

# Trim Heritage Town

From Norman to now  
in the heart of the Boyne Valley



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**BOYNE  
VALLEY**

Birthplace of Ireland's Ancient East



**Trim - Ireland's  
Tidiest Town  
2022**

# Fáilte go Baile Átha Troim Welcome to Trim

**Trim, a designated heritage town in the heart of the Boyne Valley, is renowned as one of Ireland's most beautiful towns and has something to offer everyone. With its famous monuments, beautiful streets, parks and walks, summertime floral displays, it is a haven of relaxation and tranquillity.**

Trim has developed as a unique heritage, shopping and leisure destination town. Suitable for both adult groups and families with young children there is something for everyone to enjoy. For the sports enthusiasts, there is plenty to keep you occupied. Try some of the many excellent golf courses in the area suitable to test all levels of experience. Anglers will enjoy one of Ireland's best wild brown trout fisheries, the river Boyne, and its many tributaries. Playgrounds, picnic areas, pitch and putt, horse-riding and many other activities will provide families with endless entertainment, not to forget the wonderful shopping to be had in exclusive boutiques, craft shops and local food markets.

Trim's central location offers an excellent base for touring the various sights and attractions in the Boyne Valley, where you can visit Bective Abbey, Hill of Tara, Kells and Newgrange. Also, while staying in Trim the picturesque heritage trail along the river is simply a must.

Evening entertainment is well provided for. Trim has excellent restaurants to suit all tastes with traditional Irish music available in many of its local hostelrys to finish off the evening.

For those wishing to visit Dublin, Trim is ideally situated for a day trip to our capital city; there is also an excellent bus service to facilitate you. Situated 40 minutes from Dublin airport, on arrival or departure Trim's location north west of Dublin International Airport allows you to avoid city traffic.

Céad Míle Fáilte.

# TRIM, Town of the Elder Tree Ford

**Situated on the River Boyne, Trim gets its name from the Irish 'Atha Troim' meaning 'the Ford of the Elder Trees', indicating that this was an important fording point on the river. It is thought that the Watergate Street crossing is the original ford point.**

Trim is a long-established town, with early monastic settlements believed to date between the 5th and 6th centuries. The town developed within enclosed walls around the 12th century Norman castle and with growing prosperity, further Augustinian, Franciscan and Dominican friaries were established.

Trim became one of the most important Hiberno-Norman settlements in the Middle Ages. In the 15th century the Norman-Irish parliament met in Trim. Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington is reputed to have been born in Dangan Castle between Trim and Summerhill, and a large column to him was erected in the town in 1817.

Whilst the town's main attraction is the renowned Trim Castle, there are many other features to discover. Trim has more medieval buildings than any town in Ireland, including the Yellow Steeple, Sheep Gate and Newtown Cathedral and Abbey.

Apart from all the wonderful heritage sites to discover, the magical River Boyne is a treasure not to be overlooked. From excellent fishing and the Boyne Blueway Trim trailhead and cycle trail to gentle leisurely walks and picnics along the banks, it is a great resource for everyone to enjoy. Brochure available at [discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie)

As part of Ireland's Ancient East, Trim is brimming with a colourful history and all the drama legends are made of, so come and explore this unique and beautiful part of the Boyne Valley.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Trim Castle was used as the set for the film *Braveheart* in 1995.



Trim Castle



Trim Medieval Armoury at Trim Visitor Centre

## Special Attractions

### Trim Castle

**The finest and largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland, this is a must see on any visit to Trim.**

In the wake of the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland, Hugh de Lacy was granted the Liberty of Meath by King Henry II of England in 1172 in an attempt to curb the expansionist policies of the ambitious lord Richard de Clare (Strongbow) in Leinster. He initially built a wooden castle with a spiked stockade on the site of an earlier ring fort overlooking the River Boyne. This was attacked and destroyed by Rory O'Connor, King of Connaught and last High King of Ireland. In 1175 Hugh de Lacy started work on the formidable stone castle. It was constructed over a thirty-year period by de Lacy and his son Walter. The three storied keep is a massive twenty-sided tower, which is cruciform in shape, and was protected by a ditch, curtain wall and moat.

The castle passed to the Geoffrey de Genville, second husband of Walter de Lacy's granddaughter Matilda. Geoffrey was a French knight and crusader, and a loyal supporter of Henry III. He also built the great hall beside the keep and founded the Dominican Blackfriary in the north of the town. From the de Geneville family it passed to the infamous Mortimer family, and then the Duke of York, before becoming a royal possession.

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W [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

#### Open

Spring to Autumn: Open daily, Winter: Open weekends

See [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie) for opening times and prices. Contact Trim Visitor Centre for weekday access during the winter.

### Trim Visitor Centre

The Art Deco building beside Trim Castle houses Trim Visitor Centre. This tourist information point includes a gift shop, coffee station and free wifi.

Step back in time to Medieval Trim at the **Trim Medieval Armoury** at Trim Visitor Centre. Hold a real sword and chainmail and try on a Norman helmet. For information on tour times please contact Trim Visitor Centre.

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#### Open

Monday to Friday 10am - 5.00pm

# Trim Historic Trail

Explore the wonderful historic delights of Trim on The Trim Historic Trail. This walking trail starts at Trim Visitor Centre and takes approximately 1 hour to complete.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Trim Visitor Centre             | 12. Newtown Church          |
| 2. Trim Castle                     | 13. Navan Gate              |
| 3. Dublin Gate                     | 14. Athboy Gate             |
| 4. Wellington Monument             | 15. St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 5. St. Patrick's Church            | 16. The Old Gaol            |
| 6. Maudlins Cemetery               | 17. St. Mary's Abbey        |
| 7. Echo Gate                       | 18. Yellow Steeple          |
| 8. Priory of St. John the Baptist  | 19. Sheep Gate              |
| 9. Tomb of the Jealous Man & Woman | 20. The Cannon              |
| 10. Newtown Cathedral              | 21. The Courthouse          |
| 11. Victorine Friary               |                             |



# Trim Historic Trail



## 1. Trim Visitor Centre

Former market house, built c.1850 and also used as a town hall. In September 1920 the town hall was burned during the Irish War of Independence. The current Art Deco building beside Trim Castle houses the Trim Visitor Centre. This tourist information point also houses the Trim Medieval Armoury, a gift shop and coffee station.

