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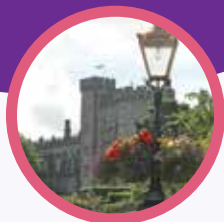


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Kilkenny Tourist Office - Fáilte Ireland

Kilkenny Tourist Office offers visitors details on booking accommodation, things to do, places to visit, routes to take, maps, guides and books, places to eat and information on national and local events.

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Welcome

Ever had that Kilkenny feeling?

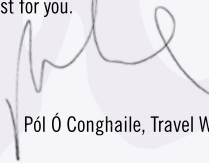
I have. There's something special about this place. Call it an atmosphere, an intimacy, a can-do attitude – or all of the above. Nowhere hits that sweet spot between ancient history and 21st century cosmopolitanism quite like it.

Kilkenny boasts some of Ireland's best medieval set-pieces, but it's also got two Michelin Stars. It's home to a humdinger of a castle as well as one of the liveliest festival scenes in the land. It's got urban buzz, and a scattering of picture-perfect towns strung about the River Nore. One minute, you're on a city break. The next, you're biking, hiking or driving through rolling countryside.

Lots of places are proud. Lots of places have tourist attractions. What makes Kilkenny stand out, however, is its drive to get better. There's always a new restaurant, activity trail, festival or opening to check out. That's why I keep coming back. That's why I leave wanting more.

I'm not surprised Kilkenny has been named one of the world's happiest cities, and won both Ireland's Tidiest Town and Tourism Town awards. But its greatest trick is to make you feel like they've done it just for you.

That's the Kilkenny feeling.



Pól Ó Conghaile, Travel Writer

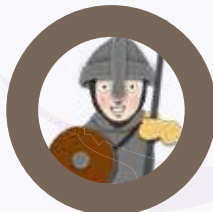


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St Canice

(515/16–600) founded a monastic settlement in Kilkenny, eliminating druidic rule. Kilkenny, (Irish: Cill Chainnigh "The Church of Cainnech") takes its name from this Saint.



William Marshall

4th Earl of Pembroke (1146–1219) Anglo-Norman soldier & statesman, inherited estates in England & Ireland.



Alice Kyteler

(Innkeeper/moneylender) accused of killing her four husbands (using poison & sorcery) in one of the first witchcraft trials (1324).



John Rothe

(built Rothe House 1594–1610) one of a few wealthy merchants who controlled Kilkenny's trade and dominated civic government in middle ages.



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Key Dates in Kilkenny History



5th-6th Century

Kilkenny originated as an Early Christian settlement. The name Cill Chainnigh meaning Church of Canice who died between 599-600

1172 A.D.

Strongbow builds a Motte and Bailey Castle at Kilkenny



1207 A.D.

William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, gives Kilkenny its first charter as a town

1231 A.D.

St. Francis Abbey founded by Richard Marshall

1250 A.D.

The construction of the town wall and gates begins



1285 A.D.

St. Canice's Cathedral completed



1324 A.D.

Trial of Dame Alice Kyteler for witchcraft. Petronella her maid found guilty and burned at the stake

1348 A.D.

Friar John Clyn wrote an account of the Black Death in Kilkenny

1366 A.D.

The Statutes of Kilkenny passed at a Parliament in Kilkenny.

An early form of apartheid between the Irish and Anglo Normans

1582 A.D.

Shee Alms House founded by Sir Richard Shee

1594 A.D.

Rothe House was built by John Rothe



1609 A.D.

Kilkenny granted a Royal Charter for City Status by James 1st, King of England

1642 A.D.

Kilkenny the Medieval Capital of Ireland

1674-1682 A.D.

Jonathan Swift went to Kilkenny College

1758 A.D.

James Hoban architect of the White House born in Co. Kilkenny

1761 A.D.

The Tholsel built on High Street

1842 A.D.

Kilkenny Workhouse built to house 1,200 paupers

1846 A.D.

Famine fever in Kilkenny kills at least 1,300 people in this year

1847 A.D.

The Workhouse has 2,228 paupers in residence in March 1847

1935 A.D.

Butler family leave Kilkenny Castle and Ireland and Kilkenny Castle closes its doors

1965 A.D.

Kilkenny Design Workshops opened

1976 A.D.

Kilkenny Castle reopens as a National Monument

Kilkenny Awards

Kilkenny was voted the **9th Friendliest City in the world** and **Friendliest City in Europe** by readers of **Condé Nast Traveler**

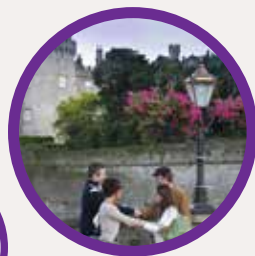
Kilkenny City was named **Ireland's Tidiest Town in 2014**, beating competition from 849 towns and villages

Two Kilkenny restaurants **Campagne** and **Lady Helen** at the Mount Juliet Hotel were awarded a **Michelin Star** in 2013 and retained their Michelin Stars in 2014

Kilkenny was voted **Ireland's Top Tourism Town** for 2013 by **Fáilte Ireland**, Ireland's main tourism body

Kilkenny was voted **Cleanest Town in Ireland** in 2012, 2013 and 2014 by **Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)**

Kilkenny based animation studio **Cartoon Saloon** has been nominated for an **Academy Award** twice (in 2010 and 2015)



Must See And Do

THE MEDIEVAL MILE

Ireland's Medieval Mile is where history meets the here and now. This is a unique discovery trail running through the heart of Kilkenny, linking St. Canice's Cathedral and a stunning Anglo-Norman castle with all sorts of medieval magic in between. There's no experience quite like it.

Stepping through the centuries, you'll see historic buildings, streets and slipways. You'll pass a Tudor Inn, a Dominican Abbey blooming with stained glass, and the only example of an early 17th century merchant's house in Ireland.

