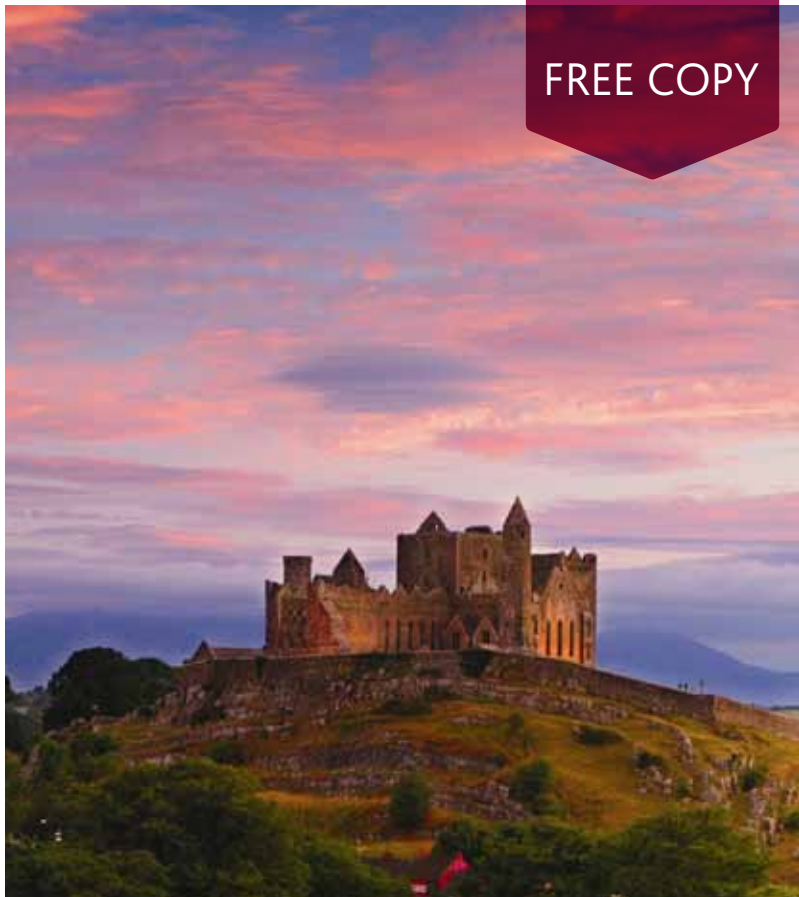


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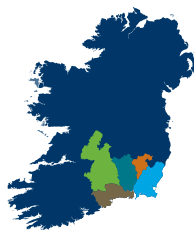
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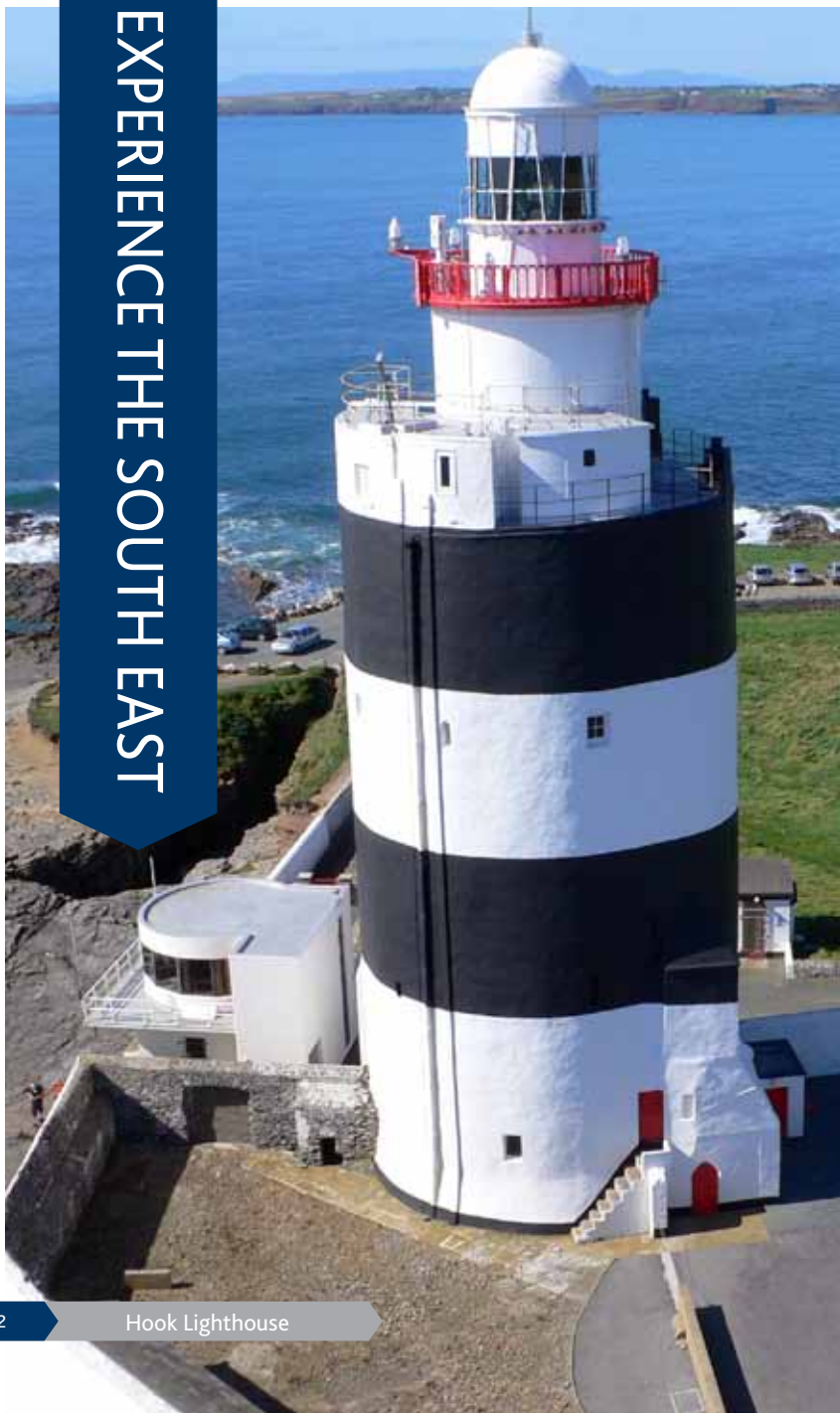
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EXPERIENCE THE SOUTH EAST



Experience the South East!

Ireland's South East offers endless opportunities for memorable holiday experiences, with its ancient heritage and contemporary culture, vibrant towns and villages, a scenic landscape and most importantly, the friendly welcome that awaits you.

Step back in time and experience Ireland's Celtic, Viking and Norman past at the region's many heritage sites, from the mighty Rock of Cashel in Tipperary to the magnificent Kilkenny Castle, to Hook Lighthouse and Brownshill Dolmen. No trip to the South East would be complete without a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal to marvel at the work of the master craftsmen. Or take time to soak up the atmosphere at Altamont Gardens in Carlow, Ireland's most romantic garden.

For something a little different, try some of these experiences, unique to the South East:

The Kilkenny Way - Hurling Experience: Learn about the hurling greats down through the ages, take a walking tour to the famous Kilkenny County hurling ground and learn the basic skills of the game.

Ring Fort Stayovers, The Irish National Heritage Park: A unique opportunity to experience life in Early Medieval Ireland, stay in a perfect replica of a 1,500 year old Irish ringfort, living as our ancestors did for a night or two.

Surf through Irish, Freedom Surf School: Learn how to surf through the Irish language in Freedom Surf School, Tramore, Co. Waterford.

Tig Roy, Glen of Aherlow: Take part in an activity weekend at Tig Roy including hillwalking, set dancing, horse riding, visiting local sites, dining out and traditional Irish music.

Jerpoint Park, Kilkenny: Take a visit to Jerpoint Park, where the geese herding is by far the most popular show as the sheepdog directs the geese around the grounds, but also makes them fly on command!

Stories From The Hearth: Be captivated at a storytelling session in one of County Wexford's 'Booley Houses'.



Bishops Palace Museum, Waterford

Top Experiences - South East

Explore the South East of Ireland and wander the cobbled laneways of Kilkenny, Ireland's Medieval Capital, trace 1000 years of history in the museums and historic monuments of the Viking Triangle in Ireland's oldest city Waterford, or follow the the footsteps of President John F. Kennedy in Wexford's Emigrant Trail.

Waterford's Viking Triangle

Waterford's Viking Triangle is the cultural and historic quarter of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, where in 914 AD. The Vikings first settled. Geographically the area comprises, the north east corner of Waterford City Centre fronting the quays and the River Suir, the central retail area to the west and the home of the global brand, Waterford Crystal on the mall to the south. It is a compact, historic, urban area containing nine national monuments, including a 13th century underground wine vault & three world class museums (Viking, Medieval and Georgian) chronicling over 1,000 years of history unfolding in just 1,000 paces in this compact and fascinating location.

Wexford's Emigrant Trail

The Kennedy Family legacy is an integral part of life in Co. Wexford. The achievements of this distinguished family are celebrated on the Emigrant Trail featuring three key heritage sites on a 15 mile (24km) trail in the vicinity of New Ross Town in County Wexford. Start your journey at the Quayside in New Ross, there you will find the wonderful Dunbrody Famine Ship, the evocative Emigrant Flame and the life size welcoming sculpture of President John F. Kennedy. From the quayside take the short 4 mile journey to the Kennedy Homestead in nearby Dunganstown. The splendid visitor centre at the original Kennedy Family Homestead offers visitors an audio visual trip through history. From the Homestead follow the trail to the nearby John F. Kennedy Memorial Park. This memorial Park of 623 acres is dedicated to the memory of President Kennedy.



Kilkenny Castle



IRELAND'S
**MEDIEVAL
MILE**

Kilkenny Medieval Mile

Characterised by a maze of cobbled streets and ancient buildings, Ireland's smallest city oozes with old world charm. Kilkenny's Medieval Mile experience stretches from Kilkenny Castle in the east, to St. Canice's Cathedral in the west, through the city's main street. The medieval buildings and streetscapes of the city justify its title as Ireland's Medieval Capital. Step into the past at Rothe House and Garden, a 17th century wealthy merchant town house and restored garden, taste the renowned brew of Smithwicks in the surroundings of St. Francis Abbey, Ireland's oldest brewery or soak up the electric atmosphere when you experience our national sport of hurling in Nowlan Park.

For those in search of peace and quiet, Kilkenny is surrounded by a gently undulating, lush countryside, traversed by meandering rivers and dotted with quaint villages and monastic ruins.

CARLOW



Carlow

Carlow is a county of ancient beauty and mystical charm. To the south and south east, the dramatic Blackstairs Mountains frame the county, at the heart of which is Carlow town, a historic and bustling centre with great shopping and a reputation for lively festivals held during the year.

Carlow's scenery is matched by its wealth of picturesque riverside towns and villages, shaped by the rivers Barrow, Burrin and Slaney towns such as Leighlinbridge, Bagenalstown, Clonegal, Tullow and Rathvilly.

Close to Tullow are the renowned Altamont Gardens, a romantic and lovingly restored garden and just one of the many public gardens for which Carlow is famous. Visitors can now enjoy Carlow's unique Garden Trail which features 16 different gardening attractions, a dedicated guide to the Trail is available from Carlow Tourist Office.

Carlow is steeped in history; home to mystical pagan sites such as the prehistoric Brownhill Dolmen, early Christian settlements like St. Mullins and magnificent Georgian country homes such as Duckett's Grove with its beautiful restored gardens which welcomes visitors.

Did you Know?

- 650 years ago Carlow was the Capital of Ireland
- The Brownhill Dolmen, located outside of Carlow Town is considered to be the biggest in Europe weighing over 100 tonnes
- The Former pulpit from Carlow Cathedral which is displayed in the Carlow Museum has been included on the Irish Times newspaper list of a history of Ireland in 100 objects
- That Mount Tyndall in the Alps Mountains is named after Carlow's 19th century scientist and mountaineer John Tyndall
- The Ballybannon Ring Brooch found in 2008 by archaeologists prior to the construction of the M9 Carlow by-pass is the first one found in the county. It is between 600 to 800 years old



Kennedy Avenue

Carlow Towns and Villages

In Carlow's towns and villages you'll find the warmth of the Irish welcome and a fascinating history, all set against an untouched rural landscape.

Carlow Town (E2) is a bustling centre with great shopping, fine restaurants and accommodation. Carlow has a well-earned reputation for lively festivals throughout the year, including the internationally renowned Carlow Arts Festival, an 8 - day extravaganza in June each year, featuring visual arts, theatre, comedy, dance, literary events, film, music, crafts and street entertainment. There is an excellent Walking Festival in October and a Garden Festival in August. This year the festival has a stellar line - up including "Much loved U.K broadcaster Monty Don" Carlow boasts a long tradition in river sports and boating activity, with Carlow Regatta, one of the oldest rowing festivals in the country, which takes place on May 31st-1st June 2015. Carlow has many listed river walks, including the National Way Marked Barrow Way. It is also home to Duckett's Grove, originally the 18th, 19th and early 20th century residence of the Duckett family, whose walled gardens and wooded pleasure grounds are now open to the public. The Visual Centre for Contemporary Art & The George Bernard Shaw Theatre is also located in Carlow.

Tullow (E2) is located on the River Slaney and is the nearby home of Altamont Gardens - one of the country's most celebrated gardens. Tullow is also the ancestral home of the Wolseley family of whom Frederick York Wolseley gave his name to the Wolseley car. Golfers can enjoy time at the excellent 18 - hole Mount Wolseley Hotel Spa & Country Club. Historical sites of interest include Rathgall Stone Fort and the prehistoric burial places of Bawnoge and Haroldstown Dolmen.

Bagenalstown (E3) Founded on the River Barrow in the 18th century, Bagenalstown is a charming town, with riverside walks and a picturesque lock close to the fine estate house of Dunleckney Manor. Also known as Muine Bheag, Bagenalstown derives its name from Walter Bagenal, whose original concept for the town was based on Versailles and the palaces of Louis XIV, with fine streetscapes and classical buildings. The impressive courthouse, modelled on the Parthenon in Athens, is all that remains of Walter Bagenal's dream today, but Bagenalstown continues to be an ideal location for outdoor activities including angling, inland cruising, cycling and walking tours.



Borris

Leighlinbridge (E2) The pretty town of Leighlinbridge is dominated by the medieval ruin of the Black Castle standing sentinel over a 14th century, nine-arched bridge - reputedly one of the oldest functioning bridges in Europe. West of Leighlinbridge is Old Leighlin (D2) the site of a 7th century monastic settlement and the 13th century St. Lazerian's Cathedral. A significant church synod took place here in 630 A.D. which influenced the date of Easter for the entire Christian world, a formula still used to this day.

Rathvilly (E2) is a picturesque village to the north east of Carlow. Its name derives from a series of ancient raths or forts built along the River Slaney. A statue of the young executed rebel Kevin Barry stands in the town centre. RathvillyMotte, believed to have been the residence of Crimthan, King of Leinster in the 5th century, commands panoramic views of Wicklow and Mount Leinster.

St. Mullins (E3) is a tranquil village set deep in the lower Barrow Valley. Nestled between the Blackstairs Mountains on one side and Brandon Hill on the other, St. Mullins holds an impressive ecclesiastical history. Originally the site of a 7th century monastery built by St. Moling, whom the village is named after, an Abbey was later built here. The ruins of a 10th century round tower and highcross exist to this day.

Clonegal (E3) is a charming village and popular walking destination at the end of the Wicklow Way Walking route, with a backdrop of tree-clad hills along the Wicklow/Wexford border. Situated on the River Derry, Clonegal is home to Huntington Castle - a romantic 17th century structure situated in the middle of the village.

Borris (E3) is a Georgian town nestling in the valley of the River Barrow, below the curve of the Blackstairs Mountains. The MacMurrough Kavanagh dynasty, former Celtic Kings of Leinster, is central to this town and the family still live at Borris House in the town centre. The Mount Leinster Drive and the Blackstairs Mountains have great scenic views. Clashganny Lock, 5km south of Borris, also has panoramic views of Carlow's rich countryside.

For more information on Carlow's towns and villages, visit one of our Discover Ireland Centres and Tourist Offices (see the inside front cover for contact details) or our website www.discoverireland.ie

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

Visitor Attractions

1 Altamont Gardens

Tullow, Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9159444

www.heritageireland.ie



Large, beautiful old world garden, Robinsonian in style with a strong emphasis on the informal tradition of combining a good plant collection within the natural landscape of its environment. Lawns and clipped yews slope down to a lake surrounded by rare trees, shrubs and a profusion of roses both old and modern where herbaceous plants scent the air. There is a steep descent through the "Ice Age Glen" to a beautiful river walk.

Open: Daily, every day ex. Christmas Day; Jan & Dec 9.00 – 16.00:
Feb & Nov 9.00- 16.30: Mar – Oct 9.00 – 17.00: Apr – Sept 9.00 – 18.30.

Admission: Free of charge, except for pre-booked guided tours: €3.



2 Visual Centre for Contemporary Art & George Bernard Shaw Theatre

Old Dublin Road, Carlow,
Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9172400

www.visualcarlow.ie



Visual is an architecturally iconic and award-winning arts centre located in the heart of Carlow Town. It houses the largest white-cube gallery space in the country—a massive 12 metres high and a 320-seat theatre. Visual produces an exciting programme of local, national and international contemporary art, performances and events in multiple disciplines, with a host of fun activities for schools, families and adults throughout the year. See website for seasonal programme details.

Open: All year, Closed Mon. Tue - Sat 11.00 - 17.30.
Sun. & Bank Holidays 14.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Free of charge to galleries. Prices vary for theatre shows.
Concessions available.



3 Brownhill Dolmen

Hacketstown Road
(R726), Carlow,
Co. Carlow



Mysterious and majestic, the Brownhill Dolmen has captured the imagination of visitors for centuries. Located 3km east of Carlow, the capstone of this magnificent megalithic tomb is believed to be the largest in Europe, weighing some 103 tons.

Its date of construction has been estimated at between 4,900 and 5,500 years ago and it is thought that religious rites were performed here. Some authorities also suggest that it may have served as a form of border marker. Whatever its original purpose, it represents a tangible link between the present and the past.

Open: Daylight hours.

Admission: Free of charge.

4 Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens

& Pleasure Grounds
Rainestown, Carlow,
Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9131554.

www.carlowgardentrail.com



Situated just outside Carlow town and originally a Georgian home of a noted Anglo - Irish family, Duckett's Grove was rebuilt in flamboyant, Gothic revival style.

The first phase of the revival of two old walled gardens have been completed, the old paths revealed and the beds and borders re-instated. Ducketts Grove Design, Craft and gift Emporium includes a large craft retail display area and three craft workshops. The venue also includes a tea room serving delicious cakes, snacks and light lunches. Craft and Gift Emporium Open Apr – Oct Sat – Sun 10.00 -17.00.

Open: For Tea Room open hours visit www.facebook.com/thetearoomsatduckettsgrove or 085 1136075

Admission: Free of charge.

Visitor Attractions

5 Oak Park Forest Park

Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9131554

www.carlowgardentrail.com



Situated on the outskirts of Carlow Town, the park is a mature mixed species woodland of over 120 acres with a predominance of Beech, Oak, Scots Pine, Silver Fir, Larch and Sycamore. Ideal for leisurely strolls and walks, a visit here is a relaxing and pleasurable experience and a must for any visitor to Carlow. Colour coded circular walkways of varying lengths with excellent accessible surfaces and easy gradients makes for an enjoyable experience for young and old alike. New state of the art universal access playground now opened.

Open: Daily, daylight hours

Admission: Free of charge.



6 Huntington Castle and Gardens

Clonegal, Co. Carlow

Tel: 053 9377160

www.huntingtoncastle.com



Huntington Castle, is one of Ireland's hidden gems. A superb 17th Century Castle it combines history, atmosphere and beautiful gardens. Still lived in by the present generation of the family it is a working family home. Enjoy a fascinating tour of the Castle and run & play in the gardens, or explore our adventure playground and woodland trail. Relax in the tea room and gift shop.

Open Gardens: Daily May - Sept 12.00 - 17.30. **House:** w/e May & Sept, and daily June, July Aug. Easter, Halloween, Christmas etc.

Admission: Guided Castle Tour & Gardens, Adult €9, Con.€7, Child €4, Family and group discounts available.



7 Rathwood

Rath, Tullow,
Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9156285

www.rathwood.com



As winner of Store of the Year 2013 Rathwood combines all the luxury of shopping with the freedom of the countryside. Within the store are ladies boutiques, furniture showrooms, a fine food delicatessen and a 300 seater restaurant along with a playground and Train Ride. There is also a Birds of Prey centre on the grounds.

Open: All year, Mon - Sat 9.30 - 18.00. Sun 11.00 - 18.00.

Admission: Free of charge into Rathwood; Woodland Train: €3 p.p. Check website for events and Woodlands Falconry.

8 Carlow County Museum

College Street, Carlow Town,
Co. Carlow

Tel: 059 9131554

www.carlowcountymuseum.ie



Visit Carlow County Museum, Irelands award winning Best Local Authority Museum. Among the displays is the magnificent 19th century Carlow Cathedral pulpit, included in the book A history of Ireland in 100 objects. View the gallows trapdoor used for public executions in the town. Read about the 19th century scientist John Tyndall who discovered the greenhouse effect. Learn about Kevin Barry, executed in 1920 at 18 years during the Irish War of Independence. See the smoking pipe of Captain Myles Keogh, killed in the Battle of the Little Big Horn. The Museum is located in Carlow's Cultural Quarter.

Open: Sep - May Mon - Sat 10.00 - 16.30: Jun - Aug Mon - Sat 10.00 - 17.00: Sun & Bank Hols 14.00 - 16.30.

Admission: Free of charge. Self guided, pre-book for group tours.

More to Experience

Cathedrals, Churches and Round Towers

Black Castle (E3) Leighlinbridge.

Situated on the river Barrow, the first castle on this site was built in 1181 by the Norman, Hugh de Lacy.

Saint Laserian's Cathedral (E3) Old Leighlin, Carlow. Tel: 059 9721570.

Contact: The Very Revd Tom Gordon. St. Laserian's Cathedral (13th Century) is on the site of a 7th Century monastery. This site was the location of an important church synod in 630 AD which influenced the system for establishing the date of Easter each year. Open: Daily; Easter weekend - end Sept. 12.00 - 16.00. Other times by arrangement only.

St. Mullins Heritage Centre (E3) St. Mullins, Co. Carlow.

Tel: 087 9977090/051 424913.

Saint Mullins is the location of a splendid collection of early monastic remains including a round tower, monastery and the original stream cutting, believed to have been dug by St. Moling's (died 696 AD) own hands. The former Church of Ireland Church, now houses the St. Mullins Heritage Centre. Genealogy service and guided tours by appointment. Open: May - Sep: Mon - Tue 9.00 - 17.00, Sun: 14.00 - 18.00. Rest of Year: Mon - Tue 9.00 - 17.00 and every second Wed 9.00 - 16.00. Other times by appointment

Adelaide Memorial Church (E3) Myshall. Tel: 059 9157671.

Built as a miniature of Salisbury Cathedral, the church houses many objects of interest. The key is held locally by Mrs. Bridie Daly (white bungalow opposite church grounds).

Castles and Historic Buildings

Ballymoon Castle (E3) Bagenalstown.

A large, square castle, with imposing entrance gate and formidable square towers measuring 20ft high and 8ft thick. Access to the castle is via a small timber foot bridge.

Weavers Cottages (E3) Clonegal. Tel. 053 9377575.

The Durdin or Weavers Cottages were built by Alexander Durdin in the late 17th century. They were lived in by weavers when the trade was at its height and now feature many items, artefacts, furniture and pictures from bygone times. Beautiful heritage garden to the rear. Open: Apr - Oct.: Mon - Fri. 12.00 - 16.00. Adm. Free, voluntary contributions welcome.

Borris House (E3) Borris. Tel: 059 9771884. www.borrishouse.com

Come and explore the ancestral home of the MacMurrough Kavanaghs, Kings of Leinster, set in over six hundred and fifty acres of walled private park and woodlands. Tours feature the Borris Lace Collection, the private chapel and the splendid reception rooms. Open: Check website for opening times.

Carlow Castle (E2) Carlow.

Built in the early years of the 13th century, this was an important and strategically sited fortification on the south eastern corner of the Pale. Now a ruin, it stands on the eastern bank of the River Barrow.



River Barrow

Museums and Tours

Ardattin Cottage Museum (E2) Tullow. Tel: 059 9155639.

This museum houses a unique collection of artefacts. Open: by appointment only. Admission applies.

Carlow Historic Town Trail (E2)

Discover the history of Carlow Town in a one hour self-guided tour featuring identifiable finger signposts and large map boards. Please contact Carlow Tourist Office for information.

County Carlow Military Museum (E2) The Old Church ,Athy Road Carlow, Tel: 087 6904242

Privately run museum featuring a large range of artefacts relating to local,national and international conflicts. See facebook for more details.

Tullow Museum (E2) Bridge Street, Tullow. Tel: 086 3416919/087 2383515

Housed in an attractive former Methodist church, the museum houses a splendid collection of artefacts documenting the region's history. Open: Apr - Oct, Tue. - Fri. 14.00 - 16.00, Sun & Bank Holidays 14.00 - 17.00. Closed Mon & Sat. Other times by appointment.

Carlow Brewing Company (E2) MuineBheag Business Park, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown, www.carlowbrewing.com Tel: 059 9720509.

The beers produced are based on traditional Celtic beer styles and use wholesome ingredients brewed in the natural process. Tours must be booked in advance.

Gardens & Parks (See Gardens Section On Page 108)

Carlow has Ireland's first integrated Garden Trail, www.carlowgardentrail.com

Uiseann Park (E2) Killeshin Hills, Rossmore.

Offers wonderful views of Carlow Town and the surrounding countryside. Features a playground. Open: daily - daylight hours.

Genealogical Centre

Carlow Central Library (E2) Tullow Street, Carlow. Tel 059 9170094.

Online Research Service www.rootsireland.ie

Language Schools - Acels Approved

Carlow International English Language School (E2) 46 Sycamore Rd, Rathnapish. Carlow Town Tel: 059 9142066/086 8621266. www.ciels.ie

English Language Ireland (E2) The School House, O'Brien Road, Carlow.

Contact: Ruth Coffey. Tel: 059 9140227. www.englishlanguage.ie

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All attractions listed above are fully detailed on pages 10 to 13.

KILKENNY





Kilkenny

A beautiful and ancient county where history, modern living and rich culture fuse together across an unspoiled landscape.

Home to Ireland's Medieval Mile, Kilkenny City offers a wealth of visitor attractions and experiences from Kilkenny Castle to St. Canices Cathedral and everything in between. Visit historic buildings, towering cathedrals, winding slipways and much more; all within an exciting, cosmopolitan and culturally alive city renowned for its fine dining, great shopping & entertainment.

The County area offers a number of fascinating attractions, from Viking tales and natural formations at Dunmore Cave, to celebrated monastic settlements such as Jerpoint Abbey. Kilkenny's many pretty towns and villages have a relaxed atmosphere and feature in a number of locally developed trails for crafts, walkers, food lovers & cyclists. Golfers are spoiled for choice with a range of challenging courses, including the famous championship course at Mount Juliet. Horse racing enthusiasts are well catered for at Gowran Park which holds prominent national fixtures throughout the year. Kilkenny is celebrated as Ireland's festival and event hub, and plays host to some top national festivals as well as some of the most entertaining community festivals in Ireland. Kilkenny was awarded the Fáilte Ireland Tourist Town of the year for 2013.

Did you Know?

- Smithwicks Experience Kilkenny was recently listed as one of the "Top 26" hot new attractions in the world to visit in 2015" by the Lonely Planet.
- Kilkenny was named Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2014.
- The 9th century Round Tower at St. Canices Cathedral is only one of two towers in Ireland that people may climb.
- The famous philosopher, George Berkeley, after whom Berkeley University in California is named, was born in Kilkenny in 1685.
- James Hoban a native of Callan Co. Kilkenny was the architect responsible for designing The White House in Washington DC.



Kilkenny City

Kilkenny Towns and Villages

Whether your passion is heritage, the great outdoors, or buzzing nightlife, Kilkenny has something for everyone. Below are some towns and villages that are waiting to be explored.