## 2. Trim Castle

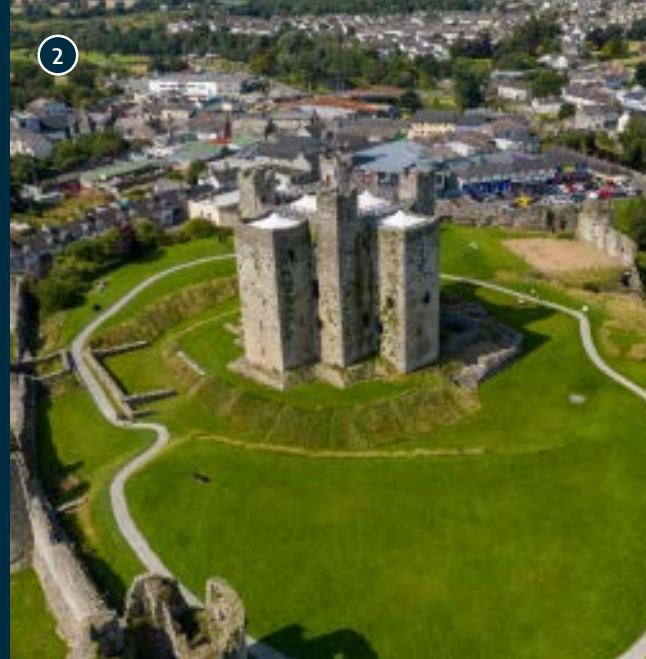
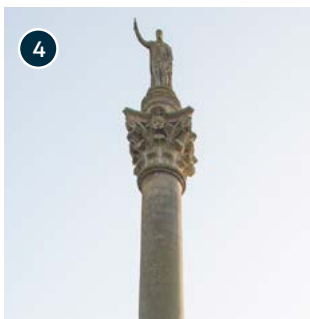
Built by Hugh de Lacy in 1176, this is the largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland. In medieval times, the castle stood as an imposing stone sentinel and a powerful symbol of Norman strength. The castle now remains a focal point for the town and was used in the film Braveheart with Mel Gibson

## 3. Dublin Gate

One of the five access gates in the defensive wall that surrounded the town of Trim, this site marks where the southern-most gate known as the Dublin Gate was located.

## 4. Wellington Monument

Erected in 1817, this pillar commemorates Trim's most famous son, Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, and his victory over Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo in 1815. The Wesley (later Wellesley) family lived at Dangan Castle near Summerhill and Arthur was MP for Trim in the 1790s.



## 5. St. Patrick's Church

The foundation stone for St. Patrick's Church was laid by Dr. Nulty, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath in 1891. The altars are the work of the Pearse Brothers of Dublin, one of whom was the father of Padraig Pearse, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. Dedicated in 1902, the Gothic style church has some beautiful mosaics. One window illustrates the miraculous statue of 'Our Lady of Trim' while another shows St. Patrick preaching on the Hill of Tara.

## 6. Maudlin's Cemetery

This was the site of the medieval Leper Hospital of Saint Mary Magdalen. All that remains now is a small ruined church. In 1976 a local committee erected a bronze sculpture of 'Our Lady of Trim' and today the statue, arms outstretched in greeting, welcomes all who visit the town.

## 7. Echo Gate

Just outside the town on the Dublin road is the Echo Gate. Shout across the river to the ruined Victorine Friary and your words are returned in a perfectly clear echo.





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### 8. Priory of St. John the Baptist

This priory was founded in the early 13th century for the Crutched or Crossed Friars of the Order of John the Baptist (who wore crosses on their vestments). Here the friars ran a hospital, providing care and hospitality to the poor, the sick, and weary travellers.

When the abbey was closed it was used as a private house, and its defensive towers show the turbulent nature of life in Trim, on the edge of the Pale (the area of English rule in Ireland).

### 9. Tomb of the Jealous Man and Woman

Sir Lucas Dillon and his wife, Lady Jane Bathe's tomb is known locally as the tomb of the 'jealous man and woman' since its two stone figures do not touch each other at all. Also the sword of state separates the figures. The tomb is associated with a cure for warts:- Rub a pin on your wart, place the pin between the couple on the tomb and, as the pin rusts and decays, your wart will disappear.

### 10. Newtown Cathedral

The medieval cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul is situated in Newtown Cemetery. It was founded close to the temporal power of Trim Castle by the first Anglo-Norman Bishop of Meath, Simon de Rochfort, in c.1206 after his cathedral at Clonard was burned down. Only part of the original nave and chancel of this, one of the earliest Gothic churches in Ireland, survive. Part of the ruined Priory of Augustinian Canons (of the Victorine Order), which was established to maintain the cathedral, also survives.



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### 11. Victorine Friary

Next to the cathedral are the buildings of the Victorine Friary, home to the Augustinian Canons who followed the Rule of the Abbey of St. Victor near Paris. The Refectory (dining hall) is situated at the southern end of the cloister. Only the south and west walls remain, along with a small part of the chapter house doorway.

### 12. Newtown Church

Also set in the Newtown Cemetery, to the east of St. Peter & Paul Cathedral are the ruins of the Newtown Parish Church. Not much remains of the walls except for the arched doorway in the eastern gable, the western gabled wall and part of the wall on the southern side. Sir Lucas Dillon's tomb is located within the church.

### 13. Navan Gate

On Navangate Street leading from the Newtown Monuments was the Navan Gate, the eastern gate in the town walls. Along the road on the southside a wall plaque commemorates this gate.

### 14. Athboy Gate

The Athboy Gate was the most northerly entrance to the town. It was sometimes called the Black Gate as it was close to the Black Friary. Again, no remnants exist, but a plaque marks the site at the junction between Haggard Street and Kildalkey Road.



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### 15. St. Patrick's Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Patrick (Church of Ireland) stands on the site of an early Christian monastery. Early medieval burials and the possible ecclesiastical boundary have been discovered in the vicinity of the church, said to be founded by St. Patrick and his nephew St. Loman. The present church, with the exception of the tower, was built in 1803 on the foundations of the old nave, the chancel being left as a ruin.

### 16. The Old Gaol

In 1681 the county gaol (jail) was built in Trim, which was the county capital at the time. There were two courtyards - one for debtors and one for felons. Prisoners would have included murderers, highwaymen, common thieves, pickpockets and rebels and those who could not pay their debts. Conditions were harsh and it was very overcrowded. It was decommissioned in 1834 when a new gaol was built close to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The remains of the old gaol can be seen behind two houses on Mill Street, backing onto the river.