You can visit a recreated medieval garden, climb St. Canice's Round Tower (the oldest standing structure in the city), and take a glimpse inside the lives of the Butler family and their servants at Kilkenny Castle. Or feel the hairs rise and your heart beat at tales of witchcraft in Kyteler's Inn... here since 1324.

But it's not all ancient history. Kilkenny is one of Ireland's most cosmopolitan cities, with a thriving festival scene and a warm, creative and fun population. A mosey down the Medieval Mile is as much an immersion in the sights, smells and sounds of the modern city as the heritage that set it on its way.

History never felt more alive.

See Medieval Mile attractions on the Kilkenny City map attached to this guide

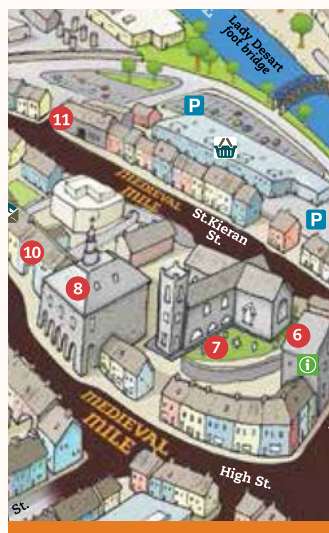
KILKENNY CASTLE

The Parade, Kilkenny

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 Castle's Conference Centre and the River Wing houses the Butler Art Gallery.



IRELAND'S
**MEDIEVAL
MILE**





SMITHWICK'S EXPERIENCE KILKENNY

44 Parliament St, Kilkenny

Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny has been listed as one of the 'Top 26 Hot New Attractions in the world to visit in 2015' by The Lonely Planet. 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. This is only a taster, so come to Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny and discover the craft.

Wheelchair accessible, group and family friendly. Complementary audio guides also available.

 smithwicksexperience.com  +353 56 778 6377

(10% discount off adult admission when you book online)



ROTHE HOUSE & GARDEN

Parliament St, Kilkenny

Rothe House & Garden is a late 16th/early 17th century merchant's home, consisting of three separate townhouses, three enclosed courtyards and a reconstructed garden to the rear. Genealogical research on Kilkenny ancestry is also available.

Groups of 10 or more must be booked in advance.

Genealogy information: www.kilkenny.brsgenealogy.com

 rothehouse.com  +353 56 772 2893



ST. CANICE'S CATHEDRAL AND ROUND TOWER

The Close, Coach Rd, Kilkenny

Visit St Canice's Cathedral, situated in Kilkenny City, to explore or take in the serenity of an early Gothic Cathedral. See the wonderful stained glass and the extensive collection of ancient monuments. A model of Kilkenny City provides a deeper understanding of the medieval city and you will also see the seat of the bishop of Ossory dating back to 1120 AD. View Kilkenny and the surrounding area from the 9th century round tower (weather permitting). Cathedral open all year round, but times change seasonally.


 stcanicescathedral.com  +353 56 776 4971

Must See And Do

KILKENNY CITY TOURS

Taking a tour on the Kilkenny City road train is a fantastic way to view Kilkenny City. The tour starts at Kilkenny Castle and brings you on a 30 minute tour of Medieval Kilkenny. While on board you will get a full commentary giving a fascinating insight into the history of Kilkenny. Departing from Kilkenny Castle EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR, from 10am to 5pm March to October.

Please contact us to make a booking on
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THE KILKENNY WAY HURLING EXPERIENCE

Legend's Hurling Bar, 28/29 Rose Inn St, Kilkenny City

Kilkenny Way Hurling Experience is a unique cultural sporting experience where you can learn about the passion and history of the fastest field sport in the world! You will visit Legend's Hurling Bar Museum, and then take to the pitch in Nowlan Park, home of the "Kilkenny Cats" to experience the skills of the game from our hurling guides and hear about the craftsmanship of the hurley. The tour ends in Legend's Hurling Bar where you watch a game of hurling on our big screens to see the skills you have learned on the pitch while enjoying a bowl of Lanigan's famous fresh Irish Lamb Stew in the heart of Kilkenny City.

 thekilkennyway.com

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IRISH BEATS (BODHRAN SESSIONS)

AT KYTELER'S INN, Kieran Street, Kilkenny

Every Monday and Tuesday evening at 6.30pm from March to October, the Irish Beats Bodhran Session is unleashed at Kyteler's Inn (Est. 1324). Guided by expert Bodhran tutor Damian, up to 100 tourists a night come together to enjoy the music and explore the finer points of Ireland's native drum, its origin and contributions to Irish music. People aged from 4 to 94 at all levels of musical ability are encouraged to have a go and as they watch and then copy, confidence grows and the smiles start to appear. Admission is free.

 kytelersinn.com

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KILKENNY ACTIVITY CENTRE,

New Orchard Road, Kilkenny

Kilkenny Activity Centre caters for all age groups from toddler to adult and offers a range of activities which include Paintball, Bubble soccer, Splatball, Assault Course, Team Building and of course Captain Jack's inflatable play centre. Kilkenny Activity Centre is recognised as a five star attraction on Facebook and is regularly touted by visitors as 'the best party centre ever.' No group is too large or small and a range of party packages is available.

 kilkennyactivitycentre.ie

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DUNMORE CAVE & VISITOR CENTRE

Ballyfoyle, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny

Dunmore Cave is eleven kilometres north of Kilkenny City and, like other caves across the country, is formed by limestone which was laid down over 300 million years ago. It contains almost a quarter of a mile of passages and at its deepest point is 150 feet below the surface. A Viking massacre took place at the cave in the year 928 AD. Dunmore Cave visitor centre features an audio visual presentation and an interactive Virtual Museum. The cave is open all year round and has no wheelchair access but the visitor centre is fully accessible.

 www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave

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CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK

The Estate Yard, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

Castlecomer Discovery Park is the perfect location for a family day out. Set in 80 acres of natural woodland, 18km from Kilkenny, it offers many beautiful amenities: Coal Mining Exhibition, Tree Top Adventure Walk, Leap of Faith & Climbing Wall (Booking Essential), Boating Activities - Pedal and Canadian Canoes (Booking Essential), 6km of walking trails, Orienteering trails, Hand-crafted Hut Village, FREE Timber Tumbles playground, Primary and Secondary Education Programmes, Design craft workshops and studios, Award winning Jarrow Cafe, seasonal events at Easter, Halloween and Christmas.

 discoverypark.ie

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Must See And Do

THE NATIONAL REPTILE ZOO

Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

Over 120 animals, reptile encounter zone, picnic area, walk through exhibit, soft play area and all indoors. Reptile Village Zoo is an experience like no other. From geckos to iguanas, alligators to rattlesnakes. Suitable for all, enjoy a day with a difference. Find out what a snake feels like, or experience a taste of the tropics in the walk through exhibit.

 reptilevillage.net

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NORE VALLEY PARK

Nore Valley, Co. Kilkenny

Set in the idyllic Nore Valley, the farm keeps a wide range of farm animals, ostrich and deer. Interacting with the animals is encouraged and on arrival families receive a bag of food for feeding them. You can watch chicks hatch in the display incubator, and there is supervised petting and set times to bottle-feed baby animals.

Fun activities for all the family include: Tractor rides, Pedal Go-Karts, Archery, Crazy Golf, and the famous 3D Maze.

Don't forget a picnic to take with you on the beautiful 3km river walk!

 norevalleypark.com

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WOODSTOCK GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny

Woodstock Gardens are steeped in history and a magical place to escape to. Walk through tranquil woodland trails in the renowned Arboretum, have a game of hide 'n' seek among the amazing specimen trees or take a relaxing stroll to admire the borders in the walled garden.

Other features include the restored Turner Conservatory, Dovecote, Rose Garden, Rustic Summer House, Picnic Area and Playground. Mobility buggy available. Coaches and Guided tours by appointment only.

 woodstock.ie

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(Head Gardener) (Kilkenny County Council Parks Office, Mon-Fri only)



Kilkenny Festivals



Kilkenny's many atmospheric venues and intimate medieval streetscape make it a magical backdrop for the many internationally renowned festivals that fill the calendar each year. With music and laughter spilling onto the streets, the whole city celebrates – you simply have to join in! Kilkenny boasts a wealth of world class venues; from classic theatres such as the Set and the Watergate to quirky tucked-away gems such as Cleere's Theatre Bar in the city or The Red Door in Thomastown.

KILKENNY FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



MAR

Kilkenny is alive with a feast of traditional music and dance with

**KILKENNY
TRADFEST**

AUG

All corners of Kilkenny are filled with the best of music, theatre and visual art for

**KILKENNY ARTS
FESTIVAL**

MAY

Rhythm and blues aficionados flood the city for the wonderful

**SMITHWICK'S
KILKENNY ROOTS
FESTIVAL**

OCT

The best of food from the South East of Ireland delights taste-buds for

**SAVOUR KILKENNY
FESTIVAL**

JUN

Gospel choirs from all over the world perform for the

**INTERNATIONAL
GOSPEL CHOIR
FESTIVAL**

NOV

The world's leading economists and comedians come together for the

**KILKENOMICS
FESTIVAL**

Film buffs and filmmakers pile into Kilkenny to catch popular European films for
**SUBTITLE EUROPEAN
FILM FESTIVAL**



Go to www.visitkilkenny.ie and search for 'Festivals' for more information

Activities & Attractions

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Kilkenny is chock-a-block with fun-filled outdoor adventure activities including water sports for the young and the young-at-heart.

With three of Ireland's principal rivers, the Nore, the Barrow and the Suir flowing through the region, Kilkenny really cleans up when it comes to water sport fun including whitewater kayaking, canoeing, river cruising, stand up paddle boarding and fishing.

For those of you who like to stay dry but enjoy the rush of adrenalin, Kilkenny offers excellent rock climbing, quad biking, abseiling, shooting, and an exhilarating tree top adventure walk course in Castlecomer (15 minute drive from the City). 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 or Laser Tag played at a number of specialised centres located throughout the region.

Kilkenny can be enjoyed at a leisurely pace with Pat Tynan Kilkenny Walking Tours or Kilkenny Cycling Tours.

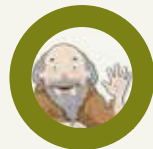


TRAIL KILKENNY, ACTIVITY TRAILS

Trail Kilkenny has developed a range of activity and themed trails designed to inspire you to explore the County and countryside of Kilkenny. Explore the River Nore on a river walk, as it flows through the City, along the river to Bennettsbridge and as it meanders from Thomastown to Inistioge. Discover the countryside, strolling leafy lanes through woodland, uphill and across fields on one of nine scenic walks, like Brandon Hill, Kilmacoliver and O'Gorman's Lane Loops.

For the cycling enthusiast there are two long routes, one in the North and one in East Kilkenny and two shorter loops that take you through some of the County's most picturesque villages. For more information visit www.trailkilkenny.ie





ANGLING

The county's rivers afford game fishermen superb opportunities to fish for wild brown trout, salmon, and sea trout in season. Coarse anglers are well catered for with the Barrow offering first class mixed fishing for bream, dace, rudd, roach and perch.



EQUESTRIAN

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 Kilkenny's equestrian centres and riding schools offer residential courses where tuition, accommodation, transport and all other aspects of a great holiday are catered for.

Visit www.aire.ie for an up-to-date list of AIRE approved riding centres or Equestrian Holidays Ireland on www.ehi.ie. Other horse riding activities available in the region include polo-cross, horse shows and cross-country events.

