, €2 seniors and students, €6 family

### Killineer House and Gardens, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Early C19th Italiante garden with formal paths descending from terraces and lawns to a woodland walk, beautiful lake, swans and a summerhouse. A visit to the 1.5 acre walled garden with fruit trees, herbaceous borders and vegetables is heavenly. Groups by appointment.

- **killineerhouse.ie**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 41 983 8563
- **E:** charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
- **Open:** Feb 1-20, May 1-15, June 1-10, Aug 14-28
- **Fee:** €6 garden

### Listoke Gardens, Gallery, Shop & Tea Rooms, Rallymakenney Rd. Drogheda, Co. Louth
Beautiful Edwardian garden with many rare herbaceous plants, woodland walk and a small menagerie of feathered friends to delight all ages. Art Gallery, Pavilion Tea Rooms, Workshops in the Mead Hall and Garden Shop.

- **listoke.com**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 86 2118741 / (0) 87 744 7057
- **E:** info@listoke.com
- **Open:** Apr-Sep Wed-Sun 11am-5pm, Oct-Mar Fri-Sun 11am-4pm
- **Fee:** €3 guided garden tour. Groups by appointment

### Rokeby Hall, Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth
Built by architect Francis Johnston in the C18th, Rokeby won the An Taisce Ellison Award, 2013, for the restoration of its Turner designed conservatory. House and garden can be visited at times listed. Groups of 8 by appointment.

- **rokeby.ie**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 86 864 4228
- **E:** info@rokeby.ie
- **Open:** May & Sep Mon-Sat 10am-2pm. Heritage Week 10am 2pm
- **Fee:** €7 adults, €5 students/children

### St. Mary’s Abbey, High Street, Trim Co. Meath
An intriguing, medieval abbey dating back to 1615 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.

- **boynevalleygardentrail.com**
- **Tel:** +353 (0) 87 205 7176
- **E:** phiggins@reganmcentee.ie
- **Open:** Various dates throughout the year - see web for details
- **Fee:** €5 Adult €2 unwaged
By Appointment Gardens

Balrath House and Courtyard, Navan, Co. Meath
A perfectly romantic Georgian house built in 1760. Set in idyllic gardens. Please see website to book a visit.
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 5749
info@balrathhouse.com
Open By appointment only

Beaulieu House and Garden, Drogheda, Co. Louth
C18th walled garden overlooking the river Boyne, planted with a vibrant double herbaceous border, fruit trees, knot garden, lawns and summer house. Tea and coffee by arrangement. beaulieuhouse.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 8557
info@beaulieuhouse.ie
Open By appointment only & Heritage Week, August

College Hill House, Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath
This lovely 1795 house is set in three acres of delightful, landscaped formal and informal garden and grounds. For group visits, please see website. collegehillhouse.ie
Tel +353 (0) 87 140 0220
eileen@collegehillhouse.ie
Open year round

Collon House, Collon, Co. Louth
Historic home built in 1740, with fine, Georgian interiors and an enclosed, ornamental garden with period planting. Award winning period accommodation is offered. Tea/Coffee by arrangement. Please see website for more details. collonhouse.com
Tel +353 (0) 87 235 5645
collonhouse@eircom.net
Open By appointment only

The Cottages Ireland, Seabank, Coast Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath
The Cottages are a dreamy hamlet of 300-year-old thatched cottages, set in large organic flower gardens by the seaside.
cottages-ireland.com
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 8104
info@cottage-ireland.com
Open By appointment Spring & Autumn only. Min group of 10

Herberts’ Garden, Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath
Designer James McConnell’s garden features a formal beech garden, boxwood parterre and a rose garden with a folly. Enjoy the lime walk, hornbeam arbour and vistas of parkland beautifully laid out around an early C19th farmhouse. Conveniently accessible from the M3 motorway and close to Navan, Trim, Kells, Athboy. Groups pre-book. herberts.ie
Tel +353 (0) 85 782 9966
info@herberts.ie
Open Sat 10.30am - 6pm from May 1st - 30th Sept
Fee €3 pp. No dogs. Not suitable for small children

Julianstown Village Garden, Co. Meath
This award winning village garden has an orchard, woodland, flowerbeds, soft fruit bushes, herbs, pond and seating and picnic areas throughout. Plants for pollinators and biodiversity encourage bees and butterflies. Summer Festival June. Heritage Week event August. Halloween Night Event Oct 31st. Check website for details. julianstowncommunity.com
Tel +353 (0) 86 347 7283
nuil11@eircom.net
Open All year
Fee Free, Guided tours £5 pp

Kilgar House Gardens, Gallow, Killoe, Co. Meath
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 every weekend serving sweet treats. kilgargardens.com
Tel +353 (0) 87 134 4950
kilgar@gardens.ie
Open Weekends May – Sept. Groups by appointment only
Fee £5 per person

Rosemount, Julianstown, Co. Meath
Once upon a time, "Rosemount" was a commercial orchard, sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, it is an enchanted riverscape garden set on ten acres, studied with a collection of unusual trees and outhouses. Teas, apéritifs, music lectures, political and economic talks by arrangement. kendumusic.com
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 9302
martin@alasth.eu
Open by appointment only
Fee Group guided tour: £5 per person, min £75 per group

Sonairte Eco Centre and Gardens, The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath
Sonairte, within an historic Georgian farmstead features an organic walled garden, nature trail and ancient Rath with views of Ballygarr Castle, the Nanny Estuary & Irish Sea. Our Energy Education Suite (EES) - part powered by a PV solar array & wind turbine - demonstrates various energy sources. The Eco Shop and Café are well worth a visit. sonairte.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 7572
hello@sonairte.ie
Open see website

The Station House Hotel, Kilmessan, Co. Meath
The Station House Hotel is the Boyne Valley’s top country house hotel with exquisitely tended gardens creating an oasis of relaxation. Country-style afternoon teas, with a special discount to Trail visitors can be booked year round. (Quote BVGT2019).
info@stationhousehotel.ie
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5239
info@stationhousehotel.ie
Open All year: contact hotel

Tankardstown House, Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath
Tankardstown comprises 80 acres of woodland, parkland, courtyards and walled gardens. A 500m lime tree avenue leads up to the late C18th Manor House with wonderfully tended gardens and surrounds. The walled kitchen garden supplies the award winning Bribazon Restaurant. tankardstown.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6421
info@tankardstown.ie
Open Garden by appointment

Garden Centres

Boyne Garden Centre, Ardcaif, Slane, Co. Meath
Multi-Award winning garden centre including ‘Best in Show’ and seven successive Gold Medals at Bloom. Renowned for their unique selection of top quality plants, grown in their nursery with a special emphasis on plants that encourage pollinators and biodiversity. See website for plant catalogue. boynegardencentre.ie
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 4350
aleen@boynegardencentre.ie
Open Mar-Sept, Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm.
Inc. Bank Holidays: Oct-Feb, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm.

Ratoath Garden Centre, Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Owned by John and Bernie Lord who have created one of the show gardens in Ireland. Garden walks and talks on request. Visit the Wildflower Café for tasty treats and enjoy the eclectic gift shop. ratoathgardencentre.ie
Tel +353 (0) 1 825 6678
info@ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com
Open Summer, Mon-Sun 10am-6pm.
Winter, Mon-Sun 10am-5pm.