### 17. St. Mary's Abbey / Talbot Castle

St. Mary's Abbey was established in the 1140s. In the 1400s it became an important site of pilgrimage, due to a sacred wooden statue known as Our Lady of Trim, that miraculously healed a long list of ailments. In 1415, the King's representative in Ireland, Sir John Talbot, converted part of St Mary's Abbey into a private residence, and it became known as Talbot's Castle. His coat of arms can still be seen on the side of the building.

The building was later occupied by Jonathan Swift, the author of *Gulliver's Travels*, and then became a school, which Arthur Wellesley attended. Famous mathematician and astronomer William Rowan Hamilton was also educated here. It is now a private residence.



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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The old bridge in Trim, located close to the castle and St. Mary's Abbey, dates from 1330-1350. It replaced an earlier bridge, destroyed during severe flooding. Trim's stone bridge is likely to be the oldest unaltered medieval bridge still in use in Ireland.



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### 18. Yellow Steeple

The belltower of St Mary's Abbey has overlooked the town of Trim since the late 1360s. It has earned the name of the Yellow Steeple, due to the rich yellow hue it reflects in the sunlight, and at 38.5m it is the tallest medieval building in Ireland.

### 19. Sheep Gate

Sheep Gate is the only surviving gateway of the medieval town of Trim. In olden times tolls were extracted but today you can pass through Sheep Gate as freely and as often as you wish. It is set in the middle of Porchfields, a large medieval open field system that survives now as a beautiful parkland for the town.

### 20. The Cannon

Dating from the Crimean War between 1854- 57, this Russian cannon situated in the Castle grounds was captured by the British forces and gifted to Trim in thanks for the town's support for the war. Similar cannons were sent to other locations in Ireland and all across the British Empire.

Look closely on the top and see the Russian Tzar's coat of arms, the Romanov double-headed eagle.

### 21. The Courthouse

The courthouse is located close to the castle and bridge, on the site of a former Franciscan friary. Designed by Richard Morrison in 1810, the monumental size and architectural quality of this courthouse makes it one of the most impressive public buildings in the town.



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# The Boyne

The Boyne, one of Ireland's great rivers, flows through Trim in a timeless fashion. Few rivers are as rich in mythology and history as the Boyne, and fortunately for anglers it's also rich in fish.

## The Salmon of Knowledge

According to legend, it was on the banks of the Boyne that young Fionn MacCumhaill camped with his master Finnegas in mythological times. After a lifetime trying to catch the fish which was said to be the source of all knowledge, one day, Finnegas finally caught the mighty salmon and instructed Fionn to cook it over the camp fire. Fionn cooked it with great care, but burned his finger while smoothing down the bubbling skin on the fish. As he cooled his burnt finger in his mouth, Fionn received all of the wisdom from the Salmon of Knowledge.

## Angling

The River Boyne is one of Ireland's premier game fisheries, offering a wide range of angling, from Spring salmon to sea and brown trout. Trim is a designated Centre of Excellence for wild brown trout fishing. There are excellent hatches of olives, the blue winged being the most prolific throughout the Summer. Very good hatches of mayfly and sedges during the season.

Booking a local angling guide is the best way to get value from your angling trip. The best time of the season is from May until the end of September. The season runs from 17 March to 30 September.



Beautiful bar of silver caught by Pat O Toole



Leisure walks

## Flora, Fauna and Natural Heritage

The River Boyne has been designated a Special Area of Conservation for its habitats and many species of plant and animal life. With lovely walkways along the river, there is plenty for you to discover.

## Boyne Blueway Trim

Located in and flowing through the picturesque heritage town of Trim, the Boyne Blueway Trim is a beautiful stretch of the River Boyne which flows from Trim to Bective Mill. With a length of 8kms it can be paddled in 2.5 to 3 hours and is suitable for dabblers & those with a little bit more paddling ability.

You can start your paddling experience in Trim at Boyne Valley Activities located on Jonathan Swift Street. Facilities here include boat washdown, kayak hire, shower, toilets, coffee facilities and shuttlebus service (pick up from Bective Mill and return to Trim). They have everything covered for a perfect day out. The Boyne Blueway Trim season launches every year with the St. Patrick's Day Daft Raft Charity Race. [boynevalleyactivities.ie](http://boynevalleyactivities.ie)

## More Information

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Paddling on the Boyne



Boyne Blueway Trim

# Things to Do

## Activities

Apart from its stunning heritage, Trim has a wealth of leisure and sporting activities to keep all the family occupied and happy.

### Aura Leisure Centre

Newhaggard Road, Trim  
Swimming pool, exercise classes, family open swim, children's activities and more. Gym and fitness classes.

T +353 (0) 46 943 8730

W [auraleisure.ie](http://auraleisure.ie)

### Blackfriary Archaeology Field School

Trim

The Dominican Friary has been under excavation since 2010. Visitors can come see the dig throughout the summer months and talk to archaeologists about the finds. Spend a day working with the archaeologists on site.

E [info@bafs.ie](mailto:info@bafs.ie)

W [bafs.ie](http://bafs.ie)

### Boyne Valley Activities

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Boyne Valley Activities offer a range of exciting activities for everyone. Take a kayak through the medieval town of Trim. See website for info on exclusive heritage tours.

T +353 (0) 86 734 2585

W [boynevalleyactivities.ie](http://boynevalleyactivities.ie)

### Children's Playground

Jonathan Swift Street, Trim  
Great fun and it's free!

### Donkey Visit

Castle Street, Trim

Visit our adorable donkeys and their Mammy, Minnie. They are on Castle Street (seasonal April – September). They love carrots and sweet apples!

### Love Irish Tours

Navan

Custom-made tours of Ireland including self-drive, private escorted and coach tours. Tailor-made packages include accommodation, attractions, car hire and much more.

T +353 (0) 46 943 7555

E [edel@loveirishtours.com](mailto:edel@loveirishtours.com)

W [loveirishtours.com](http://loveirishtours.com)

### Trim Canoe Club

Trim

Canoe river running for beginners and experienced alike. Try the Trim Swift Wave, an artificial water feature on the River Boyne, to hone your kayaking skills.

T +353 (0) 86 739 7791

E [info@trimcanooclub.ie](mailto:info@trimcanooclub.ie)

W [trimcanooclub.ie](http://trimcanooclub.ie)

## Cycling

Trim is a great place to cycle. Whether it's flat or challenging routes you prefer, there's something for you, all easily accessible on two wheels from this lovely town.

A warm welcome is extended to fellow cyclists by Trim Cycling Club where the emphasis is on enjoyable cycling

E [lovetrimcycling@gmail.com](mailto:lovetrimcycling@gmail.com)

FB [TrimCyclingClub](https://www.facebook.com/TrimCyclingClub)

### Royal Canal Greenway

This 130km route of canal towpath is the longest greenway in Ireland, stretching from Maynooth to Cloondara through County Meath. Approx. 22km of the Greenway is set in Meath, with access points at Enfield and Longwood and the Hill of Down.