Kilkenny is also home to one of Ireland's most renowned race courses, Gowran Park. Race meetings are held throughout the year, simply visit www.gowranpark.ie to plan your day at the races!



Activities & Attractions

PARKS & GARDENS

Kilkenny offers a great variety of parks and a diverse range of historic gardens, many of which offer guided tours that give an informed insight into the plant varieties being viewed.

Kilkenny City features a reconstruction of a 17th century Irish town garden at Rothe House & Garden and a restored Georgian garden at Butler House. The Kilkenny Castle Estate is home to a charming Rose Garden and Park with 20 hectare grounds that overlook the River Nore.

Kilkenny County boasts the stunning Woodstock Gardens and Arboretum in Inistioge, the tranquil setting of Kilfane Glen and Waterfall in Thomastown, and an enchanting walled garden in Mount Juliet Estate.

Parks worth exploring in Kilkenny County include Jenkinstown, which features a Deer Park and Craft Centre, Newpark, which features a Mini Wildlife Farm, Jerpoint Park, home to The Lost Town of Newtown Jerpoint and Castlecomer Discovery Park with 80 acres of natural woodland and beautiful lakes.



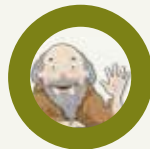
GOLF

Kilkenny's location in the famed sunny South East is home to some of the finest and most enjoyable golf courses in Ireland. The mix of fine weather, proximity to Dublin and some of the finest courses in the country make Kilkenny's golf courses extremely popular with visitors. The county is dotted with luxurious golf resorts all with beautiful views of the rolling countryside.



The jewel in Kilkenny's golfing crown is the Jack Nicklaus designed Mount Juliet, one of the top inland courses in the country. Nearby is Kilkenny Golf Club, a mature parkland course that never fails to entertain. Other notable golf courses include Callan, Castlecomer, Gowran Park and Mountain View in Ballyhale. For a relaxing afternoon in a tranquil setting, Newpark Golf Driving Range offers an excellent putting green and pitching area.

From beginners to the most experienced golfer, you won't be disappointed with the lush green parkland courses available to you in Kilkenny.



SHOPPING

Kilkenny city is a fantastic shopping destination and a compact hub which features a mix of independent retailers, chic boutiques and all the leading High Street stores. It's compact, so you can stroll from one shop to another and there's plenty of on and off street parking.

The main shopping street is the city's High Street, which features boutiques, shoe shops, book shops, homeware stores, gift and craft outlets. Some of the city's best loved stores are located on High Street and the adjoining 'slips'. Even more boutiques are found along Kieran Street, which runs parallel to High Street. Kilkenny also has a wide range of excellent shopping centres.

A shopping trip to Kilkenny should definitely feature a visit to the Market Cross and MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centres.



NIGHTLIFE

Kilkenny is home to some of Ireland's most vibrant and unique pubs. Enjoy live music in traditional pubs, soak up the historic atmosphere at medieval establishments and dance the night away at one of Kilkenny's late night bars or clubs.



Activities & Attractions

DESIGN & CRAFT

Kilkenny is renowned as the 'Craft Capital of Ireland', so you have come to the right place whether you are interested in pottery, leather goods, knitwear, custom made furniture, handmade jewellery, glass or candles. The Kilkenny Design Centre and Kilkenny's Castle Yard are located opposite Kilkenny Castle and are well worth a visit for design and craft lovers. Browse the best of Irish and locally made produce in the Kilkenny Design Centre and check out exciting exhibitions in the National Craft Gallery, located in the Castle Yard.

Kilkenny's Castle Yard, built in the 1780s by the Butlers, Earls of Ormonde, was also home to the Kilkenny Design Workshops (KDW) from 1965 - 1988. Tap in to Kilkenny's rich design history and download the Kilkenny Design Workshops free iPad App.

www.kdwapp.com



MADE IN KILKENNY CRAFT TRAIL

Discover authentic craft being created by designer makers all over the County with the MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail. Using the most modern techniques as well as preserving and developing age old methods, the members of MADE create unique pieces. From the white-hot furnace of the glass blower, the throwing wheel of the potter to the practiced hammering of precious metals by fine jewellers, careful carving and etching of stone and the manipulation of willow, you'll find that many of the crafts people open their studios and some are available to visit by appointment.

For more detail on each of the makers, for news of upcoming events, workshops and exhibitions or to view or download the Made in Kilkenny Craft Trail map and guide visit www.madeinkilkenny.ie





LOCAL PRODUCE

From international award winning cheeses and chocolate, to multi award winning spirits, cider and fish, Kilkenny boasts some of the most vibrant and diverse small scale food producers in the country. Generations of farming, food production and food heritage can be felt in every corner of Kilkenny City and County. Kilkenny has a number of cookery schools, with a range of beginners and advanced courses, that work with local produce. If you are in Kilkenny on a Thursday morning, check out the busy farmers market on the Parade in the City centre, where you can buy the best of local produce from Kilkenny farmers' and food producers.



CAFÉS & RESTAURANTS

Kilkenny's thriving food and drink culture can be enjoyed in a diverse range of cafés and restaurants across the City and County. A walk through Kilkenny City will bring you on a winding path of charming cafés and superb restaurants. Kilkenny County is dotted with eateries where you can enjoy local produce in picturesque settings. From casual to Michelin star dining, Kilkenny has exceptional food experiences for all taste buds and budgets.



TASTE OF KILKENNY FOOD TRAIL

Experience Kilkenny's rich and varied food heritage exploring the TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail. It suggests visits to everything from artisan cheesemakers, organic orchards and a distillery to a trout farm, cute cafés with wonderful home baking and stylish, contemporary restaurants. Wherever you go, you'll find that the participants in the trail all enjoy the same passion for great local produce and just love to share it!