Riverlane Nurseries, Roristown Lodge, Trim, Co. Meath
Owned by John and Eileen Eivers - winners of Gold, Gift and Silver medals at Bloom, the nursery specializes in herbaceous perennials and cottage garden plants. riverlane.ie
Tel +353 (0) 87 636 3506
info@riverlane.ie
Open Mid-March Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12.00pm-5.30pm.
Sep-Mid March Mon-Fri 10.00am-2.00pm, Sat 10.00pm-5.30pm.
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Boyne Valley Crafts

Bee Free Clothing
An award winning range of clothing designed with children’s amazing imagination & adventurous spirit in mind. The range features dresses, hoodies, ponchos, snuggle wraps & accessories. Made from beautifully soft & vibrant fleece, they are as colourful & distinctive as kids are themselves! Caoimhe also makes a range of women’s felt shawls & ponchos. beefree.ie

Boyne Valley Wools
A unique experience in wool craft - watch the Jacob sheep grazing the fields and see their wool spun into yarn and 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. boynevalleywools.com

The Courtyard
The Courtyard is located near Kells. 8500 Sq ft filled with unique gifts and household accessories. Coffee shop with an open log fire and ample free parking. Amble at your leisure through an ever changing range of pictures, baskets, clocks, candles, poetry, tablecloths, napkins and much, much more. Gift tokens available. thecourtyardkells.com

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Cashel, Slane, Co. Meath
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E thecourtyardkells@gmail.com
Art Galleries, Photography & Photographic Exhibitions & Gift Shops

**Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the Kells Courthouse**
The Boyne Valley Discovery Point at the renovated 19th century Kells Courthouse designed by prominent Irish architect Francis Johnston reopened in 2018. Discover the Birthplace of Ireland’s Ancient East with tales of Viking raids, the carving of some of the finest high crosses in Ireland, the craftsmanship of the Kells Crozier and the Marquesses of Headfort who transformed Kells into an elegant estate town. Includes interactive display which contains videos of heritage sites such as Newgrange, Trim Castle, Millmount Museum plus beautiful photography. Children will enjoy drawing on the interactive screens. discoverboynevalley.ie

**Copter View**
Copter View is an aerial photography and videography specialist company based in Meath, providing unique views of property and landscapes. coperview.ie

**The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition**
The Gateway to the Boyne Valley Exhibition aims to inspire and motivate visitors in an emotive way to explore the 33 heritage sites along the Boyne Valley Drive. Delve deeper to learn more about these sites within the wider Ireland’s Ancient East. Enjoy the interactive display which contains videos of heritage sites such as Newgrange, Trim Castle, Millmount Museum plus beautiful photography. Children will enjoy drawing on the interactive screens. discoverboynevalley.ie

**Kilkenny Shop, Trim**
Kilkenny Shop has been at the forefront of promoting the finest craft and design for over 50 years and is home to Ireland’s largest collection of Irish designers. From fashion and accessories, to handmade jewellery, dazzling crystal and a wide range of gifts, you can be sure to find some wonderfully designed products at Kilkenny! The Trim store is located within the luxury Trim Castle Hotel. Open 7 days a week a 10-6 (Mon-Sat), 12-6 (Sun). kilkennyshop.com

**Pat’s Arts Studio**
Located in Slane Arty Quarter, Pat, a local artist, paints and exhibits his works in a friendly, inviting studio. Works include a broad selection of oil paintings and drawings. Seascapes and cityscapes are included, as are figures and a variety of themed works. Feel free to browse and chat with no obligation. patsartstudio.ie

**Perfect Stills Photography**
Perfect Stills Photography have been approved Google Street View Trusted Photographers. Providing aerial and Google Inside 360 Virtual Reality Tours. perfectstills.com

**Skylight Gallery**
View a collection of original oils and watercolours and perhaps take away a painting which you can enjoy for years to come. They can help you choose a gift for a presentation, retirement or special occasion. - well worth a visit! Exit 7 off the M1, sign-posted Julianstown. skylightgallery.net

**Tara Open Studio**
Courtney Davis has created over 50 books on Celtic, Viking, Arthurian and spiritual themes and has exhibited his art world-wide. Since 2014 Tara Open Studio has developed from an art studio/gallery to a magical shop and a weekly venue for all kinds of spiritual events and holistic therapies. Open every day from 10am- 4.30pm. taraopenstudio.com

Jan Mayllaelert Irishharps
Jan has been making musical instruments since 1975. His Irish harps are renowned worldwide for their enduring quality of workmanship and sound. Many are played by professional performers and teachers. Native wood is used as much as possible. Carving and marquetry can be added and can also be done on other items. By appointment only. Boyne Marine. The Art of Boat Making – Plans and manuals for sale. boynemarine.com irishharps.net

Lucy O’ Gorman Ceramics
Unique ceramic pieces, drawing inspiration from the rural setting and the historical landmarks that scatter the Boyne Valley. Lucy’s pottery, ranges from functional, dishwasher and microwave safe crockery and tableware to sculptural and commissioned pieces. Lucy’s own technique of using glass in her pottery gives her work a distinctive and vibrant effect. Her love of excitement and need for the unpredictable comes through in her more abstract pieces and raku. discoverboynevalley.ie

Seamus Cassidy
Unique furniture commissions in a contemporary style. Artistic and functional woodturned and sculptural forms from his studio-gallery 5 minutes drive from Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange). Available Tuesday Sat 10am-6pm. Woodturning classes and courses also available. seamuscassidy.ie

Slane Craft Collective
Slane Craft collective is an award winning craft retail outlet in the stunning historic village of Slane, in the heart of the Boyne Valley. The members of the collective work as a co-operative and offer a unique showcase of local craft and design. Call in, meet a maker and see our extensive collection of handcrafted gifts.

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**Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub,**
Kells Courthouse, Kells, Co. Meath
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E kells courthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie

**The Tholsel, West Street, Drogheda**
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843
E droghedatouristoffice@gmail.com

**Trim Castle Hotel, Castle St, Trim, Co. Meath**
Tel +353 (0) 46 948 3060

**Pat Doyle**
1 Newgrange Mall, Slane, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 87 2445 246

**Navan, Co. Meath**
Tel +353 (0) 86 174 0454
E Aubrey@perfectstills.com

**Julianstown Golf Course, Julianstown, Co. Meath**
Tel +353 (0) 41 981 1953 / (0) 87 417 8290
E dinah.berrill@gmail.com

**Hill of Tara, Co. Meath**
Tel +353 (0) 87 395 4580
E courtneyontara@gmail.com
Where is the Boyne Valley?

Travelling to and throughout the Boyne Valley has never been easier. Just 20 minutes north of Dublin International Airport 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. Convenient to ferry ports in Dublin and Belfast, with regular train services from Dublin/Belfast stopping at Laytown, Drogheda and Dunboyne and frequent bus services throughout the Boyne Valley from Dublin, planning your visit couldn’t be easier.