Black Friary Dig



Killeen Castle Golf Club

### Meath Heritage Cycle Route

This cycle route is approx 50km and is a relatively flat rolling cycle which starts from Castle Street in Trim before heading towards the medieval monastery at Newtown. Travelling quiet rural and local roads, pass through Tara, Summerhill, past Dunsany Castle and back to Trim. Enjoy the majestic views from the Hill of Tara.

## Golf

Trim boasts some of the best parkland golf courses in the country. We invite you to tee off and enjoy these testing courses.

### County Meath Golf Club

Newtownmoyknagh, Trim

Outstanding 18 hole parkland course. Modern clubhouse with full bar and catering facilities.

T +353 (0) 46 943 1463

E [info@countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie](mailto:info@countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie)

W [countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie](http://countymeathgolfclubtrim.ie)

### Killeen Castle Golf Club

Dunsany

One of only two Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses in Ireland. Voted the best parkland course in the greater Dublin area.

T +353 (0) 1 689 3000

E [info@killeencastle.com](mailto:info@killeencastle.com)

W [killeencastle.com](http://killeencastle.com)

### Knightsbrook Golf Resort

Dublin Road, Trim

18 hole championship golf course designed by former Ryder cup legend, the late Christy O'Connor Jnr. Enjoy the clubhouse with Gulliver's lounge and restaurant.

T +353 (0) 46 948 2100/46 948 2102

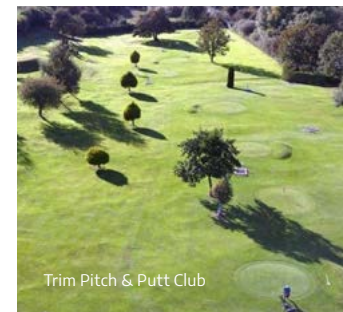
E [golf@knightsbrook.com](mailto:golf@knightsbrook.com)

W [knightsbrook.com](http://knightsbrook.com)

### Trim Pitch and Putt Club

Jonathan Swift Street, Trim

Wonderful Pitch and Putt Club located on Jonathan Swift Street. The club is owned by its members. New members are always welcome! Green fees € 5 per day.  
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Trim Pitch & Putt Club



Boyne Valley Activities



Feed the lambs

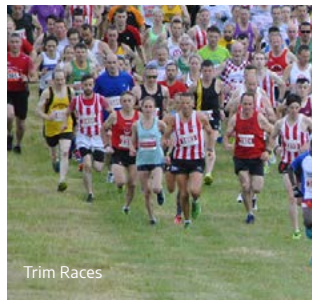


Cycling



Trim Playground

# Festivals and Events



Trim Races

## Trim Races

### Trim 10 mile road race

The race doubles up as the Meath County Championship 10 mile road race, attracting participants from all over the island due to the nature of the welcome and organisation provided by the host club, Trim AC.

### Braveheart 5km

Run back through time along the banks of the Boyne among the medieval monuments of Trim. This great route takes in many of the locations used in the film Braveheart. This is a unique running event with a really great atmosphere for all the family. There are three 1km races on the support bill for children.



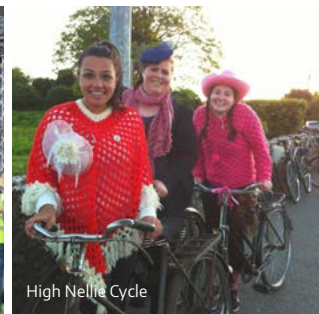
Boyne Adventure Race

### Boyne Adventure Race

The Boyne Adventure race is held in Trim every August and it's a must for all those who love a challenge. Run, cycle and paddle your way through 35k and 50k routes.



Salmon of Knowledge Festival



High Nellie Cycle



Royal Meath Show



Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival

## Spring

**St. Patrick's Day Festival**  
St. Patrick's Day 17th March

**St. Patrick's Day Daft Raft Charity Race and launch of Boyne Blueway Trim season**  
St. Patrick's Day 17th March  
[boynevalleyactivities.ie](http://boynevalleyactivities.ie)

## Summer

**Dunderry Fair**  
May  
[dunderryfair.ie](http://dunderryfair.ie)

**High Nellie Cycle**  
May  
[trimhaymakingfestival.com](http://trimhaymakingfestival.com)

**Blue Jean Country Queen Festival**  
May-June  
[bluejeanfest.com](http://bluejeanfest.com)

**Braveheart Run**  
June  
[popuraces.ie](http://popuraces.ie)

**Scurlogstown Haymaking Festival**  
June  
[trimhaymakingfestival.com](http://trimhaymakingfestival.com)

**Boyne Adventure Race**  
August  
[boyneadventurerace.ie](http://boyneadventurerace.ie)

**Moynalty Steam Threshing Festival**  
August  
[moynaltysteamthreshing.ie](http://moynaltysteamthreshing.ie)

**National Heritage Week**  
August  
[heritageweek.ie](http://heritageweek.ie)

**Salmon of Knowledge**  
August  
[salmonofknowledgefestival.ie](http://salmonofknowledgefestival.ie)

## Autumn

**Royal Meath Show**  
September  
[royalmeathshow.com](http://royalmeathshow.com)

**Púca Halloween Festival**  
Halloween weekend  
[pucafestival.com](http://pucafestival.com)

**Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival**  
October - November  
[spiritsofmeath.ie](http://spiritsofmeath.ie)

## Winter

**A Classical Christmas Evening IV**  
December

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T: + 353 (0) 46 909 7060



Púca Halloween Festival

# More to Explore

**Why not discover some of the other interesting sites within a short drive of Trim or you could take the Boyne Valley Drive to explore some more.**

## Stella's Cottage

Laracor, Trim, Co. Meath  
R158 ( 4 mins)  
GPS: 53°32'11.7" -6°47'19.7"

While Esther Johnson (Stella) may have been the best known tenant of the Cottage at Laracor that still bears her name, Jonathan Swift was certainly its most famous visitor. Swift, the author of 'Gulliver's Travels', was in some way romantically connected with Stella. This site is marked by an information plaque.

## St. Patrick's Well

Trim, Co. Meath  
When St. Patrick came to Trim in the year 432 AD, St. Loman went with him to this spring head, which St. Patrick used to baptise new Christian converts. This well is dedicated to St. Patrick and sees a traditional pilgrimage gather there on St. Patrick's Day every year.