For detail on food producers, speciality food shops, restaurants and cafés on the Taste of Kilkenny Food Trail or to view or download the trail map and guide visit www.trailkilkenny.ie



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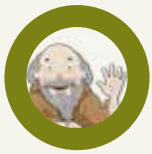
THE RIVER VALLEY ROUTE

The necklace of towns and villages threaded along the River Nore is one of the South East's most beguiling hidden gems. Road and river intertwine as you pass from one to the next, coming within kissing distance before shying away again. It's truly a timeless drive. 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 cafés tucked away in the towns themselves.

Discover a deserted medieval town at Jerpoint Park, where you can also enjoy a horse and cart ride, sheepdog demonstrations, a nature walk, or an elegant afternoon tea in the tearooms. Or why not 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), watch out for wading anglers, or take a photo stop at a lay-by overlooking the Anglo-Norman Grennan Castle. At INISTIÖGE, don't miss Woodstock Gardens, home to the longest monkey-puzzle avenue in Europe, or the handsome 10-arched bridge. Unusually too, Catholic and Protestant churches stand side by side in this village.





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 - from old mills to monastic sites, from grand treasures like Duiske Abbey to the old towpaths now serving as riverside walks. At St. Mullin's, scramble up the old Norman motte for a smashing panorama over the gorge and gravestones below.

Further north, don't let the apparent modesty of BORRIS fool you. Borris House was not only ancestral home of the Kings of Leinster, but to the redoubtable Arthur Kavanagh. Born in 1831, Kavanagh was an MP, Lord Lieutenant of Carlow, an expert sailor, prolific ladies' man, superb horse rider and an adventurer whose travels took him as far as the Persian

River Valley Route Map



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Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel	www.kilkennyormonde.com	353 (0)56 7750200
Kilkenny Rivercourt Hotel	www.rivercourthotel.com	353 (0)56 7723388
Langton House Hotel	www.langtons.ie	353 (0)56 7765133
Mount Juliet Estate Hotel/Equestrian/Golf	www.mountjuliet.ie	353 (0)56 7773000
Newpark Hotel	www.flynnhotels.com/Newpark_Hotel_Kilkenny	353 (0)56 7760500
Pembroke Hotel	www.kilkennypembrokehotel.com	353 (0)56 7783500
Springhill Court Hotel	www.springhillcourt.com	353 (0)56 7721122

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Aard Oakleigh	www.aardoakleigh.com	353 (0)56 7727388
Ard Alainn	www.ardalainn.ie	353 (0)56 7767680
Auburndale	www.auburndale.ie	353 (0)56 7762716
Avila	www.avilakilkenny.com	353 (0)56 7751072
Brandon View House	www.brandonviewhouse.com	353 (0)59 9724625
Castle View	www.castleviewbb.com	353 (0)56 8832181
Coolmore Agri Farmhouse	www.coolmorefarmhouse.com	353 (0)56 7768727
Kenmur House	www.kenmurhouse.com	353 (0)56 7722956
Kilbawn House	www.kilbawnhouse.com	353 (0)56 7793883
Killarney House	www.killarneyhouse.ie	353 (0)56 7723118
Pomadora House	www.pomadora.com	353 (0)56 8832256
The Laurels	www.thelaurelskilkenny.com	353 (0)56 7761501
The Rise	www.therisedunmore.com	353 (0)56 7764534
Newlands Lodge	www.newlandslodge.com	353 (0)56 7729862
Twin Oaks	www.twinoakskilkenny.com	353 (0)56 7729082

Guesthouse

Berkeley House	www.berkeleyhousekilkenny.com	353 (0)56 7764848
Bridgcourt	www.kilkennybridgcourt.com	353 (0)56 7762998
Butler House	www.butler.ie	353 (0)56 7722828
Cullintra House	www.cullintrahouse.com	353 (0)51 423614
Fanad House	www.fanadhouse.com	353 (0)56 7764126
Rosquil House	www.rosquilhouse.com	353 (0)56 7721419
San Antonio	www.kilkennycitybandb.com	353 (0)56 7771834

Hostel

Kilkenny Tourist Hostel	www.kilkennyhostel.ie	353 (0)56 7763541
Lanigan's Hostel	www.hostelkilkenny.ie	353 (0)56 7721718
MacGabhainn's Tourist Hostel	www.macgabhainns-backpackers.hostel.com	353 (0)56 7770970

Self Catering

Beech Lane Farmhouse	www.beechlane.wix.com/beechn-lane-farmhouse	353 (0)85 1529959
Blanchville Coach Houses	www.blanchville.ie	353 (0)56 7727197
Carbine Bridge House	www.ireland-kilkenny.com	353 (0)52 9153489
Croan Cottages	www.croancottages.com	353 (0)56 7766868
Killure Lodge	www.killure.ie	353 (0)86 8141967
Knockanore Farm	www.knockanorefarm.com	353 (0)56 7724125
Longbowe	www.longbowe.ie	353 (0)56 7761869
Nore Valley Park Caravan & Camping	www.norevalleypark.com	353 (0)56 7727229
The Gables	www.gables.ie	353 (0)56 7761869
Tree Grove Caravan & Camping	www.treegrovecamping.com	353 (0)56 7770302