The vibrant medieval city of **Kilkenny** (D3) displays a wonderful blend of old and new, with beautifully restored historic buildings and charming narrow slipways positioned side by side with shops and restaurants. Kilkenny, from the gaelic Cill Chainnigh, is named after the 6th century monk St. Canice, whose name also survives in the city's 13th century St. Canice's Cathedral. Kilkenny's origins date back some 1,500 years, although the Normans, who arrived in the 12th century, left a lasting legacy in many fine buildings including the fully restored Kilkenny Castle and the impressive Rothe House and Garden on Parliament Street. The city has a colourful calendar of festivals including the Kilkenny Arts Festival, the Cat Laughs Comedy Festival, the popular Kilkenny Roots Festival and the annual Kilkenomics Festival to mention just a few.

A beautiful riverside town, **Bennettsbridge** (D3) marks one of the oldest crossings of the River Nore, 9km south of Kilkenny City. The first bridge was built here in 1285 and dedicated to St. Bennett. Today, Bennettsbridge is an internationally renowned centre for craft and design, with Nicholas Mosse Pottery and Moth to a Flame Candle Makers operating factory stores in the village.

Also in the Nore Valley, **Thomastown** (D3), founded in the early 13th century, was originally a walled town complete with 14 towers. It was sacked by Cromwell in 1650 although many interesting ruins remain. Jerpoint Abbey, located outside of Thomastown is an outstanding Cistercian abbey and the best preserved of its kind in the country, and close to the world - famous Mount Juliet Hotel golf resort and equestrian centre.

A popular destination for visitors, the beautiful village of **Inistioge** (E3), set deep in the Nore Valley, is surrounded by mature woodland and rolling hills. Woodstock Arboretum and Gardens are located south of the village, while the centre of the village is well catered for by a number of cafés and restaurants.

The scenic riverside town of **Graiguenamanagh** (E3) is situated on the Carlow/Kilkenny border. The town's name translates as "the village or valley of the monks" relating to Duiske Abbey, founded in 1204. A popular boating,



Graiguenamanagh

river cruising, cycling, fishing and walking destination. Home to the famous Cushendale Woollen Mills which welcomes visitors.

Also on the River Barrow, **Goresbridge** (E3) is a picturesque village popular for angling and river cruising. The village features as part of the Barrow Way walking trail.

The ancient market town of **Callan** (D3) was founded in 1217 on the King's River. Once heavily fortified, Callan was the scene of many famous battles dating back to 844. Nearby the ancient village of **Kells** (D3), is home to the ruins of an Augustinian Priory founded in 1193. Mills including a mill museum, Kilree round tower and high cross, and a number of churches and other historical sites all feature in the immediate vicinity along with easy riverside walks.

The village of **Gowran** (E3) is home to one of Ireland's premier racecourses. Gowran Park also offers excellent 18-hole golf facilities on one of the finest parkland courses in the country. Once the seat of the Kings of Ossory, the village of Gowran held the Collegiate Church dating from 1260, which has been incorporated into the 19th century St. Mary's Protestant Church on the village main street.

Mullinavat (D4) is a village in the heart of south Kilkenny, popular with anglers and walkers due to its proximity to the rivers Barrow, Nore and Suir and to the picturesque Poulanassy Waterfall. **Knocktopher** (D3) is another small village just north of Mullinavat surrounded by fine countryside, woodland and walkways.

Nestled in the hills of north Kilkenny, **Castlecomer** (D2) is an attractive and lively town. The lakes and walkways of Castlecomer Discovery Park provide angling and walking trails, and the park's interpretive centre is well worth a visit, as are the excellent craft retail units in Castlecomer Estate Yard.

The village of **Freshford** (D3) was designed around two tree-lined, triangular greens. A 7th century monastery was founded in this village. West of Freshford lies the village of **Urlingford** (C3) which has many fine walks along the Kilkenny/Tipperary border.

For more information on Kilkenny see www.discoverireland.ie

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

Visitor Attractions

1 Kilkenny Castle

The Parade, Kilkenny City,
Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 056 7704100

www.kilkennycastle.ie



12th century castle remodelled in Victorian Times and set in extensive parklands. Principal seat of the Butler Family. Two wings are restored to their 1830s splendour and include the magnificent Long Gallery. The Parade Tower is the Castles Conference Centre and the River Wing houses the Butler Art Gallery.

Open: Oct - Feb 09.30 - 16.30: Mar 09.30 - 17.00: Apr - May 09.30 - 17.30: Jun - Aug 09.00 - 17.30: Sep 09.30 - 17.30. Last admissions 30 & 45 minutes before closing.

Admission: Adult: €7, Senior/Group (20+): €5, Student/Child of 6yrs & over: €3, Family: €17.

2 St. Canice's Cathedral and Round Tower

Coach Road, Kilkenny City

Tel: 056 7764971

www.stcanicescathedral.com



Visit St. Canices Cathedral to explore or take in the serenity of an early Gothic Cathedral. See the wonderful stained glass and the largest collection of ancient monuments. A model of Kilkenny City provides a deeper understanding of the medieval city and see the seat of the bishop of Ossary dating back to 1120AD. View Kilkenny and the surrounding area from the 9th century round tower (weather permitting).

Open: April, May & Sept. Mon - Sat 10.00 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 17.00, Sun. 14.00 - 17.00: Jun, July & Aug Mon - Sat. 09.00 - 18.00. Sun 14.00 - 18.00: Oct - Mar Mon - Sat 10.00 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 16.00. Sun: 14.00 - 16.00. Please note round tower opens at 10am.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/ Student €3, Family €12

3 Rothe House and Garden

Parliament Street,
Kilkenny City

Tel: 056 7722893

www.rothehouse.com



17th century merchants town house and garden. Located in the centre of Kilkenny City, this is a delightful opportunity to discover a unique place. Museum, garden, books, gifts and family history centre.



Open: Apr.-Sept Mon -Sat. 10.30-17.30, Sun. 14.00-18.00: Oct.-Mar. Mon-Sat. 10.30-16.30.

Admission: Adult: €5.50, Concession: €4.50, Family; €15 (2+2)

★ **Offer:** 10% off in shop when this ad is presented. T/C apply

4 Smithwicks Experience

Parliament St.
Kilkenny

Tel: 056 7786377

www.smithwicksexperience.com



Smithwicks Experience Kilkenny was recently listed as one of the "Top 26 hot new attractions in the world to visit in 2015" by the Lonely Planet. With over 300 years of brewing experience, let your senses come to life as you immerse yourself in the history of Ireland's favourite ale. Get a flavour for how our famous beer is made, from feeling the heat from the first batch of malt to savouring the last drop of a refreshingly delicious pint.



Open: daily 10.00 - 18.00. (last tour leaves 17.00) Retail shop closes at 18.00. Check www.smithwicksexperience.com for seasonal opening times

Family & Groups are also welcome.

Admission: Adult €12; Stu + 18 / Sen €9.50. Stu. - 18 €7; Families €28.

Admission includes 1 complimentary pint of Smithwicks (visitors+18) or soft drink for children (-18)

★ **Offer:** Book online to avail of 10% discount off adult tickets



Visitor Attractions

5 Castlecomer Discovery Park

The Estate Yard, Castlecomer,
Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 056 4440707

www.discoverypark.ie



This stunning 80 acre natural woodland park comprises of an exciting Tree Top Adventure Walk, Climbing Wall & a fascinating Coal Mining Exhibition & the Jarrow Café.

Open: Weekdays 9.30 - 17.00, Weekends 10.00 - 16.30, (times may vary please check website)

Admission: Tree Top Walk €12.50pp, Climbing Wall and Leap of Faith €10, all 3 act. €20, Coal Mining Ex. Adult €7, Child €5, Con. €6, Orienteering Trails €3 per map, Car Park €2 all day parking. Pre-booking is essential for all Tree Top Adventure Walk activities.

6 The National Reptile Zoo

Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 056 7726757

www.reptilevillage.net



Some of the worlds rarest and most amazing animals! Suitable for all ages. Walk through a tropical exhibit, animal encounter zone, soft play area, café and picnic area and over 50 exhibits!

Open: All year round, including Sundays & Bank Holidays- 10.00 - 18.00..

Admission: Adult: €9.90, Children(3-17 yrs) €7.50, Family(2adults+1child), €27(€5/€3 per subsequent Adult/Child thereafter).

★ **Offer:** 5% discount with this advertisement (Cannot be used with any other offer)

7 Jerpoint Abbey

Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 056 7724623

www.heritageireland.ie



An outstanding Cistercian abbey founded in the second half of the 12th century. The chief delight of the Abbey is the sculptured cloister arcade with unique carvings. The visitor centre houses an interesting exhibition. Access for visitors with disabilities. Guided tours available.

Open: Daily: Mar - end Sept. 9.00 - 17.30. Oct. 9.00 - 17.00. Nov. 9.30 - 16.00. Open Dec - Feb. for pre booked groups. Closed for Christmas period. Last adm. 45 mins before closing.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group €3, Child/Student €2. Family €10.00.

8 Dunmore Cave

Castlecomer Road,
Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 056 7767726

www.heritageireland.ie



History and geology blend at Dunmore Cave to give an interesting and unique situation. Consisting of a series of chambers formed over millions of years, the cave contains some of the finest calcite formations found in any Irish cave. The cave has been known to man for many centuries and is first mentioned in the 9th century Irish Triads. Archaeological finds within the cave confirm Viking activity. Exhibitions and displays in the visitor centre. The cave is inaccessible for wheelchair users. Visitor centre is fully accessible.

Open: Daily; Mar - mid Jun, 9.30 - 17.00, last tour 16.00, mid Jun - 11th Sep, 9.30 - 18.30, last tour 17.00, 11th Sep - end Oct, 9.30 - 17.00, last tour 16.00
Nov - Mar, Wed - Sun (inc) 9.30 - 17.00, last tour 15.00.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Student/Child: €2, Family: €10.

9 Woodstock Garden and Arboretum

Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny

Tel: 087 8549785

www.woodstock.ie



Restored Victorian garden, renowned for its collection of trees in the arboretum. Enjoy a stroll through the tranquil woodland walks and formal gardens. Take time out for tea in a restored Turner Conservatory overlooking the flower terraces or enjoy a wander through the herbaceous flower beds and vegetable plots in the walled garden. Other facilities include a childrens playground, picnic area and accessible toilets. A mobility buggy available on request at no charge.

Open: Apr. - Mid Oct.: daily, 9.00-19.00. Mid Oct. - March, Daily 10.00-16.30

Tea Rooms Open: June - Aug.: daily. Easter - May & Sept. & Oct.: weekends only.

Admission: €4 per car to car park, includes admission to gardens. Group prices on request

More to Experience

Art Galleries / Theatres

The Butler Gallery (D3) Kilkenny Castle D2 Tel: 056 7761106

www.butlergallery.com

Contemporary art gallery. Open daily, all year, free admission. See website for more details.

The Blackbird Art Gallery (D3) Kilkenny D2 Tel: 087 7843015

www.theblackbirdgallery.ie (like on facebook)

Contemporary commercial art gallery. Open Wed - Fri. 11am - 4pm/Sat. 11am - 5pm (subject to change).

Watergate Theatre and Upstairs Gallery (D3) Irishtown Tel: 056 7761674

www.watergatetheatre.com

Set Theatre (D3) Kilkenny Tel: 056 7765133 www.set.ie

Cleeres Bar & Theatre (D3) 28 Parliament st. www.cleeres.com Tel 056 - 7762573

Abbeys, Churches and Historic Houses

St. Mary's Church (E3) Gowran. Tel: 056 7726894. www.heritageireland.ie

Dating from 1275, this church features monuments of great beauty from the 14th to 17th centuries. Open: 21st May – 2nd Sept. 10.30 - 17.00. Wed. - Sun. Last admission 45 minutes before closing. Admission: Free of charge. Restricted access for visitors with disabilities.

Duiske Abbey (E3) Graiguenamanagh. Tel: 059 9724238.

This early Cistercian Abbey (1204) and Visitor Centre provide an art exhibition and sales of Christian art and sculpture. Open: Mon to Fri 9.00 - 13.00. Admission: Free of charge.

Kells Priory (D3) Kells.

These extensive ruins of an Augustinian Priory date back to 1193. Nearby is a local museum. (operates seasonally) Open: The site is accessible all year.

Black Abbey (D3) Kilkenny City. Tel: 056 7721279.

The Dominican Black Abbey dates back to 1225. Of particular note is the stained glass 'Rosary Window', the stonework of which survives intact. Open Daily.

The Hole in the Wall (D3) 17 High Street, Kilkenny. Tel: 087 8075650.

www.holeinthewall.ie

The oldest surviving townhouse in Ireland, the 1582 Archer Inner House. Now restored, the Elizabethan building, its tavern, snug and Archer room are open to visitors, and has become an interesting & intimate venue for many events including concerts, debates, theatre & poetry etc. Open: Most evenings and weekends.

Birds and Wildlife

The Newpark Fen (D3) Kilkenny City.

This game and bird sanctuary and amenity area offers opportunities to view many different species of birds.

Craft Studios and Workshops

For a comprehensive list of craft operators see the "Made in Kilkenny Craft Trail" brochure. Available from the Tourist Office or www.madeinkilkenny.ie

Nicholas Mosse Pottery (D3) Bennettsbridge. Tel: 056 7727505.

www.nicholasmosse.com

This water - powered factory includes a visitors' area, shop, bargain area, café and a small museum. Open: All year, Mon. - Sat. 10.00 - 18.00, Sun 13.30 - 17.00.

Cushendale Woollen Mills (D3) Graiguenamanagh. Tel: 059 9724118.

www.cushendale.ie

Traditional woollen mills, featuring colourful textiles in natural fibres. Open: Mon - Fri 8.30 - 17.30 (closed for lunch 12.30 - 13.30), Sat 10.00 - 13.00.

Rudolf Heltzel (D3) 10 Patrick Street, Kilkenny City. Tel 056 7721497.

www.heltzel.ie

German by birth Rudolf Heltzel has lived and worked in Kilkenny since 1966. At his studio, he crafts exceptional contemporary jewellery in gold, platinum and silver. Open: Mon - Sat 9.30 - 13.00; 14.00 - 17.30.

Kilkenny Design Centre (D3) The Parade, Kilkenny City. Tel: 056 7722118.

www.kilkennydesign.com

Opposite Kilkenny Castle, the centre has local and national crafts on display and for sale. The foodhall and restaurant serve locally sourced food and refreshments.

National Craft Gallery (D3) Castle Yard, Kilkenny City. Tel: 056 7761804.

www.nationalcraftgallery.ie

This gallery, behind Kilkenny Design Centre, runs a year round exhibition Programme of national and international contemporary crafts. Open: Tue - Sat 10.00 - 17.30, Sun 11.00 - 17.30. Closed Mon except Bank Holidays.

Jerpoint Glass Studio (D3) Stoneyford. Tel: 056 772 4350.

www.jerpointglass.com

Watch as skilled glassblowers turn molten glass into the beautiful Jerpoint pieces. Gallery shop. Open: Mon - Sat 10.00 - 18.00. Sun & Bank Holidays 12.00 - 17.00. No admission fee.

Castlecomer Estate Yard Arts and Crafts Centre (D2) Castlecomer.

Tel: 056 4440876/056 4440007. www.madeinkilkenny.ie

Visit the Estate Yard, home to some of Ireland's top Artists and Craft Designers. Open: Studios, shops and Cafe open all year. Mon - Sat 10.00 - 17.30, Sun 14.00 - 17.00. (Some studio opening hours may vary, visit website for details).

Duiske Glass Gift Shop (E3) High Street, Graiguenamanagh

Tel: 059 972 4174. www.duiskeglasskilkenny.ie

Open: Mon - Fri 10.00 - 17.30, Sat 10.00 - 17.00.

Kilkenny Crystal Studio (D3) Tinnamona, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

Tel: 056 7725132. (Shop: Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny, Tel: 056 7721090).

www.kilkennycrystal.com

Kilkenny Crystal is Ireland's oldest family owned crystal studio workshop. Open: Mon - Fri 9:30 - 18.00, Sat 10.00 - 18.00, (advance contact necessary during winter months). Crystal cutting can be viewed Mon - Fri.

Exhibitions And Museums

Nore View Folk & Heritage Museum (D3) Danesfort Road, Bennettsbridge. Tel: 056 7727749.

The museum houses a fine collection of Irish historical interest, an old time kitchen, pub, carpenters workshop as well as displays of old Irish transport. Open: Daily 10.00 - 18.00. Admission charge applies.

The James Hoban Memorial Arbor (D3) Desart, Kilkenny.

The White House Architect. Born in 1758 in Desart Near Callan in Kilkenny, James Hoban designed the White House Building in Washington D.C.

Edmund Rice House (D3) Westcourt, Callan. Tel 056 - 7725141 / 087 2180323 www.edmundrice.net

A 300yr old, 6 roomed thatched house. The birthplace in 1762 of Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers & Presentation Brothers. Access via the office at Visitor Centre. Open 10.00 - 13.00 and 14.00 - 17.00 (until 18.00 Apr - Sept).

Gardens & Parks

 (See Gardens Section On Page 108)**Jeninstown Park** (D2) Dunmore. www.coillteoutdoors.ie

This Forest Park has a deer park and looped walks of varying length. **Open:** All year.

The Kilfane Glen and Waterfall (D3) Kilfane. www.kilfane.com

Tel: 056 7724558.

This attraction includes a waterfall and cottage ornée, with an outdoor sculpture display. Open: Daily; Jul and Aug, 11.00 - 18.00. Admission: €7.

'Gáirdín an Ghorta' (D3) Located in Newmarket, near Knocktopher.Contact: Willie Barron. Tel: 086 8394349. www.faminegarden.com

This small garden commemorates the Famine. **Open:** All year, no admission fee. Guided tours by request.

Butler House Gardens (D3)

Restored and landscaped back to their original splendour in 2000 by The Kilkenny Civic Trust. Access through the back of Kilkenny Design Centre/Castle Yard. No admission fee.

Shankill Castle & Gardens (D3) Paulstown. www.shankillcastle.com

Tel: 059 9726145 or 087 7672656.

Open: Jun - Aug, Fri, Sat & Sun 11.00 - 18.00. Admission charge includes a guided tour of the house and gardens with light refreshments.

Genealogical Centre

See Rothe House & Garden (D3)

The Irish Family History Foundations - Online Research Service. This provides access to Irish Church and other sources for the family historian. www.rootsireland.ie

Guided Tours

Tynan Walking Tours (D3) Kilkenny City. Tel: 087 2651745.

Tynan's Medieval Walking Tours of Kilkenny (Mid Mar - Oct). Tours will operate Mon - Sat, 10.30, 12.15, 15.00, with additional tours on Sun as the season progresses. Departing from Shee Alms House (City Tourist Office)

Kilkenny Ghost Tours (D3) Kilkenny City. Tel: 085 1706978.

www.kilkennyghosttours.com

One of a kind ghost tour. Kilkennys ghostly tales are all based on fact and arise from genuine historic tragedies. 8pm nightly. Booking advisable. Depart from Lanigans Bar, Rose Inn St.

Kilkenny Cycling Tours (D3) Tel: 086 8954961.

www.kilkennycyclingtours.com

Offers the opportunity to visit historical and cultural sites of Kilkenny City. Extended tours available on request. Two tours available per day with duration of approx. 2.5 hours. Pre-booking is required. Sensible footwear and clothing is advised. All safety gear provided. Prices available on request. Bicycle hire also available for suggested self tours.

A Rural Experience - Tailor Made Tours of Rural Ireland & Beyond

(D3) Tel: 056 7727590. www.aruralexperience.com

Our aim is to help our guests build wonderful memories while visiting our area. Our day tours visit famous sites together with lesser known sites off the beaten track. Prices for tours available on request. Advance booking required.

Kilkenny Road Train Tours (D3) Enquire at Tourist Office for details

Sit back and relax on our custom built train and let us bring the wonderful and historic sights of Kilkenny to you. Train departs from outside Kilkenny Castle hourly, on the half hour, daily, (during Season).

Kilkenny City Tours By Road Train (D3).

Enquire at Tourist Office for details

See historical sites of Kilkenny city from the comfort of the road train. 25 minute tour with full onboard commentary. Charge applies. Train departs from outside Kilkenny Castle on the hour, daily (during season).

The Kilkenny Way (D3) Tel: 056 - 7721718 / 086 8171978

www.thekilkennyway.com

An interactive hurling tour and skills experience that engages you in the history of the game. The experience concludes with a meal in Lanigan's Pub. Daily Tours available. Advance booking essential.

'The Lost Town' Heritage Site (D3) Jerpoint Park, Thomastown.

www.jerpointpark.com Tel: 086 6061449

Ireland's best surviving example of a 12th century medieval town layout incorporating St. Nicholas's Tomb. Heritage site visit & Riverbank Walks (self - guided), Tea Room, Angling & more. Open Apr - Oct. Tour Times 10.30am & 3pm

Language Schools (ACELS Recognised)

Mackdonald Language Academy Kilkenny (D3) Tel: 087 9395106

www.mackdonald.com Email: office@mackdonald.com

Advance contact necessary



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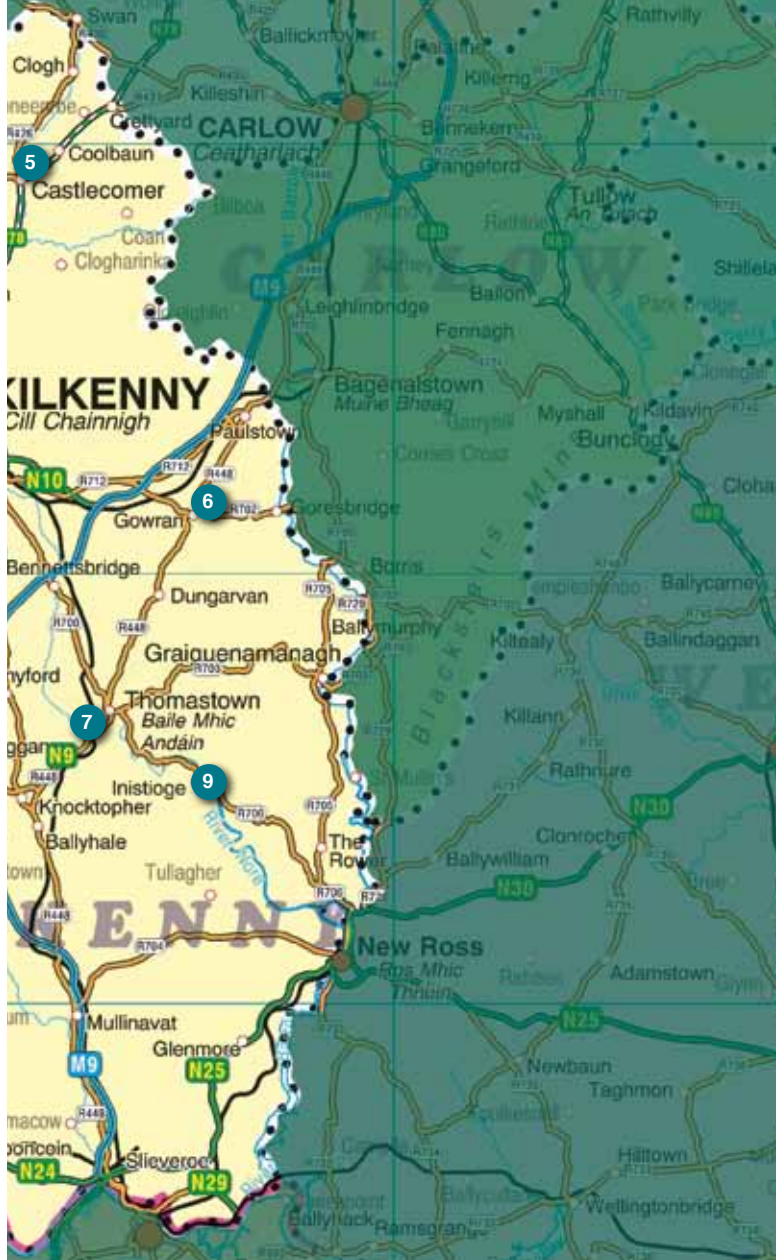
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TIPPERARY



Tipperary

Tipperary has some of the South East's most breath-taking scenery including Lough Derg, the Silvermine Mountains, the Galtee Mountains and the River Suir. It also has some wonderfully charming towns such as Cahir, Cashel, Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Fethard, Nenagh, Thurles and Tipperary Town.

It's a county of spectacular natural beauty with the Glen of Aherlow and the Vee Valley of particular note. The county's distinctive set of landmarks include the mighty Rock of Cashel, once the seat of the Kings of Munster and Fethard Medieval Walled Town. The Butler Trail features the heritage highlights of the magnificent 12th century Cahir Castle, the Main Guard in Clonmel and Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir.

Tipperary is home to two of the world's best known stud farms, Coolmore Stud and Ballydoyle Stud.

Tipperary has some other fascinating places to visit, such as Mitchelstown Cave, one of Europe's most spectacular and the captivating Brú Ború Cultural Centre, commemorating Brian Ború with a 'cultural village' celebrating Irish music, song, dance and theatre.

Did you Know?

- The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was founded in Thurles in 1884
- Both Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel featured in the movie Excalibur
- Despite having a large amount of water based activities Tipperary is Irelands largest inland County
- Swiss Cottage in Cahir was designed by the famous Regency architect John Nash
- In 1815 Clonmel and Cahir were the first two towns to be linked by stagecoach by Charles Bianconi the founder of public transport in Ireland.



Cashel Town

Tipperary Towns and Villages

Tipperary is a captivating area of mountains and valleys, populated by historic towns and villages.

Cahir (C4) is an ancient and bustling town originally built around Cahir Castle, the 12th century Norman castle standing on a stony island on the River Suir. John Nash designed the Swiss Cottage, St. Pauls Church and the Erasmus Smith House, all in Cahir, and was famous for designing Regent Street and Regents Park in London, the Brighton Pavillion and many other fine buildings.

Carrick-on-Suir (D4) was founded in the early 9th century. Ormond Castle, an imposing four towered structure was built in the 1400s and later incorporated into the formidable Ormond Castle. The old bridge spanning the River Suir is one of the most striking stone bridges in Ireland. The town has a marina, and other activities available include fishing, golf and scenic walks.

Cashel (C3) and its surrounding countryside are dominated by the spectacular Rock of Cashel - a collection of early Christian and medieval buildings and once the seat of the Kings of Munster. The Brú Ború Cultural Centre in the town offers the best of traditional Irish music, song and dance shows. Cashel's history unfolds further at the Cashel Heritage Centre in the town. Cashel town itself is a lively place with restaurants, traditional pubs and quality accommodation.

Clonmel (C4) nestled in the Comeragh Mountains with Slievenamon to the east and the Knockmealdown range to the south, it's the ideal base for exploring the surrounding countryside. The Main Guard, located in the centre of Clonmel, is a building of historical importance and dates back to between 1673 and 1684. Garden lovers can visit the award winning Killurney Garden. Clonmel has a thriving arts scene with regular theatre, concerts and exhibitions at the South Tipperary Arts Centre.

Fethard (C4) has been a walled town since the 13th century and within its very intact walls are many Churches, Friaries, towers and Sheela-na-Gig carvings.

Glen of Aherlow (B4) is a 16 mile stretch across some of Tipperary's most breathtaking countryside.



Rosscrea Castle

Nenagh (B2) Prides itself on its streetscapes furnished with shops, large and small, together with a notable variety of places to eat and drink, from little family-run takeaways to excellent restaurants and numerous pubs, a magnificent castle and fine town houses form a cluster of good architecture.

Roscrea (C2) Richly endowed heritage town - take time to see Roscrea Castle & Damer House, the Round Tower and the Black Mills at Church Street. Within the town visit the 15th century Franciscan Friary and Monaincha Abbey. Mount St. Joseph's Cistercian Abbey, is a few kilometres from Roscrea.

Templemore (C2) Stately 18th century town developed around the Carden Demesne where the major thoroughfare is the widest main street in Ireland. Delightful town park and lake home to many a pike, swan and duck - ideal spot for a family picnic. If you wish, you may climb the Devil's Bit Mountain nearby.

Thurles (C3) is a sports fans paradise with a greyhound track, horse track and Semple Stadium (GAA's second national stadium) all within the town. Thurles was the birthplace of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in 1884.

Just north of the Glen of Aherlow, **Tipperary Town** (B4) lies along the River Ara. The long history of Tipperary, from its 12th century Anglo Norman settlements to its contribution in the war of independence, can be accessed at the Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre in the town. Outside the town, Tipperary Race Course holds flat racing and national hunt meetings, while golfers are well catered for at the scenic Tipperary Golf Club and Ballykisteen Golf and Country Club.