Useful links for travel schedules
Air: aerlingus.com ryanair.com
Ferry: irishferries.com stenaline.ie
Rail: irishrail.ie
Bus: buseireann.ie
Boyne Valley Drive
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**Loughcrew Cairns**

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Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Open All year. Free guided tours June to August
heritageireland.ie

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**Old Mellifont Abbey**

Mellifont Abbey was one of the wealthiest and most influential monastic houses in medieval Ireland. St. Malachy along with a community of Irish and French monks, trained at Clairvaux, Burgundy, founded this beautiful abbey, the first Cistercian Abbey in Ireland in 1142.

Tullyallen, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 982 6459
Open 1st June to end August
heritageireland.ie

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**Hill of Slane**

Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland. It was created in the 1760’s by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. The Hill of Slane is the location where St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High Kings at Tara and so, introduced Christianity to Ireland.

Slane, Co. Meath
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**Kells Round Tower & High Crosses**

Early monastic settlement where the High Crosses depict biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, representing early Irish Christianity. Five stunning 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 Irish illuminated manuscripts.

Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 924 7508
Open Access all year to Monastic Sites. Contact Tourist Office for information on access to Spire of Lloyd

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**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.

Trim, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8619
Open Open daily from Mid Feb – end of October. From November to mid Feb, open weekends and weekday tours start at 11am.
heritageireland.ie

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**Newgrange and Knowth (Brú na Bóinne)**

Brú na Bóinne is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest most important prehistoric megalithic sites in Europe. Dating from the Neolithic or New Stone Age, the passage tombs of Brú na Bóinne are about 5000 years old. The Visitor Centre interprets the monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth.

Donore, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 988 0300
Open Access all year. Access to monuments through Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre only. Pre-booking recommended.
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**Kells**

Kells, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 943 8619
Open Open daily from Mid Feb – end of October. From November to mid Feb, open weekends and weekday tours start at 11am.
heritageireland.ie
Hill of Tara

The Hill of Tara was the seat of the High Kings of Ireland and the most sacred site in ancient Ireland. Stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

Navan, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 46 902 5903 / 41 988 0300
Open All year
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Monasterboice

At Monasterboice there are two of the finest High Crosses (Celtic Crosses) in Ireland – the South Cross (Cross of Muiredach) and the West Cross (Tall Cross) – both of which date from the 9th or 10th centuries. Today the image of the High Cross is recognised internationally as a symbol of Irish cultural heritage.

Monasterboice, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 987 2843
Open All year

St. Laurence’s Gate

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. Tours available.
drogheda.ie

Millmount

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. 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 tower that graces Millmount today was built in the early nineteenth century to help protect the country from a potential invasion by Napoleon.

Drogheda, Co. Louth
Tel +353 (0) 41 983 3097
E info@droghedamuseum.ie
Open All year. Admission charge
millmount.net

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre - Oldbridge Estate

An international battle fought on 1st July 1690 (old calendar) between King William III and his father-in-law King James II, brought to life using a laser battle site model, audio-visual film, real and replica weaponry and interactive guided tours. The Visitor Centre is located in the restored 18th century Oldbridge House surrounded by Victorian Gardens and battle site walks. Yearly events programme.

Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, Oldbridge House, Drogheda, Co. Meath
Tel +353 (0) 41 980 9950
E battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
Open All Year. Admission charge to Visitor Centre. Gardens and battle site walks free of charge. Gift Shop and Tea Room available on site battleoftheboyne.ie
Navan
Less than an hour from Dublin, Navan holds the prestigious Purple Flag status for its evening and night-time economy.

Other historic sites of interest in the Navan area
Bective Abbey; Donaghmore Round Tower & Church; Ardmulchan Church, Dunmoe Castle, Skyne Church, Ardbracon Church, Athlumney Castle, The Ringfort at Teltown.

What else...
If you fancy a laugh check out ‘Navan Laughs’ a comedy event in The Central which takes place on the last Thursday of every month. If sport is your thing check out Navan Racecourse, Navan Golf Club or Royal Tara Golf Club. You will be spoiled for choice with restaurants, gastro pubs and venue bars. Try the award winning seafood chowder in Ryan’s Bar. The Solstice Arts Centre is one of the Boyne Valley’s hub for the arts. Its 2019 programme calendar is packed offering performances in theatre, dance, local arts, ballet, opera and comedy throughout the year. solstice.ie

More to discover

Trim Heritage Town
Situated on the River Boyne, Trim is dominated by the medieval Trim Castle which is the largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland, built by Hugh de Lacy in 1173.

Other historic sites of interest in the Trim area
St. Patrick’s Cathedral, St. Mary’s Abbey, The Newtown Monuments, Echo Gate, The Yellow Steeple

Drop into the Trim Visitor Centre to learn about the rich history of the town or take the Medieval Armoury Tour: hold a real sword, try on a Norman helmet and handle chainmail.

What else...
The Annual Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival which takes place in June is just one of a number of festivals and events scheduled for Trim in 2019, including the Salmon of Knowledge Festival (August) and the Royal Meath Agricultural Show (September). Visit discoverboynevalley.ie or download the Discover Boyne Valley App for a full listing of all festivals and events. If you’ve worked up an appetite you will love Trim, from hotel dining in Trim Castle Hotel and The Knightsbrook Hotel to artisan restaurants like The StockHouse Restaurant, who have an avid love of great food and guarantee you won’t be disappointed!
Drogheda

Drogheda truly is the Gateway to the Boyne Valley. A visit to the interactive Boyne Valley exhibition in the historic Tholsel in the centre of the town is a must for anyone exploring the region. Drogheda is an ideal town to explore on foot. Pick up a copy of the Drogheda Visitor Guide (or download from drogheda.ie) and visit St. Oliver Plunkett’s head in St. Peter’s Church (saintoliverplunkett.com), see William III’s Sword and Mace at the beautiful Highlanes Gallery (highlanes.ie), grab a selfie at St. Laurence’s 13th century barbican gate, cross the river and stroll up to Millmount Tower for magnificent views and to visit the Millmount Museum (Millmount.net) or take a stroll to Mornington. After your adventures, take time to enjoy the many cafés, restaurants and bars offering a friendly welcome and wonderful selection of refreshments.

Other historic sites of interest in the Drogheda area

The Millmount Martello Tower offers spectacular views over the town and the entire Boyne Valley. It was at Millmount that Cromwell met his strongest resistance when he laid siege to the town in 1649. The tower was restored by Drogheda Corporation in 2000 and is home to a military exhibition of Ireland’s struggles. Open all year. millmount.net

St. Peter’s Church, shrine to St. Oliver Plunkett, is among the finest gothic revival churches in Ireland and is famous for housing the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett. saintoliverplunkett.com

Beaulieu House is situated on the banks of the River Boyne and is one of the earliest examples of an unfortified house in Ireland. Tours of Beaulieu House and Gardens available by appointment only. beaulieuhouse.ie

What else...