Attractions & Activities

Art It @MacDonagh Junction	www.dididobree-wilson.com	353 (0)86 3085270
Castlecomer Discovery Park	www.discoverypark.ie	353 (0)56 4440707
Castlecomer Golf Club	www.castlecomergolf.ie	353 (0)56 4441139
Countryside Activity Centre	www.visitkilkenny.ie/countryside_activity_centre	353 (0)56 7761791
Go with the Flow River Adventures	www.gowiththeflow.ie	353 (0)87 2529700
Gowran Park Golf Club/Racecourse	www.gowranpark.ie	353 (0)56 7726225
Highbank Orchards & Distillery	www.highbankorchards.com	353 (0)56 7729918
Hurling Way Experience	www.thekilkennyway.com	353 (0)56 7721718
The Castle Express Tourist Train	www.irishtouristtrains.ie	353 (0)87 6778832
K Bowl Entertainment Centre	www.kbowlkk.ie	353 (0)56 7788200
Kilkenny Activity Centre	www.kilkennyactivitycentre.ie	353 (0)86 2611567
Kilkenny Airsoft	www.kilkennyairsoft.ie	353 (0)56 7795719

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Kilkenny Cycling Tours And Bike Hire
Kilkenny Ghost Tours
Kilkenny Golf Club
Laser Combat (Team Build Ireland)
Mountain View Golf Club
National Craft Gallery
Newpark Driving Range
Nore Valley Park Open Farm
Pure Adventure River Activities
The National Reptile Zoo
Smithwick's Experience
Team Dynamics Kilkenny
The Playstation Family Entertainment Centre
The Watergarden
The Watershed
Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre
Waterside Bike & Hike
Woodstock Gardens

www.kilkennycitytours.ie
www.kilkennycyclingtours.com
www.kilkennyghosttours.com
www.kilkennygolfclub.com
www.teambuild.ie
www.mviewgolf.com
www.nationalcraftgallery.ie
www.visitkilkenny.ie/newpark_driving_range
www.norevalleypark.com
www.pureadventure.ie
www.reptilevillage.net
www.smithwicksexperience.com
www.tdk.ie
www.theplaystation.ie
www.camphill.ie/Thomastown
www.thewatershed.ie
www.warringtonec.ie
www.watersideguesthouse.com
www.woodstock.ie

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353 (0)87 7301500
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353 (0)85 1706978
353 (0)56 7765400
353 (0)23 8843998
353 (0)56 7768122
353 (0)56 7796147
353 (0)56 7752205
353 (0)56 7727229
353 (0)87 2265550
353 (0)56 7726757
353 (0)56 7786377
353 (0)56 7763635
353 (0)56 7712040
353 (0)56 7724690
353 (0)56 7734620
353 (0)56 7722682
353 (0)59 9724246
353 (0)87 8549785

Craft

Crafts Council of Ireland
Kilkenny Design Centre
Made in Kilkenny
Seven Sisters Ceramics

www.dccoi.ie
www.kilkennydesign.com
www.madeinkilkenny.ie
www.sevensistersceramics.com

353 (0)56 7761804
353 (0)56 7722118
353 (0)56 8838548

Event Venue

(The Hub) Cillin Hill
Ballykeefe Amphitheatre
Shankill Castle

www.thehubkilkenny.ie
www.ballykeefeamphitheatre.ie
www.shankillcastle.com

353 (0)56 7789778
353 (0)56 7769436
353 (0)59 9726145

Festivals & Events

Smithwick's Kilkenny Roots Festival
Cat Laugh's Festival
Kilkenny Arts Festival
Kilkenomics Festival
Rockfall Festival
Savour Kilkenny
Subtitle Film Festival
The Iverk Show
Tradfest

www.kilkennyroots.com
www.thecatlaughs.com
www.kilkennyarts.ie
www.kilkenomics.com
www.rockfallfestival.com
www.savourkilkenny.com
www.subtitlefest.com
www.iverkshow.ie
www.kilkennytradfest.com

353 (0)56 7722828
353 (0)87 9562127
353 (0)86 0217465
353 (0)56 7721419
353 (0)51 644621

Food & Drink

Billy Byrne's Pub
Bollards Bar & Bistro
Chapter House Tea Rooms
Christy's Bar
Coffee on High (Graiguenamanagh)
Costellos Brewing Company
Crotty's Coffee House
Food Trails Kilkenny
Foodworks Restaurant
Glendine Inn
Highbank Orchards
Italian Connection Restaurant
Kilkenny Café
Kilkenny Design Centre
Ku De Ta Restaurant
Kytellers Inn
La Rivista Restaurant
Langton's
Lanigans Bar & Restaurant
Lemongrass Restaurant
Marble City Bar & Tea Rooms
Matt The Millers
McDonald's Restaurant
Mocha Vintage Tea Rooms
Mug Shot Cafe
Paris Texas

www.billybyrnes.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/bollards_bar
chapterhousetearooms@gmail.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/christys_pub
www.visitkilkenny.ie/coffee_on_high_cafe
www.CostellosBrewCo.ie
www.kilkennytourism.kilkenny.ie/crotty's_coffee_house
www.trailkilkenny.ie
www.foodworks.ie
www.glendineinn.com
www.highbankorchards.com
www.italianconnection.ie
www.kilkennycafe.com
www.kilkennydesign.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/ku_de_ta
www.kytellersinn.com
www.larivista.ie
www.langtons.ie
www.lanigans.ie
www.lemongrass.ie
www.langtons.ie/bars/marble-city-bar
www.matthemillers.com
www.mcdonalds.ie
www.visitkilkenny.ie/the_vintage_tea_rooms
www.mugshotcafe.ie
www.visitkilkenny.ie/paris_texas

353 (0)56 7721783
353 (0)56 7761319
353 (0)56 7703885
353 (0)56 7762359
353 (0)59 9725725
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353 (0)56 7765133
353 (0)56 7721718
353 (0)56 7715333
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353 (0)56 7761822

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Ristorante Rinuccini
Shem's Bar
Stathams Bar & Restaurant @Pembroke
The Pantry
The Pennefeather Restaurant
The Watergarden
Waterside Restaurant & Guest House
Yindees Downtown
Zuni

Web

www.petronella.ie
www.rafterdempseys.ie
www.rinuccini.com
www.shemsbarkilkenny.ie
www.kilkennypembrokehotel.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/the_pantry
www.visitkilkenny.ie/pennefeather_restaurant
www.camphill.ie/Thomastown
www.watersideguesthouse.com
www.yindees.ie
www.zuni.ie