For more information on Tipperary's towns and villages, visit our website www.discoverireland.ie

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

Visitor Attractions

1 Brú Ború Cultural Centre

Cashel, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 062 61122

www.bruboru.ie



Join us during June, July & August for one of our special nights of authentic Irish traditional music, song and dance (pre-show dinner also available). Explore our unique cultural exhibition "Sounds of History" seven metres underground.



Open: Sept -May: Mon - Fri, 9.00 - 17.00. June - Aug: Tue - Sat, 9.00-23.00, Mon 9.00-17.00.

Admission: Sounds of History: Adult €5, Stu/OAP €4, Child €3. Summer Show: Adult €20, Child €10

2 Cabragh Wetlands Conservation / Education Centre

Holycross, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 0504 43879

www.cabraghwetlands.ie



200 acres of floodplain wetlands. Rare insects, flowers, nesting/overwintering birds. Primary/Secondary courses available.

During the summer months we offer a number of guided walks through the wetlands and workshops on a number of topics.

Open: Walkways always open (unless flooded).

Admission: Entry is free - donations welcome.



3 Cahir Castle

Castle Street, Cahir,
Co. Tipperary

Tel: 052 7441011

www.heritageireland.ie



One of Ireland's largest and best preserved castles. It is situated on a rocky island on the River Suir. The castle's attractions include an excellent audio - visual show which informs visitors about the castle.



Please check website for opening time & admission prices.

4 Cashel Folk Village

Cashel, Co Tipperary

Tel: 062 63601 / 087 9151316

www.cashelfolkvillage.ie



Winner of the prestigious Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2013 and 2014, Cashel Heritage Folk Village features The 1916 Easter Rising / War of Independence / Civil War Museum. The great Irish Famine Museum, The Garden of Remembrance plus the Penal Chapel, and much more.

Open: Late Mar. -Early June. 10.00-17.30. Early June-Mid Sept. 10.00-19.00. Mid Sept.- End Oct.10.00-17.30.Nov-Late Mar. by appointment.

Admission: Adult €5, Sen/Student, €3.50, Child €2, under 5 free. Family €12 (2+2 u 12). Group rates negotiable.

5 Curreeny Heritage Hedge School

Kilcommon, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 067 25100



This historic memorial site was where students and teachers met during the times of the Penal Laws.. The memorial encapsulates the raison d`être of the hedge school with some spectacular scenic views.

Open: All Year round - 7 days.

Admission: Free.

6 Fairy Fort Farm

Borrisleigh, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 086 4021659

www.fairyfortfarm.com



A visitor farm with lots of traditional farm animals, kids play area, swearing Stone, picnic area, tree house, stream and waterfall, fairy fort, famine haggard. Enjoy farm walks through the fields and meadows, by stream and moorland.

Open: Easter until 1st week in Sept 10.00-17.30.

Admission: Applies

Visitor Attractions

7 Farney Castle

Holycross, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 0504 43281



Tour the Historic House and see Cyril Cullen's designer knitwear and porcelain. A coffee shop is situated in the 15th century Round Tower. Arrive / book early for tours of the Castle to avoid disappointment.

Open: All Year, Mon - Sat (10.00 - 18.00).

Admission: €6



8 Glen of Aherlow Nature Park

Christ the King Statue

Glen of Aherlow,

Co. Tipperary

Tel: 062 56331

www.aherlow.com



The Glen of Aherlow Nature Park is on 50 acres of woodland with ash, oak, scots pine and beech. The entrance is at the Christ the King Statue on the R664 which is also the trail head for 5 of our National Loop Walks, picnic tables provided.

Open: Daily.

Admission: Free of charge.



9 Holy Cross Abbey

Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 0504 43124

0504 43241 (shop)

www.holycrossabbey.ie



Holy Cross Abbey is one of Ireland's National Monuments. Gloriously restored ancient Cistercian Abbey. Holy Cross Abbey is a venerated place of pilgrimage with a relic of the true cross.

Open: All year round. Guided tours on request.



10 Main Guard

Sarsfield Street, Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary

Tel: 052 6127484
(During the closed season,
call The Rock of Cashel,
Tel. 062 61437)
www.heritageireland.ie



James Butler, Duke of Ormond, built the Main Guard in 1675 as the courthouse for the Palatinate of administrative Area of County Tipperary. It has been recently restored to its original form.

Open: 30th Mar - 28th Sept: Daily 9.30 - 18.00 (Including weekends.) Last admission 45 mins. before closing.

Admission: Free of charge.

11 Mitchelstown Cave

Burncourt, Cahir,
Co. Tipperary

Tel: 052 7467246
Email: visit@mitchelstowncave.com



One of the most spectacular caves in Europe, Mitchelstown Cave is located midway between Cahir and Mitchelstown just off the N8. The guided tour takes you through almost half a mile of this world famous cave.

Open: Feb. 10.00 - 16.00. Mar - Oct, 10.00 - 17.00. Nov. 10.00 - 16.00. Dec & Jan. 10.00 - 16.00. (weekends only). 26th Dec - 6th 6th Jan 10.00 - 16.00.

Admission: Adult: €9, Child under 12yrs: €3. Family (2+3 u12) €20

12 Nenagh Heritage Centre

The Governor's House,
Kickham Street, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 067 33850
www.tipperarynorth.ie/heritagemuseum



Located in two Georgian buildings which were built between 1840-1842 as the Governor's House and Gatehouse of an extensive gaol complex for North Tipperary. Includes Audio Visual, Gaol Model, Museum of Rural Life and much more.

Open: Tue - Fri (10.00 - 16.00)

Visitor Attractions

13 Roscrea Castle and Damer House

Castle St, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 0505 21850

www.heritageireland.ie



The stone Castle consists of a gate tower, curtain walls and two corner towers. The castle rooms are furnished. Damer House is an example of pre-Palladian architecture. One of the rooms is furnished period style.



Open: 2nd Apr- 23rd Sep (10.00 - 18.00, last tour at 17.00). Last Adm. 45 mins before closing.

14 St. Mary's Famine Museum

St. Mary's Lane, Thurles

Co. Tipperary

Tel: 0504 21133 or 086 8785859

www.faminemuseum.com

www.hiddentipperary.com



The Museum holds the largest collection of Famine Memorabilia in Ireland including the only known minutes of a Great Famine Food Committee and a display of early 18th century period clothing.



Open: Daily, 1st May - 31st Sep (other times by appointment).

15 St. Patrick's Rock of Cashel,

Cashel, Co. Tipperary

Tel: 062 61437

www.heritageireland.ie

A spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale including the 12th century Round Tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral.



Attractions include an audio - visual show and exhibitions.

Open: Daily; Early Sep - mid Oct, 9.00 - 17.30, mid Oct - mid Mar, 9.00 - 16.30, mid Mar - early Jun, 9.00 - 17.30, early Jun - mid Sep, 9.00 - 19.00. Last admission 45 mins. before closing

Admission: Adult: €7, Group/Senior: €5, Student: €3, Family: €17. All groups must be pre-booked. Please check website for updates

16 The Swiss Cottage

Kilcommon, Cahir,

Co. Tipperary

Tel: 052 7441144

www.heritageireland.ie

A delightful "cottage orné" built in the early 1800s by Richard Butler, 1st Earl of Glengall to a design by the famous Regency architect John Nash. Its interior contains a graceful spiral staircase and some elegantly decorated rooms. The wallpaper in the Salon manufactured by the Dufour factory is one of the first commercially produced Parisian wallpapers.



Open: Daily; 10.00 - 18.00, Apr - Late Oct. Last admission 45 mins. before closing.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Child/Student: €2, Family: €10

More to Experience

Abbeys and Churches

Hore Abbey (C3) Cashel.

Hore Abbey was founded by Cistercians in 1266. It was once a Benedictine abbey but was given to the Cistercians by Archbishop David MacCearbhaill, who later entered the monastery.

Holy Trinity Church (C4) Fethard.

The Holy Trinity Church is one of the largest and finest medieval parish churches in Ireland.

Cistercian Abbey (C3) Kilcooley.

The Abbey is set in the grounds of a large private estate adjoining the ancient pilgrim route to Cashel.

Saint Ruadhan's Abbey (B1) Lorrha.

Built around 1,000A.D. this was once the most famous of Munster's monasteries

Mount St. Josephs Cistercian Abbey (C2) Roscrea. Tel: 0505 25600

A living monastery, a haven of peace and tranquillity 4kms from Roscrea.

Monaincha Abbey (C2) Roscrea

The ruined abbey-church stands on a raised site, once an island in a peat bog. The 12C main doorway is finely carved and the chancel is in sandstone.

Arts & Culture

South Tipperary Arts Centre (C4) Clonmel.

Tel: 052 6127877, www.southtipparts.com

Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre (B4) Tipperary Town. Tel: 062 80520.

The Source Arts Centre (C3) Thurles.

Tel: 0504 90204. www.thesourceartscentre.ie

Nenagh Arts Centre (B2) Nenagh. Tel: 067 34400 www.nenagharts.com

Castles, Exhibitions and Museums

The Famine Warehouse 1848 (C3) Ballingarry. Tel: 087 9089972.

www.heritageireland.ie

During the Great Famine the Warehouse was the scene of the 1848 Rebellion. The house exhibits the history of the Famine and mass emigration. Open: Apr - Sept: Wed - Sun 14.30 - 17.30, Oct - Mar: Sat & Sun only 14.00 - 16.00. By appointment. Admission: Free.

Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre (D4) Tel: 051 640200.

Photographs, documents and artefacts of the area are on display. Open: Daily; Oct - May: 10.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 16.00, Jun - Sep: 10.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 17.00. Weekends may vary. Admission: Free but donations welcome.

Tipperary County Museum (C4) Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel.Tel: 0761 065552. www.tipperarycoco.ie

This extensive museum building has displays from prehistoric to modern times. Open: All year, Tue - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00. Admission: Free of charge.

Slieveardagh Heritage Centre (C3) River Street, Killenaule.Tel: 052 9156165. www.slieveardagh.com

The Centre tells the interesting and diversified local history ranging from coal mining to the Young Irelanders and has the Derrynaflan Exhibition. Open: All year; Mon - Thu: 9.00 - 17.00, Fri: 9.00 - 16.00, Closed 13.00 - 14.00. Admission: Free of charge.

Lar Na Pairce Museum (C3) Thurles. Tel: 0504 22702 www.larnapairce.ie

Tells the story of Gaelic Games, Camogie & handball

Redwood Castle (B2) Lorrha. Tel: 087 7479566. www.redwoodcastleireland.com

A visit to this Celtic tower house is a must for the Celt enthusiast.

Craft Studios and Workshops

The Craft Granary (C4) Church Street, Cahir.Tel: 052 7441473 www.craftgranary.com

Wonderfully restored 19th century granary. One of the four Regional Craft Centres in Ireland, showcases craft, pottery, jewellery, textiles, woodturning, glassware and an art gallery. Open: Mon - Fri: 10.00 - 18.00, Sat 9.00 - 17.00. Admission: Free of charge.

Mandy Parslow Studio Potter (B4) Clonbeg Lodge, Glen of Aherlow.Tel: 062 56011. www.parslowpottery.com.

The showroom is open by appointment. Please telephone in advance to arrange a suitable time.

Rossa Pottery & Gift Shop (C3) 77 Main St., Cashel. Tel: 062 61388.

Open: 10.00 - 18.00.

Tig Roy (B4) Glen of Aherlow, Co. Tipperary.Tel 062 37032/087 2572281. www.tigroy.com

Tig Roy runs classes, courses and workshops in traditional Irish music, language & set dancing from September to May. One of the highlights at Tig Roy is the traditional Irish music summer school, Éigse Eatharlaí. (24th - 26th July) All bookings for workshops must be made in advance.

Kilcooley Pottery (C3) Grange, Thurles.Tel: 056 8834471. www.kilcooleypottery.com

Our opening hours are flexible and always better to ring ahead.

Gardens & Parks (See Gardens section on page 108)

Dundrum Nurseries, The Celtic Plantarum (B3) Dundrum. Tel: 062 71303.

Miles of paths and walkways, waterfalls and fresh water lakes. A small café is also located on site. Open: Summer Daily; Mon - Sat: 8.30 - 17.30, Sun: 14.00 18.00. Winter 13.00-17.00.

Genealogical Centres

See **Brú Ború Cultural Centre (B3)** (page 36) and **Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre**. Online Research Service www.rootsireland.ie



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- 1 Brú Ború Cultural Centre
- 2 Cabragh Wetlands Conservation / Education Centre
- 3 Cahir Castle
- 4 Cashel Folk Village
- 5 Curreeny Heritage Hedge School
- 6 Fairy Fort Farm
- 7 Farney Castle
- 8 Glen of Aherlow Nature Park
- 9 Holy Cross Abbey



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WATERFORD



Waterford

From its vibrant city life, the rural charm of inland towns and villages, to its stunning coastline, Waterford has something for everyone.

Waterford City, the oldest city in Ireland, is the perfect blend of ancient and modern. Its collection of pubs, gourmet restaurants and excellent shops and boutiques, co-exist with medieval city walls, quaintly cobbled back streets and the grandeur of historic buildings still standing proud after more than a thousand years

Waterford boasts an excellent choice of world - class visitor attractions from the spectacular Copper Coast Geopark, to Waterford's Viking Triangle, and of course, the House of Waterford Crystal, renowned the world over for the craftsmanship of its master glass cutters.

Waterford's picturesque coastline, stretching the length of the county, is dotted with a string of lively towns including Tramore, Dunmore East and Dungarvan. Other coastal villages include Passage East, Stradbally and Ring, the centre of a thriving Irish speaking community.

Did you Know?

- Thomas Francis Meagher, the man who chose the Irish Flag was born in this city.
- Robert Boyle the Father of Modern Chemistry was born and reared in Lismore Castle, Co Waterford.
- The 12th century Dungarvan Castle is one of a few royal castles built in Ireland.
- Copper was mined extensively in the 19th century on the coast road between Tramore and Dungarvan.
- The only Irishman that was a Papal candidate was Luke Wadding of this city.
- Waterford is the only city in Europe whose Roman Catholic and Protestant Cathedrals were designed and built by the same man, John Roberts.



Dunmore East

Waterford Towns and Villages

With a choice between a cosmopolitan modern city, a cluster of seaside resorts and a mountainous hinterland, below are some towns and villages well worth a visit:

Waterford City (D4) is the capital of the South East and Ireland's oldest city with its historic heart "The Viking Triangle" located on the site of the original 9th century Viking settlement. The history of this ancient port is maintained in its many remarkable buildings including Reginald's Tower and Christ Church Cathedral. Waterford is synonymous with hand - cut glass, and the House of Waterford Crystal is one of the region's most popular tourist attractions. Built on the River Suir estuary, Waterford City has a rich cultural tradition with great shopping, accommodation, quality gourmet restaurants and a mix of modern and traditional pubs. Waterford also hosts a colourful calendar of festivals throughout the year, including the Waterford Spraoi, Imagine Arts Festival and Waterford Harvest Food Festival.

Dunmore East (E5) is a charming fishing port and seaside resort set into rugged coastline at the mouth of Waterford estuary. It's an unspoiled getaway full of silent coves, clean beaches, fine restaurants and accommodation. The popular annual Guinness Bluegrass Music Festival takes place here every August.

Dungarvan (C5) is a thriving market town and medieval port. The Dungarvan Museum recounts the history of the town and the 12th century motte and bailey at Gallows Hill survives to this day. There's lots to do in Dungarvan, from water sports and deep - sea fishing to fine dining and shopping.

With 5km of sandy beaches, **Tramore** (D5) is a popular family friendly resort, with activities from surfing, sailing and kayaking to cliff walking and golf. There are giant waterslides and indoor swimming pool at Splashworld and an Amusement Park opposite the promenade. The 18 - hole Tramore Golf Club is located outside the town.

To the west of the county lies the seaside village of **Ardmore** (C5). Originally a 5th century monastic settlement, founded by St. Declan - a monk who preceded St. Patrick in christianising the country, Ardmore is famous for its 12th century Round Tower, one of the finest examples of this type of structure in Ireland.



The Copper Coast

Located in a beautiful setting, the village of **Ballymacarbry** (C4) is the perfect spot from where to explore the Comeragh Mountains and scenic Nire Valley. Walking and game fishing are on offer, and these, along with quality guesthouse accommodation, make this an ideal rural retreat.

Cappoquin (C5) is a quiet market town in West Waterford at the head of the Blackwater River estuary. The area offers scenic walks and angling. The 18th century Cappoquin House and Gardens in the centre of the town are open to the public at set times and Tourin House and Gardens are open for visitors between April and September.

The beautiful town of **Lismore** (C5) was once home to a 6th century monastery sacked by the Vikings and was later developed as an estate town. Popular visitor attractions include the Lismore Heritage Centre and Lismore Castle Gardens. The 2013 Immrama Lismore Festival of Travel Writing takes place between 13th and 16th June. Just north of Lismore is The Vee, a wonderfully scenic spot at the foot of the Knockmealdown Mountains.

West of Waterford City lies **The Copper Coast** (D5), one of the most scenic stretches of rugged coastline in Ireland. It passes through the villages of Fenor, Annestown, Boatstrand, Bunmahon and Stradbally, with Dunhill just inland. The Copper Coast European Geopark offers an excellent guided trail of the area. Inland is the quiet market town of **Kilmacthomas** (D5), an ideal centre for setting out on walking tours of the Comeragh Mountains.

Ring (C5) or An Rinn in Irish, is a scenic Gaeltacht area south of Dungarvan where Irish (Gaeilge) is the first language of the people. Its people, beautiful scenery, seascape and above all its cultural vitality make Ring a unique place to visit.

The South East Coastal Drive offers stunning views of rock formation, coves and imposing headlands. The Waterford section of the drive from Passage and Dunmore East in the east takes in the towns of Tramore, Dungarvan and many smaller villages until it reaches Ardmore in the west.

For more information on all of Waterford's towns and villages, visit one of our Discover Ireland Centres or Tourist Information Offices (see inside front cover for contact details) or our website www.discoverireland.ie

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

Visitor Attractions

1 House of Waterford Crystal

Viking Triangle, Waterford City,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 317000

www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com



The House of Waterford Crystal is located on the Mall in the heart of Waterford City. Visitors can take a guided Factory tour, where they can witness up close and personal all areas of the traditional crystal production. On the factory tour, visitors can feel the heat of the furnace and marvel at the skills of our master craftsmen. After the tour indulge your passion for the worlds most famous crystal in our opulent Retail store, which houses the largest collection of Waterford Crystal. We also have a café onsite where you can relax and enjoy breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea.

Open: See website for opening hours.

Admission: Adult: €13.00, Senior/Student: €10.00, Child: Under 5yrs free. Child 6 - 18 yrs €5.00, Family ticket €30



2 Bishop's Palace

Viking Triangle, Waterford City,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 849650

www.waterfordtreasures.com



This magnificent Georgian building offers a unique experience as the visitor steps back in time to enjoy a grand 18th century residence. The building contains an array of fascinating artifacts which reveal the story of Waterford from the 1700s. Don't miss the oldest piece of 'Waterford Crystal' in the world - which dates back to 1789 and a Napoleon Bonaparte Mourning Cross, one of only 12 that were made on his death bed in 1821.

Open: Jun/Jul/Aug: Mon - Sat, 9.30 - 18.00. Sun, B/Hol 11.00 - 18.00. Sep - May: Mon - Sat. 10.00 - 17.00. Sun, B/Hol, 11.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Adult: €7, Sen/Student: €6, Family €14(2 adults+2 children) Adult combined entry €10, Sen/Student €9, Family €20(2 adults +2 children) (Medieval Museum & Bishops Palace)



3 Viking Exhibition at Reginald's Tower

Viking Triangle, Waterford City,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 304220

www.heritageireland.ie

(Managed by the OPW. In conjunction with Waterford City Council) Reginald's Tower is a circular tower that was originally part of the city's medieval defences. Built in the late 12th century, it had a second phase added in the late 15th century. It has also been used as a Mint, military store, prison and residence. Following some restoration work it now houses the Viking Treasures of Waterford and an exhibition relating to the history of the tower.

Open: Daily; Mar - Mid Dec. Daily 9.30 - 17.30. Jan - Mar. Wed. - Sun. 9.30 - 17.00. Last admission 30 mins before closing.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Child/Student: €2, Family: €10. Children under 6 free.



4 Medieval Museum

Viking Triangle, Waterford City,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 849501

www.waterfordtreasures.com



This striking new award winning museum, reveals the story of Waterford through the Middle Ages and visitors are wowed as they go underneath the new building into centuries old vaults. On display are the magnificent Cloth of Gold vestments, the only complete pre-reformation set to survive in Europe. Also on display is the Great Charter Roll which was viewed by Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Ireland and the only piece of clothing to survive King Henry V's reign, The "Cap of Maintenance."

Open: Jun/Jul/Aug: Mon - Sat, 9.30 - 18.00, Sun/B Hol, 11.00 - 18.00. Sep - May: Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00, Sun/B Hol, 11.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Adult: €7, Sen/Student: €6, Family €14 (2 adults+ children). Adult combined entry €10, Sen/Student €9, Family €20 (2 adults +2 children) (Medieval Museum & Bishops Palace)

Why not take an "Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle" Ireland's only all weather tour! It's a fun, engaging tour and includes many props to engage and entertain the visitors. **Open:** May - Sept. Daily at 14.30 or on demand for groups of 10 or more. **Admission:** €5pp. Child u14 free with fee paying adult.



Visitor Attractions

5 Christ Church Cathedral

Viking Triangle, Waterford City,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 858958

www.christchurchwaterford.com



The present building built by John Roberts, is the most important Georgian Cathedral on these islands and houses an Elliott organ of national importance.

Open: Apr - Oct, Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00. Oct - Apr, Mon - Fri, 12.00 - 15.00.

Admission: Free of Charge (donation is appreciated). Guided tours on request. Adult €3. Group rate on request.



6 Lismore Castle Gardens

Lismore, Co. Waterford

Tel: 058 53615

gardens@lismorecastle.com



These beautiful historic gardens are set within the Castle walls with a fantastic collection of trees and shrubs in the lower garden and a wonderful kitchen garden with lovely borders in the upper garden.

Open: 3rd April – 30th Sept Oct. daily from 10.30- 17.30 (last entry 16.30)

Admission: Adult: €8, Concessions: €5.

★ **Offer:** Family Tickets (2 adults + 3 children) €20



7 Copper Coast Geopark Visitor Centre

Knockmahon, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 292828

www.coppercoastgeopark.com



Explore rugged coastline, hidden coves and soft, golden beaches along Waterford's UNESCO Copper Coast Geopark. The geological and mining heritage exhibition at our Visitor Centre is suitable for all ages as are our sense of place guided trails.

Open: Spring 14th Mar. Sat: 10.00-17.30, Sun & B/Hol. Mon.-11.30-17.30..
Summer from 1st May. Tue-Sat. 10.00-17.30.. Sun/B. Hol. Mon. 11.30-17.30

Admission: Adults €5. Child €3. Family €15 Sen/Student : €4. Groups by appointment, please book in advance.

★ **Offer:** 10% discount on admission prices with this guide.



8 Waterford & Suir Valley Railway

Kilmeaden Station, Kilmeaden,
Co. Waterford

Tel: 051 384058

www.wsvrailway.ie



The magic of rails golden age has been brought to Kilmeaden. Board the train at Kilmeaden Station, hear the whistle blow and take off on an exciting journey through the countryside, taking in panoramic views of the River Suir, get a glimpse in to Mount Congreve Gardens, pass through the Fairy Wood and on to Carriganore. The train journey lasts 40 mins. Come prepared with a jacket if you want to sit in the open carriages. Closed sections also available. This is a fun experience for all ages.

Open: 1st May- 31st Aug. Mon.- Sat. 11.00-16.00. Sun. 12.00- 17.00. 1st Sept- 30th Sept. Mon – Sat. 11.00- 15.00. Sun.12.00-16.00. Trips depart on the hour.

Admission: Adult: €8.50, Child: €4, Senior/Student: €7, Family: (2 Ad & 1 Ch) €19, €2 per extra child.

★ Offer: Discounts for groups of over 20 persons.

9 Lismore Heritage Centre

Lismore, Co. Waterford

Tel: 058 54975

www.discoverlismore.com



Newly designed exhibition rooms, award winning "Lismore Experience" audio visual, interactive screens. Robert Boyle Science Room dedicated to the life of the famous Scientist born at Lismore Castle. Lismore Retail Experience in the heart of the town, stocking many well known Irish brands. The Coffee Dock, new for 2015

serving boutique coffee and local produce. Lismore Family Fun Experience, an interactive guide to the history of Lismore where all the family get involved in solving the clues while learning about their surroundings.

Open: Mon – Fri. 9.00 - 17.30, all year. Sat.10-17.00 and Sun.12.00-17.00, Mar- Dec.

Admission: Adult: €5.00, Student /Senior: €4.50. Children go free.

More to Experience

Abbeys, Castles, Cathedrals and Round Towers

Holy Trinity Cathedral (D4) Barronstrand St, Waterford.

18th Century Cathedral designed by well known Waterford architect John Roberts. **Open:** All year.

Round Tower (C5) Ardmore.

St. Declan founded the earliest Monastery here, prior to 432AD. The purpose of the Round Tower was to serve as a belfry and as a place of refuge for the ecclesiastics.

Mount Melleray Abbey (C5) Cappoquin. Tel: 058 54404.

www.mountmellerayabbey.org

The first monastery founded in Ireland after the Reformation - visitors who wish to take time for quiet contemplation are welcomed.

King John's Castle (C5) Castle Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Tel: 058 48144 www.heritageireland.ie

The castle consists of a polygonal shell keep with an enclosing curtain wall, a corner tower and a gate tower. The shell keep is the earliest structure, dating from the 12th century. The barracks is now restored and houses an informative exhibition on the history of the castle. **Open:** 22nd May - 24th Sept, Daily, 10.00 - 18.00. **Admission:** Free of Charge.

Ballysaggartmore Towers (C5) Lismore.

Gothic style buildings near Lismore surrounded by woodlands.

St. Carthagh's Cathedral (C5) Lismore. Tel: 058 54975.

Dedicated to St. Carthagh, who founded the Lismore Monastery in 635AD.

Open: All year 9.00 - 18.00 (summer time) and 9.00 - 16.00 (winter time).

Admission: Free of charge - donations welcome.

Art Exhibitions/Theatres

Old Market House Arts Centre (C5) Lower Main Street, Dungarvan. www.waterfordcoco.ie

Tel: 058 48944.

One of Dungarvan's oldest buildings, hosting year round exhibitions by local, national and international artists. **Open:** Tue - Fri, 11.00 - 13.30, 14.30 - 17.00, Sat 13.00 - 17.00. **Admission:** Free of charge.

Joan Clancy Art Gallery (C5) Tel: 058 46205.M : 086 8134597.

www.joanclancygallery.com

A small gallery tucked away in the Gaeltacht area of an Rinn.

Greyfriars Gallery, Greyfriars St. (D4) Greyfriars St. (off the Quay),

Waterford City. Tel: 051 849856/7.

This late Victorian church functions as both a home for some of the municipal collection and as a base for national and international exhibitions. **Open:** Tue - Sat, 11.00 - 17.00. **Admission:** Free of charge.

Central Arts, Central Hall (D4) 123a Parade Quay, Waterford City.

www.centralarts.ie. Tel: 086 4543246

Waterford's newest arts company plays host to a small theatre and exhibition space.

Garter Lane Art Centre (D4) O'Connell Street, Waterford. Tel: 051 855038
www.garterlane.ie Email: ticket@garterlane.ie

The gallery houses a year round programme of exhibitions, children's art and dance classes. The theatre presents a programme of theatre, music, film and dance. Open: Tue - Sat, 11.00 - 17.30 (excluding Christmas and New Year).

Pauline Bewick Art Exhibition (D4) WIT (Walton Building), Cork Road, Waterford Tel: 051 302745

Permanent exhibition of renowned Seven Ages Collection. Open: Jan - Jun, Sep - Dec, Mon - Thu 8.00 - 21.30, Fri 8.00 - 18.00, Sat 8.00 - 13.30. July & Aug. open reduced hours. Closing times may vary, please phone in advance. Admission: Free of charge.

Waterford Municipal Art at Theatre Royal (D4) The Mall, Waterford Tel. 051 874402 www.theatreroyal.ie

A large selection of beautiful and extraordinary artworks from the Waterford Municipal Art Collection is now on semi - permanent display in the public areas of the Theatre Royal. Open: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 16.00, Sat, 12.00 - 16.00. Closed Sun and Bank Holidays. Admission: Free of charge.