Culture vultures will relish the offering at Droichead Arts Centre, TLT Theatre, The Barbican Theatre, Highlanes Gallery and Beaulieu House & Gardens. See drogheda.ie for a day to day listing of events and festivals. Families will enjoy fun days out at Funtasia, Drogheda Leisure Centre, Arc Cinema and trips to the beach.
Oldcastle
This area of the Boyne Valley is one of the few undiscovered regions of Ireland. It has an extensive collection of pre-historic monuments, many of which still await archaeological investigation. The hills around Loughcrew at Oldcastle reveal passage graves, megalithic chambers and decorated stones and are a great place for walkers.

Other historic sites of interest in the Oldcastle area/ North East area
Loughcrew Cairns, Castletown-Kilpatrick and Nobber – the birthplace in 1670 of Turlough O’Carolan, the renowned composer and harpist. The nearby annual Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival will take place on Sunday 11th August 2019 and will include a full live concert with Mike Denver as headline act, as well as a vast array of other attractions.

What else...
Visit and/or stay at Loughcrew Megalithic Centre or Loughcrew House and Gardens, where you are assured a warm welcome and a tasty lunch before exploring a range of on-site facilities. Full details on Equinox Celebrations, the Loughcrew Opera and many more festivals, download the FREE Discover Boyne Valley App or visit discoverboynevalley.ie

Kells
One of the most unique and special destinations in the world – Kells welcomes you to come explore and become a part of its special story. The heritage town of Kells contains many fine examples of early Christian architecture including the 9th & 10th century High Crosses. It’s most famous treasure is the Book of Kells created by the community of St. Columba, it is now located at Trinity College and a facsimile version can be viewed in the Kells Courthouse. The Spire of Lloyd is located outside Kells – this 18th century folly is the only inland lighthouse in Ireland.

Other historic sites of interest in the Kells area
St. Columba’s Church, Kells High Crosses and Round Tower, St. Colmcille’s Oratory, St. Kieran’s Well.

What else...
If you’d ever considered being ‘Irish for a Day’ you must book a visit to Causey Farm just outside Kells where you can learn to make brown bread, play the bodhrán or milk a cow! Visit Martry Mill and grind some flour in this beautifully functional watermill on the River Blackwater with the earliest records dating back to 1323. Kells has lots to offer the visiting tourist with fantastic accommodation, food, golf, equestrian, theatrical and artistic activities. Meet with local food producers as part of Discover Boyne Valley Flavours or book your place at the Guth Gaia International Documentary Film Festival or the annual Pink Ribbon Walk amongst others. Why not pay a visit to Donaghpatrick and Teltown – the area of the ancient Tailteann Games. Donaghpatrick is the site of St. Patrick’s Church, which was founded by St. Patrick. Across the road is Rath Airthir, a very impressive monument identified as a trinillete ring fort, which was the Royal residence of the Kinds of the Fir Cúl Breg. Rock Art dating back to 2,000BC can be viewed at Cill Tailtean.

Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub, Kells
Slane
Slane is one of the most attractive hillside estate villages in Ireland and has officially been named Friendliest Town in Ireland at the Retail Excellence Ireland Awards 2018. It was created in the 1760's by the Conynghams of Slane Castle and is situated on the River Boyne. The Hill of Slane is the location where St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High Kings at Tara and so, introduced Christianity to Ireland. The site is open all year.

Other historic sites of interest in the Slane area
Slane Abbey, The Ledwidge Cottage Museum and The Parochial House, Slane. Follow the road to its neighbouring town Duleek and visit St. Cianan’s Church, St. Mary’s Abbey and the High Crosses. Slane Castle is the residence of The Marquess Conyngham and is internationally famous for its summer music concerts. Guided tours of Slane Castle are available. A new multi-million euro distillery has recently opened on the grounds of the estate, producing the triple-casked Slane Whiskey with guided tours also available. Tel: 046 903 0600 slanecastle.ie slaneirishwhiskey.com

What else...
View the Slane Craft Collective and choose your very own Boyne Valley craft keepsake from the collection. Explore the Rock Farm Slane by bike, foot or kayak, and take a Farm to Fork tour. Enjoy a meal and/or stay at The Conyngham Arms Hotel or Tankardstown House before your visit to Slane Castle, The Irish Military War Museum, White River Karting. Lots of accommodation choices available from self-catering, hosteling and camping at Slane Farm Cottages or try something completely new and stay in the Lime House Eco Guest House at Rock Farm Slane or in a Yurt of your choice on the same site.

Boyne Valley Coast
Discover the Boyne Valley Coast. Choose from Mornington, Bettystown, Laytown or Gormanston – neighbouring villages linked by a stretch of beautiful beach ideal for outdoor activity, making sandcastles or taking a dip in the sea. The Boyne Valley Coast with its wide safe sandy beaches is regarded across Ireland and Europe as one of the best locations in Ireland for beach based sports.

What else...
The Laytown Strand Races, scheduled for Wednesday 11th September 2019, are breathtaking and occupy a unique position in the Irish and English racing calendar as it is the only race event run on a beach under the rules of the Turf Club. You may wish to spend the whole afternoon on the beach but there’s more to Bettystown than just the sea and sand. Funtasia fairground (funtasia.ie) just across from the beach has plenty of rides and bowling to keep you and all the family entertained. For luxury self catering accommodation you must check out ‘The Cottages’, Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award for 2016, The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in a private, gated flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-irelands.com

Boyne Valley South
The town of Ashbourne is the only place of major insurrection outside of Dublin during the 1916 rising and a monument, similar to a ship’s bow, honours the nationalists that were killed there.

Other historic sites of interest in the area
Dunshaughlin, Clonald, Enfield and Ratoath - whose street plan follows the curve formed by the characteristic Norman Motte. Dunboyne Castle is an 18th century mansion which replaced the original castle as the seat of the Butlers, Lords of Dunboyne, and is now a hotel.

What else... Tayto Park, one of Ireland’s top tourist attractions is situated outside of the town of Ashbourne in the south of the Boyne Valley. In 2015 Tayto opened ‘Cú Chulainn’ Ireland’s first rollercoaster and Europe’s largest wooden rollercoaster with an inversion, and in 2017 it opened its Viking Voyage at the park. Stay in the Asling Guesthouse and enjoy the flavour of Ashbourne and its hinterland just 15 minutes from Dublin. Visit the Tattersalls International Horse Trials and Country Fair in Ratoath each June or for a unique outdoor experience with a heritage twist, Rathbeggan Lakes & Family Adventure Park, Dunshaughlin is a must!
The Boyne Valley 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, it 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 Boyne Valley please visit fishinginireland.info

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 Rathbeegarn 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 at blackrock@fisheriesireland.ie

Information courtesy of Inland Fisheries Ireland, Tel + 353 (0) 1 278 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 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.
Chasing the wind

Horse racing excitement in the Boyne Valley

The Boyne Valley 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 the Boyne Valley. There is plenty of choice. National Hunt and Flat racing are 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, whilst Laytown Races is a unique event where the horses race on the beach.
Fairyhouse Racecourse
Fairyhouse Racecourse Home of the BoyleSports Irish Grand National, Ireland’s most valuable handicap steeple-chase with a prize fund of €500,000. First run in 1870, it has become a key date in the Irish sporting calendar. Public bar/restaurant and suites available for meetings and functions. fairyhouse.ie

Navan Racecourse
18 Race meetings on a superb NH track, fine dining, entertainment after racing. Group discounts, tailored packages, membership only €125.00. Admissions €10 - €15.00. Join us on Facebook or Twitter. navanracecourse.ie

Laytown Races
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. laytownstrandraces.ie

Bellewstown Racecourse
Bellewstown has two festivals. The first recorded dates of the Bellewstown Races were in 1726. The racecourse is beautifully situated in a rural setting with magnificent views of the Mountains of Mourne to the north and the Irish sea to the east. www.bellewstownraces.ie

Tattersalls Ireland - Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair
The World’s Largest NH bloodstock auctioneers and home to the Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair, Ireland’s premier eventing show. tatts.ie

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Time for tee

On some of the finest courses in Ireland

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

Boyne Valley offers quality and value to visiting golfers 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.