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353 (0)56 7761575
353 (0)56 7805782
353 (0)56 7783500
353 (0)56 7762250
353 (0)56 7764063
353 (0)56 7724690
353 (0)59 9724246
353 (0)56 7794614
353 (0)56 7723999

Cookery School

Devil's Menu Cookery School
Eden Hall Cookery School
Ryeland House Cookery School
Thomastown Town of Food

www.thedevilsmenu.com
www.cookingclasses.ie
www.ryelandhousecookery.com
www.townoffood.com

353 (0)86 6635100
353 (0)56 8830838
353 (0)86 2767656
353 (0)87 2368555

Heritage & Culture

Barnstorm Theatre
Butler Gallery
Cartoon Saloon
Crafts Council of Ireland
Hole in the Wall
Jerpoint Park
Kilfane Glen & Waterfall
Kilkenny Castle
Rothe House & Garden
St. Canice's Cathedral
The Chapter House
Tynan Walking Tours
The Set Theatre
Watergate Theatre

www.barnstorm.ie
www.butlergallery.com
www.cartoonsaloon.ie
www.dccoi.ie
www.holeinthewall.ie
www.jerpointpark.com
www.kilfane.com
www.kilkennycastle.ie
www.rothehouse.com
www.stcanicescathedral.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/chapter_rooms
www.kilkennywalkingtours.ie
www.set.ie
www.watergatetheatre.com

353 (0)56 7751266
353 (0)56 7761106
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353 (0)56 7761804
353 (0)87 8075650
353 (0)56 7793186
353 (0)56 7727105
353 (0)56 7704100
353 (0)56 7722893
353 (0)56 7764971
353 (0)56 7703885
353 (0)87 2651745
353 (0)56 7721728
353 (0)56 7761674

Other

Ceoltóirí Kilkenny
KRSP (Kilkenny Recreation Sports Partnership)
Kilkenny.com
M L A, Macdonald Language School
Music In Kilkenny
Nick O'Keeffe Photography
Shankill Castle
Tourist Deals Ireland
Tynan Walking Tours
Kilkenny Rugby Club

noreenon@eircom.net
www.krsp.ie
www.kilkenny.com
www.mackdonald.com
www.musicinkilkenny.com
www.nickokeeffephoto.com
www.shankillcastle.com
www.touristdealsireland.com
www.kilkennywalkingtours.ie
www.kilkennyrugby.com

353 (0)87 8249618
353 (0)56 7794990
353 (0)86 8309022
353 (0)87 9395106
353 (0)86 1777017
353 (0)83 3322544
353 (0)59 9726145
353 (0)87 2651745
353 (0)86 4560656

Shopping

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Duiske Glass Gift Shop
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Kilkenny Design Centre
Lorimat Jewellers
MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre
Market Cross Shopping Centre
Murphy Jewellers
Padmore & Barnes
St. Kieran Street Traders

www.thebizlocator.ie
www.duiskeglasskilkenny.ie
www.visitkilkenny.ie/frank_wall_mans_shop
www.kilkennyshopping.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/kilkenny_crafts
www.kilkennydesign.com
www.lorimatkilkenny.ie
www.macdonaghjunction.com
www.marketcross.ie
www.murphyjewellers.com
www.padmore-barnes.com
www.visitkilkenny.ie/kieran_street

353 (0)86 8663888
353 (0)59 9724174
353 (0)56 7721066
353 (0)56 7777456
353 (0)56 7722118
353 (0)56 7751455
353 (0)56 7777600
353 (0)56 7752666
353 (0)56 7721127
353 (0)56 7721037

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JJ Kavanagh & Sons Ltd
Kavanagh Executive Car Hire
Rhino Car Hire
Wild Rover Tours

www.collinsdaytours.com
www.jjkavanagh.ie
www.kavanaghcars.ie
www.rhinocarhire.com
www.wildrovertours.com

353 (0)1 6770837
353 (0)818 333222
353 (0)87 2610959
44 (0)845 5089845
353 (0)1 2845560

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Here are some websites to help you plan your journey:



www.kilkennycyclingtours.com
www.watersideguesthouse.com



www.buseireann.ie
www.collinsdaytours.com
www.jjkavanagh.ie



www.irishferries.com
www.stenaline.co.uk
www.celticlinks.com
www.brittanyferries.com