Craft Studios and Workshops

Ardmore Pottery and Craft Gallery (C5) Ardmore. Tel: 024 94152.
www.ardmorepottery.com

Perched on the cliff top, this gallery stocks a range of hand thrown earthenware pots, assorted crafts and paintings of Irish design.

Simply Irish Knitwear (C5) Garranaspic, Kinsalebeg. Tel: 024 91642.
www.simplyirish.ie

This knitwear and craft studio uses Celtic influences and natural fibres to produce top quality original designs. Member of Craft Council of Ireland.

Kite Design Studios (D4) 11 Henrietta Street, Waterford. Tel 051 858914.

A unique visitor attraction, with on - site designers and crafts people working in situ, selling high - end craft and art, including the Irish Handmade Glass Company and Button & Co. Well worth a visit!

Willow and Wild by designer Bonzie (D4) 15 Bailey's New Street, Waterford. Tel: 086 1230696 www.bonziedesigns.com

An authentic Irish Design label with a Romantic Vintage Appeal. Each Bonzie piece is hand crafted at their purpose built studios. Each piece includes intricate detailing that is unique to that garment ensuring that no two pieces of Bonzie clothing are the same. Open Thur. Fri. Sat. 10.00-17.00.

The Beach House Gallery (C5) 65 O Connell St. Dungarvan Tel. 058 24482.
www.thebeachhousegallery.com

Quality Irish Art, Artisan gifts and needle felting studio. Open: Tue - Sat. 10.00 - 17.30 during high season. For off season times please check website. Happy to open by appointment.

Bygone Times (C5) 5 Mary St. Dungarvan:087 6044118.

We are a unique curiosity shop where, you will find treasures that will take you back in time but, we also stock a good haberdashery range for your crafting needs plus locally handmade items..

Sean Egan Art Glass @ The Medieval Museum (D4) Cathedral Square Waterford. www.seaneganartglass.com T. 051 849501 - 087 1239523.
Master engraver for 30 years, specialises in celtic and oriental designs, family crests, sports trophies and presentation pieces.

The Little Design Shop and Studios (D4) 114 The Quay Waterford.
M 086 8210434

The ground floor gift shop offers a variety of local handmade crafts. The crafts available produced on site include silver jewellery by owners Stradbally Jewellery, and original handprinted etchings by co-owner Anne McDonnell.
E: thelittledesignshop@gmail.com

Reflections Crystal & Slate Gifts (C5) 48, Mary St. Dungarvan.
Tel: 086 7973628.

Open: Mon - Sat: 10.30 - 17.30

Button & Co. Goldsmiths Ltd (D4) Waterford.
Tel 051 396663 / 087 9841679 www.buttonandco.com.

A collection of Sterling Silver and Gold Jewellery handmade in Ireland. Our team of goldsmiths combine traditional goldsmithing techniques with the finest Sapphires and Diamonds to ensure each piece is expertly made.

The Anchor Art & Design Boutique (C5) Cliff Road, Ardmore. Tel. 024 87740, 087 8216715. www.anchorartanddesign.ie
Design workshop and retail outlet.

Exhibitions, Museums & Entertainment

Coast Guard Cultural Centre Tramore (D4) Tel: 051 391656
www.coastguardculturalcentre.com

A refurbished heritage building with a dedicated Art Gallery, Event Space and Coffee Dock. See website for details.

Waterford County Museum (C5) Old Town Hall, Dungarvan.
Tel: 058 45960. www.waterfordcountymuseum.org.

The display depicts the history of Dungarvan and Co. Waterford and features key area events, genealogy, maritime history and more. Open: All year round, Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 17.00 and in Jun, Jul and Aug open on Sat 13.00 - 17.00.
Admission: Free of charge.

Edmund Rice Heritage Centre (D4) Mount Sion, Barrack St. Waterford City.
Tel. 051 874390 www.edmundrice.ie Free Admission
Experience the interactive museum and visitor centre dedicated to Edmond Rice.

Wildlife & Gardens (See Gardens Section On Page 110)

Fenor Bog - National Nature Reserve (D5) Fenor. Tel: 051 381978.
An alkaline fen, the swampy woodland and marsh habitats support diverse animal and birdlife, from dragonflies and butterflies to deer and otter. Fenor bog is part of the Copper Coast heritage trail. Open: All year. Access is through Fenor Church car park. Guided tours by appointment. Admission: Free of charge.

Mount Congreve Gardens (D5) Kilmeaden, Co Waterford.
T: 051 384114. www.facebook.com/Mountcongreve
The Estate is famous for being the home of one of "the great gardens of the world". It consists of about 30 hectares of intensively planted woodland garden and a nearly 2 hectare walled garden.

Curraghmore Estate (D5) Portlaw. Tel: 051 387101 (Office) / 051 387134 (Guide). www.curraghmorehouse.ie

The Estate has contained the home of the Marquis of Waterford and his ancestors since 1170. The garden includes an arboretum, some beautiful terraces and a unique shell grotto was built and decorated by the Countess of Tyrone in 1754. Open: 15th March to 15th Oct 10.00 - 18.00, Tue, Wed & Thu, also 1st & 3rd Sun of each month by arrangement. Admission: House tour: €10, Shell House & Gardens: €5. Tea Rooms. Open Heritage week also.

Guided Tours

Waterford City Walking Tour (D4) Tel: 051 873711.

Jack Burtchaell's twice - daily, historic walking tour departs from the reception of the Discover Ireland Centre. This entertaining tour covers less than a mile of level ground, yet more than a millennium of this city's remarkable history. Operates: 11.45 and 13.45 Daily mid Mar to mid Oct. Other times for groups of 10 or more by prior arrangement. Charge applies.

Hook Head Safaris (D4)

Experience the thrill of a real Safari jeep expedition. Departures from Waterford, New Ross and Wexford Apr - Oct. Departs from the Clock Tower in Waterford city and various hotels. Family packages available. Safari time 4 hours approx. Booking essential on www.hookheadsafaris.com or call 086 8034895 or 051 389917

Suir River Cruises (D4) www.suirrivercruises.ie or find us on facebook

What better way to see the sights of Waterford than from its famous river. Operates all year. Daily at 10.00, 12.30 & 15.00. Departs from the Clock Tower. Pre booking only. 1 and 2 hour cruises. Also available for group hire for 4 or more persons. Call Vincent on 087 2807563 or 051 833777.

Waterford Estuary Cruises (D4)

Hoist the sails, sit back and relax on board the traditional sailing ship "Brian Boru". 1 hour cruises departing daily from Waterford Marina. www.traditional-boatcharters.com. To book call Tony on 0871216264, or Grace 0861546891.

Genealogical Centre

Waterford Heritage Services (D4) Jenkins Lane, City Centre.

Tel: 051 876123 www.waterford-heritage.ie

Open: Daily; Mon - Thu, 9.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 16.30, Fri, 9.00 - 13.00.

Language Schools - Acels Approved

Waterford English Language Centres (D4) Washington Lodge, Sweet Briar Park, Waterford. Tel: 051 877 288 / 087 2422651. Skype: welc 31. www.welc.ie.

Open: 9.00 - 13.00 Sep to Apr; 9.00 - 17.00 May to Aug.

EFL Ireland (D4) Waterpark College, Park Road, Waterford.

Tel: 051 347 483 / 087 281 2010. www.efl-ireland.com

Waterford Academy of Education (D4) SEBIC - IDA Business Park, Cork Road, Waterford. T 051 384195. www.wae.ie.

Open: Jan - Dec. 9.00 - 18.00.

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

- M9 Kilkenny
- Dublin
- N24 Limerick
- N25 Wexford
- Rosslare



Map No.	Attraction
1	Waterford House of Crystal
2	Bishop's Palace & Gardens
3	Viking Exhibition at Reginald's Tower

Map No.	Attraction
4	Chorister's Hall Medieval Museum
5	Christchurch Cathedral



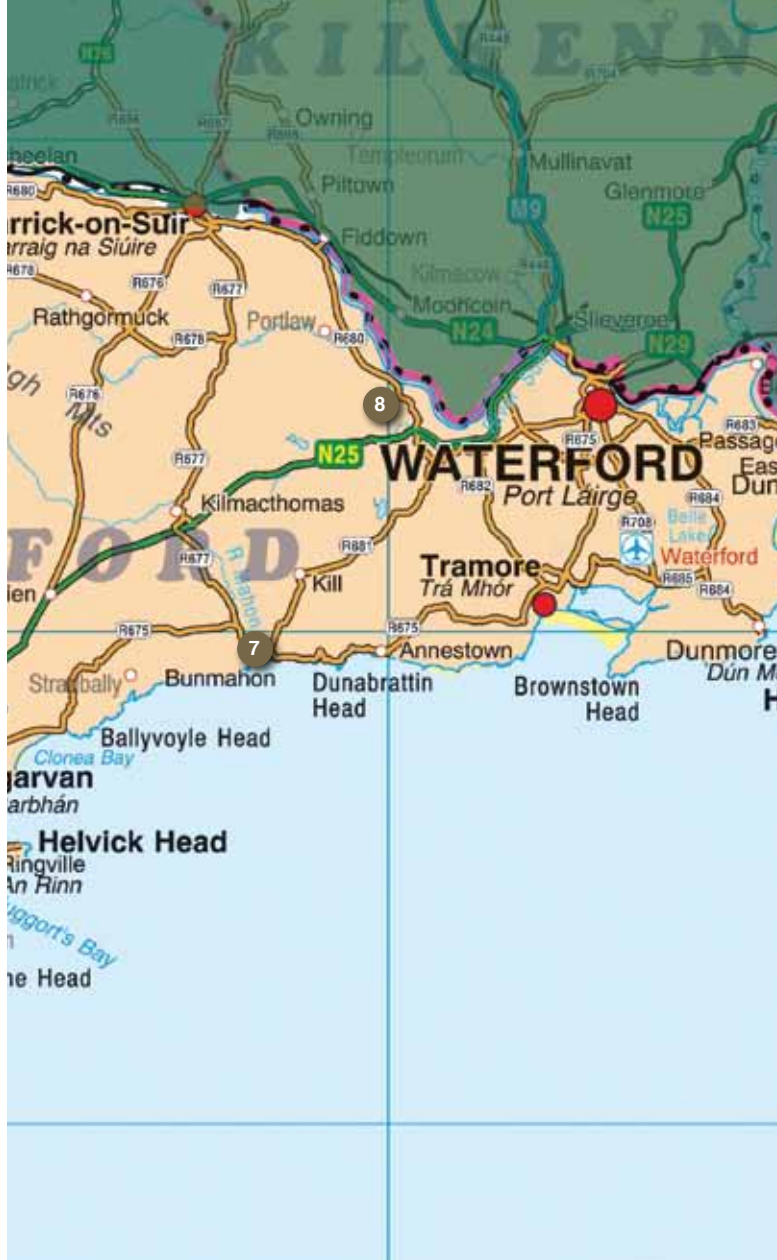
- N25 Wexford
- Rosslare
- R711 Slieveroe
- N29 Belview

The Viking Triangle

All attractions listed above are fully detailed on pages 50 to 53.



Map No.	Attraction
6	Lismore Castle & Gardens & Art Gallery
7	The Copper Coast UNESCO European Geopark
8	Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
9	Lismore Heritage Centre



All attractions listed above are fully detailed on pages 50 to 53.

WEXFORD



Wexford

With a spectacular coastline, a wealth of historic sites and attractive towns and villages, it's little wonder that Wexford is a favourite holiday destination for visitors and locals alike.

The county offers a mix of mountainous scenery, river valleys with fine fishing, and mile upon mile of fine, unspoiled beaches such as Courtown, Rosslare, Duncannon and Curracloe. The South East Coastal Drive is perhaps the best way to take in part of Wexford's 200km of stunning coastline.

Wexford is a historic county with bustling towns such as Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Town. Wexford also has the state of the art venue - The National Opera House. It has many fascinating visitor attractions to choose from including the remarkable Hook Lighthouse, the Irish National Heritage Park, the "living history" of the Dunbrody Heritage Ship, Irish American Museum and the Ros Tapestry in New Ross, the Irish Agricultural Museum at Johnstown Castle Estate.

Wexford is now home to the 'Emigrant Trail - The Kennedy Story' in New Ross which brings you through the emigration story of the Kennedy family and all those who emigrated through the years from our shores. A county of spectacular parks and gardens such as The JFK Memorial Park - ideal for a family walk and picnic.

Did you Know?

- Ballinesker beach, Curracloe Strand was used for the filming of the D Day sequence for the film Saving Private Ryan.
- Thomas Darcy Magee founding Father of Canada, his parents grave is in the grounds of historic Selskar Abbey is marked by a plaque presented by the Government of Canada.
- Hook Lighthouse is the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world.
- President John F. Kennedy's great grandfather Patrick Kennedy was born in Dunganstown, New Ross.



Dunbrody Famine Ship

Wexford Towns and Villages

The towns and villages of Wexford are full of character. Below are some places that you are sure to enjoy.

Dating back to the 2nd Century, **Wexford** (F4) is a lively town with winding streets, a pretty quayside and an array of pubs, cafes and fine restaurants. It's a shopper's paradise with an excellent range of shops, from small boutiques to craft shops with unique hand crafted goods. Places of interest just outside the town include the Irish National Heritage Park, The Irish Agricultural Museum and the Wexford Wildfowl Reserve. The town hosts a colourful calendar of events throughout the year, including the world famous Wexford Festival Opera which takes place in October. Within easy reach of many fine beaches, coastal drives and walks, Wexford is the ideal base to explore the county and region.

Rosslare Strand (F4) is a popular Blue Flag seaside resort with quality restaurants and great water sports, golf and walking trails.

Rosslare Harbour (F4) is a small yet busy port town providing passenger ferry services to Wales and northern France. To the south, **Carnsore Point** (F5) and **Lady's Island** (F5) are noted for bird watching, good beaches and many historic sites.

New Ross (E4) is a thriving town set in rich rolling countryside on the mouth of the River Barrow. New Ross is home to the Dunbrody Famine Ship, a recreation of the actual 19th century timber - built ship on which actors reenact the hardships of transatlantic crossings of the 1840s. New Ross is also the ancestral birthplace of John F. Kennedy, and five generations of the Kennedy clan are celebrated at the Kennedy Homestead. A life sized statue of John F. Kennedy has recently been unveiled on the quayside in New Ross. Also in New Ross, The Ros Tapestry exhibition is well worth a visit.

At the most southern tip of the county and a scenic boat ride from Waterford, the stunning **Hook Peninsula** (E5) is waiting to be discovered. The area boasts beautiful rural seascapes, picturesque fishing villages, some of the county's finest heritage sites, 14 unspoilt beaches and out at its tip the world's oldest operational lighthouse.

Enniscorthy (F3) is a cathedral town on the River Slaney overlooked by the 1798 Vinegar Hill battle site. An early Norman settlement, Enniscorthy is dominated by the town's Castle built in 1205. The National 1798 Rebellion



The Irish National Heritage Park

Centre in the town gives an insight into the birth of modern democracy in Ireland. The colourful Co. Wexford Strawberry Fair is held in the town every year. Enniscorthy also boasts a strong tradition in the creation of craft and quality pottery.

To the north, **Ferns** (F3) the ancient capital of Leinster is a pretty village with a long and fascinating history, home of St. Aidan's the smallest cathedral in Europe. The village also features Ferns Castle, a 12th century Abbey and four high crosses, dating back to the 8th and 9th centuries.

Further north, **Gorey** (F3) is a thriving market town with striking architecture from the 18th and mid - 19th centuries. This is an excellent base from where to explore the outlying countryside of Wexford and Wicklow. There's also great golf at a number of courses including the Seafield Golf and Country Club.

Bunclody (E3) is a pretty market town at the foot of the Blackstairs Mountains, bordered by the sweeping River Slaney. Bunclody offers angling and canoeing facilities and is a good base for cycling and walking tours.

Just a few miles north of Wexford Town, **Curracloe** (F4) has a celebrated Blue Flag beach, and is a popular location with holiday makers. It was also the location for the film 'Saving Private Ryan'. **Blackwater** (F4) and **Kilmuckridge** (F3) are seaside towns with good self - catering and camping facilities. Further north, **Courtown** (F2) is a popular holiday resort, with a beautiful Blue Flag beach. With miles of sandy seafront, Courtown offers a wide variety of leisure facilities for all the family, such as Forest park Leisure Centre, not to mention walking routes, local amusements and quality self - catering accommodation.

On Wexford's south coast, **Kilmore Quay** (F5) is a pretty fishing village with whitewashed thatched houses, a harbour and marina. This well renowned angling centre is a popular destination for visitors and is a sea angling centre of excellence. Boat trips can be taken around the uninhabited Saltee Islands, popular with bird watchers. To the north of Kilmore Quay, the village of **Foulksmills** (E4) is surrounded by lush countryside and dotted with pleasant walking trails.

For more information on all of Wexford's towns and villages, visit one of our Discover Ireland Centres and Tourist Offices (see the inside front cover for contact details) or our website www.discoverireland.ie

For a variety of one day self drive tours see page 88.

Visitor Attractions

1 Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience & Restaurant

South Quay, New Ross,
Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 425239

www.dunbrody.com



The Dunbrody Famine Ship experience is one of the premier tourist attractions in the south east of Ireland. Centred on an authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel, 'The Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience' provides a world - class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience. Incorporating guided tour, costumed performers and themed exhibitions, the story is brought to life providing a unique insight into the bravery with which Irish people faced up to a desperate situation. As well as the ships tour, The Dunbrody Visitor Centre offers a unique river side dining experience with full restaurant facilities and extensive menu available all day long. Facilities include guided tours, souvenir shop, wheelchair access, coach park.

Open: Every day, all year. 9.00-18.00. Evening tours available: June, July & Aug.. Check website for details. Closed 25th/26th Dec.

Admission: Adult; €8.50, Child/Student €5, Senior €7, Family [2+1 child under 12]; €20, Family [2+2 child under 12] €24, Family [2+3 child under 12] €26.

2 Hook Lighthouse Visitor Centre

Fethard-on-Sea, Hook Peninsula,
New Ross, Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 397055

www.hookheritage.ie



LIGHT UP YOUR DAY! Relax by the Sea at Hook Lighthouse. The visitor centre at Hook Lighthouse, offers guided tours of the medieval lighthouse tower, built by William Marshall, the Earl of Pembroke and the

most famous knight of his time, as part of the development of his Lordship of Leinster. Purpose built as a lighthouse 800 years ago, and still fully operational today, Hook Lighthouse truly is one of a kind! Café, gift shop, picnic area, games, wifi, parking.

Open: Daily. All Year; 9.30 - 17.00. (later during summer) (closed Dec. 21st - 25th inc.)

Admission: Adult: €7, Family 2x2 €20

★ **Offer:** 20% discount on presentation of this guide.

3 The Irish National Heritage Park

Ferrycarrig, Co. Wexford

Tel: 053 9120733

www.inhp.com



Begin an unforgettable journey through Ireland's Past at our award winning Heritage centre. Explore re-constructed historical sites depicting life in ancient Ireland, located on the picturesque surroundings of the river Slaney.

Open: May - Aug 9.30 - 18.30, Sep - Apr 9.30 - 17.30. (Last admission 2 hours prior to close of business)

Admission: Adult:€9.50, Senior/Student: €8, Family (2 adults+3 children u 16yrs): €25

★ **Offer:** 10% off sales in the INHP craft & gift shop. N/A with any other offer.

4 Knights & Rebels - Enniscorthy Castle

Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

Tel: 053 9234699

www.enniscorthycastle.ie



This award winning Castle has been home to Norman Knights, English Earls and local merchant families. See our rare medieval wall art - THE HALBERDIER, and visit our battlements to see amazing views of the surrounding countryside.

Open: Mon - Fri: Summer; 9.30 - 17.00. Winter; 10.00 - 16.00. Sat,Sun, B/H; 12.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Adult €4, Sen/Stu. €3, Children (Over 5) €2, Family €10.

★ **Offer:** Integrated ticket for Rebellion/Castle: Adult €10, Sen/Stu. €6, Children €5, Family€ 25.

5 National 1798 Rebellion Centre

Parnell Road, Enniscorthy,Co. Wexford

Tel: 053 9237596

www.rebellion.ie



The Rebellion Experience not to be missed. Meet key figures of the Rebellion, participate in our 4D battle of Vinegar Hill, and discover how a peasant army fought the greatest empire in the world.

Open: Mon - Fri: Summer; 9.30 - 17.00. Winter; 10.00 - 16.00. Sat,Sun, B/H; 12.00 - 17.00

Admission: Adult €7, Senior/ Student €4, Children (over 5) €3,Family €25.

★ **Offer:** Integrated ticket for Rebellion/Castle: Adult €10, Sen/Stu. €6, Children €5, Family€ 25.

Visitor Attractions

6 The Wexford Wildfowl Reserve

North Slob, Ardavan Lane,
Wexford

Tel: 076 1002660

www.wexfordwildfowlreserve.ie



An exhibition centre, and filmshow are here to welcome visitors. The observation tower and hides give views of waterbirds, including the rare Greenland White fronted Geese which spend the winter here.

Open: Daily 9.00 - 17.00. Closed Christmas Day.

Admission: Free of charge.

7 Ros Tapestry

The Quay, New Ross,
Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 445396

www.rosapestry.com



The Ros Tapestry project is a massive community initiative in progress in the county of Wexford. Developed by over 150 volunteers, 15 embroidered panels depicting events around the Anglo - Norman arrival in Wexford.

Open: Mon. - Sat 10.00 - 17.00. Sun by Appointment.

Admission: Adult: €6, Senior: €5, Child/Student: €4,
Group rate Adult/Senior: €4.50, Group Child/Student: €3

8 The JFK Memorial Park

New Ross,
Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 388171

www.heritageireland.ie



Dedicated to the memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States from 1960 - 1963, the Arboretum contains over 4,500 types of trees and shrubs covering 623 acres on the southern slopes of SliabhCoilte. A visitor centre houses exhibitions and audio video show.

Open: Daily; All Year except Good Friday/Christmas Day. Apr/Sep. 10.00 - 18.30, May - Aug. 10.00 - 20.00, Oct - Mar. 10.00 - 17.00.

Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Student/Child: €2, Family: €10. Access also by Heritage Card and Season Ticket. Last admission 45 mins. before closing.

★ **Offer:** Season Ticket available €35 - valid Jan-Dec admits one family.

9 Irish Agricultural Museum & Johnstown Castle Gardens

Johnstown Castle,
Co Wexford

Tel: 053 9184671

www.irishagrimuseum.ie



With one of the most comprehensive displays of farming and rural life in the country, Irish Agricultural Museum makes a wonderful day out for all the family whatever the weather.

Gardens open daily: 9.00-16.30 (Nov-Feb), 9.00-17.30 (Mar-May, Sept-Oct), 9.00-19.00 (Jun-Aug). **Museum:** Nov-Feb, Mon-Fri. 9.00-16.00 (11am-16.00, Sat&Sun). Mar-May, Sept-Oct, Mon-Fri, 9.00-17.00 (11am-17.00 Sat & Sun), Jun-Aug, Mon-Fri 9.00-18.30 (11am-18.30 Sat & Sun)

Admission: Gardens; Adult €3, OAP €2, Child €1, Fam. €8 (Free Nov-Feb). Garden & Museum: Adult €8, OAP €6, Child €4, Fam. €24

10 Duncannon Military Fort

Duncannon, Hook Peninsula,
New Ross, Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 389454

www.duncannonfort.com



Ireland's only Great War Trench Experience. Cafe, Craft Shop, Artists studios, Croppy Boy Cell, Military Museum, Cockleshell Art Gallery. Military re-enactment every Whit weekend.

Open: May – Sept. 10.00 - 17.30. Rest of year 10.00 -16.30.

Admission: Adult: €7, Child/Senior: €5, Family: (2 adults + 4 children) €20.

11 The Kennedy Homestead

Dunganstown, New Ross,
Co. Wexford

Tel: 051 388264

www.kennedyhomestead.ie

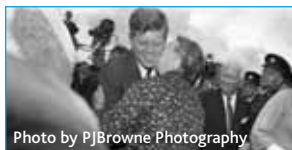
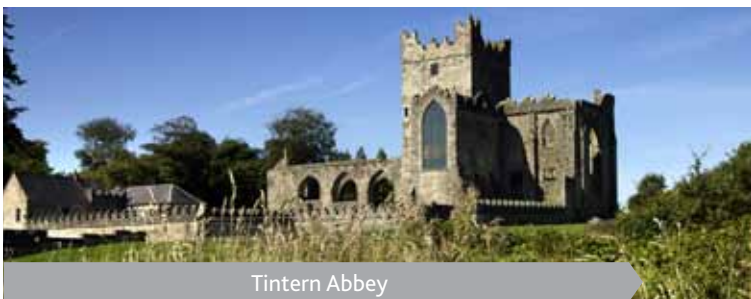


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Follow the rise from Famine Emigrant to President! The Kennedy Homestead, birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great grandfather celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty. A state of the art visitor centre housing an interpretive exhibition allows visitors to follow the fortunes of one of the most famous Irish emigrant families. Facilities include a unique collection of Kennedy memorabilia, audio visual display, souvenir shop.

Open: 9.30 - 17.30. 7 days a week. Feb.- Nov.

Admission: Adult: €7.50, Senior: €6.50, Student/Child: €5, Family (2 + 3 Children under 12): €22



Tintern Abbey

More to Experience

Abbeys, Cathedrals and Round Towers

Dunbrody Abbey Visitor Centre (E4) Campile, Hook Peninsula.
Tel: 086 3759938. www.dunbrodyabbey.com

A Cistercian Abbey founded in 1210 AD. Close by are the ruins of Dunbrody Castle which houses a craft shop, a hedge maze, walks, picnic area, small museum, pitch & putt course and tearooms. Open: Daily; May - Sep, 11.00 - 17.30. Admission: See website for details.

Saint Aidan's Cathedral (F3) Enniscorthy. Tel: 053 9235777.
www.staidanscathedral.ie

Designed by the English Architect, AW Pugin, the cathedral was restored to its original Pugin splendour in 1994. Open daily 9.00-17.30.

Our Lady's Island (F4) Rosslare. www.ladysisland.ie

Highlights include an ancient monastery dedicated to Our Lady, the ruins of the Augustinian Priory and a Norman tower. The island is a site of pilgrimage 15th Aug - 8th Sep.

Tintern Abbey (F4) Saltmills, Hook Peninsula, New Ross. Tel: 051 562650.

A Cistercian abbey, founded c. 1200 by William, the Earl Marshall, and named after Tintern in Wales. The remains consist of nave, chancel, tower, chapel and cloister. Open: Daily; 2nd Apr. -late Oct., 10.00 - 17.00. Admission: Adult: €4, Senior/Group: €3, Child/Student: €2, Family: €10. www.heritageireland.ie

Selskar Abbey (F4) West Gate, Wexford Town.

Built by the Normans circa 1200 with Wexfords only surviving Norman Gate and Town Wall adjacent. Abbey and Wall tours, Mar- Oct, Mon - Sat. 15.00. Admission €3.

Art Galleries & Craft Studios

Blue Egg Gallery (F4) Wexford Town. Tel: 053 9145862.

Email: mary@blueegggallery.ie www.blueegggallery.ie

Exhibits and sells contemporary craft work by Irish and International makers. Open: Tue to Sat 11.00 - 17.30. Feb-Dec. Please check website for exhibition dates.



The Saltee Islands

Creations by Annette Whelan (F5) Kilmore Quay.

Tel: 085 7227751. www.creationsbyannetthewhelan.com

Fused glass artist based at Kilmore Quay. Open: May-Oct. Mon-Sat. 11.00-17.00

The Cockleshell Gallery (D4) Duncannon. Hook Peninsula. Tel: 051 389990.

www.cockleshellgallery.net.

Located at Duncannon Fort, ongoing Art & Sculpture exhibitions. Open: Mar-13th-Oct. 31st. 10.00-13.00. 14.00-17.00

Rowe Street Gallery (F4) Wexford Town Tel: 086 2434360

www.artupstairswexford.com. www.padraig1967.wex.com

Contemporary art, crafts, and photography. Open: Tue - Sat, 11.00-17.00.

Other times by appointment.

Wexford Town Arts Centre (F4) Cornmarket, Wexford Town.

Tel: 053 9123764. www.wexfordartscentre.ie

Provides year - round programme of exhibitions, plays, concerts, film, lectures and workshops. Open: Mon - Sat, 10.00 - 17.00.

Greenacres Art Gallery (F4) Selskar, Wexford Town.