Visit discoverboynevalley.ie for further details on accommodation, golf and things to do while in the Boyne Valley.
Bellewstown Golf Course
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Black Bush Golf Course
A fine 27-hole golf course set on 186 acres of beautiful parkland with strategically placed bunkers and water hazards. It will please and test experienced players. The lush fairways lined with mature trees lead to sand based greens, playable all year, providing an enjoyable round of golf in an ideal setting. blackbushgolfclub.ie
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County Louth Golf Club
Also affectionately known as ‘Baltray’, it is situated 7km from Drogheda at the mouth of the River Boyne. The course is laid out in two nine-hole loops covering 190 acres and consistently ranks among the top 10 courses in Ireland. County Louth Golf Club assures a warm and friendly welcome. countylouthgolfclub.com
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Tel: +353 (0) 41 988 1530
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County Meath Golf Club
Established in 1898, this parkland course is 3km from Trim. 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. countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie
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Headfort Golf Club
36-hole parkland facility. Headfort Old, opened in 1928, is one of the best examples of a traditional parkland course with superb trees gracing its fairways and greens. Headfort New is a splendid course set among ancient woodland with native and Asiatic specimens, it was designed by Ryder Cup hero, the late Christy O’Connor Jnr. headfortgolfclub.ie
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Julianstown Golf Club
A 9 hole parkland course located along the R132. It is excellently maintained and offers a real challenge to the most experienced golfers, boasting five par 4’s and four par 3’s with a lake and many difficult bunkers. There is also an 18 hole pitch and putt course. Club hire, teas and coffees available. julianstowngolf.com
Julianstown, Co. Meath
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Knightsbrook Golf Resort
Host of the Ladies Irish Open 2011-2013 and the 2011 Solheim Cup. One of only two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in Ireland, offering a championship golf experience, but suitable to golfers of all abilities. It is a magnificent test of golf, showcasing modern golfing excellence in terms of design and presentation. Voted the Best Parkland Course in the greater Dublin area. killeencastle.com
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Kilcoy & Bettystown Golf Club
A traditional links with undulating fairways, riveted bunkers and fast greens, situated on the banks of the River Boyne with views of the Cooley and Mourne mountains. First played in the 1880s, the club was formed in 1909 and has produced some of Ireland’s best golfers, notably Ryder Cup participants - Des Smyth and Philip Walton. links@landb.ie
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Royal Tara Golf Club
Nestling at the base of the Hill of Tara, the club is an enjoyable and conveniently located (just off M3 Motorway) golf retreat. One of the finest inland complexes with 27 championship holes set in mature parkland complete with new practice and driving range facilities. Proud recipients of the Best Hidden Gem Award by the Golfers Guide to Ireland December 2015. royaltaragolfclub.com
Termonfeckin, Drogheda, Co. Louth
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Seapoint Golf Links
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Seapoint Golf Links
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Stay a while

Great accommodation in the Boyne Valley

From luxury four star hotels to cosy cottages and fabulous yurts for those looking for something a bit different, the range of accommodation in the Boyne Valley will certainly tempt you to stay longer...
## Hotels

### Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa
Situated on the outskirts of Navan, this hotel is an ideal base for exploring the Boyne Valley. Carefully selected furnishings and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, along with beautifully appointed rooms, provide the very best in creature comforts. Live music every Saturday night. **Hugo’s Restaurant, The Kells Bar. [dunboynecastlehotel.com]**

### Castle Arch Hotel
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 with 21 excellently appointed ensuite bedrooms. Additional facilities include a private carpark, complimentary Wi-Fi, the Arch bar and lounge with a beautiful new Gastro menu. **[castlearchhotel.com]**

### City North Hotel M1
Contemporary 4 star hotel combines high standards of hospitality and service. 128 stylish bedrooms, bar/restaurant, treatment rooms. 15 minutes from Dublin Airport on M1, 25 minutes from Dublin city centre, 24 hr complimentary shuttle bus service to and from Dublin Airport. Live music at weekends. **Mornington Restaurant, Tara Lounge. [citynorthhotel.com]**

### The Conyngham Arms Hotel
A lovingly restored 18th century coaching inn, in Slane village, this classic country style village hotel is bang up to date on a new style of home grown, 15 bedrooms, original, relaxed and sitting comfortably within its environment. Uncomplicated, fresh menus, offer locally produced fare in season. 40 minutes from Dublin. **The Conyngham Arms Restaurant. [conynghamarms.ie]**

### Darnley Lodge Hotel
A haven of tranquillity nestled in Athboy with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. 15 en-suite bedrooms including the stunning Jewel Suite. An ideal place to relax and unwind with its homely charm and friendly feel. Live music Saturday nights and live trad sessions Sunday nights. 40 minutes drive from Dublin Airport. **The Darnley Restaurant. [darnleylodgehotel.ie]**

### the d hotel
This award-winning hotel is located on the banks of the River Boyne in Drogheda. This impressive waterfront location includes the Scotch Hall shopping complex and a pedestrian bridge to the town centre. 104 luxurious bedrooms. The hotel is only 25 minutes from Dublin airport. **Il Ponto Restaurant, The Hops Gastropub. [thedhotel.com]**

### Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa
This restored former home to the Lord of Dunboyne offers sophisticated modern luxury. Convenient to both the airport and Dublin city, this hotel boasts magnificent gardens, large conference and banqueting facilities and the exquisite Seoid Spa. 165 spacious bedrooms. Complimentary WIFI. **The Joy, The Terrace Lounge, The Sadler Bar. [dunboynecastlehotel.com]**

### Glenside Hotel
Let our family look after yours in our beautifully appointed, family-owned 17-bedroom hotel only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. Ample free parking, delicious food, beautiful gardens and a traditional ‘céad míle fáilte’ which has been extended to guests for almost 50 years. **Henry’s Restaurant, Bar food served daily. [glensidehotel.ie]**

### Headfort Arms Hotel
Family-owned & managed award winning hotel offers a true Irish experience in the heritage town of Kells. This listed building has 45 bespoke bedrooms with modern facilities. Enjoy the Headfort Spa, traditional pub and open fire. The hotel hosts a facsimile edition of the Book of Kells. Golf packages available. **Vanilla Pod Restaurant, Café Therese, The Keltic Bar. [headfortarms.ie]**

### Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort
A combination of luxury and modern sophistication, in the 4 star hotel set in 186 acres of rolling parkland, 131 bedrooms including 12 suites, health club, 17 suite Spa, championship golf course designed by the late Christy O’Connor Jnr, conference facilities for up to 1100 delegates and 28 luxurious holiday homes. **Rococo Restaurant, Swifts Bar, Terrace Lounge. [knightsbrook.com]**

### The Lawrence Hotel and Restaurant
A luxury, boutique hotel situated in Athboy, specializing in exclusive events including intimate weddings, executive corporate events and fine dining. Enjoy a traditional Irish experience in Coburn’s old bar on the High Street then wander through the 1920’s style magnificent glamour in our Art Deco Room celebrating the 1920’s and Lawrence of Arabia's local connection. **[thelawrence.ie]**

### The Newgrange Hotel
Located in the centre of Navan Town and 2 min walk from the main bus stop. Private car parking. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. The hotel boasts 62 luxurious bedrooms. Additional facilities include complimentary wifi, live entertainment in Rowley’s bar Friday - Sunday. **The Bridge Restaurant, Rowley’s Pub and Bridge Brasserie serving food all day. [newgrangehotel.ie]**

### Scholars Townhouse Hotel
Built in 1867 as a monastery, this magnificent building is now a boutique hotel. Renowned for its excellence in hospitality and customer service. The McGowan family have created a homely atmosphere with the warmest of Irish welcomes. 16 en suite bedrooms. **Scholars Restaurant. 2 AA rosettes 2016-17, RAI Best Hotel Restaurant County Louth 2016. [scholarshotel.com]**

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**Scholars Townhouse Hotel**
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### The Station House Hotel
Set on 11 acres of gardens, this award winning, cozy country house hotel is run by the Slattery family. This converted railway station dates back over 150 years, with old memorabilia on display and an authentic character and quaint appeal. Best Restaurant Award in Ireland with The Food Awards Ireland 2017. 

- **Location:** Kilmessan, Co. Meath
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- **Website:** stationhousehotel.ie

### Trim Castle Hotel
Overlooking Trim Castle and the adjoining rolling lawns of St. Patrick’s Church, this contemporary 4 star hotel offers superb accommodation. Stunning rooftop garden, 68 bedrooms, conference facilities, café, bar, restaurant, ample parking. Kilkenny Gift Shop. Complimentary wifi. 

- **Location:** Trim, Co. Meath
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- **Website:** trimcastlehotel.com

### The Westcourt Hotel
The Westcourt Hotel, one of the most popular hotels in the centre of Drogheda, is just 25 minutes from Dublin international airport. Perfect for weekend getaways, family and business travel. Sophisticated interiors, modern rooms and high speed wifi. Westcourt hotel can accommodate meetings, weddings, conventions, and hen parties. 

- **Location:** West Street, Drogheda Co. Louth
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- **Website:** westcourt.ie

### Specialist Accommodation

#### Boyne House Slane
Boyne House Slane is a former rectory dating from 1807, magnificently renewed, to offer luxury accommodation bearing exceptional levels of comfort and style. An addition to the Tankardstown and Chickenhams family in the area, Boyne House Slane comprising 10 bedrooms is perfect for groups visiting the area. 

- **Location:** Trim, Co. Meath
- **Phone:** +353 (0) 41 988 4444
- **Email:** info@boynehouseslane.ie
- **Website:** boynehouseslane.ie

#### Clonabreany House
Four star approved cottages surround a large courtyard, with ample parking to the rear. Includes a cozy private country bar and restaurant for up to 60 people. All cottages provide luxury and comfort with modern facilities, fitted kitchens, luxury bathrooms and flexible accommodation, sleeping up to 84 people, whilst retaining individual character and historical charm. 

- **Location:** Main Street, Slane Co. Meath
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- **Website:** clonabreanyhouse.ie

#### Loughcrew House
Private and exclusive accommodation in the centuries old Loughcrew Estate. Decorated with style by Emily Naper the house sleeps 17 with options for more in the courtyard apartments. Views of beautiful landscapes transport you back to a different time where you can imagine yourself as the lord of the Estate. 

- **Location:** Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath
- **Phone:** +353 (0) 49 854 1356
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- **Website:** loughcrew.com

#### Tankardstown House
Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown House comprises an 18th century manor house for overnight guests and chic courtyard suites. Dining in the lower courtyard restaurants. Parkland and walled pleasure gardens. Bus parking, tea/ coffee/ lunch available, child friendly, dogs allowed on leads. Viewing by appointment only. 

- **Location:** Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath
- **Phone:** +353 (0) 46 982 4621
- **Email:** info@tankardstown.ie
- **Website:** tankardstown.ie

### Guesthouses

#### Aisling Guesthouse
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 Wi in Rooms & Apts. 5 mins from M50. 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. 

- **Location:** Dublin Road, Baltrasna, Ashbourne
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- **Email:** info@aislingguesthouse.ie
- **Website:** aislingguesthouse.ie

#### Crannmor Guesthouse
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. 

- **Location:** Crannmor, Dunderry Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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- **Website:** crannmor.com

#### Highfield House
Beautiful period residence overlooking Trim Castle and the River Boyne. 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. 

- **Location:** Maudlins Road, Trim, Co. Meath
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- **Website:** highfieldguesthouse.com

#### Newgrange Lodge
Charming, family run 22 bedroom lodge located opposite the visitor centre to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Newgrange & Knowth. Enjoy comfortable accommodation, a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and soak in the fresh air whilst visiting the nearby wonderful attractions. Facilities include self catering facilities, guest BBQ, catering for small conferences and events. 

- **Location:** Donore, Co. Meath
- **Phone:** +353 (0) 41 988 2478
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- **Website:** newgrangelodge.com
B&Bs

**Athlumney Manor B&B**
Athlumney Manor is a 4 Star Fáilte Ireland-approved B&B providing outstanding customer service and comfort for their guests. Only 10 minutes walk from Navan town centre and ideally located as a base for visiting all the places of interest in County Meath. See website for more information. athlumneymanor.com

**Hill of Tara House**
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 specialty. hilloftarahouse.com

**Tara House - Teach na Teamhnach**
Situated 2km from Navan. Convenient to Navan Racecourse and local golf courses. 9 en-suite bedrooms available. Bar and restaurant on-site with full a la carte menu and live music every weekend. tarahouseaccommodation.ie

**Teltown House**
17th century country house on 290 acres in the heart of the Boyne Valley. Situated close to where the historical Tailteann Games were held. Accommodation for 8-10, all bedrooms en suite with 3 reception rooms, log fires and jacuzzi and a full Irish breakfast included. Short distance to all historic sites. teltownhouse.net

**Tigh Cathain B&B**
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. tighcathain-bnb.com

**Teach Cuailgne / Cooley House B&B**
Quiet, friendly and relaxing family home within walking distance to Carlanstown Village, pubs and facilities. 3km from Kells on N52. Central to all Boyne Valley Heritage sites. Double, twin and family rooms all ensuite. Home cooking, breakfast choice including special diets. Free Wi-Fi. Tour Guide available on request. teachcuailgne.com