## Bective Abbey

Navan, Co. Meath  
(10 mins)  
GPS: 53° 34' 57.3 -6° 42' 09.1"

Bective Abbey was founded in 1147 for the Cistercian Order by Murchad O'Maeil-Sheachlainn, King of Meath. It became an important monastic settlement until it was closed in 1536. Today, the ruins provide a maze of passageways with dead ends and interrupted staircases, all asking to be explored. Due to its castle-like qualities, the site was also chosen as a location for the 1995 movie 'Braveheart' and in 2020 for Ridley Scott's medieval epic The Last Duel starring Matt Damon.  
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W [discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie)

## Kells Round Tower & High Crosses

Kells, Co. Meath  
(25 mins)  
GPS: 53° 43'38.4 -6° 52'47.6"  
Early monastic settlement where the High Crosses depict biblical scenes and Celtic patterns, representing early Irish Christianity. Five stunning examples can be found in Kells including the famous Market Cross. Kells is also associated with the Book of Kells, probably the most famous of Irish illuminated manuscripts. Access all year. See Kells Courthouse for walking tours.  
T +353 (0) 46 924 7508  
E [kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie](mailto:kellscourthouse@discoverboynevalley.ie)

## Battle of the Boyne Centre

Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath  
(30 mins)  
GPS: 53° 43'24.6" -6° 25'24.5"  
Allow 1 hour for visit  
The Battle of the Boyne between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II, was fought on 1 July 1690 (12 July according to our modern calendar). It was the largest number of troops ever deployed on an Irish battlefield, and at stake were the British throne, French dominance in Europe and religious power in Ireland. Visitor centre with tour guides and displays. Gardens, tea rooms and walking routes on site.  
T +353 (0) 41 980 9950  
W [battleoftheboyne.ie](http://battleoftheboyne.ie)

## Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre Newgrange & Knowth

Donore, Co. Meath  
(30 mins)  
GPS: 53° 41' 40.6" -6° 26' 50.3"  
Allow 3 hours for visit  
Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre interprets the Neolithic monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. It includes a full scale replica of the chamber at Newgrange and interactive exhibits. Admission to Newgrange and Knowth is through the Visitor Centre, there is no direct access to these monuments. Visitors are brought from the Visitor Centre to the monuments by shuttle bus. Pre-booking essential.  
T +353 (0) 41 988 0300  
E [brunaboinne@opw.ie](mailto:brunaboinne@opw.ie)  
W [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

## Hill of Tara

Dunsany, Co. Meath  
(15 mins)  
GPS: 53° 34'45.4" -6° 36' 41.9"  
Allow 1 hour for visit.  
The Hill of Tara is the jewel in the crown of the Boyne Valley landscape. A site that has been in use for more than 5000 years as a place of burial and assembly, it grew to fame as the legendary inauguration site of the High Kings of Ireland. The hill is open all year, the visitor centre is open in the summer for AV shows and guided tours.  
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W [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

## Loughcrew Passage Tombs

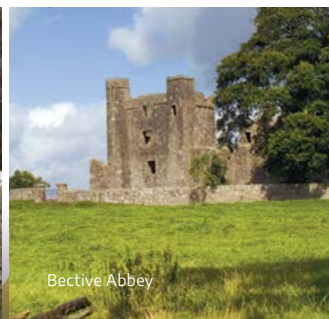
Oldcastle Co. Meath  
(40 mins)  
GPS: 53° 44'39.9" -7° 07'07.2"  
Allow 2 hours  
One of Ireland's largest Neolithic Cemeteries, with over 30 Passage Graves dating from 3,000 BC. Older than Newgrange, the tombs offer amazing carvings from the Irish Neolithic era. There is also a collection of standing stones, a cashel, motte and cooking pots. Guided tours available in the summer months.  
W [heritageireland.ie](http://heritageireland.ie)

### DI YOU KNOW?

The Boyne Valley has the largest concentration of prehistoric megalithic (carved stone) art in Western Europe.