Tel: 053 9122975. www.greenacres.ie

Exhibitions all year round. Open: Mon-Sat 9.00-21.00. Sun. 12.00-19.00

The Pigyard Gallery (F4) 13 Selskar Street, Wexford;

Tel: (053) 9122019 www.pigyardgallery.com

Located at Spectrum Art & Framing. Open: Mon.-Sat. 9.30-17.30. Visit website for events & exhibitions.

Paul Maloney Pottery (F4) Ballindinas, Barntown.

Tel: 053 9122019. www.paulmaloneypottery.com

Finely crafted tableware, giftware and oil paintings by Paul at his studio/shop and gallery. Open: All year, Mon - Sat 9.30 - 17.30. Sunday seasonal.

Kiltrea Bridge Pottery (F3) Kiltrea.

Tel: 053 923 5107 www.kiltreapottery.com

Kiltrea pottery is light years away from the machine made and mass produced pottery. Open hours vary seasonally. See website or call for details.

Ballyelland Pottery (F4) The Old Mill, Castlebridge.

Tel: 087 2029730. www.ballyellandpottery.ie

Artisan ceramics, pottery and sculpture in working studio. Located at 200 year old mill. Open: Tue.-Sat, 11.00-17.00. See website for details.



Wells House & Gardens

Castles, Historic Buildings & Field Monuments

Ballyhack Castle (E4) Ballyhack. Hook Peninsula.

Tel: 051 389468. www.heritageireland.ie

The castle is thought to have been built in the 15th century by the Knights Hospitallers of St. John. Open: May 23rd- Sept 1st..Sat-Wed. inc., 10.30 - 17.00. Admission: Free of charge.

Ferns Castle (F4) Ferns. Tel: 053 9366411. www.heritageireland.ie

Originally a square fortification with large corner towers. One tower contains a fine circular chapel with carved ornament. The work of the Ferns Tapestry Project is on display in the centre. Open: 15th May – 22nd Sep, 10.00 - 17.00. Admission: Free of charge.

St.Iberius Church (F4) Main St. Wexford Town

One of Wexfords oldest treasures. It is named after St. Ibar, the first known Christian Missionary in the Wexford area. Open to visitors 9.30-16.00. Mon-Sat

Tacumshane Windmill (F5) Tacumshane Broadway. Tel: 053 913 1780.

Key available from The Millhouse Bar & Restaurant. Built in 1846, the mill was used until 1936 and was renovated in the 1960s.

Brown Clayton's Folly (E4) Carrigybyrne.

Locally known as the 'Pinnacle' and measuring 28.5 meters high, this is a replica of Pompei's Alexandrian column, built in 1839 in memory of Sir Ralph Abercromby.

Wells House & Gardens (F3) Gorey

Tel: 053 9186737 www.wellshouse.ie

A great Victorian House and Gardens in the heart of Wexford with something for all generations to share and enjoy. Open: Daily, May - Sept: 10.00 - 18.00. Oct - April: 11.00 - 16.00. House Tours 14.00 & 15.00. Admission: €8 entry per car. Please see website for event listings & further details .

Loftus Hall (E5) Hook Head Co.Wexford

Tel:051 397728.www.loftushall.ie

Visit Loftus Hall and take a tour of this haunted house with its dark and troubled history. See website for opening dates & times and on line booking.

Vinegar Hill Battlefield (F3) Enniscorthy

Tel:053 9237596 www.knightsandrebels.ie

Most famous site of the 1798 Rebellion, the spectacular views belie its background as one of the bloodiest battlefields in Irish history. Open: Year Round 10am - dusk. Admission: Free

Exhibitions, Museums & Entertainment

The National Opera House (F4) High Street, Wexford. Tel: 053 912 2400. (General Office), 053 912 2144 (Box Office). www.nationaloperahouse.ie
Enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Wexford Harbour from Stable Diet Café at The National Opera House. Open: Mon-Sat.9.30-16.30.

Rosslare Harbour Maritime Heritage Centre (F4) Rosslare

Tel: 086 3103417 Email: rosslaremaritime@hotmail.com

A comprehensive display of Maritime images, art, ship models and artefacts. Open: Apr.- Sept. Sat, Sun. and b/hols, 14.00 – 18.00. Admission: Adult: €3, Children Free.

Fr. Murphy Centre (F3) 8 Boolavogue, Ferns Tel: 053 9366898.

Tel: 087 2935560. www.boolavogue.info

Homeplace of Fr. John Murphy of 1798 fame. Farm machinery, Wexford folklore exhibition & Garden of Remembrance. Tea room,craft shop, picnic area and children's playground. Open daily Mar-Nov.9.30-17.00. Admission applies.

Ballymore Historic Museum (F3) Ballymore House, Camolin, Enniscorthy.

Tel 053 9383189./086 3541407 www.ballymorehistoricfeatures.com

Open: Sun only; May - Jun, 14.00 - 18.00. Fri, Sat, Sun; Jul - 6th Sep, 14.00 - 18.00. Bank Holiday: 14.00 - 18.00. Admission: Adult: €6. See website for details.

Craanford Mills (F3) Craanford, Gorey. Tel: 053 9428124/087 9683526.

Restored 17th century corn - grinding watermill. Open: Daily; July - Aug, 11.00 - 17.00, June & Sep: weekends only. Admission: Adult: €5, Child: Free of charge.

County Wexford Storytelling Houses (F4) www.storiesfromthehearth.ie.

Storytelling Houses are almost unique to County Wexford. There are eight Houses now in operation throughout the County.. Check website for house location, dates and times. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Wexford Lavender Farm (F3) Gorey, Co Wexford. 0870686774.

www.wexfordlavenderfarm.com.

Ireland's first lavender farm Attractions for all the family, including barrel train ride, café, woodland walks and more.

Open 28 Mar – 30 Sept. Tue – Sun. 10.30 -17.00 .

Tours

Wexford Walking Tours (F4) Tel: 086 1079497 (Monica)

www.wexfordwalkingtours.net

History happened in all weathers, so do our tours! Tours: Mon - Sat, Mar - Oct, 11.00. Meeting Point: Wexford Tourist Office. Price: €5 each per tour.

Galley Cruising Restaurant (E4) The Quay, New Ross. Tel: 051 421723.

www.rivercruises.ie

Ireland's Most Scenic River Cruises with World Famous Cuisine. Fully licensed, it is an ecological and gourmet treat. **Booking essential.**

Language School - Acels/Mei

Slaney Language Centre (F4) Slaney Manor, Bantown, Wexford.

Tel: 053 912 0881. www.slanelanguage.com



Map No.	Attraction
1	Dunbrody Famine Ship
2	Hook Lighthouse Visitor Centre
3	The Irish National Heritage Park

Map No.	Attraction
4	Enniscorthy Castle
5	Ros Tapestry
6	The Wexford Wildfowl Reserve



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| 7 | The National 1798 Rebellion Centre |
| 8 | John F. Kennedy Arboretum |
| 9 | Irish Agricultural Museum & Castle Gardens |

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| 10 | Duncannon Military Fort & Fortifications |
| 11 | Kennedy Homestead |

All attractions listed above are fully detailed on pages 66 to 69.

ADVENTURE & WATER SPORTS



Adventure & Water Sports

The sunny South East is awash with fun-filled Water Sports and Adventure activities for the young and the young-at-heart.

With the Atlantic Ocean on two sides and five of Ireland's principal rivers flowing through the region, the South East really cleans up when it comes to water sport fun. Sub-aqua, sailing, swimming, diving, water skiing, rowing, canoeing, land yachting, surfing and river cruising are all catered for in the South East, with expert guidance on hand from specialist groups.

Why not try your hand at kitesurfing - an exhilarating fusion of windsurfing, water skiing and paragliding that's not for the faint hearted! Sailing is also popular with visitors and the region is well served with many listed visitor moorings and marina facilities. Blo karting provides a sailing experience for those who want to stay on dry land! For those of you who like to stay dry but savour the taste of adrenalin, the South East offers excellent rock climbing, archery, orienteering, quad biking, karting, shooting, flying and even hang - gliding over the dramatic Mount Leinster area. There are also a number of excellent archery and orienteering clubs where you are welcome to come along and make your mark.

Corporate groups and friends can enjoy the thrilling game of paintball played at a number of specialised centres located throughout the region.

For more information call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/adventure

Adventure & Water Sports In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

DESCRIPTION

Carlow

Rapid Fire Paintball, Maganey	059 9145826 www.rapidfire.ie	Paintball
Special Ops Paintball, Ballymurphy, Borris	085 7752495 www.specialops.ie	Paintball

Kilkenny

Castlecomer Discovery Park, Castlecomer	056 4440707 www.discoverypark.ie	Tree top adventure. Leap of faith and climbing wall Walking Trails. Boating on lake.
Countryside Leisure Activity Centre, Bonnettsrath	056 7761791 www.discoverireland.ie Find us on Facebook	Clay pigeon shooting, archery & indoor rifle target shooting
Go with the Flow River Adventures, (Rivers Barrow & Nore)	087 2529700 www.gowiththeflow.ie	Canoeing and river adventures
Kiltorcan Raceway, Ballyhale	087 2464872 www.kiltorcan.com	Go karting
Mount Juliet, Thomastown	056 7773000 www.mountjuliet.ie	Clay pigeon shooting & archery
Team Dynamics, Archersgrove, Kilkenny	056 7763635 / 086 8286863 www.tdk.ie	River adventures, abseiling, shooting, archery, orienteering & more
Pure Adventure, Graiguenamanagh, Kilkenny & Waterford	087 2265550 www.pureadventure.ie	Canoe & Kayak Trips and Tours on the Nore & Barrow rivers.
Pedal & Paddle Adventures, Co Kilkenny	086 8954961 (Pedal) 087 2529700 (Paddle) www.pedalandpaddle.ie	Mixes some of the best cycling and kayaking in Co Kilkenny
LaserCombat, c/o Kilkenny College, Kilkenny City	087 1233117 www.lasercombat.ie	22 acre Urban Warfare site, located near Kilkenny
Kilkenny Activity Centre, Orchard Road, Kilkenny	086 2611567 www.kilkennyactivitycentre.ie	Group activities for all ages & types of groups
Bike & Hike, Graiguenamanagh	059 9724246 / 086 4084008 www.watersideguesthouse.com	Cycling and walking trail packages along the River Barrow Towpath

Tipperary

Bike Park Ireland, Fairmount Farm, Ballingarry, Roscrea	067 21961 / 087 2831454 www.bikeparkireland.ie	Gravity fed mountain bike park
Carrick-on-Suir Marina, Carrick-on-Suir	0761 065000 www.tipperarycoco.ie	Mooring facilities
Galtee Valley Xtreme Adventure, Burncourt Cahir	085 1695483 www.galteevalley.com	Zorbing, dune buggies, archery, giant jenga, giant futsal, sumo suits
Go with the Flow River Adventures, Roscrea	087 2529700 www.gowiththeflow.ie	Guided river treks, multi-day trips, canoe hire and more
Killaloe River Cruises, Ballina	086 814 0559 www.killaloerivercruises.com	Tours on a 12 seater passenger boat
Lough Derg Yacht Club, Dromineer	067 24455 www.lydc.ie	Third oldest yacht club in the world
Shannon Sailing, Dromineer	067 24499 www.shannonsailing.com	Boat rental, charter and sailing tuition
The Ku ee tu, Nenagh	067 24295	53 seater water bus offering guided tours
Upper Limits, Upperchurch	087 3919190 Find us on Facebook	Indoor climbing and bouldering wall
Watermark Ski Club, Terryglass Harbour	087 2573661 www.irishwaterski.com	Waterskis, wakeboards, pedalboarding etc.

Waterford

Ardmore Adventures, Ardmore	083 3743889 www.ardmoreadventures.ie	Sea kayaking, surfing, rock climbing, archery, snorkelling and power boat trips
Ardmore Diving, Old Parish, Dungarvan	086 8191074 www.ardmorediving.com	Scuba diving & training
Blackwater Boating, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	T: +353 58 54382 M: +353 87 6832872 www.blackwaterboating.ie	Canoeing and Kayaking packages.
Bunmahon Surf School, Bunmahon	087 6398210 www.bunmahonsurfschool.com	Surf school
Deep Sea Charters, Dunmore East	087 6369164 www. deepseachartersdunmore.com	Whale and dolphin watching
Dunmore East Adventure Centre, Dunmore East	051 383783 www.dunmoreadventure.com	Surfing, canoeing, sailing archery & more
Freedom Surf School & Adventure, Tramore	051 386773 / 086 3914908 www.freedomssurfschool.com	Surf lessons, land yachting, stand up paddle boarding.
Pure Adventure Waterford / Kilkenny	087 2265550 / 083 3414769 info@pureadventure.ie	Canoeing and kayaking courses
Oceanics Surf School, Tramore	051 390944 www.oceanics.ie	Surf programmes and multi activity breaks
Rallyconnection Ltd., Cappagh, Dungarvan	058 47000 www.rallyconnection.com	Rally driving courses
Sea Paddling.com, Waterford Coastline	051 393314 www.seapaddling.com	Sea kayaking
Swellseeker, Tramore, Co. Waterford	051 390017 +353 85 7799689 www.swellseekers.ie	Surfing, kitesurfing and skyhigh kitesurfing lessons. On - line booking company.
T - Bay Surf & Eco Centre & café Tramore	051 391297 www.tbaysurf.com	Surf lessons, kite surfing, eco tours & water safety
Tramore Adventure Centre, Tramore	051 386773 / 086 3914908 www.tramoreadventures.com	Outdoor adventures & residential packages
Tramore Surf School and Surf Shop Tramore, Co Waterford	T: +353 51 391011 M: +353 87 7563993 www.tramoresurfshop.com	Surfing lessons, surf camps.
Waterford City Marina, Waterford	www.waterfordcouncil.ie	Mooring facilities

Wexford

Kayak Safari, Wexford	087 673 9357	Guides Tours of river Slaney, Kayak Hire
Hooked Kite Surfing, Duncannon, Hook Peninsula	087 6755567 www.hookedkitesurfing.ie	Kite surfing school
Kilmore Quay Marina, Kilmore Quay	053 9129955 www.discoverireland.ie	Mooring facilities
Quad Attack and Crazy Corral, Clonroche	053 9244660 www.quadattack.ie	Cross country driving
Rosslare Water Sports, Rosslare	053 9132202 www.rosslareholidayresort.com	Windsurfing, kayaking, sailing centre
Sheilbaggan Outdoor Education Centre, New Ross	051 389550 www.shielbagganoec.com	Large range of outdoor activities
Three Sisters Marina, New Ross	051 421284	Mooring facilities
Gravity Extreme Adventure, Courtown	053 9424849 www.courtownadventure.ie	High ropes adventure centre.

ANGLING



Angling

The region's rivers afford the game fisherman superb opportunities to fish for Wild Brown Trout, Salmon, and Sea Trout in season.

Coarse anglers are well catered for with the river Barrow offering first class mixed fishing for Bream, Dace, Rudd, Roach, and Perch, excellent fishing for Roach and Dace on the river Blackwater, and also a number of well appointed managed coarse fisheries.

The South East's coastline plays host to arguably the best Bass fishing in Europe, while deep sea angling trips are available through a number of registered charter boat operators targeting a range of species including Ling, Pollack, Cod, Conger, and Tope.

The purchase of a state licence is necessary to fish for Salmon and Sea Trout, along with on most fisheries a daily permit. Certain Brown Trout Fisheries may also require the purchase of a day permit; however coarse angling and sea angling are free.

The normal angling season for Salmon, Sea Trout, and Brown Trout is March 17th to 30th September. There is no closed season for coarse angling, and apart from Bass (closed season 15th May - 15th June) sea anglers can also fish all year round. For current legislation on all angling disciplines log on to www.fisheriesireland.ie, or contact the local regional fisheries board (contact details below) in advance of travelling to the South East.

Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford is a regional centre of excellence for Sea Angling and Cahir, Co. Tipperary is a regional centre of excellence for brown trout. www.visitcahir.ie

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/angling

www.fishinginireland.info

Inland Fisheries Ireland, Angelsea Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
Tel: 052 6180055, Email: Clonmel@fisheriesireland.ie



Fishing River Suir



Sea Angling Wexford



Southern County Fishing Resort

Angling In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Carlow		
Murph's Fishing Tackle, Carlow Town	059 9132839 www.fishingtackledirect.ie	Suppliers of tackle and shop angling permits
Southern County Fishing Resort	087 9655544 www.southerncounty.ie	Brown trout
Kilkenny		
Ardaire Springs Angling Centre, Mooncoin	086 8128937 www.ardairesprings.com	Lake fishing for Trout (year round)
Jerpoint Park, Thomastown	086 6061449 www.jerpointpark.com	Seasonal angling on the river Nore (Booking essential)
Mount Juliet, Thomastown	056 7773010 www.mountjuliet.ie	Lake fishing and private stretch of river
Discovery Park, Castlecomer	056 4440707 www.discoverypark.ie	Year round lake fishing for rainbow trout.

Tipperary

Cahir Angler - Kevin Rowe, Cahir	087 6409271 www.fishinginireland.info	Local angling guide
Cahir Angler - Paul Burke, Cahir	087 6452827 www.cahir.ie	Local angling guide
Casale 2000 Ltd., Cashel	062 63106 www.discoverireland.ie	Fishing permits and salmon licenses
Irish Fishing Tours, Portroe Nenagh	087 9553554 www.irishfishingtours.com	Customised fishing holidays
North Tipperary Angling Centre, Ballinderry, Nenagh	087 2756775 www.northtipperaryanglingcentre.ie	Lake and brown trout fishing
Suir Valley Fishery, Clonmel	052 6132497 / 086 8176055 www.trautner-peche-irlande.com	Salmon and trout fishing
Templemore Lake, Templemore	052 6180055 www.discoverireland.ie	Bank only fishing

Waterford

Absolute Fishing Tackle Shops, Tramore	051 393559 www.absolutefishing.ie	Tackle shop specialising in lure fishing
Blackwater Lodge & Fishery, Upper Ballyduff	058 60235 www.ireland-salmon-fishing.net	Salmon fishing & tackle hire Tuition Available
Ballyshunock (Mixed) Reservoir	051 384721 / Centra, Kilmeaden www.fisheriesireland.ie	Shore fishing, boat hire and permits
Clonnav Angling, Ballymacarbry	052 6136765 www.flyfishingireland.com	Fly fishing and training centre (APGAI)
Centra Supermarket, Kilmeaden	051 384721	Supplier of angling permits
Deep Sea Charters, Dunmore East	087 6369164 www.deepseachartersdunmore.com	Wreck, reef, shark fishing & bass angling
Dunmore East Angling	051 383397 / 087 2682794 www.dunmoreangling.ie	Deep sea fishing, angling charters, sightseeing trips
Dungarvan Bay Charter Boats	0876599634 www.dungarvanbaycharterboats.com	Year round charter and deep sea angling.
Knockaderry Carriganvry & Ballyscanlon Reservoirs, Kilmeaden	051 384428 www.waterfordflyfishing.ie	Trout fishing
Mc's Outdoor Store, Waterford	051 857554 www.gooutdoorireland.com	Suppliers of tackle, permits & fishing equipment
South Coast Charter Angling	087 2657177 www.charterangling.ie	Boat charters along Waterford Coast, whale watching (Nov-Feb)
Waterford Angling and Outdoor Centre, Waterford	051 844314 www.aoc.com	Suppliers of tackle and live bait for sea angling, diving equipment

Wexford

Bunclody Golf & Fishing Club, Bunclody	053 9374444 www.bunclodygfc.ie	Game fishing & fishing club
Hayes Fishing Tackle	053 9122462	Fishing tackle & bait
Hook Head Sea Angling Centre, Ballyhack	087 6781245 / 087 2437148 www.seatours.ie	Sea angling, ground, wreck & shark fishing
Kilmore Quay Boat Hire, Kilmore Quay	053 9129704 www.discoveireland.ie	Reef, wreck and shark charters fishing
Lochmahon Lakes, Adamstown	087 276 5664 www.lochmahon.com	Fly & bait fishing on 3 trout lakes. Rod hire
Murphy's Fishing Tackle, Wexford Town	053 9124717 www.discoverireland.ie	Suppliers of tackle and tackle permits
Oaklands Lake, New Ross	051 425196 www.discoverireland.ie	Lake fishing, equipment hire, salmon licenses
South East Angling Ireland (SEAI), Wexford Town	053 9123351 www.discoverireland.ie	Saltwater, fly and lure fishing specialists

BEACHES IN THE SOUTH EAST



Beaches in the South East

The South East Region is blessed with a fantastic coastline, consisting of a geo - park, copper mines, cliffs and numerous beaches to choose from, these include 8 Blue Flag beaches (Year 2014).

The International Blue Flag programme is operated in Ireland by An Taisce with the support of the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government and on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. Each location meets a range of environmental and safety criteria which collectively represent a high level of environmental quality.



The Blue Flag is an international, voluntary eco - label for beaches and marinas and is awarded to beaches and marinas that meet a specific set of criteria:

Environmental information & education, water quality, safety & services and environmental management.



Green Coast Awards are awarded to beaches for their natural beauty, clean environment and water quality. These beaches may not have the necessary built infrastructure as to meet criteria set for Blue Flag status; however Green Coast Award beaches are exceptional

places to visit and to enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity.

For more information on the Blue Flag and Green Coast Award beaches please contact:



An Taisce: Tel: 01 4002210.
Email: blueflag@eeu.antaisce.org
Web: www.blueflagireland.org

www.discoverireland.ie/beaches



Rosslare Beach, Co. Wexford



Tramore Beach, Co. Waterford

Beaches in the South East

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF **BLUE FLAG** BEACHES IN THE REGION:



County Waterford

- > **Dungarvan:** Clonea
- > **Tramore:** Tramore
- > **Dunmore East:** Councillors Strand
- > **Dunmore East:** Dunmore Strand

County Wexford

- > **Courtown:** Courtown
- > **Curracloe:** Curracloe
- > **Morriscastle:** Morriscastle
- > **Rosslare:** Rosslare Strand

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF **GREEN COAST** BEACHES IN THE REGION:

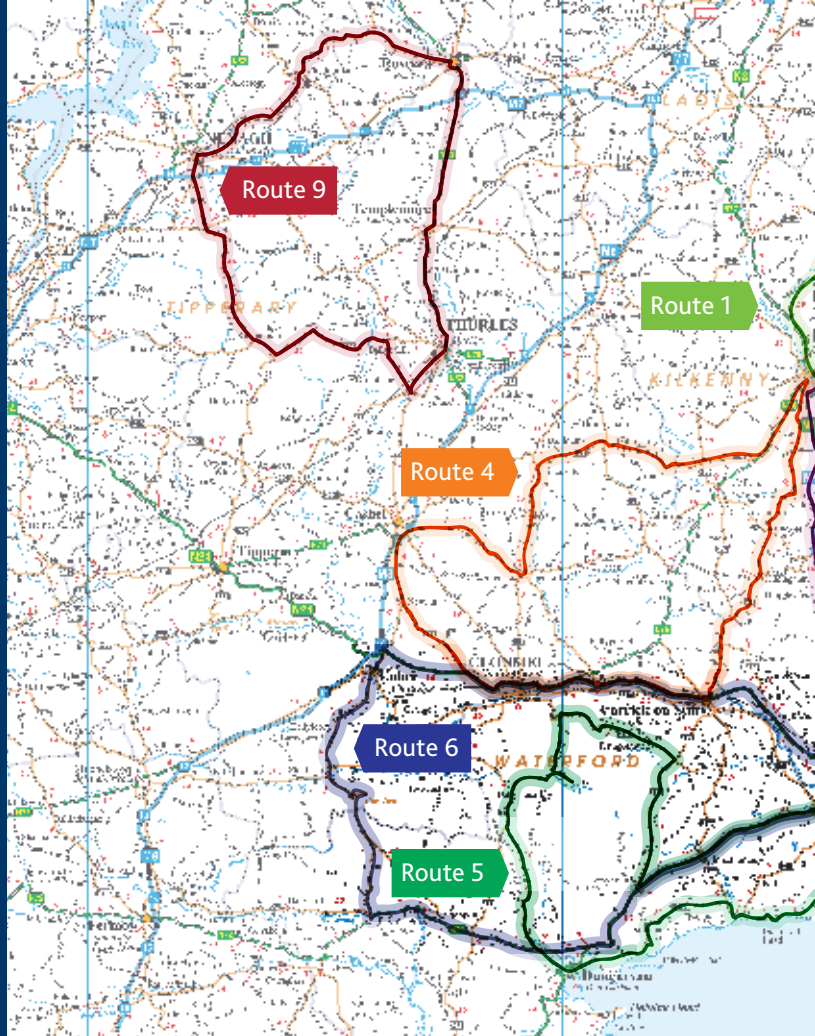


County Waterford

- > **Annestown:** Annestown Beach
- > **Ardmore:** Curragh
- > **Ardmore:** Ballyquin
- > **Ardmore:** Goat Island
- > **Tramore:** Guillameen Cove
- > **Tramore:** Kilfarassy
- > **Tramore:** Newtown Cove

County Wexford

- > **Ballygarrett:** Old Bawn
- > **Cahore:** Cahore
- > **Curracloe:** Ballinesker
- > **Curracloe:** Culleton's Gap



Route 1

CAVES, CASTLES & CARDENS

Route 2

THE RIVER VALLEY ROUTE

Route 3

THE URBAN TRIANGLE

Route 4

THE BUTLER TRAIL

Route 5

COAST & MOUNTAINS



Route 6

THE VEE DRIVE

Route 7

BY HOOK OR BY CROOKE

Route 8

CASTLES & COASTS

Route 9

THE NORTH TIPPERARY
LOOP

Driving Routes

Route 1

Caves, Castles & Gardens

Distance: 140km

Kilkenny City » Carlow » Bunclody
» Kilkenny City

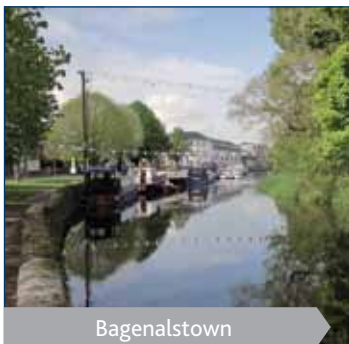
Ancient caves, haunted castles and dramatic dolmens are all dotted along this drive. And there's cutting edge art, gardens and a reptile village too.

The first highlight of this drive lies in **Dunmore Cave** which contains some of the finest calcite formations in Ireland and some intriguing Viking links too.

Continue on (via N78) towards **Castlecomer Discovery Park** and explore its mining story 'The Footprints in Coal' exhibition. The park also includes looped walks, a fishing lake and craft workshops. Proceeding towards **CARLOW** Town (via R431/0) visit the stunning **VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art** and the **Carlow Museum** before visiting the 5,000 year old **Brownshill Dolmen** outside the town on the Hacketstown/ Rathvilly Road (R726).

The N80 between Carlow Town and **BUNCLODY** incorporates several stops on the magnificent Carlow Garden Trail, including **Altamont Gardens**. Nearby, there's a wonderful yew tree walk at **Huntington Castle**.

Beyond Bunclody, carry on through the Blackstairs Mountains before crossing the River Barrow at **BAGENALSTOWN**. A stop here opens up a stroll along the towpaths of Ireland's second - longest river, and the old mills, warehouses and locks of its industrial heritage. Before reaching Kilkenny City two final suggestions are **Shankill Castle Gardens** at Paulstown and **The Reptile Village** at Gowran - a mini - zoo with a difference.



Bagenalstown

Route 2

The River Valley

Distance: 105km

Kilkenny City » New Ross » Borris
» Kilkenny City

Craft trails, stone - arch bridges, monkey - puzzle avenues and monastic sites are just some of the discoveries on this enchanting journey along the Rivers Nore and Barrow.

There's no end of potential stop - offs on this route - ranging from river views to heritage husks like **Jerpoint Abbey**, or the bustling shops and cafes tucked away in the towns themselves.



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Discover a deserted medieval town at **Jerpoint Park**, or dip into the **Made in Kilkenny Craft Trail** sampling handmade candles in **BENNETTSBRIDGE**, the flour mill that serves as **Nicholas Mosse's pottery studio**, or vibrant ceramics in **THOMASTOWN**

Continuing south through the **NORE VALLEY** (via R700) at **INISTIOWE**, don't miss **Woodstock Gardens**, home to the longest monkey - puzzle avenue in Europe.