**White Lodge**
Town house - 5 mins walk to the Castle - 6 ensuite bedrooms. Coffee/Tea, free internet. Free private parking. Walking distance of all locations in Trim. Airport only 40 mins. Closed until March. whitelodge.ie

**Woodstock Bed no Breakfast**
Woodstock Bed no Breakfast is a comfortable base in County Meath. It has three double rooms, two with en-suite and one with a private bathroom. Breakfast isn’t offered but there is a private guest sitting room with snacks provided and coffee making facilities. woodstockbednobreakfast.ie

**Woodview Lodge**
A modern bungalow situated on a farm, with beautiful views of the open countryside. Just 3km from Trim and 40 minutes to Dublin Airport. There are 3 spacious en-suite bedrooms, a twin, king and triple. Free wifi, private parking and a continental breakfast available. Perfect for anyone looking for a quiet, relaxing stay. Find us on booking.com

**The Yellow House B&B**
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. theyellowhouse.ie

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**CityNorth Hotel**

**Westcourt Hotel**

**Newgrange Hotel**
Self Catering

**The Cottages**
Winner of the Best Beach Holiday Home in Europe Award. The Cottages consist of six exclusive 300 year old thatched holiday cottages nestled in private, gated picturesque flower gardens directly on the beach. Superb luxury accommodation ideally located for your dream holiday, just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport. cottages-ireland.com

**Decoy Country Cottages**
Winner of the Best Tourism Business in Meath 2018, this beautifully restored stable mews provides 1,2,3 or 4 bedroom cottages in an exclusive, gated complex with landscaped gardens. Perfect for families and groups. Close to Tara & Newgrange. Indoor/outdoor play area, games room, relaxation room, gym, day spa, car e-charging. Just 30 minutes from Dublin. decoycountrycottages.ie

**Gaulstown House Courtyard Apts**
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. dunshaughlinsketcatering.com

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**Loughcrew Megalithic Centre**
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**Kilcloon Self Catering Cottages and Equestrian**
A courtyard of four unique self catering cottages, connected through mature planting and pathways to BBQ/picnic area and playground. All cottages are fully furnished and equipped with open plan kitchens, dining areas and tv lounges. Whether it’s peace and tranquillity, a place to relax and unwind, or a busy active vacation, Kilcloon Cottages is the ideal location. Enquire about our equestrian facilities too. kilclooncottages.ie

**Kiltale Holiday Homes**
Kiltale House, Cottage, The Loft/Stable/Dairy and Stone Cottage. Award winning 4 star approved self catering accommodation with all modern conveniences. Ideal for families. Milk the goats, feed the lambs, ride the donkeys and ponies. Playground and playground. Angling facilities on site. On bus route to Dublin city, close to Dublin airport, Steeps 3, 4, 6 or 7. kiltaleselfcatering.com

**Lime House, Rock Farm Slane**
The Lime House is a large 8-bedroom residence set on a secluded organic farm on the Slane Castle estate just outside the village of Slane. The house sleeps up to 22 people sharing and has en-suite bathrooms as well as a large kitchen, dining and lounge space. We specialise in entertaining family, corporate and special interest groups looking for a farm getaway in the midst of the beautiful Boyne Valley and can offer catering and activities on the farm. rockfarmslane.ie/lime-house/

**Steeple View Holiday Homes**
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**Hostels, Glamping & Camping**

**Loughcrew Megalithic Centre**
Fall in love with Loughcrew 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. Guests provided with a generous welcome hamper that includes breakfast supplies with an emphasis on local artisan suppliers.
hideawayatfoxhollow.com

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**Slane Farm Hostel, Cottages & Camping**
Old farm stables converted into a luxury hostel with private rooms and dorms. Camping also available. slanefarmhostel.ie

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**Decoy Country Cottages**

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**Tankardstown House**
Restaurants

**The Arch Lounge at the Castle Arch Hotel**
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new gastro à la carte menu 7 days a week. [castlearchhotel.com](http://castlearchhotel.com)

**The Bective**
A relaxed, atmospheric restaurant in Kells specialising in Irish beef and fish with over 90% of food sourced within the Boyne Valley. An elegant but cozy vintage interior and outdoor seated terrace including a children’s play area. Open times and special offers online. A sister restaurant to The Central Bar, Restaurant & Cafe in Navan. [thebective.ie](http://thebective.ie)

**The Bridge Restaurant**
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new gastro à la carte menu 7 days a week. [newgrangehotel.ie](http://newgrangehotel.ie)

**Brogans of Trim**
O’Reilly’s Gastro Bar serving freshly cooked, locally sourced food daily. Extended function and music space available. [brogans.ie](http://brogans.ie)

**The Burger Station**
Freshly cooked instore by our chef. Food served 6am-9pm. Seating area. Burgers, pasta, curries, snack boxes, fish n’ chips, wraps, salads. [bgillenltd@gmail.com](mailto:bgillenltd@gmail.com)

**The Central**
Home cooked food 7 days a week from early morning to late, with daytime, early bird and à la carte menus. This award-winning restaurant offers signature dishes such as cocoa chilli beef short rib and lemon & line chicken, exotic salsa, orange roasted sweet potato. Locally sourced produce and 90% of suppliers are local and within a 50km radius. [thecentral.ie](http://thecentral.ie)

**Eastern Seaboard**
Eastern Seaboard is casual dining at its finest. A landmark in the Boyne Valley for quality, style and design; where local ingredients & local producers are the foundation of a seasonally changing menu. With a natural, organic & biodynamic wine list and local craft beer, cider & gin. Eastern Seaboard is the place to be for locals & visitors alike. [glasgow-diaz.com](http://glasgow-diaz.com)

**Hugo’s Restaurant**
Serving Carvery Lunch 7 days a week and their new Gastro à la carte menu every weekend. [ardboynehotel.com](http://ardboynehotel.com)

**Il Ponto**
From its location on the banks of the River Boyne, Il Ponto (The Bridge, in Italian) is the link between the d hotel and the cosmopolitan town of Drogheda. With a mission to redefine Italian cuisine in the locality, it offers handmade pasta and authentic pizza from a traditional pizza oven, all masterfully created under the watchful eye of our head chef. [ilponto.ie](http://ilponto.ie)

**Khan Spices, Indian Restaurant & Take Away**
Creating the flavour of real Indian cuisine in the same way as back home in India. Traditional Indian methods are used, with pungent spices and herbs, exotic and fragrant ingredients to offer subtle sensuality - the very essence of Indian cuisine. Proudly serving customers since 2008. [khanspicestrim.ie](http://khanspicestrim.ie)

**The Lime Kiln**
The award winning Lime Kiln Gastropub offers an exciting and creative menu for food lovers and visitors to the Boyne Valley. With an emphasis on local quality ingredients, our dishes showcase the culinary landscape of the region with something to suit all tastes. Check out our on-site bakery and deli for delicious homemade food to takeaway. [limekiln.ie](http://limekiln.ie)
Harvest Home Bakery & Café
In the heart of Trim offering freshly baked goods from 9.00am. Homemade soup, soda bread, toasted panini and salad plates. Fresh cream cakes and Bewley’s coffee. Outdoor seating available. Like us on Facebook and twitter. Café/Bistro of the Year at the Creativeconnoisseur.blogspot.ie food awards.