Stella's Cottage

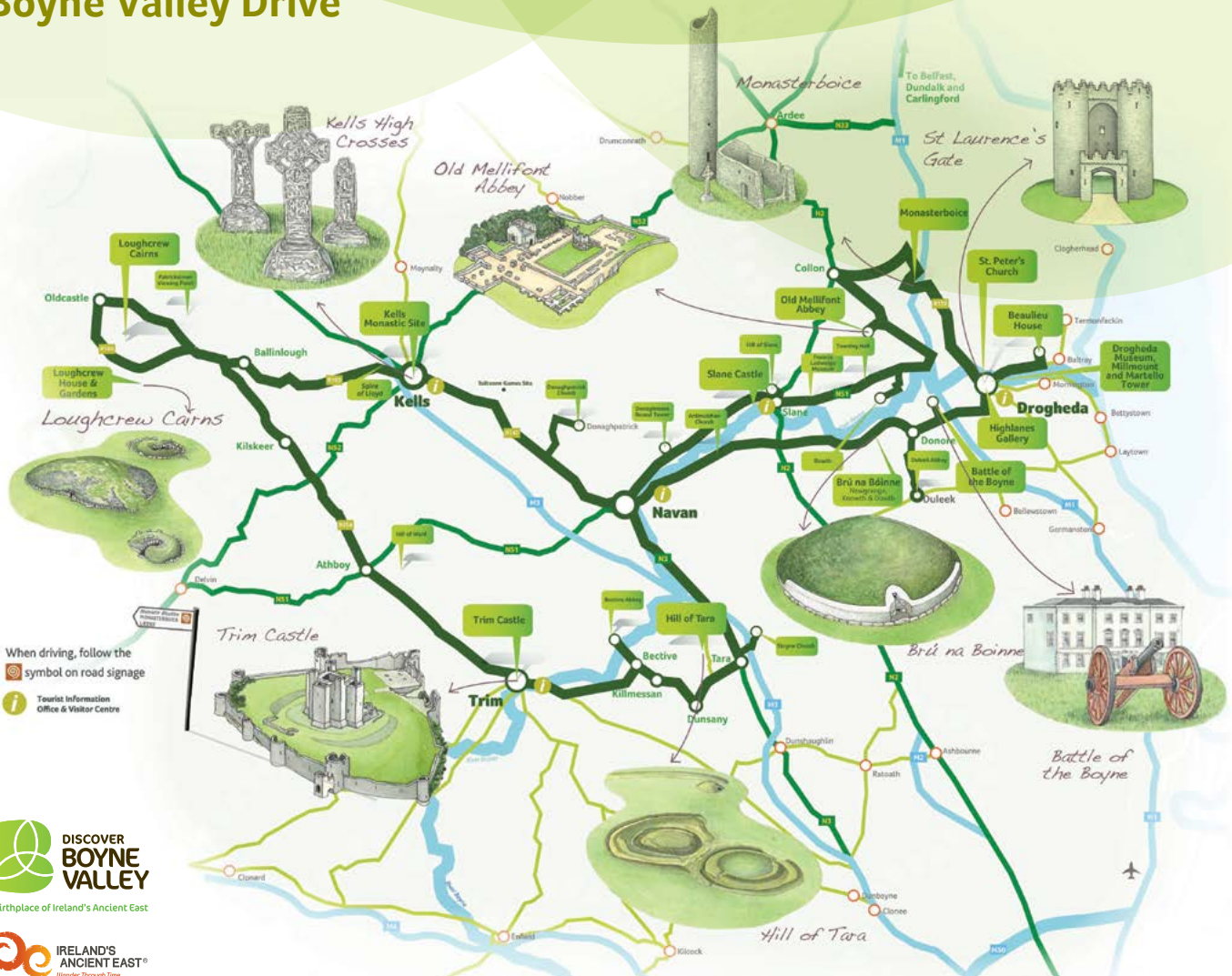


Bective Abbey



Loughcrew Cairns

# Boyne Valley Drive



23 Hill of Tara



Kells



Battle of the Boyne



Newgrange

# Accommodation

From multi-award winning hotels, and beautiful guesthouses to bed and breakfast and fabulous self-catering accommodation, you can be assured of a genuine warm welcome, whether on a quick break away or a longer stay.

## Self-Catering

### Kiltale Holiday Homes

Kiltale, Dunsany  
Award winning 4 star approved self catering accommodation with all modern conveniences. Ideal for families, milk the goats, feed the lambs, ride the donkeys and ponies.  
T +353 (0) 86 122 1589  
E kiltaleholidayhomes@gmail.com  
W meathselfcatering.com

### Steeple View Holiday Homes

Steeple View, High Street, Trim  
Luxury 4 star Fáilte Ireland approved 3 bedroom apartment. Walking distance to all locations in Trim. The perfect location to explore Dublin and the Boyne Valley.  
T +353 (0) 87 913 5064  
E trimaccommodation@gmail.com  
W meathselfcatering.com



Kiltale Holiday Homes

## Bed & Breakfast and Guesthouses

### Bounty Bar Guest Accommodation

Bridge Street, Trim  
Sitting in the shadow of Trim Castle, the property is close to well known attractions. All rooms are ensuite, free parking and wi-fi.  
T +353 (0) 87 415 7738  
+353 (0) 469431640  
E thebountybar@yahoo.com

### Caravogue House Bed & Breakfast

Navan Road, Trim  
Caravogue offers a warm welcome with the modern upscale feel of a hotel. Centrally located to the many heritage attractions the beautiful town of Trim has to offer.  
T +353 (0) 46 949 0499  
E rooms@caravoguehouse.ie  
W caravoguehouse.ie

### Highfield Guest House (Historic Building)

Maudlins Road, Trim  
Across the street from Trim Castle and a few mins. walk from town centre. Family friendly, beautiful gardens, free parking, free wi-fi, Dublin Airport - 40mins.  
T +353 (0) 86 857 7115 / 86 254 5318  
E info@highfieldguesthouse.com  
W highfieldguesthouse.com

### The Old Rectory

St. Loman Street, Trim  
The Old Rectory is an important historical building and one of the finest Georgian structures surviving in Trim. We provide family room accommodation, as well as afternoon tea.  
T +353 (0) 86 233 9229  
E info@theoldrectorytrim.ie  
W theoldrectorytrim.ie



Highfield Guest House

### Tigh Cathain Guesthouse

Longwood Road, Trim  
A Tudor style country house 1km from Trim Castle on the R160. 40mins to Dublin Airport. Large luxury ensuite rooms. No breakfast.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1996  
E tighcathain.bnb@gmail.com

### Woodview Lodge

Adamstown, Trim  
A modern bungalow situated on a farm with beautiful views of the countryside. Just 3km from Trim 40mins to Dublin Airport. Free wi-fi, private parking and a continental breakfast available.  
T +353 (0) 86 860 1337/87 601 9491  
E woodviewlodge123@gmail.com

## Hotels

### Castle Arch Hotel 3\*

Summerhill Road, Trim  
The Castle Arch Hotel is a home from home with 21 excellently appointed ensuite bedrooms, private car park, complimentary wi-fi. A beautiful new gastro menu available in the Arch Bar and lounge.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1516/  
lo call irl 1890 43 42 41  
E info@castlearchhotel.com  
W castlearchhotel.com

### Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort 4\*

Dublin Road, Trim  
2019 Multi Award winning Knightsbrook Resort, set in 186 acres of rolling parkland offering a contemporary 4 star hotel, fully equipped health club with swimming pool and spa. Championship golf course designed by the late Christy O'Connor Jnr.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 2100  
E info@knightsbrook.com  
W knightsbrook.com



Knightsbrook Hotel

### The Station House Hotel 3\*

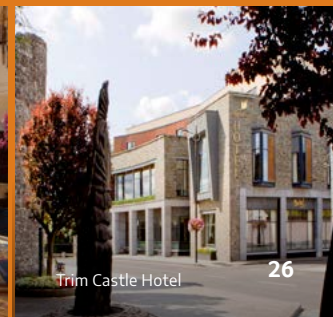
Kilmessan  
This award winning country house hotel based on a converted railway junction built in 1862 has been run by the Slattery family for over 35 yrs. Voted Best Hotel Restaurant Ireland 2017 by the Food Award Group.  
T +353 (0) 46 902 5239  
E info@stationhousehotel.ie  
W stationhousehotel.ie

### Trim Castle Hotel 4\*

Castle Street, Trim  
In the heart of Trim Town, close to all amenities. Bedrooms overlooking Trim Castle. The Bailey Bar, Barista Cafe and Jules Restaurant. Stunning roof garden private parking.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 3000  
E info@trimcastlehotel.com  
W trimcastlehotel.com



Castle Arch Hotel



Trim Castle Hotel

# What else...

## Dining Out

With fine dining restaurants, casual dining bistros, and gastro pubs you are guaranteed to be well fed in Trim. We also have some great cafes and coffee shops for a quick pit-stop or re-fuel. Trim is home to some of the oldest pubs in the county, some with traditional music but all with great beer and great craic!