After **NEW ROSS** (via R729), this route swaps the River Nore for the River Barrow, veering north through **ST. MULLIN'S, GRAIGUENAMANAGH** and **BORRIS**, before returning to **KILKENNY**. The River Barrow was a motorway before motorways existed, as the heritage jewels along its banks testify - grand treasures such **Duiske Abbey**. At St. Mullin's, scramble up the old Norman motte for a smashing panorama over the gorge and gravestones below. Further North visit **Borris House**, the ancestral home of The Kings of Leinster.

Route 3

The Urban Triangle

Distance: 180km

**Kilkenny City » Wexford Town »
Waterford City » Kilkenny City**

If you're the town and country type, this is the driving route for you. The Urban Triangle not only takes in some of the most beautiful countryside in the southeast, it also provides a tantalising taste of the urban buzz on offer in Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny.



National Opera House

Heading east out of **KILKENNY** City (via R700), you'll pass through charming villages such as Bennettsbridge, Thomastown and Inistiowe.

In **NEW ROSS**, travel back in time at the **Dunbrody Experience**, where costumed actors and a three - masted barque combine in an interactive adventure evoking famine times. Also worth visiting are **The Ros Tapestry, The Kennedy Homestead** and **The JFK Memorial Park**.

Follow the N25 To Wexford and enroute travel back in time at **The Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig WEXFORD** itself is full of surprises. The combination of tight - knit streets and airy waterfront, of old town walls and modern eateries, and skyline views from its state - of - the - art **Opera House**, create the unique feeling of a medieval town in the 21st century.

Head to **WATERFORD** City (via R733). The Passage East ferry is the highlight of this stretch, with tickets issued from a vintage machine on the ferryman's belt, and views stretching south to the **Hook Lighthouse**.

WATERFORD is Ireland's oldest city, and you can explore its roots in the **Viking Triangle**, a new historic quarter housing the **House of Waterford Crystal**, the **Medieval Museum, Bishop's Palace & Gardens** and **Reginald's Tower**.

Route 4**The Butler Trail**

Distance: 170km

Kilkenny City » Kells » Carrick-on-Suir » Clonmel » Cahir » Cashel » Kilkenny City

Butler roots run deep in the South East. As deep as 1185AD, in fact - the year Theobald Fitzwalter, Chief Butler to Prince John, was granted over 400,000 acres of land in Tipperary.

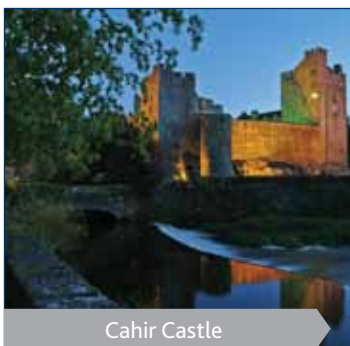
Setting out from **KILKENNY** City (via R697), where **Kilkenny Castle** served as the Butlers' principal Irish residence for 600 years, this route stops at Kells Priory before proceeding south to **CARRICK-on-SUIR**.

From **Carrick** (via N24), continue along the River Suir and Comeragh Mountains to **CLONMEL**, a bustling shopping town where James Butler built a courthouse in 1675. **The Main Guard's** glowing sandstone arches are just a taste of the restoration that awaits inside.

CAHIR's chief Butler legacy is an exquisitely - preserved **castle** on the River Suir. From here, a 30 min. river walk takes you to the **Swiss Cottage** or take the R670 from Cahir Town.

After Cahir (via R660), carry on towards **CASHEL**, where heritage gems range from the **Rock of Cashel** to the Bolton Library and **Brú Ború Cultural Centre**.

Before continuing towards **KILKENNY** City via (R692) make one final stop at the Medieval Wall Town of **FETHARD**.



Cahir Castle

Route 5**The Copper Coast & Comeragh Mountains**

Distance: 156km

Waterford City » Tramore » Dungarvan » Comeragh Mountains Loop » Lemybrien » Waterford City

From hidden coves to mountain scenery, this loop explores Waterford's coastal UNESCO European Geopark before venturing into the mountains to the spectacular Mahon Falls.



Mahon Falls

Departing Waterford, the R675 brings you to **Tramore**, Ireland's quintessential Victorian seaside resort, the first stop along this smorgasbord of coastal and mountain scenery. Driving towards **Newtown Head**, look for the Metal Man perched on one of three pillars on the headland.

From here, continue west (via R675) along the Copper Coast, a **UNESCO European Geopark** named for its 19th century mining heritage.

It's a hypnotic route, spotted with Blue Flag beaches, stunning views and pretty villages like **Annestown** and **Stradbally**. Finally you will arrive in **Dungarvan**.

From Dungarvan, the R672 links with Ballymacarbry, where a right turn takes you through the walker's wonderland that is the **NIRE VALLEY**. Continuing east to the R678 and R676 crossroads, there are two options - turning north to **CARRICK ON SUIR** before taking the N24 back to **Waterford**, or turning south (via R676) towards **MAHON FALLS**, a 240 - foot waterfall tumbling spectacularly off the glaciated range.

Route 6 The Vee Drive

Distance: 178km

**Waterford City » Dungarvan »
Lismore » Waterford**

It is one stunning vista after another as this leisurely loop unfolds through Waterford and South Tipperary.

Setting off on the N25 from **Waterford**, this driving loop ducks between the Comeragh Mountains and Copper Coast following the N72 to its first stop, the dazzling heritage town of **Lismore**.

Lismore's showpiece is its **castle and gardens**, founded in 1185 and today belonging to the Duke of Devonshire.

Leaving Lismore, follow the R668 as it twists and turns through the **Knockmealdown Mountains** culminating in breath - taking fashion at the Vee, a hairpin bend overlooking the Golden Vale.

Journey from **Cahir** back to Waterford via the N24 stopping at the heritage gems of **Cahir Castle** and **Ormond Castle**.

The Vee Drive also features two spurs, which you can use as detours if time permits. The first zips down to **Ardmore**, where a round tower, cathedral and hermitage captivate visitors to this day. The second spur detours, where heritage gems range from Rock of Cashel to Brú Ború Cultural Centre.



Knockmealdown Mountains

Route 7**By Hook or by Crooke**

Distance: 160km

**Wexford Town » Fethard-on-Sea
» Hook Peninsula Loop » Passage
East » Dunmore East » Waterford
City » New Ross » Wexford Town**

Follow in the footsteps of Henry II, JFK's great-grandfather and 18th century fishermen on a driving tour undertaken by Hook or by Crooke.

Departing from **WEXFORD** (via R733), this route travels directly to the **Hook Peninsula**, and particularly the **lighthouse** that takes its name, where visitors can climb its spiralling steps to views stretching as far as Wexford's Saltee Islands.

Continuing on a loop of the Hook, look out for **Loftus Hall**, where the devil is said to have been unmasked during a game of cards, and the star - shaped **Duncannon Fort**.

After crossing the **SUIR ESTUARY** by ferry from Ballyhack to **PASSAGE EAST**, swing south to the hidden coves and seafood restaurants of **DUNMORE EAST**, before returning north (via R684) to explore **WATERFORD** and it's **Viking Triangle**. The final stop is **NEW ROSS** (via N25), where the you can visit **Dunbrody Experience The Ros Tapestry, The Kennedy Homestead and The JFK Memorial Park**.



The Hook Peninsula

Route 8**Castles & Coast**

Distance: 102km

**Wexford Town » Courtown »
Gorey » Ferns » Enniscorthy »
Wexford Town**

Movie star beaches, aerial trekking adventures and the heritage hotspots of Ferns and Enniscorthy are pick of the attractions along this excellent driving tour.

From **WEXFORD**, proceed north on the R742, one of the most

underrated coastal drives in the country. Thatched cottages, visitor farms and Blue Flag beaches at Morriscastle, Courtown and Curracloe are the highlights here. Ballinesker is where Spielberg filmed the frenetic opening scenes for Saving Private Ryan (1998) and **COURTOWN**, combines its old stone harbour with a neat beach, nostalgic amusements and aerial trekking adventures at **Gravity Forest Park**.

Depart the coast road and visit the busy market town of **Gorey**. Onwards to **Ferns** (via N11) and travel back in time at historic **Ferns Castle** and you'll also find the ruins of Ferns Cathedral and St. Mary's Abbey.



Courtown

Continue to **ENNISCORTHY** (via N11), a town first settled by St. Senan in 510AD. The **Norman castle** here was home for a time to the poet Edmund Spenser, and legend suggests he got the lease from Queen Elizabeth... after royally flattering her in *The Faerie Queen*.

Also worth a stop in Enniscorthy are St. Aidan's Cathedral, designed by Pugin, and **Vinegar Hill**, a critical battle site during the 1798 Rebellion. Interestingly, the hill also played a small role in 1916 - both stories are told in depth at the **1798 Centre**. Return to Wexford via the N11.

Route 9

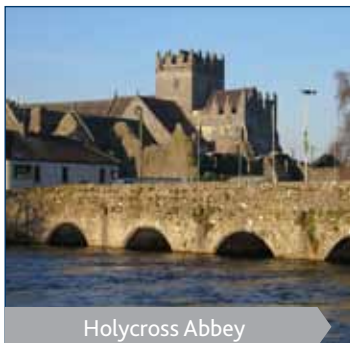
The North Tipperary Loop

Distance: 127km

Thurles » Holycross » Nenagh » Roscrea » Thurles

From the home of the GAA, to ancient abbeys & castles and rolling green countryside, the North Tipperary loop is one not to be missed!

Thurles, The birthplace of the GAA, why not visit **Lar na Pairce GAA Museum** which is home to Ireland's first and oldest collection of Gaelic Games sporting heritage. Depart Thurles on R660, this leads to the beautiful **Holycross Abbey** which dates to the 12th century.



Holycross Abbey

From **Holycross** continue on the R660 & then R503 to the village of **Upperchurch**. This idyllic village is a hidden gem for walkers with its 3 looped walks-Eamonn an Chnoic loop (8km), Birch Hill Trail (8 km) & Knockalough Walk (10km)

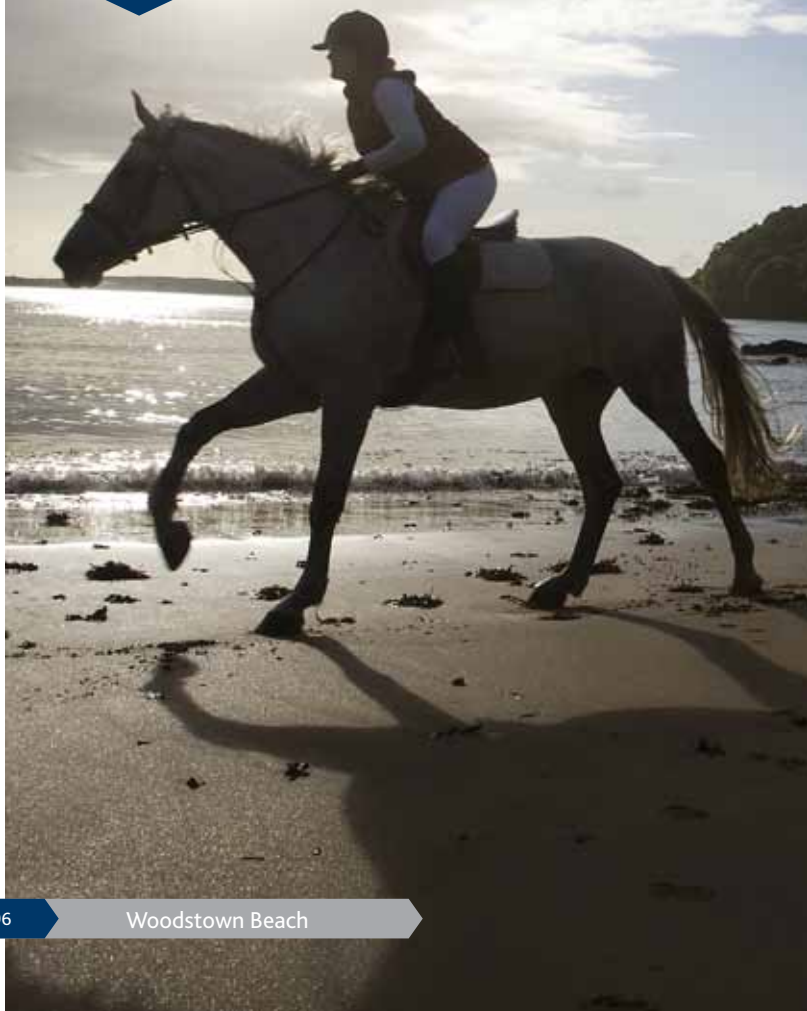
Take the R497 from **Upperchurch** to the town of **Nenagh**, a thriving commercial town with the impressive **Nenagh Castle** at its centre. Built from limestone the cylindrical keep measures fifty –five feet in external diameter at the base and rises to a height of one hundred feet.

From **Nenagh**, head north east to **Cloughjordan**, Ireland's first Eco Village, Cloughjordan is also the birthplace of Irish revolutionary Thomas McDonagh, one of the leaders during the 1916 rising & now home to a heritage centre in his honour.

Leaving **Cloughjordan**, take the R491 south to the town of **Roscrea**. Situated in the valley of the **Slieve Bloom & Devils Bit Mountains**, **Roscrea** boasts such historical buildings as **Damer house**, **Monaincha Abbey** and **Roscrea Castle**.

Enroute from **Roscrea** to **Thurles**, the road passes through the town of **Templemore**. Why not hop out of the car and hike the **Devils Bit Loop**. A 5km pleasant and rewarding hill walk accessible from the town centre. Return to **Thurles** via the N62.

EQUESTRIAN



Equestrian

The going is always good for horse riding and racing enthusiasts in the South East. The region is famed for its long history in breeding some of the finest bloodstock in the world and is the ideal destination for any equestrian fan.



Follow the Shamrock

Independently Assessed and Quality Assured by Fáilte Ireland, The National Tourism Development Authority.

'Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this Equestrian Centre is visitor friendly and committed to delivering high quality services and facilities'.

Visit: www.discoverireland.ie/equestrian for current listings.

You can enjoy equestrian activities as a refreshing aside to your holiday or make it the main theme of a thoroughly enjoyable break. Many of the region's equestrian centres and riding schools offer residential courses where tuition, accommodation, transport and all other aspects of a great holiday are catered for.

Generally peaceful and scenic, trekking is one of the most pleasurable ways to spend a tranquil few hours with an equine partner. Other horse riding activities available in the region include Polo - cross, horse shows and cross country events.

The region is also famous for its great racing, its world famous trainers and its happy punters, with five of the finest racecourses in the country. Gowran Park, Clonmel, Tramore, Tipperary and Wexford Town. The South East runs a busy calendar of track fixtures for both flat and hunt meetings throughout the year. Visit Horse Racing Ireland on www.hri.ie

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/equestrian



Horse Riding Glen of Aherlow



Mount Juliet

Horse Riding In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Carlow

Carrigbeg Riding School, Bagenalstown

059 9721962 www.discoverireland.ie

Doyles Equestrian Centre, Rathvilly

059 9161000 www.doylesequestriancentre.ie

Kilkenny

Grennan College Equestrian Centre, Thomastown
(Instruction only)

087 6743449 www.grennancollege.ie

Meadow Lane Riding School, The Rower

051 423877 or 087 2789295
www.meadowlaneridingschool.com

Nuenna Farm Equestrian Centre, Freshford
(Instruction only)

087 2786684 www.aire.ie

Rockafoyle Stables, Ballyhemmon, Castlecomer

056 4441591 or 087 7453662
www.rockafoyleequestriankilkenny.com

Kilkenny

Teagasc Kildalton College, Piltown (Instruction only)	051 644029 /087 2468927 www.aire.ie
Warrington Equestrian Centre, Warrington	056 7722682 www.warringtonec.ie
Danville House Farm, Bennettsbridge Road	086 1209210 www.treegrovecamping.com
Mount Juliet Equestrian Centre, Thomastown	056 7773025 www.mountjuliet.ie

Tipperary

Ballylanigan House, Mullinahone	087 2929449 www.faihtonsonby.com
Ballyowen Stables, Cashel	087 9761776 www.aire.ie www.facebook.com/ballyowenstables
Cahir Equestrian Centre, Cahir	086 2515875 www.cahirequestrian.com
Crossogue Equestrian Centre, Ballycahill, Thurles	0504 54166 www.crossogue-equestrian.ie
Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea	067 21282 www.gurteencollege.ie
Lough Derg Equestrian Centre, Killaloe/Ballina	061 375847 www.aire.ie
Nenagh Equestrian Centre, Ballintoher, Nenagh	067 31400 www.aire.ie
Solohead Equestrian Centre, Monard	087 1253481 www.aire.ie www.soloheadequestriancentre.com
Tipperary Equestrian Centre, Mill Road, Thurles	087 7995585
Tipperary Mountain Trekking Centre, Borrisoleigh	087 410 6868 www.timotrec.com
Whitechurch Riding School, Carrick-on-Suir	087 2889081 www.aire.ie
Whitehall, Drumbane, Thurles	0504 54963

Waterford

Lake Tour Stables, Tramore, Co. Waterford	086 8128631 www.laketourstables.ie Riding Lessons & Trekking to the Lakes
Killoteran Equitation Centre, Killotheran	051 384158 www.kec.ie
Stonehaven Equestrian Centre, Waterford City	051 873816/086 8573513 www.stonehavenec.com
Ballinamona Equestrian Centre, Co Waterford	087 6847752 www.ballinamonaequestrian.ie
Grantstown Stables, Grantstown, Co Waterford	051 307048 www.aire.ie
Donnas Livery Stables, Dungarvan	087 2754013 www.donnasliverystables.com

Wexford

Anvil Lodge Stables, Enniscorthy	087 6800919 www.anvillodgeridingschool.com
Ballycanew Riding Centre, Gorey	087 2770355 www.aire.ie
Barnadown Show Jumping, Gorey	053 9421195/087 2526749 www.aire.ie
Bloomfield Farm Equestrian Centre, Enniscorthy	086 3743557 www.bloomfieldfarmequestrian.com
Kingsford Equestrian Centre	053 9134065 www.kingsfordequestrian.ie
Rag Tree Equine Assisted Learning Centre Ballinamona, Kilmuckridge Gorey	087 9801733 www.aire.ie
Shelmalier Riding Stables, Taghmon	053 9139251 www.aire.ie
Shrulle Equestrian Centre, Gorey	053 9427277 www.aire.ie

FAMILY FUN



Family Fun

When it comes to having fun, the South East is full to the brim with exciting things to see and do for all the family!

Our miles and miles of beaches are great for swimming, exploring rock pools and all sorts of beach fun. There are also plenty of water activities to be enjoyed, including sea paddling and surfing, with programmes designed especially for kids.

If you like to keep your feet dry, there are adventure centres and specialist providers that offer activities such as rock climbing and quad biking. A full list can be found in the Adventure and Water Sports section of this guide.

With a fantastic choice of animal based attractions including pet farms, an aviary and reptile village, there are lots of opportunities for your little ones to encounter all sorts of animals, including miniature ponies, llamas, crocodiles, potbelly pigs, chipmunks and geckos. Throughout the year there are plenty of festivals including some that are tailored especially for kids, such as Sprog in Waterford.

Because we don't want your holiday fun to stop on a rainy day, there's plenty to do indoors as well. From 10-pin bowling, skating and waterslides, to state of the art play centres, the whole family will be entertained all day, whatever the weather!

For more information call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/familyfun



Bishop's Palace, Waterford



Inistioge, Co Kilkenny



Canoeing the Rapids

Family Fun

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Carlow		
Carlow Town Park, Carlow	059 9170300 / 059 9131554	Public park and playground
Chocolate Garden, Rath Tullow, Co. Carlow.	059 6481999 www.chocolategarden.ie	Chocolate shop, café & ice - cream parlour
Kiddies Kingdom, Bagenalstown	059 9723532 www.discoverireland.ie	Children's indoor play centre & café
The Big Blue Barn, Carlow	059 9131222 www.thebigbluebarn.ie	Children's indoor play centre & café
Bagenalstown Outdoor Swimming Pool	086 3059356	Open summer months
Woodlands Falconry, Rath Tullow	059 9156878	Birds of prey centre Open summer months
The Graiguecullen Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre, Graiguecullen, Carlow	059 9140330	25m swimming pool with sauna and steam room
The Ivy Room, Carlow	059 9137714 www.ivyrooms.ie	Ireland's premier snooker venue

Carlow

Rancho Reilly's, Springhill Carlow	087 7701181 www.ranchoreilly.com	Pet farm & children's activity centre
The Dome Entertainment Centre Graiguecullen, Carlow	059 9164311	Bowling and children's indoor play area

Kilkenny

Art It, MacDonagh Junction, Kilkenny	086 3085270 like us on facebook	Drop in art & craft activity centre for all ages
Dunmore Cave, Ballyfoyle	056 7767726 www.heritageireland.ie	Family friendly guided tours
Go with the flow River Safaris	087 2529700 www.gowiththeflow.ie	Family adventure days on the rivers Barrow/Nore
Jellietots Play Centre, Kilkenny	056 7715500 Find us on Facebook	Indoor play centre for children (3 - 12 yrs)
KBowl Entertainment Centre, MacDonagh Junction SC Kilkenny	056 7788200 www.kbowlkk.ie	10 pin bowling, pool, air hockey & more
Kilkenny City Tours, Road Train, Kilkenny City (seasonal)	Enquire at Tourist Office for details	Tours of Medieval Kilkenny City by road train
Kilkenny Activity Centre/Captain Jacks inflatable Play Centre	086 2611567 www.kilkennyactivitycentre.ie	Activities for all ages and themed inflatables & bouncy castles
The Kilkenny Way-Hurling Experience	056 7721718/086 8171978 www.thekilkennyway.com	Unique & interactive Hurling Experience. Family packages available
Kiltorcan Raceway, Ballyhale	087 2464872 www.kiltorcan.com	Go - karting (10yrs of age and over)
Nore Valley Park Open Farm, Bennettsbridge	056 7727229 www.norevalleypark.com Find us on Facebook	Open farm, 3D maze, playground and crazy golf Pedal Go - Karts & more...
Pure Adventure Graigenamanagh, Co Kilkenny	087 2265550 www.pureadventure.ie	Family days out on the river
Reptile Village, Gowran	056 7726757 www.reptilevillage.net	Conservation zoo with over 50 species of animals.
The Discovery Park, Castlecomer	056 4440707 www.discoverypark.ie	Nature trails, adventure playground & boating on the lake
Kilkenny Road Train Tours, Kilkenny City.	Enquire at Tourist Office for details	Tours of Medieval Kilkenny by Road Train.
The Playstation, Kilkenny City.	056 7712040 Find us on Facebook	Family Entertainment Centre for toddlers & kids of all ages
The Watershed, Kilkenny City	056 7734620 www.thewatershed.ie	Swimming, running, play & workout facilities

Tipperary

Canon Hayes Recreation Centre, Tipperary Town	062 52022 www.tipperarysportscentre.com	Swimming pool and sports hall
Fairyfort Farm, Summerhill, Borrisoleigh	086 4021659 www.fairyfortfarm.com	Traditional style animal farm
Fairymount Farm, Ballingary, Roscrea	067 21139 www.fairymountfarm.com	Walking trails through 450 acre farmland & new mountain bike trails
Fishing for Kids, Killaloe/Ballina	086 7856633, www.fishingforkids.ie	Teaching kids through fishing
Hot Shots Bowling, Inner Relief Rd, Clonmel	052 6128448	Bowling, bumper cars, ice rink, snooker, kids zone and café
IMC, Slievenamon Road, Thurles	0504 26422 www.imccinemas.ie	5 screen cinema



Tipperary

Lar Na Pairce - The Story of the Gaelic Games, Slievenamon Road, Thurles	0504 22702 www.larnapairce.ie	Interpretative centre of Gaelic games
Pallas Hill Open Farm, The Ragg, Thurles	087 2909688 www.pallashill.ning.com	Friendly open farm and adventure playground
Parsons Green, Clogheen	052 7465290 www.clogheen.com	Park, pet farm, farm museum, picnic area
The Ku ee tu, Calista, Dromineer	067 24295	42 foot - 53 seater water bus

Waterford

Copper Coast Mini Farm, Fenor	051 396870 www.coppercoastminifarm.ie	Pet farm and tea room
Ardmore Open Farm, Kilmurry	024 87600 www.ardmoreopenfarm.ie	Pet farm, indoor play area and café
Laser Blast, Tramore	051 338282 www.laserblast.ie	Ultimate high tech indoor adventure game
Mayfield Birds of Prey Kilmachthomas, Co Waterford	www.falconryireland.com 086 2134367/0864034525	Meet, feed and fly these amazing predators!
People's Park, Waterford City	www.discoverireland.ie	Public park and kids play area
Pirates Adventure, Tramore	051 393651 www.piratesadventure.ie	A wide variety of activities built around a pirate theme
Run Amuck, Tramore	051390551 www.runamuck.ie	Indoor play and party centre
Splashworld, Tramore	051 390176 www.splashworld.ie	Waterslides, swimming pool, wave machine
The Pottery Place, Tramore	051 390551 www.potterypainting.ie	Paint & personalise your own piece of pottery Booking required
The Sea Gardener, Waterford	086 8124275 www.theseagardener.ie	Seaweed foraging, Cookery demonstrations, Rocky shore ecology, Health benefits
Tramore Amusement Park, Tramore	www.discoverireland.ie	Amusement park and leisure park
Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, Kilmeaden	051 384058 www.wsvrailway.ie	Heritage railway trip along banks of River Suir

Wexford

Forest Park Leisure Centre, Courtown Harbour	053 9424849 www.coralleisure.ie	Swimming pool, waterslides and adventure play area
Kia Ora Mini Farm, Gorey	053 9421166 www.kiaoraminifarm.com	Mini farm with fun facilities for kids
Kidzone, Gorey	053 9481218 www.kidzoneireland.ie	Fun facilities for kids
Leisure Max, Wexford	053 9122900 www.leisuremax.ie	10-pin bowling, playground, go carts & restaurant
Pirates Cove Adventure Centre, Courtown Harbour	053 9425555 www.piratescove.ie	Adventure golf, 10-pin bowling, fun caves and play area
Playzone, Wexford	053 9184509 www.playzone.ie	Indoor adventure playground
Ross Adventure Play Barn, Hewitsland New Ross	051 426647 www.rossadventureplaybarn.com	Children's indoor play centre and coffee shop
Secret Valley Adventure Farm, Clonroche	087 2050069 www.discoverireland.ie	Adventure farm, indoor play area and coffee shop
Shrule Pet Farm, Ballygarrett	053 9427277 www.discoverireland.ie	Pet Farm and children's playground
Gravity Extreme Adventure, Courtown	053 9424849 www.courtownadventure.ie	High Ropes Adventure Centre

FOOD & CULINARY



Food and Culinary

Taste is all around you... so tantalize your taste buds! A holiday to the South East wouldn't be complete without sampling the region's fine food.

With the mighty Atlantic washing its beautiful coastline, the South East offers incredible seafood from the small pubs in seaside villages to the many larger, friendly restaurants in the towns and cities across the region. Wexford is known for its rich, ripe strawberries which take centre stage at the famous annual Wexford Strawberry Festival in Enniscorthy. When in Waterford, don't forget to try the great tasting blaa, a bread roll unique to this county.

Trail Kilkenny is delighted to offer visitors a chance to experience the rich and varied food culture of County Kilkenny. Created by the food producers and restaurants of the county, the food trail has 38 participants entities. www.trailkilkenny.ie

For more information call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/food

www.bordbia.ie

Food Festivals:

To sample the best food and wine combined with a great day out, why not visit one of our food festivals taking place this year.

West Waterford Festival of Food: 9th - 12th April.

www.waterfordfestivaloffood.com

Wexford Food & Wine Festival: 21st - 24th May.

www.wexfordfoodfair.ie

Dunmore East Festival of Food, Fish & Fun: 20th - 22nd June.

www.discoverdunmore.com

Waterford Harvest Food Festival: September. 11th -13th September

www.slowfoodireland.com

Savour Kilkenny: 22nd - 26th October.

www.savourkilkenny.com



HOOK & LADDER
COOKERY SCHOOL



Hook & Ladder Cookery School

Cookery Schools

Expert tuition, the best of ingredients and stacks of warm hospitality are features of the South East's cookery schools.

Tannery Cookery School, Church Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Tel: 058 45420. www.tannery.ie

Paul Flynn and guest chefs will provide a wide range of courses from beginners to more advanced and adventurous cooks.