www.aerlingus.com
www.ryanair.com
www.flywaterford.com



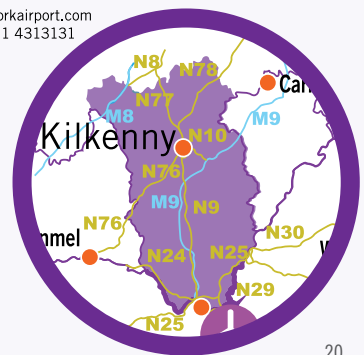
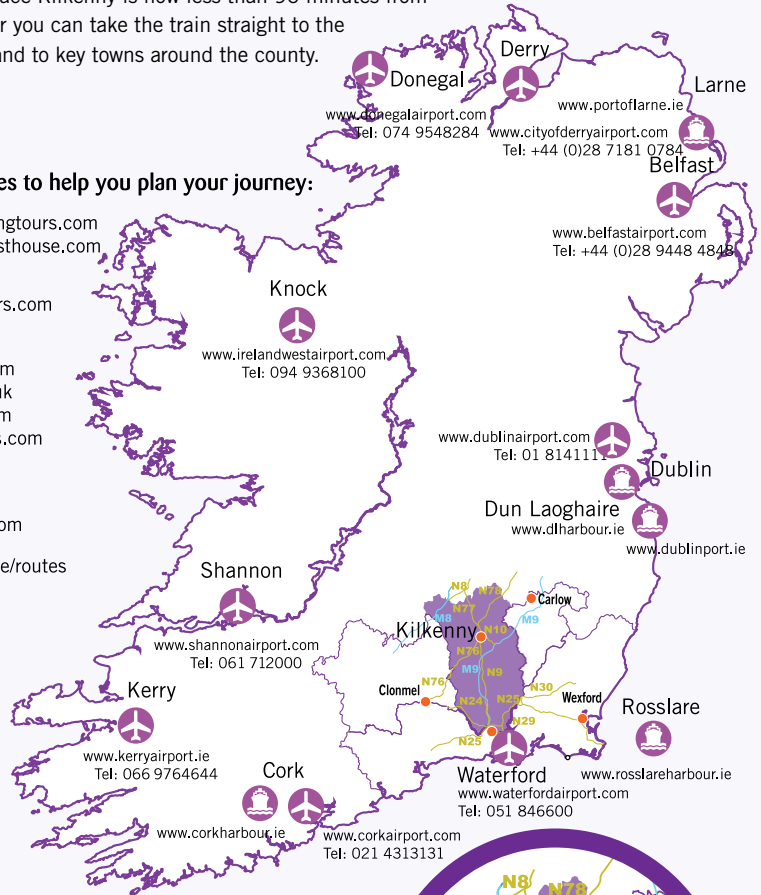
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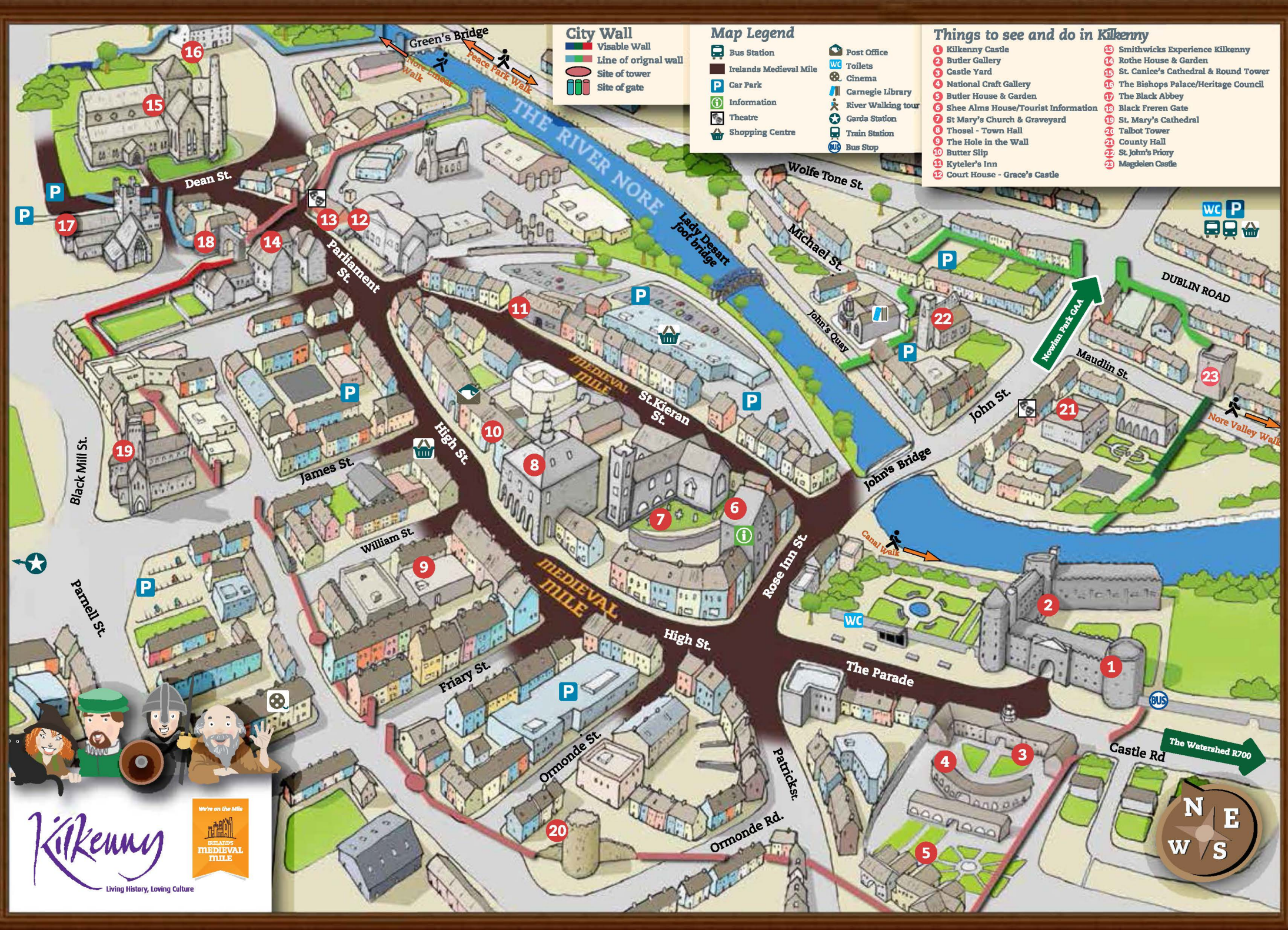


www.irishrail.ie



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City Wall

- Visible Wall
- Line of original wall
- Site of tower
- Site of gate

Map Legend

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Carnegie Library	River Walking tour
Information	Garda Station
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Shopping Centre	Bus Stop

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5 Butler House & Garden	19 The Black Abbey
6 Shee Alms House/Tourist Information	20 Black Friars Gate
7 St. Mary's Church & Graveyard	21 St. Mary's Cathedral
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12 Court House - Grace's Castle	



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