Loughcrew Coffee Shop
Sit and sip an excellent coffee and delicious cake while watching the kids play outside. Situated in historic gardens this is the perfect place to relax and unwind away from the hustle and bustle of town. Open 7 days 10am - 5pm during summer. See social media for seasonal updates.

Loughcrew Megalithic Centre Café
Located just a minute walk from the Loughcrew Carpark, “Nelly’s Kitchen” is the ideal place to warm up after a hike up the hills. Try our range of hot and cold meals using a variety of fresh and local ingredients. Treat yourself to one of our mouth-watering homemade cakes and a Bewley’s coffee.

The Central
Located in Navan town centre this cafe fronts the award winning Central Bar & Restaurant on Trimgate Street. Barista coffees, tasty homemade food & delicious cakes & pastries on offer. Open 7 days. Pop in, relax and watch the world go by.

Sage & Stone
Cafe/Restaurant serving breakfast lunch and afternoon tea. Using the finest local ingredients, all food and cakes are home made on the premises. Small gift shop also, selling quirky gifts and Jewellery.

Stockhouse Restaurant
- great food, good craic in relaxed comfortable surroundings.

Teach na Teamhrach
Offering the visitor a traditional Irish pub atmosphere in our convivial bar with an extensive bar menu, perfect for those returning from a morning’s sight-seeing when a hearty appetite has been worked up. A warm welcome awaits all our visitors.

Vanilla Pod Restaurant
Although under the umbrella of the Headfort Arms, The Vanilla Pod is a self-contained contemporary restaurant that has earned regional and national acclaim in its 10 plus years of operation. We pride ourselves on good quality, carefully sourced produce from local suppliers, using ingredients that are in season with specialties such as locally reared lamb.

West29 RestoLounge
West29 RestoLounge was the proud recipient of the “Best Eating Establishment 2012/2014” at Drogheda Chamber Business Awards. Dinner is a stylish, vibrant affair that is bound to impress even the most discerning foodies. Wide selection of dishes - extensive selection of steaks, seafood tapas and pasta dishes.

Cafés
Brown Hound Bakery
Brown Hound Bakery is a very sweet spot. Hand made cakes, pastries and breads beautifully displayed. Apple monkey bread is delicious! Little custard tarts are to die for! Order a coffee by specialist roasters, sit in a window seat or at an old wooden table and be sure to pick up some savory tarts or parmesan & chive biscuits for your onward journey.

Café Therese
Café Therese in the Headfort Arms has something for everyone throughout the day. Breakfast is cooked fresh from our kitchen and served alongside our home-made traditional breads, mid-morning scones and pastries. From midday, a traditional carvery lunch operates, with evening grill menu offering a selection of freshly prepared dishes.

The Central
Family run restaurant close to Monsterboice and Newgrange, specialising in steak from own farm. Scampi is also a big hit. Good wholesome local food of the highest quality, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Can cater for any group, large or small, with 3 dining rooms.
A pint and a chat

There is no better place to embrace Irish culture and friendliness than in the pub and those in the Boyne Valley are always full of craic and ceol. Most have been in the same family for generations. So whether you’re searching for a quiet pint in that elusive snug, great food, a cosy fire or just wish to be regaled by local characters, we have one to suit.

Bars & Gastro Pubs

Bennett’s Bar
Bennett’s Bar is situated in the tiny hilltop village of Ardcath in east Meath. Much of the pubs rustic wooden interior dates to 1917. Featured on TV3 and in the Sunday World newspaper, Bennett’s roaring fire and cracking pint of Guinness makes it well worth the trip. Live Traditional Music every Thursday.  

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The Central
Award winning bar (National Bar of the Year, Best Modern Cooking in a Bar, Best Gastro Pub in Meath). A multi-purpose venue with 7 bars, a heated rooftop terrace, outdoor areas, live music, comedy gigs and New York style open kitchen restaurant. Great food & service. 90% of produce is local. 
thecentral.ie

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The Lime Kiln

Voted “Best Gastropub in Meath 2018”, offering a creative menu for food lovers. With an emphasis on local quality ingredients, dishes showcase the culinary landscape the Boyne Valley. We also source award winning craft beers and ciders from local breweries, as well as a selection of international wines and spirits. Live music every weekend. limekiln.ie

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Monasterboice Inn

A family-run pub/restaurant, specialising in a warm welcome, perfect pint and delicious food. The Donegan family have owned and run the Monasterboice Inn for the last five generations. We and our staff love taking care of customers and nothing is too much trouble. Specialities - steak from our farm and our legendary scampi. monasterboice-inn.ie

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Peter’s Pub

A lovely pub with old rustic charm. Food is served all day in the bar and the restaurant opens from early evening providing varied dishes from a choice of menus. Coach tours are catered for but prior notice is appreciated. There is also music provided in this premises.
Ryan’s Bar
A renowned family-run pub serving award-winning lunches in a cozy and friendly atmosphere. People travel from far and wide for our seafood chowder. A special feature of the pub is Navan’s old town wall. Our beer garden is a treasure to relax in. Ryan’s is Navan’s number one sport and venue bar. ryansbarnavan.ie

Tara Na Rí
Tara Na Rí, meaning Tara of the Kings, is located on the foothills of the world famous Hill of Tara with a comfortable lounge with a solid fuel stove and a lively bar. The old stone building has been meticulously maintained and is ideal for any occasion. Regular live music events including the annual music festival ‘Tara Rocks’. taranari.ie

Teach Na Teamhrach
Family-run bar and restaurant. Food offering of breakfast, award-winning carvery lunch and à la carte service. Choice of function rooms available for all occasions. Live entertainment every weekend with extensive cocktail and wine menus. Accommodation also available. taraheaccommodation.ie

Night Clubs

Industry Nite Club
Nightclub and venue, please contact hotel for more details. dunboynecastlehotel.com

LIVE Nite Club
Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11pm-2am. headfortarms.ie

Solar Nite Club
Open on selected dates throughout the year. Visit Facebook page for more details. newgrangehotel.ie

Swan Lane Music Venue
A brand new purpose built Music Venue in Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. ardboynehotel.com

TABU Nightclub & Venue
A brand new purpose built Nightclub & Music Venue

Xango Night Club
castlearchhotel.com

The Lime Kiln
Dan Kelly’s Cider
Our farm manager has seen four generations of the McNeece family work on this farm in Drogheda, and we have been growing apples for generations before that in County Armagh. We combine traditional techniques and our own hand-picked apples to create an award-winning range of ciders, juice and vinegar. dankellyscider.com

Slane Distillery
Allow our storytellers to draw you into our wonderful world of whiskey. The fabrics of the Conyngham family tapestry are carefully woven through an interactive tour of our state of the art working distillery. Finish the tour with a taste of our signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. Combine your tour with a visit to Slane Castle. See details online. slaneirishwhiskey.com

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