Dunbrody Country House Cookery School, Arthurstown, Hook Peninsula, Co. Wexford. Tel: 051 389600. www.dunbrodyhouse.com

Under the care and guidance of Masterchef Kevin Dundon, Dunbrody Cookery School has been designed to cater for all levels of cooking, from budding enthusiasts to the experienced gourmet.

Phelim Byrne Cookery Academy, Wexford Town. Tel: 053 9184995.

www.phelimbyrne.ie. With a variety of different themes, Phelim Byrne's cookery courses offer classes to cover all tastes.

Ryeland House Cookery School, Cuffes Grange, Co. Kilkenny. Tel: 056 772 9073/086 276 7656. www.ryelandhousecookery.com

Ryeland House first open its doors in Kilkenny in 1991 to provide cooking classes.

Much of the food used at Ryeland House is grown on the home farm, our neighbours farms or is produced locally by skilled artisan food makers.

Cooking Classes at Eden Hall, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny Tel: 056 - 8830838 or 087 - 2858753. Contact :Richenda Talbot. www.cookingclasses.ie

Located in a historic 18th Century home in the heartland of Co.Kilkenny, Cordon Bleu Chef Richenda Talbot demonstrates in the restored county kitchen of her ancestral home,using herbs ,fruit and vegetables from her organic garden.

Hook and Ladder Cookery School, Westgate Retail Park, Tramore Rd.

Waterford Tel. 051 850765 www.hookandladder.ie.

Get the ultimate culinary experience at Hook & Ladder Cookery School, offering a wide range of classes and courses to cater for all levels and abilities. Classes and courses such as Traditional Irish Cooking, From the Sea, Afternoon Tea and much more. Our team of enthusiastic and friendly Chefs will ensure you gain the confidence, knowledge and techniques needed to improve your culinary skills, all within a warm and fulfilled environment..

Town of Food, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny. Tel. 0567754397/ 087 3350500.

www.townoffood.com. Town of Food is a community led initiative to promote Irelands South East as a Food Destination . A wide variety of public classes are offered covering food, lifestyle and wellbeing topics.

Cloughjordan House Cookery School, Co Tipperary. Tel 0505 42492.www.cloughjordanhouse.ie.

Cloughjordan House Cookery School is ideal for a hands on cookery class using the finest locally produced ingredients.

Fiacri Country House Cookery School, Roscrea, Co Tipperary. Tel 0505 43017

www.fiacrihouse.com. The cookery School offers 5 week courses as well as 1 day courses throughout the year.



Farmers' Markets

Take in the atmosphere of our farmers' markets, by browsing around and sampling the local and organic produce such as farmhouse cheeses, salmon, meats and a wide range of organic fruit and vegetables.

CARLOW

Carlow Farmers' Market Potato Market, Carlow. Saturday 9.00 - 14.00.

KILKENNY

Kilkenny Farmers' Market Mayors Walk, The Parade, Kilkenny.
Every Thursday 9.30 - 14.30.

TIPPERARY

Cahir Farmers' Market Beside The Craft Granary, Cahir. Saturday 9.00 - 13.00.

Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre, Main St. Friday 10.00 - 14.00.

Clonmel Farmers' Market Kickham Street. Saturday 10.00 - 14.00.

Premier Organic Market. Showgrounds Shopping Centre, Clonmel.
Friday 11.00 - 18.00.

Tipperary Town Farmers' Market Tipperary Shopping Centre.
Saturday 9.00 - 14.00.

Nenagh Farmers' Market, Quintins Way, Nenagh. Saturdays 10.00 - 14.00.

Thurles Farmers' Market Greyhound Stadium, Thurles. Saturday 9.30 - 13.00.

Templemore Farmers' Market Wednesday 9.00 - 15.00.

WATERFORD

Ardkeen Producers Market. Ardkeen Quality Food Store, Waterford.
2nd Sun. each month 10.00 - 14.00.

Blackwater Farmers' Market. Blackwater Garden Centre, Kinsalebeg.
Open from March, Saturday & Sunday 10.00 - 16.00.

Dungarvan Farmers' Market The Square Dungarvan. Thursday 9.30 - 14.00.

Dunhill Farmers Market Parish Hall, Dunhill. Last Sun. of month 11.30 - 14.00.
Kilmacthomas Kilmacthomas. Thursday 9.30 - 14.00.

Country Market, The Causey Way, Abbeyside, Dungarvan. Friday 10am - 1pm

Lismore Farmers' Market The Castle Avenue, Lismore. Sunday 9.30 - 16.00.

Waterford Food Market Broad Street, Waterford. Saturday 10.00 - 16.00.

Waterford Country Market St. Olaf's Hall (behind City Square), Waterford.
Friday 8.00 - 12.00.

WEXFORD

Enniscorthy Farmers' Market The Abbey Square Carpark. Saturday 9.00 - 14.00.

Gorey Farmers' Market Esmonde Street, Gorey. Saturday 9.00 - 14.00.

New Ross Farmers' Market The Quay, New Ross. Saturday 9.00 - 14.00.

Wexford Farmers' Market SuperValu Car Park, Wexford. Friday 9.00 - 14.00.

For more information log on to www.bordbia.ie/aboutfood/farmersmarket

GARDENS



Gardens

The sunny South East offers a great variety of designs and styles of gardens for the enthusiast and for those that simply appreciate good gardens and want to enjoy the natural environment.

Gardening and gardens are now one of the foremost hobbies in Ireland and internationally. Many gardens in the region offer guided tours which help to give a better and more informed insight into the plants and varieties being viewed.

Given the higher than average sunshine and better weather in the region many of the gardens are unique in Ireland.

Please note that many of the gardens are strictly by appointment while others take groups only. It is essential to contact the Proprietor/ Manager before making your visit.

Why not meet other like minded gardening enthusiasts, there are Garden Festivals/Gardening Summer schools taking place throughout the region over the summer months. For further information on dates check our website www.discoverireland.ie

Follow the Garden Trails in Carlow, Wexford and Waterford. Check our website www.discoverireland.ie for further details.

Enjoy your visit to the wonderful gardens of the South East. Please note that some gardens are open only by appointment or for group visits, so please contact directly before visiting.

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre/ Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/gardens



Ballyhist Gardens



Delta Sensory Garden

Gardens In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Carlow	
Altamont Gardens, Tullow	059 9159444 www.heritageireland.ie
Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow	059 9143527 / 086 2049831 www.deltacentre.ie
Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens, Duckett's Grove, Carlow	059 9131554 www.carlowgardentrail.com
Hardymount Gardens, Tullow	059 9151769 www.carlowgardentrail.com
Herb Gardens, Kilgraney House, Borris Road, Bagenalstown	059 9775283 www.kilgraneyhouse.com
Huntington Castle Gardens, Clonegal	053 9377160 www.huntingtoncastle.com
Leighlinbridge - the Garden Village	059 9721593 / 086 6027751 www.carlowgardentrail.com
Oak Park Forest Park, Oak Park, Carlow	059 9131554 www.carlowgardentrail.com
The Arboretum Inspirational Gardens, Leighlinbridge	059 9721558 www.arboretum.ie
The Walled Garden at Altamont Gardens, Tullow	087 9822135 www.carlowgardentrail.com

Kilkenny

Shankill Gardens & Castle, Paulstown	059 9726145 / 087 2437125 www.shankillcastle.com
Rothe House Garden, Parliament Street, Kilkenny	056 7722893 www.rothehouse.com
Kilkenny Castle Rose Garden & Park, The Parade, Kilkenny City	056 7704100 / 087 6349153 www.kilkennycastle.ie
Woodstock Gardens & Arboretum, Inistioge	056 7794373 or 087-8549785 www.woodstock.ie
Kilfane Glen & Waterfall, Kilfane, Thomastown	July/Aug only 056 7727105 www.kilfane.com
Mount Juliet, Thomastown	056 7773000 / 086 8066288 www.mountjuliet.ie
The Watergarden, Thomastown	056 7724690 www.camphill.ie/Thomastown
Gairdin an Ghorta, Newmarket	086 8394349 www.faminegarden.com

Tipperary

Ballyboy House Gardens & Woodlands, Clogheen, Cahir	052 7465297 / 087 6360296 www.ballyboyhouse.com
Ballyhist Garden, Ballyhist, Ardfinnan, Clonmel	052 7466788 / 087 7996169
Camas Park Garden, Camas Park, Cashel	062 61010 / 086 2551277
Castletown Glebe Garden, Portroe	067 23318
Fancroft Mill and Gardens, Roscrea	0505 31484 www.fancroft.ie millgardens@gmail.com
Killmacomma Garden, Killmacomma, Clonmel	052 6122525 / 087 7632231

Tipperary

Killurney Garden, Killurney, Clonmel	052 6133155 / 087 9444662
New Haven Garden, New Haven, Cahir	087 2319639
Rathurles Gardens, Rathurles, Nenagh	086 8079763 www.loughderggardens.com
St Mary's Garden of Remembrance, Thurles	0504 21651
Turtulla Garden, Turtulla, Thurles	0504 21839 / 087 8358842

Waterford

Abbey Road Gardens, Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Waterford	051 85111 / 087 2209026
Sion Hill House Gardens, Ferrybank Waterford	051 851558 www.sionhillhouse.net
Tramore House Gardens, Tramore	051 395555
Floraville Garden, Ballinaclough, Fenor, Tramore	051 381582 / 087 9692846 www.floravillegarden.com
Ballynatray Gardens, Kinsalebeg, nr Youghal	024 97460 www.ballynatray.com
Fairbrook House Gardens & Museum of Contemporary Configurative Art, Killmeaden	051 384657 / 085 8131448 www.fairbrook-house.com
Mount Congreve Gardens, Killmeaden	051 384115 / 086 8128890 www.mountcongreve.com
Curraghmore Estate, Portlaw	051 387101 / 051 387134 www.curraghmorehouse.ie
Cappoquin House & Gardens, Cappoquin	058 54290 / 087 6704180 www.cappoquinhouseandgardens.com
Dromana House & Gardens, Dromana House, Cappoquin	024 96144 / 086 8186305 www.dromanahouse.com
Tourin House & Garden, Tourin, Cappoquin	058 54405 www.tourin-house.ie
Salterbridge House & Garden, Salterbridge, Cappoquin	058 54952 / 087 2030763 www.salterbridge-houseandgarden.com
Ballyin Gardens, Ballyin, Lower Lismore	058 54608 / 087 7939101 www.discoverireland.ie
Lismore Castle Garden, Lismore	058 54061 www.lismorecastlegardens.com

Wexford

Kilmurry Nursery Garden, Kilmurry Nursery, Gorey	053 9480223
The Potting Shed Garden, Bolinaspick, Camolin, Enniscorthy	053 9383629 www.camolinpottingshed.com
The Bay Garden, Camolin, Enniscorthy	053 9383349 www.thebaygarden.com
Newtownbarry House & Garden, Newtownbarry House, Bunclody	053 9376383 / 087 1227846 / 087 0569805 www.newtownbarryhouse.com
Lucy's Wood Garden, Barkers Road (to Mount Leinster) Bunclody	053 9377256
Johnstown Castle Gardens & Museum, Irish Agricultural Museum, Johnstown Castle Estate	053 9171247 / 053 9184671 www.irishagrimuseum.ie
JFK Arboretum, New Ross	051 388171 www.heritageireland.ie
Kilmokea Gardens, Great Island, Campile	051 388109 / 086 0853308 www.kilmokeagardens.com
Monksgrange Garden & Norman Gallery, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford	053 9255071 / 053 9255146

Wexford

Coolaught Gardens, Clonroche, Enniscorthy	:053 9244137 / 087 6446882
Woodville House Gardens, Woodville, New Ross	:051 422957 / 087 9709828
Springmount Garden Centre, Gorey	:053 9421368
Colclough Walled Garden, Tintern Abbey	:083 3064159 www.colcloughwalledgarden.com
Glenavon Japanese Garden, Gorey	:053 9425331 / 085 2048737
Marlfield House & Garden, Gorey	:053 9421124 www.marlfieldhouse.com
Ballinkeele Garden, Enniscorthy	:053 9138105 / 085 8308147 www.ballinkeele.ie



Kilmokea Gardens



Mount Congreve

GOLF



Golf

The South East known to everyone as “the sunny South East”, is home to some of the finest and most enjoyable golf courses in Ireland.

Boasting a selection of coastal links on both the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, the South East offers golfers challenging world-class parkland courses. The region is nicely sprinkled with luxurious golf resorts complete with ancient castles and grand houses, all with beautiful views of the rolling countryside.

Carlow is home to Mount Wolseley Golf Club, the Borris Golf Club and an even younger golf club is the Leinster Hills Golf Club. In Kilkenny the big name is the Jack Nicklaus designed, Mount Juliet. It is one of the top inland courses in the country. Nearby is Kilkenny City Golf Club, a mature parkland course that never fails to entertain. County Tipperary is home to a superb group of courses including the likes of Cahir Park, and Tipperary Golf Club further south in Waterford, Dunmore East is well worth a visit. It has spectacular views of the bay and the Waterford Harbour estuary. Waterford is another highly-respected parkland course. Designed by the great James Braid it is renowned for the quality of its greens and its friendly clubhouse atmosphere. Championship parklands such as Tramore, Waterford Castle and Faithlegg should also make your itinerary as well as Dungarvan and the Gold Coast Golf Clubs.

In Wexford look out for St Helen's Bay, Rosslare and Seafield. St Helen's bay is a delightful mix of parkland and links and never fails to capture the imagination. Rosslare is a traditional links by the Irish Sea and Seafield is one of the friendliest clubs in Ireland.

Approved Golf Clubs



Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this golf club is visitor friendly and the club is committed to delivering high quality services and facilities. Ireland is the first country to set up such a nationwide approval scheme for golf courses. This scheme was launched by Fáilte Ireland in 2010 to navigate consumers towards an excellent Irish golfing experience.

Visit www.discoverireland.ie/golf for current listings.



Seafield Golf Club



Mount Wolseley Golf Club



Dunmore East Golf Club

Golf In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	HOLES
Carlow		
Carlow Golf Club	059 9131695 www.carlowgolfclub.com	27
Mount Wolseley, Tullow	059 9151674 www.mountwolseley.ie	18
Borris Golf Club, Borris	059 9773310 www.discoverireland.ie	9
Carrigleade Golf Club, St. Mullins	059 9724370 www.carrigleadegolf.ie	18
Kilkenny		
Callan	056 7725136 www.callangolfclub.com	18
Castlecomer	056 4441139 www.castlecomergolf.ie	18
Gowran Park, Gowran	056 7726699 www.gowranpark.ie	18
Kilkenny City, Glendine	056 7765400 www.kilkennygolfclub.com	18

Kilkenny

Mount Juliet, Thomastown	:056 7773064 www.mountjuliet.ie/golf	18
Mountain View, Ballyhale	:056 7768122 www.mviewgolf.com	18

Tipperary

Cahir Park, Cahir	:052 7441474 www.cahirparkgolfclub.com	18
Carrick-on-Suir	:051 640047 www.carrickgolfclub.com	18
Clonmel	:052 6124050 www.clonmelgolfclub.com	18
Dundrum House, Tipperary	:062 71116 www.dundrumhousehotel.com	18
Nenagh Golf Club, Beechwood, Nenagh	:067 31476 www.nenaghgolfclub.com	18
Roscrea Golf Club, Derryvale, Dublin Road, Roscrea	:0505 21130 www.roscreagolfclub.ie	18
Slievenamon, Clonmel	:052 6132213 www.slievenamongolfclub.com	18
Templemore Golf Club, Manna South, Templemore	:0504 31400 www.templemoregolfclub.ie	9
Thurles Golf Club, Turtulla, Thurles	:0504 21983 www.thurlesgolfclub.com	18
Tipperary Town, Tipperary	:062 51119 www.tipperarygolfclub.com	18

Waterford

Dungarvan Golf Club, Dungarvan	:058 43310 www.dungarvangolfclub.com	18
Dunmore East	:051 383151 www.dunmoreeastgolfclub.ie	18
Faithlegg, Co. Waterford	:051 380587 www.faithlegg.com	18
Gold Coast, Dungarvan	:058 44055 www.goldcoastgolfclub.com	18
Lismore	:058 54026 www.lismoregolf.org	18
Tramore	:051 386170 www.tramoregolfclub.com	18
Waterford, Waterford City	:051 876748 www.waterfordgolfclub.com	18
Waterford Castle, Waterford City	:051 871633 www.waterfordcastle.com	18
West Waterford, Dungarvan	:058 43216 www.westwaterfordgolf.com	18
Williamstown, Waterford City	:051 853131 www.waterfordcity.ie/city/golf-course.htm	18

Wexford

Ballintreskin Golf, New Ross	:051 422779 www.ballintreskinpar3golf.com	9
Ballymoney, Gorey	:053 9421976 www.discoverireland.ie	9
Bunclody Golf Club, Bunclody	:053 9374444 www.bunclodygfc.ie	18
Courtown	:053 9425166 www.courtowngolfclub.com	18
Enniscorthy	:053 9233191 www.enniscorthygc.ie	18
New Ross	:051 421433 www.newrossgolfclub.ie	18
Scarke, New Ross	:087 2374444	9
Rosslare	:053 9132203 www.rosslaregolf.com	27
St Helen's Bay, Rosslare Harbour	:053 9133234 www.sthelensbay.com	18
Seafield, Gorey	:053 9424777 www.seafieldhotel.com	18
Wexford Golf Club, Wexford	:053 9142238 www.wexfordgolfclub.ie	18

TRAVEL OPTIONS



Bus Éireann National Bus Company servicing all main towns and cities.
Tel: 01 8366111. www.buseireann.ie

The Car Rental Council of Ireland is the representative trade organisation for the car rental industry in Ireland. Tel: 01 6761690. www.carrentalcouncil.ie

Taxi Companies are available throughout the region, phone directory enquiries 11811 or 11850 for local operators. For details of taxis that provide a service to wheelchair users visit: www.wheelchairtaxi.ie

Passage East Car Ferry is an internal ferry crossing the Suir Estuary from Ballyhack, Co. Wexford to Passage East, Co. Waterford. Tel: 051 382480 or 382488.

Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail Network. Tel: 1850 366222. www.irishrail.ie
See map below for Rail Network Routes.



WALKING & CYCLING



Walking & Cycling

Walking and cycling are great ways to get off the beaten track and enjoy all the beautiful scenery the South East has to offer.

Cycling is enjoyed by visitors of all ages to the region, with many uncrowded and scenic routes passing along the coast and through the countryside. A list of cycling operators that provide guided tours and bicycle hire is featured in this section.

Walking Destinations

- > **The Glen of Aherlow**, Co. Tipperary a walking centre of excellence, provides plenty of opportunity for walking, rambling, horse riding, cycling and fishing. www.aherlow.com
- > **The Nire Valley**, Co. Waterford has terrain to suit every grade of walker from complete beginner to experienced mountaineer.
- > **Kilkenny**, has a number of looped walks and leisure Cycle routes, see www.trailkilkenny.ie
- > **Bunclody**, Co. Wexford is an ideal base for cyclists and walkers with access to mountains, rivers, historic and coastal routes.

These destinations are set in idyllic countryside locations, with many accommodation providers specialising in walking holidays.

Waymarked Ways

These walking trails, signposted with waymarkers, are suitable for walkers of all ages and abilities. The trails can be walked from beginning to end, or in sections.

- > **South Leinster Way** (100km) starts in Kildavin (Co. Carlow) and ends in Carrick-on-Suir (Co. Tipperary).
- > **Barrow Way** (114km) starts in Robertstown, Co. Kildare and ends at St. Mullins, Co. Carlow.
- > **East Munster Way** (70km) starts in Carrick-on-Suir and ends in Clogheen.
- > **Tipperary Heritage Trail** (56km) starts at the Vee (scenic area north of Lismore) and ends in Cashel.
- > **Blackwater Way** (168km) starts in Clogheen, Co. Tipperary and ends in Shrone, Co. Kerry.
- > **Ballyhoura Way** (80km) starts at St. John's Bridge, Co. Cork, and ends at Limerick Junction Railway Station (Co. Tipperary).

Looped Walks In Ireland's South East

NAME	LOCATION	CATEGORY	TIME (HRS)	CATEGORY
Carlow				
Oakpark Loop	Oakpark	Nature	1	Easy
Kilbrannish Loop	Kilbrannish	Nature	1.5 - 2	Moderate
Windfarm Loop	Kilbrannish	Nature	1	Easy
Clogrennan Loop	Clogrennan	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Tipperary				
Ballinacourty Loop	Glen of Aherlow	Mountain	1.5	Easy
Ballyhourigan Woods Loop	Slieve Felim	Woodland Trail	2.5 - 3	Moderate
Bianconi Loop	Glen of Aherlow	Nature	2	Moderate
Birchhill Loop	Upperchurch	Nature	2 - 3	Moderate
Carrolls Loop	Lisvarriane	Nature	1	Easy
Clare Glens Loop Walks	Clare Glens, Murroe	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Cosan Felim Inch Loop Walk	Monroe	Nature	1.5	Easy
Crag Loop	Grange	Nature	2	Moderate
Devil's Bit Loop	Templemore	Mountain	1.5 - 2	Moderate
Dolmen Loop	Lisvarriane	Mountain	3	Moderate
Dun Ui Faoilean Loop	Clonmel	Nature	1.5 - 2	Moderate
Eamonn a Chnoic Loop	Upper Church	Nature	3	Moderate
Fox Covert Loop	Clonmel	Nature	0.45 - 1	Easy
Gleann Beag Loop	Newcastle	Nature	1.5 - 2	Easy
Glenbawn Loop	Clonmel	Nature	0.30 - 0.45	Easy
Glenstal Woods Loop	Slieve Felim	Nature	3 - 4	Moderate
Grange Loop	Grange	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Keeper Hill Trek	Slieve Felim	Woodland Trail	4 - 4.5	Moderate
Kilcommon Loop	Kilcommon	Nature	2 - 2.5	Moderate
Knockalough Loop	Upperchurch	Mountain	2 - 3	Moderate
Knockanroe Wood Loop	Slivermines	Nature	1.5 - 2	Moderate
Knockballiniry Loop	Goatenbridge	Nature	1.5 - 2	Easy
Liam Lynch Loop	Goatenbridge	Nature	3.5 - 4.5	Moderate
Loch Doire Bhile Loop	New Birmingham	Nature	1.5 - 2	Easy
Millenium Stone Loop	Glen of Aherlow	Mountain	2.5	Moderate
Padraigs Loop	Lisvarriane	Nature	1.5	Easy
Red Hugh Loop	Upperchurch	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Rock an Thorabh Loop	Glen of Aherlow	Mountain	3	Moderate
Woodland Loop	Glen of Aherlow	Nature	1	Easy

Looped Walks In Ireland's South East

NAME	LOCATION	CATEGORY	TIME (HRS)	CATEGORY
Kilkenny				
Kilmacoliver Loop	Tullahought	Nature	2	Moderate
Fern Loop	Castlemorris	Nature	1	Easy
Holly Loop	Castlemorris	Nature	2	Moderate
Pheasant Loop	Castlemorris	Nature	2	Easy
Sliabh Greine Loop	Tory Hill	Nature	1.5	Easy
Fraughan Loop	Tory Hill	Nature	1.5	Moderate
Mountain Grove Loop	Pilltown Mountain	Nature	1.5	Easy
Walled Garden Loop	Jeninstown Wood	Nature	1	Easy
Jeninstown Wood Loop	Jeninstown Wood	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Captains Loop	Castlecomer	Nature	1	Easy
Ardra Castle Loop	Castlecomer	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Brandon Hill Loop	Graiguenamanagh	Mountain	4 - 5	Hard
O'Gorman's Lane Loop	Bennettsbridge	Nature	1 - 1.5	Easy
Freshford Loop	Freshford	Nature	2.5 - 3	Moderate

Waterford

Rath Beag Loop	Lough Mohra	Nature	1	Easy
Lough Mohra Loop	Lough Mohra	Nature	1	Moderate
Glenpatrick Bridge Loop	Glenpatrick	Nature	2.5	Moderate
Inchidrisla Loop	Colligan Woods	Nature	1.5	Easy
Greenane Loop	Colligan Woods	Nature	2 - 2.5	Moderate
Coumlara Loop	Nire Valley	Mountain	3 - 4	Moderate
Coumduala Loop	Nire Valley	Mountain	3.5 - 4.5	Hard
Boolas Loop	Rathgormack	Mountain	3.5 - 4.5	Hard

Wexford

Raven Point Loop	Curraghcloe	Coastal	2	Moderate
Askamore Loop	Askamore	Nature	1.5 - 2	Easy
Ballybeg Loop	Askamore	Nature	2.5 - 3.5	Moderate
Slieveboy Loop	Askamore	Nature	3.5 - 4.5	Moderate
Tintern Demesne	Co Wexford	Nature	40 mins	Moderate
Tintern Gardens	Co. Wexford	Nature	20mins	Easy
Bannow Bay	Co Wexford	Coastal	1.15	Moderate

Cycling Operators In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Kilkenny		
Kilkenny Cycling Tours, Kilkenny	086 8954961 www.kilkennycyclingtours.com	Bicycle hire & cycling tours
Waterside Bike & Hike, Graiguenamagh	059 9724246 \ 086 4084008 www.watersideguesthouse.com	Bicycle Hire (collection provided) along the Barrow track from Graiguenamagh

Tipperary		
Moynans, 4 Cecil Walk, Nenagh	067 31293 www.moynans.com	Bicycle hire (summer only)
Springhouse Bicycle Hire Tipperary	062 31329 www.discoverireland.ie	Bicycle Hire

Waterford		
Waterford Cycling Tours	086 1292724 www.waterfordcyclingtours.ie	City Tours, Coastal Tours and customised tours
Lismore Cycling Holidays, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	087 9356610 www.cyclingholidays.ie	Packaged cycling holidays and bicycle rental
Tony O'Mahony, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.	058 43346	Bicycle hire and sales
Easy Wheeling Cycle Tours Tramore, Co. Waterford.	051 390706 / 086 3745809 www.discoverireland.ie	Guided cycling tours and bicycle hire
Tramore Bike Tours, Tramore, Co. Waterford	087 2344867 / 051 386988 www.tramorebiketours.com	Guided cycling tours of South East

Wexford		
Hayes Cycles Wexford Town	053 9122462 www.discoverireland.ie	Bicycle Hire
Harbour Office Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford	053 9129955 www.discoverireland.ie	Bicycle Hire

Walking Operators In Ireland's South East

NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Carlow		
Blackstairs Eco - Trails, Borris, Co Carlow	087 2707189 www.blackstairsecotrails.ie	Showing you the natural wildlife of the Blackstairs
Tipperary		
Glen of Aherlow Failte, Glen of Aherlow, Co. Tipperary.	062 56331 www.aherlow.com	Route maps & guided walks on the Galtee Mountains
Walk in Ireland, Roscrea	0505 24845 / 086 3399193 www.walkinireland.com	Walking Tours
Waterford		
Muddy Boots, Co. Waterford	086 3970568	Guided mountain walks in the Comeragh Mountains
Moutain Zone Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.	087 9262117 www.mountainzone.ie	Overnight hiking trips for groups in the Comeragh Mountains
Rathgormack Hiking Centre, Rathgormack, Co. Waterford	051 646969 www.discoverireland.ie	Hiking centre located at foot of Comeragh Mountains

Useful Websites

Coillte Outdoors (Irish Forestry Walks)
www.coillteoutdoors.ie

Long Distance Walking Routes
www.irishtrails.ie

Slí na Sláinte (Health Walks)/Irish Heart Foundation
www.irishheart.ie

www.trailkilkenny.ie

www.welcomewaterford.ie/seankellytour

www.discoverireland.ie/cycling

www.discoverireland.ie/walking

www.aherlow.com

www.itsafeeling.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS



Festivals & Events

Sing, dance, laugh out loud or just sit back and enjoy the fun - filled festivals and events taking place across the South East in 2015.

Carlow Arts Festival takes place across Carlow town and county in June. This is an internationally renowned festival of film, dance, street theatre, sculpture and fine art.

Kilkenny hosts the 18th annual Kilkenny Roots Festival in May with four days of the best in Americana and Roots music in over 30 venues throughout the city. June brings the hilarious Cat Laughs Comedy Festival, a world class comedy programme blending the best in Irish & international talent.

Waterford has an exciting line up of festivals and events taking place throughout the year. In August the annual SPRAOI festival will take to the streets for three days of International street art and spectacle. Throughout December Winterval is a delightful Christmas festival packed with seasonal events and activities for all the family.