## Restaurants

### Brogans Restaurant

High Street, Trim  
Serving freshly cooked locally sourced food. Extended function and music space available.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1237  
E brogansoftrim@gmail.com  
W brogans.ie

### Franzinis

French's Lane, Trim  
Beside Trim Castle we provide great quality food using the freshest local produce, and for 20 years we have been providing the best food and service to our customers.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1002  
E info@franzinis.com  
W franzinis.com

### Khan Spices Indian Restaurant

Emmet Street, Trim  
Creating the flavour of real Indian Cuisine in the same way as back home in India. Proudly serving customers since 2008.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1378  
E info@khanspicestrim.ie  
W khanspicestrim.ie

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Trim won the gold award for Entente Floral Europe Competition 2015

### MED Street Food

Back of the Bounty Bar, C15 XD72  
Woodfired oven, Neapolitan pizzas and Mediterranean inspired specials, using locally-sourced ingredients and artisan produce.  
T +353 (0) 89 983 8693  
E MEDstreetfood2@gmail.com

### Monto's Italian Restaurant

Market Street, Trim  
Centrally located, great Italian food and service. Please visit at least once to know more about us and try out our wonderful food. You will have many reasons to come back to us over and over again. Sit down and takeaway available.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 1481  
E info@montosrestaurant.ie  
W montosrestaurant.ie

### Stockhouse Restaurant

Finnegans Way, Trim  
Offering an exciting trendy early bird and a la carte menu. Takeaway menu available.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 7388  
E justask@stockhouserestaurant.ie  
W stockhouserestaurant.ie

### Wau Asian Restaurant

Bridge Street, Trim  
Chinese & Asian food open daily from 5pm – 11pm. Special Menu eat as much as you want & Early Bird menu daily. Takeaway & delivery.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 3873/46 948 3868  
W wau.ie

## Coffee Shops

### Bective Tea Rooms

North Gate Lodge, Bective Stud, Balgill, Navan, C15 DFC8  
Modern café with immaculate gardens and eye-catching surroundings. Try some freshly baked confectionary or a full breakfast or light brunch. All food is sourced locally. Customers can enjoy our woodland walks too.  
E info@bectivestud.com  
W bectivestud.com

### Coffee Works

Emmet Street, Trim  
Coffee Works is a family-owned speciality coffee shop serving coffee from Groundwork Coffee as well as treats and a selection of Irish products.  
T +353 (0) 85 213 8037  
E coffeeworks.ie@gmail.com

### Harvest Home Bakery

18 Market Street, Trim  
Offering freshly baked goods, homemade soups, bread and cakes.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 6660  
E harvesthomebakery@gmail.com  
W harvesthomebakery.com

### The Olive Tree

Bridge Street, Trim  
The Olive Tree serves a delicious range of homemade fare. Lavazza coffee and loose leaf tea.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 7329  
E theolivetreefinefood@gmail.com

### PlatterByLu

Athboy Gate, Trim  
Café, artisan pantry and cheesemonger, offering brunch, catering and platter-boxes and hampers. Dine-in and takeaway with a French influence, outdoor seating and dog friendly. Mobile unit available for events.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 7444  
E hello@platterbylu.ie  
W platterbylu.ie

## Pubs

### Bounty Bar

Bridge Street, Trim  
Music at weekends, private parking, free wi-fi.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1640  
E thebountybar@yahoo.com

### James Griffin Pub

High Street, Trim  
One of the oldest pubs in Meath since 1904. This pub was voted Traditional Pub of the Year and runner up 'Powers' snug of the year 2012.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1295  
E bookings.jamesgriffinpub@gmail.com

### Judge and Jury

Market Street, Trim  
Centrally located close to Trim Castle Homemade soup and fresh made sandwiches daily.  
T +353 (0) 87 928 6687

### Kiely's Bar

Emmet Street, Trim  
Kiely's Bar is a family-run bar since 1921, and the best place in town to watch live sports or enjoy a creamy pint of Guinness. On the two hot days we get every summer, you can enjoy a refreshing pint in our Beer Garden!  
T +353 (0) 86 815 2874  
E johnkiely@hotmail.com

### Lynch's Motor Bar

Emmet Street, Trim  
Lynch's - The Motor Bar, est. 1926 is a third-generation family-run pub. Warm, friendly atmosphere focusing on the quality of our beers, plus a large selection of whiskeys and other spirits. All live sports covered daily, and a large sun-soaked beer garden.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 7620  
E lynchesmotorbar@gmail.com

### Marcie Regans

Newtown Bridge, Trim  
Ireland's second oldest pub on the banks of the Boyne surrounded by historic ruins both sides. Trad session every Friday night. A true Irish pub and former winner of "Rural pub of the year"  
T +353 (0) 85 784 3071

### McCormacks Pub

Castle Street, Trim  
Family run traditional Irish pub.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1963

### Jack Quinns

Scurlogstown  
Situating 3km from the town of Trim. Dating back to the 1800's. Come join locals for drinks and fresh pub food topped with our traditional music sessions every Thursday night.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 4779  
E ann.quinn5@gmail.com

### Sally Rogers Bar

Bridge Street, Trim  
Located at the heart of Trim, Sally's is the perfect spot to enjoy a delicious coffee, lunch or pint on the riverside balcony. This traditional Irish pub has a welcoming atmosphere, live music Friday-Monday and is dog-friendly!  
T +353 (0) 46 948 3510  
E sallyrogerstrim@gmail.com



# Shopping

## Wedding Exclusives Boutiques

Enjoy shopping at your leisure in Trim ..... we won't rush you. Trim offers a fantastic variety of shops, markets, crafts and services.

Trim has also become a must visit destination for bridal shopping, with a selection of unique boutiques catering for the bride and groom and the whole wedding party.

Not forgetting the all important hair & make-up, or maybe a spa day, whatever you're looking for, Trim is a great location for a special day out with your bridal party.

To top it all, Trim also boasts some fabulous award winning wedding venues to choose from.

### Where to shop

Abelle Bridal  
Castle Crafts  
Pat O'Byrne Mans Shop  
Ebony Boutique  
Ninas Boutique  
Nook Home (gifts)  
Stiletto Shoe Boutique  
Something Special (flowers)  
Tobins (gifts)  
Kilkenny Shop (gifts)  
James Allen Hair  
The Beauty Clinic  
Knightsbrook Spa  
Harvest Home Bakery

### Abelle Bridal

3 St. Martin's House,  
Finnegans Way, Trim  
Carrying internationally recognised designers such as Mori Lee, Dessy, True Brides and many others. A huge selection of Bride & Bridesmaid dresses. Contact anytime to make your appointment. Open Mon, and Wed - Sat (closed Tues & Sun). We will be delighted to help you say yes to the dress!  
T +353 (0) 46 948 3644  
E info@abellebridal.ie  
W facebook.com/abellebridal

### Ebony Boutique

3 Haggard Street, Trim  
Fabulous ladies fashions leading Irish and International brands sizes 8-24. Visit our shoe boutique - Stiletto - which is located next door. Main supplier of Bridal footwear Rainbow Club.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 6842  
E ebonyboutique@gmail.com  
W facebook.com/ebony-boutique.trim

### Nina's Boutique

Market Street, Trim  
Fashion for the contemporary woman from casual to occasion in sizes 8-24  
Open: Mon-Sat 9.30 - 6pm. Follow us on facebook and instagram: Ninas Fashion Trim  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1281

### Pat O'Byrne Mans Shop

Market Street, Trim  
Quality menswear, formal wedding hire specialists. Top brands personal service  
Open: 6 days per week.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 1853  
E pobmenswear@gmail.com

## Gifts & Crafts

### Castle Crafts

Castle Street, Trim  
Proudly supporting over 100 local crafters, showcasing their work in ceramics, glassblowing, one-of-a-kind art pieces, home fragrances, handmade jewellery and artisan food among many other Irish crafts.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 6667  
E castlecrafttrim@gmail.com  
W castlecrafttrim.com

### Kilkenny Shop

Trim Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Trim  
Kilkenny shop has been at the forefront of promoting the finest craft and design for over 50 yrs. and is home to Ireland's largest collection of Irish designers. Open 7 days a week 10-6 (Mon-Sat), 12-6 (Sun).  
T +353 (0) 46 948 3060  
W kilkenneyshop.com

### Nook Home

6 Market Street, Trim  
Browse our gift shop, shop for interior accessories, furniture and home decor ranges. Arrange a home styling consultation or chat to us about your home decor & interior needs.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 1569  
W nookhome.ie

### Something Special, Signature Wedding Florist,

Market Street, Trim  
Something Special delivers to Trim, Athboy, Ballivor, Kildalkey, Enfield, Dunderry, Robinstown, Longwood, Summerhill.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 6555  
E mgogan55@gmail.com  
W somethingspecialflorist.ie

### Tobin's

4-5 Market Street, Trim  
200m from Trim Castle, quality giftware, tax free shopping. Exclusive stockists of Trim Castle products.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 6265

## Taxis

### Donie Quinn

Hackneys and Buses, open 24 hours  
T +353 (0) 86 607 4008  
+353 (0) 46 943 6009

### Holtons Coaches

Taxis, buses and coaches  
16/25/30/38/53 seaters  
M +353 (0) 87 253 8848  
T +353 (0) 46 954 6471  
E holtsoncoaches@gmail.com

## Pampering

### The Beauty Clinic

21 High Street, Trim  
Specialising in a variety of beauty treatments. Main suppliers of Dermalogica Products  
T +353 (0) 46 94 37858

### James Allen Hairdressing

6 Haggard Court, Trim  
Ladies and gents design, cutting, colouring and styling. We specialize in weddings.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 7500

### Knightsbrook Hotel & Spa

Dublin Road, Trim  
Award winning Spa offering a wide range of luxury spa treatments.  
T +353 (0) 46 948 2100  
E info@knightsbrook.com

## Essential Services

### Gillen's Londis + Circle K

Dublin Road, Trim  
Convenience store, deli, bakery, seating area. (New in store Peking Asian Street Food, order online @ www.peking.ie or phone, delivery service available) off licence, atm, all your everyday essentials local shop with friendly staff.  
T +353 (0) 46 94 38401  
+353 (0) 46 94 38364 deli/peking  
E bgillenltd@gmail.com

### Souhans Shop Garage and Filling Station

Haggard Street, Trim  
Shop, garage deli and filling station. Direct replacement exhaust And custom exhaust specialists.  
T +353 (0) 46 945 6000/ 46 945 6001  
E info@souhan.ie

### Organic Market

Loman Street, Trim  
Organic market every Friday  
For updates check out our facebook page/Trim Farmers Market

### Post Office/Spar

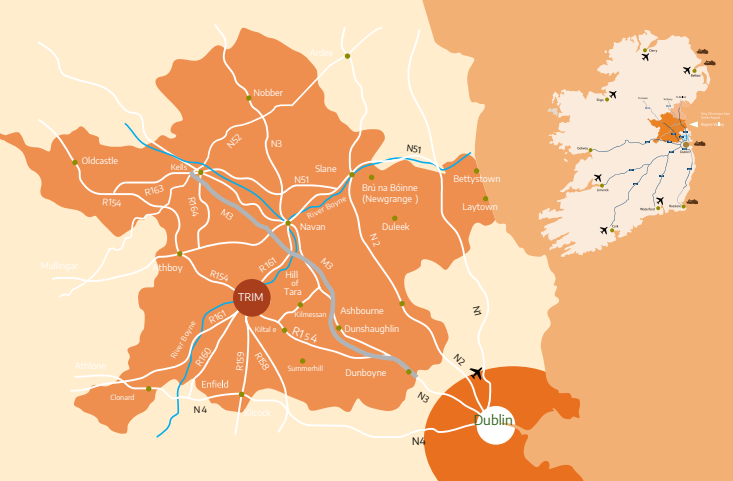
Market Street, Trim  
Visit our Post Office for all your postal needs. Deli available in our store offering fresh food every day.  
T +353 (0) 46 943 8870  
E spartrim@gmail.com

### Internet Services

Free WiFi along with computer access and printing services are available at Trim Library.







Trim, County Meath, is 40 minutes (30 miles) drive from Dublin airport. This designated heritage capital town offers the visitor a range of activities and attractions and makes an ideal start or finish to a longer stay in Ireland.

From angling, golf and walking to medieval monasteries and Ireland's largest castle, along with beautiful floral displays, parks, great accommodation and dining, Trim is an ideal destination for every member of the family.

For more information on our town visit



[facebook.com/trimtouristoffice](https://facebook.com/trimtouristoffice)

Trim GPS: 53.5524° N, 6.7866° W

### Trim Visitor Centre

Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath

T +353 (0) 46 943 7227

E [trimvisitorcentre@discoverboynevalley.ie](mailto:trimvisitorcentre@discoverboynevalley.ie)

W [discoverboynevalley.ie](http://discoverboynevalley.ie)