Tipperary steps up to it in January and June with a stroll or hike as part of the renowned Glen of Aherlow Walking Festivals and in November Upperchurch Walking Weekend. The summer really kicks in with The Clancy Brothers Music and Arts Festival in Carrick-on-Suir and the Brú Ború Summer Seisúin of Irish traditional music, song and dance in Cashel.

Wexford hits the high note in May with the AIMS Choral festival in New Ross. WWI and WW2 battles can be experienced at the Duncannon Military Fort Annual Military Re-enactment at the end of May. The annual Strawberry Fest takes place in Enniscorthy in June and in November. The Wexford Opera Festival offers a unique programme of opera, concerts and recitals.

Check out our website www.discoverireland.ie/festivals for an up - to - date list of events taking place throughout the year.

Festivals and Events in the South East

SYMBOLS



Family



Music



Sport



Heritage



Educational



Food



Arts



Garden



Agriculture



Miscellaneous

MAY 2015

Carlows 3rd International Bridge Congress & Celtic Bridge Congress

1st - 3rd May

Carlow Town

www.carlowtourism.com

The programme features a welcome reception, open, mixed, novice and congress pairs competitions with a gala night of entertainment and guided tours of Carlow Town.



Jest Fest

1st - 4th May

Wexford Town

JestFest is a Comedy and Street Theatre Festival and takes place May Bank Holiday weekend across Wexford town.



SMITHWICKS Kilkenny Roots Festival

1st - 4th May

Kilkenny City

www.kilkennyroots.com

Ireland's leading Roots/Americana festival featuring a mix of Irish and International acts in over 30 venues throughout Kilkenny City with a mix of free and ticketed events.



Maritime Matters Music Festival

1st - 4th May

Hook Peninsula, Co Wexford

www.hooktourism.com

Discover all things maritime on the stunning Hook Peninsula this May Bank Holiday weekend. A weekend of maritime activities for young and old; fishing & snorkelling lessons, boat trips, coastguard workshops.



Blackwater Carriage Drive

3rd May

Lismore, Co Waterford

www.discoverlismore.com

40 plus horses and carriages in the town of Lismore. Owners and enthusiasts will show their buggies and carriages on the day and take a trip on the roads of West Waterford.



Waterford Writers Weekend

7th - 10th May

Waterford City

www.waterfordwritersweekend.ie

Experience the best of Irish and International writing celebrations of local Literature & Art and Workshops and Events sure to inspire and delight audiences of all ages.



For more details on Festivals & Events, check out:

DISCOVERIRELAND.IE

Note: Dates for any of the events may be subject to change. Please check before attending.

Carlow Stages Rally & Mark 2 Challenge

10th May

The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow
www.mk2challenge.com

A significant event in rallying showcasing the Mark 2, a now unique car in motoring history. The only event in Ireland with a separate rally for Mark 2 cars.



Barrow River Arts Festival

15th - 17th May

Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow
www.barrowriverartsfestival.com

Small and intimate Arts festival which showcases the richness and individuality of culture in Ireland, with a fascinating blend of baroque and contemporary music, visual art and literature.



Waterford Adventure Race

16th May

Cappoquin, Co Waterford
www.waterfordadventure.com

The 6th staging of this adventure race which incorporates kayaking, a team relay race and a duathlon involving cycling and running.



Wexford Food and Wine Festival

21st - 24th May

Wexford Town
www.wexfordfoodfestival.ie

The Wexford Food and Wine Festival is having its 7th Birthday, and following the huge success of the last six festivals, the festival has established itself as a must attend premier food and drink event.



Aims Choral Festival

22nd - 24th May

New Ross, Co Wexford
www.aims.ie

The premier choral event in the South East, now in its 31st year, attracting choirs from all over Ireland, with 20 competitions across two days for Junior and Adult competitors. Overall the festival attracts over 1,000 participants with the best of choral music in all its many forms.



Comeragh Tour -100km Cycle Challenge

24th May

Ballymacarbry, Co Waterford
www.comeraghtour.com

The 5th annual Comeragh Tour 100km Charity Cycle Sportive will take place this May, starting and finishing in the picturesque village of Ballymacarbry, Co. Waterford in the heart of the Nire Valley.



Tullow Vintage Car Rally

24th May

Tullow, Co. Carlow
www.rathwood.com

Ford Model Ts from the 1900s, American Cadillacs from the 1980s, sports cars and lots more.



Wells House & Gardens Classic Car Show & BBQ

24th May

Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford
www.wells.house.ie

Classic car show of both vintage and modern cars with live music, BBQ, and family entertainment.



Festivals and Events in the South East

Clancy Brothers Music & Arts Festival

27th May - 1st June
Carrick on Suir, Co Tipperary
www.clancybrothersfestival.org
Major event to highlight the achievement of the Clancy Brothers success in putting Ireland on the world stage with Irish Entertainment.



The Sky Cat Laughs Comedy Festival

28th May - 1st June
Kilkenny City
www.thecatlaughs.com
World class comedy programme blending the best in Irish and International talent with shows featuring renowned comic stars as well as upcoming talent.



Dungarvan Tradfest

28th May - 1st June
Dungarvan, Co Waterford
www.comeraghs.com
Dungarvan Tradfest features the best that Waterford has to offer in terms of top quality traditional musicians and dancers and a diverse range of street entertainment and exhibitions.



Lismore Music Festival

29th - 31st May
Lismore Castle, Lismore, Co Waterford
www.lismoremusicfestival.com
Ireland's only Summer Opera Festival in the stunning and romantic surroundings of Lismore Castle and Gardens and along the Blackwater River.



Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival

29th May - 1st June
Glen of Aherlow, Co Tipperary
www.aherlow.com
Annual walking festival offering 10 guided walks on the Galtees and Slievenamuck Hills. Caters for all levels of walkers.



Carlow Arts Festival

29th May - 7th June
Carlow Town & County
www.carlowartsfestival.com
Ten days of extraordinary and innovative exhibitions, visual arts, music, theatre, literature, dance, film and street entertainment.



Duncannon Fort Annual Military Vehicle Re-enactment

30th - 31st May
Duncannon, Co Wexford
www.duncannonfort.com
Annual Military re-enactment featuring WW1 & WW2 battles, archery, medieval fare, vintage army vehicles, weaponry and more.



Carlow Regatta

30th - 31st May
Carlow Town
One of the oldest rowing festivals in the country, celebrating its 156th year in 2015. Eights, quads and scull racing from 9.am - 6pm.



Instioge Summer Fest.

30th - 31st May TBC
Instioge, Co Kilkenny
www.visitkilkenny.ie
3km fun run, family entertainment, water spheres, pony rides, archery, food and craft.



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Wells House Teddys Bears Picnic

31st May

Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford

Join us for our Teddys Bear Picnic. We host the first of our childrens discos and BBQ-so treat your cuddly friends to a day out.



JUNE 2015

Festival of Writing & Ideas

5th - 7th June

Borris House & Village, Co. Carlow

www.carlowartsfestival.com

A stimulating cerebral weekend with some of the most intriguing International minds-historians, novelists, film-makers, theatre directors,actors, biographers,musicians and commentators.



Barrow Dragon Boat Regatta

7th June

Carlow Town

www.dragonboat.ie

Come along and enjoy or participate in the unique spectacle of dragon boating as the Irish Dragon Boat ass. brings one of its dynamic and colourful events to the River Barrow, Carlow Town. No previous experience required.



IMMRAMA - The Lismore Festival of Travel Writing

11th - 14th June

Lismore, Co Waterford.

www.discoverlismore.com

Immrama includes literary presentations by top national and international travel writers and bi-lingual workshops augmented by ancillary events.



Dunmore East Festival of Food, Fish and Fun

19th - 21st June

Dunmore East, Co Waterford

www.discoverdunmore.com

A weekend full of family fun, great food and live entertainment with a large market held in the harbour. Enjoy seaweed foraging, a sandcastle competition, cookery demos and live music.



Wexford Maritime Festival

20th - 21st June

Wexford Town

www.wexfordmaritimefestival.ie

A celebration of Wexfords rich maritime heritage and Wexford-born Commodore John Barry, Father of the US. Navy. Enjoy maritime activities, family fun, artisan food and music.



Strawberry Fest

24th - 28th June

Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

www.strawberryfest.ie

The Strawberry Festival will celebrate its 48th year in June with music,theatre,street entertainment, markets and many more events for all the family.



Waterford Viking Marathon

27th June

Waterford City

www.waterfordvikingmarathon.com

Taking in Waterfords historical Viking city and seaside town of Tramore, this event offers full, half and quarter marathon options. It is renowned for entertainment and family fun along the route.



Focal - Wexford Literary Festival

27th - 28th June

Enniscorthy, Co Wexford
Literary festival with book launches, readings, inspirational talks, workshops, an open mic night and guest appearances from Irish and international authors.

**Robert Boyle Summer School**

25th - 28th June

Lismore, Co Waterford

www.robertboyle.ie

The event will feature world-leading scientists and historians gathering together to discuss a wide range of topics relating to Boyle, his works and times and his legacy.

**Byrne Perry Summer School**

26th - 28th June

Gorey, Co Wexford

www.byrneperry.ie

The Summer School is a highly respected one which has brought a very distinguished line of speakers from the academic world and politics to Gorey to address key historical events, trends and personalities.

**Hookamuck Challenge**

27th June

Battletown, Hook Peninsula,

Co Wexford

www.hookamuck.ie

Spend time with your friends getting very muddy whilst improving your fitness. The course is 10k of challenges, water, mud and determination. The course is run through 200 acres of forestry with over 35 obstacles, all with the intention of testing your mental and physical strength and ability. Participants must be over 18 years of age.

**Bru Boru Summer Seisun**

Late June- Early August

Cashel, Co Tipperary

www.bruboru.ie

Enjoy traditional music, song and dance each night from Tue.- Sat. at the bru Boru Cultural Centre. A truly enjoyable evening for all.

**JULY 2015****Dromana 800 Festival**

2nd - 5th July

Dromana House, Cappoquin,

Co Waterford

www.dromana800.com

2015 will celebrate 23 generations of the FitzGerald family at Dromana, Villierstown in West Waterford.

There is a diverse range of events over the weekend with something for all tastes. Talks by some of Ireland's leading historians, culinary delights at our Medieval Feast, music and concerts, a genealogy workshop, a Georgian Fête and much much more.

**JFK Dunbrody Festival**

3rd - 5th July

New Ross, Co. Wexford

www.dunbrody.com

A celebration of Irish American Relationships celebrating music, culture and historical ties, while showcasing many local, national and International artists.

**The Promenade Festival**

3rd - 5th July

Tramore, Co Waterford

www.theprominadefestival.com

An exciting annual arts and entertainment festival including sand art, street entertainment, maritime heritage events, puppet acts and music performances and much more.



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Daytripper Waterford

3rd - 5th July
Waterford City
www.daytripper.ie

A 3 day music festival featuring headline acts.



Clonmel Junction Festival

3rd - 12th July
Clonmel, Co Tipperary
www.junctionfestival.com

Nine days of theatre, music, dance spectacle, workshops, street theatre and more.



Kilmore Quay Seafood Festival

9th - 12th July
Kilmore Quay, Co Wexford
Definitely an event for gourmet seafood lovers and an opportunity for the village to display its wares. Lots of fun activities for the kids, music, street theatre, stalls, exhibitions and much more.



Bannow /Rathangan Agricultural Show

9th July
Duncormick, Co Wexford
Top Agricultural Show now in its 66th year.



Lismore Community Festival

10th - 12th July
Lismore, Co Waterford
www.junctionfestival.com
A weekend of fun filled family entertainment with music sessions, childrens competitions and entertainment.



Camphire International Horse Trials & Country Fair

22nd July - 26th July
Cappoquin, Co Waterford
www.camphirehorsetrials.com

Top class equestrian dressage, show jumping and the thrills and spills of cross country. Festival activities include a tented village featuring a wonderful range of trade stands, food stalls and family entertainment.



Eigse Eatharlai

22nd - 24th July
Tig Roy, Galbally, Glen of Aherlow, Co Tipperary
www.eatharlai.ie
Irish summer school with the best of traditional Irish musicians, dancers, concerts, workshops and sessions with something for everyone.



Carlow Garden Trail

25th July - 3rd August
Co. Carlow
www.carlowtourism.com
Over 10 days visitors will meet a number of renowned garden experts in the magnificent gardens of Carlow.



Wexford Art in The Open

27th July - 3rd August
Wexford Town
www.artintheopen.org
Europes largest plein air painting Festival attracts artists from around the world to paint the varied and spectacular landscape of Wexford and the South East of Ireland.



Festivals and Events in the South East

SprÓg, the pre-Spraoi Childrens Festival in Waterford

27th July - 2nd August

Waterford City

A much loved kids festival which features emissions, eruptions and explosions with a pop-up planetarium, space cupcakes and racing rockets!



Spraoi International Festival of Street Arts

31st July - 2nd August

Waterford City

www.spraoi.com

Spraoi International Festival of Street Arts, now in its 23rd year, brings street arts and music to festival goers in Waterford City. See performers from all around the world - and all shows are free! Spraoi produces its own work for the festival-the Spraoi Parade.



AUGUST 2015

Vinegar Hill Battle re-enactment Festival

1st - 2nd August

Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

www.knightsandrebels.ie

Witness history unfold at the Vinegar Hill Battle Re-enactment Festival.

Experience the sights and sounds of battle with pike charging rebels and musket wielding Redcoats.



North Tipperary Agricultural Show

3rd August

Nenagh, Co Tipperary

www.knightsandrebels.ie

A day for the family to enjoy with the best cattle, horses and ponies anywhere in Ireland.



Duncannon Sand Sculpting Festival

7th - 9th August

Duncannon, Co Wexford

www.visitduncannon.com

An action packed festival with fun events on beautiful Duncannon beach, fantastic fireworks, beach party, magic and puppet shows, beach games, street theatre and awesome Sand Sculptures.



Graiguenamanagh & Tinnahinch Regatta & Rowing Festival

2nd - 3rd August

Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny

Two days of rowing, swimming, diving, childrens activities and live music.



Clonmel Busking & Arts Festival

7th - 9th August

Clonmel, Co Tipperary

www.clonmelbuskingfestival.ie

A full weekend of fun with busking sessions and live gigs with top artists.



Medieval Walled Town Festival Clonmel

7th - 9th August

Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

www.southtippoco.ie

Clonmel celebrates its cultural heritage with a family day, workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions, re-enactments, craft village, local artisan food and much more.



RNLI Helvic Swim and BBQ

9th August

Helvic Pier, An Rinn, Co Waterford

www.southtippoco.ie

A fantastic family day with delicious food, BBQ, face painting, dog show, music, and either a 2k or 4k swim across the bay, in aid of RNLI Lifeboat.



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Kilkenny Arts Festival

7th - 16th August

Kilkenny City

www.kilkennyarts.ie

Ireland's premier and oldest multi-disciplinary arts festival offering 10 days of the best of Irish and International theatre, music, film, craft, dance, literature, visual arts and street and children's events.



Terryglass Arts Festival

12th - 16th August

Terryglass, Co Tipperary

www.terryglassartsfestival.ie

Terryglass Arts Festival offers a mix of visual arts, music, film, workshops, comedy, street artists, food and crafts.



Tramore August Racing Meeting

13th - 16th August

Tramore, Co Waterford

www.tramore-racing.com

Great Races, Live entertainment after racing. Three bars, two restaurants, one great atmosphere.



Relay for Life - Tipperary

15th - 16th August

Nenagh, Co Tipperary

A 24 hour walking relay, raising funds for the Irish Cancer Society.



Tagoat Steam & Vintage Rally

16th August

Tagoat, Co Wexford

www.tagoatsteamrally.com

The Tagoat Steam & Vintage Rally is a great day out for the entire family to enjoy with steam engine threshing, vintage tractors and cars, funfair & carnival, traditional crafts, live music, stalls & traders and a dog show and much more!



Tullow Agricultural Show

16th August

Coppengh, Tullow, Co Carlow

One of the most established agricultural shows in the country. Features food and craft halls, trade stands, competitions in horses, ponies and much more.



The Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford

22nd - 23rd August

Dungarvan, Co Waterford

www.theseankellytour.com

Ireland's premier leisure cycle event now in its 9th year, has something for everyone with a 12k, 50k, 100k and 160k routes in the stunning landscape of Co. Waterford.



Iverk Show

22nd August

Piltown, Co Kilkenny

www.iverkshow.com

Ireland's oldest agricultural show. Competitions, Show Jumping, Music, Foodstands. A great day out for all the family.



Hooked Kitefest

22nd - 23rd August

Duncannon Beach, New Ross,

Co Wexford

www.hookedkitefest.com

6th Annual Kitefest where kitesurfers from all over Ireland and Europe compete for junior, mens and womens course racing events.



Festivals and Events in the South East

Wells House & Gardens Mad Hatters Tea Party

23rd August

Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford

www.wellshouse.ie

Join us for our Mad Hatters Tea party with the characters from this timeless tale here to entertain you with the mayhem you would expect from the Mad Hatter himself!



Dunmore East Bluegrass Festival

27th - 30th August

Dunmore East, Co Waterford

www.discoverdunmore.ie

American Bluegrass has its roots in Irish, Scottish and English traditional music, live sessions throughout the day and evenings in various venues.



Heritage Week

22nd - 30th August

www.heritageweek.ie

Week of indoor and outdoor events throughout the country celebrating heritage week in your area.



Taste of Carlow Food & Craft Fair

30th August

Carlow Town

Artisan food and craft fair with over 40 stands by leading Carlow craft and food producers and restaurants. Face painting, bouncy castle, barrel train and animal display area for kids.



SEPTEMBER 2015

Waterford Jazz Weekender

4th - 6th September

Waterford City

www.waterfordjazzweekender.com

Festival showcasing an eclectic mixture of jazz music-Big Band Swing, bebop, New Orleans, Jazz -Funk, Modern and Gypsy Jazz. Featuring indoor and outdoor concerts, workshops and jam sessions.



Waterford Harvest Festival

11th - 13th September

Waterford City

www.waterfordharvestfestival.ie

This premier food festival takes time to celebrate and enjoy the bounty of the Harvest. With plenty to tickle your taste buds, tantalising smells and toe tapping sounds, this event is one the whole family will enjoy!



Kennedy Summer School

10th - 13th September

New Ross, Co Wexford

www.kennedysummerschool.ie

A festival of Irish & American history, Culture and Politics. Stimulating debate, informative reflections and varied entertainment showcase this unique relationship.



New Ross Piano Festival

24th - 27th September

New Ross, Co Wexford

www.newrosspianofestival.com

A weekend festival focussed on the piano, its repertoire and its pianists with a concentrated series of concerts and an exciting musical programme.



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OCTOBER 2015

Carlow International Karate Competition

3rd - 4th October

Carlow Town

Karate based competition with all disciplines included. Welcoming teams from Czech Republic, England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Germany and Spain.



Nire Valley Autumn Walking Festival

9th - 11th October

Nire Valley, Co Waterford.

www.nirevalley.com

A walking festival in the Comeragh mountains, offering a range of walks over the weekend to suit all abilities and interests. Walks lead by local guides giving the festival a special feeling of community.



Imagine Arts Festival

15th - 25th October

Waterford City

www.imagineartsfestival.com

Imagine Arts festival is an exciting multi-disciplinary festival that promotes the best of local arts mixed with top national and international work.



Wexford Fringe Festival

16th October - 1st November

Wexford Town

www.wexfordfringe.ie

The 63rd Wexford Fringe in Wexford Town to announce 17 days of fantastic fringe events.



Halloween Train at Rathwood, Co Carlow

17th - 18th October

& 24th - 1st November

Tullow, Co Carlow

www.rathwood.com

The Halloween Train will take children on a magical journey where they will meet some spooky characters and friendly creatures!



Wexford Opera Festival

22st - 1st November

Wexford Town

www.wexfordopera.com

Wexford Festival Opera, one of the top three opera festivals in the World, presents rarely performed and unjustly neglected operas to a world class standard in the unique and intimate atmosphere of Wexford Town.



Savour Kilkenny

22nd - 26th October

Kilkenny City

www.savourkilkenny.com

A food festival with true community heart run by a voluntary committee of Kilkenny people who are passionate about food. Growing it, making it, cooking it, sharing it and eating it! - all will be celebrated!



Rockfall Music Festival

23rd - 26th October

Kilkenny City

www.rockfallfestival.com

A jam packed festival with exciting events for all tastes and ages including live music, street entertainment and a host of kids events.



Festivals and Events in the South East

Wexford Spiegelent Festival

14th - 26th October

Wexford Town

www.wexfordspiegelent.com

Built around the magnificent 1920's Spiegelent, The Wexford Spiegelent Festival will turn Wexford Quay into a playground for the people and will offer Stupendous Spectacle of events for everyone.



Cloughtoberfest

23rd - 26th October

Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary

www.cloughtoberfest.com

Cloughtoberfest is Irelands annual festival of Gypsy jazz & swing. This unique, intimate event features top performers from around the world.



Wells House - Dare to Scare tour

24th - 31st October

Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford

www.wellshouse.ie

The return of Wells House acclaimed Halloween tour! Additional family friendly activities are also on offer. Book on line.



Kilkenny Zombie Festival

24th - 25th October

Kilkenny City

www.thrillkenny.com

A two day festival taking place on the October Bank Holiday weekend in the medi-evil city of Kilkenny with a large programme of Zombie related events taking place.

Nire Valley Drop

25th October

Ballymacarbry, Co Waterford

www.nirevalley.com

An off the road cross country cycle challenge, uphill and downhill, crossing forestry and moorland. A sportive for mountain bikers, with a choice of either 25k or 45k routes.



Halloween at Huntington Castle

25th - 31st October

Huntington Castle, Clonegal,

Co Carlow

www.huntingtoncastle.com

A Halloween Spookfest at a genuine haunted castle! Features a ghostly guided tour with ghosts, ghouls and screams.. Family tours suitable for u 12s as well as over 12s/ adult tours only. Advanced booking required.



Spleodar Festival

26th - 31st October

Nenagh, Co Tipperary

www.spleodar.ie

A family focused Arts festival, with concerts, exhibitions, theatre, films and a mix of workshops for the 0- 12 year age group along with a fireworks display on Halloween night!



NOVEMBER 2015

Kilkenomics

5th - 9th November

Kilkenny City

www.kilkenomics.com

Europe's first economics festival- Kilkenomics brings together some of the world's leading economists, financial analysts and media commentators with some of our funniest, sharpest standup comedians.



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Waterford Film Festival

6th - 8th November

Waterford City

www.waterfordfilmfestival.com

An event supporting and promoting short films from around the world. During the weekend everything from films from first time directors to award winning films will be screened.



Upperchurch Walking Weekend

5th - 8th November

Upperchurch, Thurles, Co Tipperary

www.upperchurch.ie

The 10th Annual Upperchurch Walking Weekend features walks suitable for all levels of fitness, from 6km to 20km, including night walks.

Cashel Arts Festival

8th - 15th November

Cashel, Co Tipperary

www.cashelartsfest.com

Festival events include theatre, literature, craft & food fair, music, comedy, street entertainment, workshops and more.



SUBTITLE European Film Festival

23rd - 29th November

Kilkenny City

www.subtitlefest.com

The fourth annual SUBTITLE is an annual week-long film festival showcasing the cream of European cinema in cosy venues across the Kilkenny City.



Wexford Winterland

Mid November - January 2016

Festivities and Events for all the family for Christmas.



DECEMBER 2015

Wells House – The Great Victorian Christmas

6th December

Ballyedmond, Gorey, Co Wexford
www.wellshouse.ie

Santa arrives at Wells House & Gardens on Sunday 6th December along with Mrs Claus and his band of busy elves who add to the magic of your visit! Book on line.



Rathwood Christmas Santa Train

www.rathwood.com

14th November - 24th December

Tullow, Co Carlow

A fun filled hour of entertainment, story telling, train ride, magical forest walk and presents for the children. Booking necessary.



Waterford Winterval - Irelands Christmas Festival

27th November - 31st December

Waterford City

www.winterval.ie

Winter festival bringing the collective sights, sounds and festive charms from European Christmas Markets to the South East along with lots of fun for all the family. Enjoy over 25 different events and activities.



Ducketts Grove Christmas Craft & Food Fair

6th December

Near Carlow Town

www.carlowtourism.com

Enjoy the magic and fun of Christmas in the magical setting of Ducketts Grove Historic House. Features Santa Grotto, live nativity scene, artisan food and much more.



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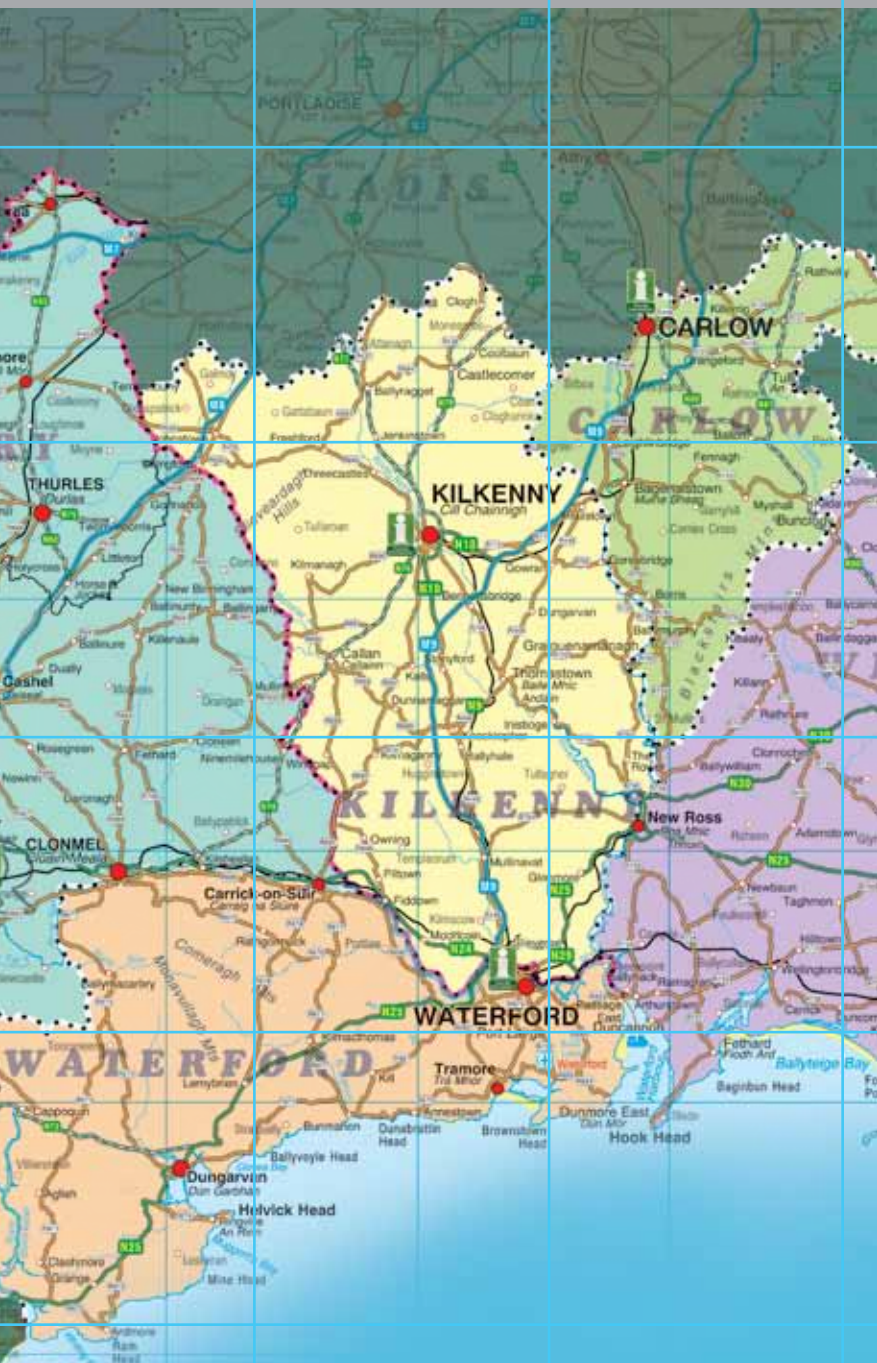
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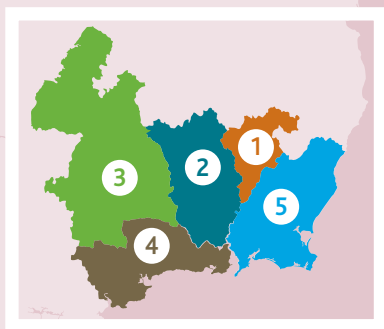
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