

Gardens Open 2020



Whether you are an avid gardener looking for inspiration or planning for a family day out or simply in search of a tranquil place to unwind, opportunities for garden visiting have never been more welcome than right now. From large historic gardens to family favourites to hidden gems, we list over 90 gardens across Ireland open to visitors. The Irish Garden magazine and Garden.ie encourage you to support our Irish gardens open this year and hope you enjoy the experience.

2020 Opening Times

Before visiting, please check with each garden and OPW site directly as times and days may change due to Covid-19.

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COUNTY CARLOW

Altamont Gardens OPW

Tullow, Co. Carlow
R93 N882

OPW, CGT: 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, with herbaceous plants scent the air. There is a steep descent through the "Ice Age Glen" to a beautiful river walk. Admission Free.

☎ 059 915 9444

✉ altamontgardens@opw.ie

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

Altamont Walled Garden

Bunclody Road, Ballon
(exit from the N80 motorway),
Co. Carlow

GoIT: An unmissable highlight of a visit to Altamont Gardens situated within the grounds of the estate and run privately by the gardener and nurseryman Robert Miller. The area consists primarily of the Corona North Commemorative Border, rare Plant Sales, Café and School of Horticulture.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ 087 982 2135

✉ sales@altamontplants.com

🌐 www.altamontplants.com



Huntington Castle

Arboretum Inspirational Gardens

Kilkenny Road, Leighlinbridge,
Co. Carlow

CGT: Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven has created exclusive display gardens to inspire visitors to imagine and create their own garden dream. These gardens are designed to display different planting schemes and solutions, offering endless ideas that can be easily recreated in visitors own gardens.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 059 9721558.

✉ info@arboretum.ie

🌐 www.arboretum.ie

Delta Sensory Gardens

Carlow, Co. Carlow R93 Y959

CGT: Sixteen interconnecting gardens of a multi-sensory nature covering 2.5 acres, combining a therapeutic focus with a tourist facility. Water and woodland garden, sculpture garden.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ Mr Frank O'Grady 059 9143527

✉ info@deltacentre.org

🌐 www.deltasensorygardens.com

Huntington Castle Gardens

Clonegal, Co. Carlow

CGT: 17th century layout with original lime avenue planted in 1680, yew walk and parterre. New additional plantings completed in 2014, tree trail featuring numerous rare and national champions. plus children's adventure area. Restored lake and 17th century fishpond. Refurbished tearoom and gift shop. House tours also available.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial. (Garden Only).

☎ 053 9377160

✉ info@huntington.com

🌐 www.huntingtoncastle.com

COUNTY CORK

Agharinagh Gardens at Griffins

Agharinagh, Dripsey,
Co. Cork

Truly a world of secret gardens, each designed by Margaret and the Griffins staff. Don't forget to look up and see the amazing new tree house. Complete with rope bridge leading to another smaller tree house, it was designed and constructed by Ollie O'Flaherty. Afternoon Tea in the adjacent scenic restaurant is also a must on a visit, a wonderful day out just 20 minutes from Cork City.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 021 7334286

✉ info@griffinsgardencentre.ie

🌐 www.griffinsgardencentre.ie



Blarney Castle

Ballymaloe Cookery School Gardens

Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork

ROC: Organic gardens, vegetables, herbs, fruit, old orchard, maze, shell house and a recently opened up a farm walk past pigs, cows, vegetable patch and extensive glasshouse.

♿ Wheelchair access: Some small steps.

☎ 021 4646785

✉ gardens@cookingisfun.ie

🌐 www.cookingisfun.ie

Blarney Castle Gardens

Blarney Castle, Blarney, Co. Cork

GoIT, WCGT, RHSI: Blarney Castle is primarily famous for 'the Blarney Stone' but equally worth exploring are the beautiful grounds around the Castle and Blarney House. This includes acres of parkland, gardens, avenues, arboretums and waterways. A great family day out!

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial (not to castle).

☎ 021 4385252

✉ info@blarneycastle.ie

🌐 www.blarneycastle.ie



Coosheen

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15 Johnstown Park,
Glounthaune, Co. Cork
T45 CC42

GoIT: Plantperson's garden, design ideas for small garden, unique collection of plants. A growing collection of snowdrops and many of them for sale along with spring bulbs. Small nursery, rare and unusual plants for sale. Toilets and coach/car parking available. Teas and other refreshments upon request.

☎ Mrs Hester Forde 021 4353855 /086 8654972

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🌐 www.hesterfordegarden.com

Doneraile Estate

Doneraile, Co. Cork
P51 XR66

OPW: Doneraile Court was the home of the St Leger family from 1637 to 1969 and is now managed by the OPW. The house is set in the magnificent 18th century Capability Brown style landscape. The estate has many specimen trees: oak, beech, Spanish chestnut and lime. The River Awbeg flows through the estate creating a great aesthetic to the setting. A walk through this historic place offers a chance to view red, sika and fallow deer in the parkland.

☎ 022 24771

✉ donerailecourt@opw.ie

🌐 www.doneraileestate.ie

Fernhill House and Garden

Clonakilty, Co. Cork P85 X322

WCGT: Fernhill House is a historic country house set on acres of landscaped gardens for you to wander and explore. The house has a rich history and overlooks the countryside where Michael Collins was born. We would be delighted to welcome you to Fernhill to discover our gardens for yourself.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 023 8833258

✉ michael@fernhillhousehotel.com

🌐 www.fernhillhousehotel.com

Fota Arboretum and Gardens

Mimosa House, Fota Estate,
Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork
T45 K656

OPW, ROC: Located in Cork harbour, Fota Arboretum Gardens contain some of the finest examples of rare and tender trees and shrubs grown outdoors in Ireland. Extending over 11 hectares it includes an Orangery, water features and extensive walled gardens containing a variety of planting themes.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 021 4812728

✉ fota.arboretum@opw.ie

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie/

Ilnacullin

Garinish Island,
Glengarriff,
Co. Cork

OPW, WCGT: Perhaps the most magical setting a garden could have is to be on an island bathed in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream. This small island of 15 hectares is known to horticulturists all over the world as an island garden of rare beauty, a wild garden blending into the wider setting of the exceptional sea and mountain scenery around Glengarriff.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ 027 63040

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🌐 www.heritageireland.ie



Fernhill



Oakfield Park

Oakfield Park

Oakfield Demesne, Raphoe,
Co. Donegal F93 XY1R

DGT, RHSI: Oakfield House which dates back to 1739 has beautiful walled gardens with deep flower beds, a kitchen garden, flower meadows, ponds, streams, wetlands, a parterre, a castle, a classical lakeside Nymphaeum, garden sculptures, heritage listed trees and a newly established international collection of oaks. The gardens can be explored by train. Tea room opens when the gardens are open. Children's slide and swings, picnic benches and W.C. provided for visitors.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ David Fisher 074 9173068

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🌐 www.oakfieldpark.com

COUNTY DONEGAL

Glebe House and Gallery

Gartan, Church Hill,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal F92 WP70

WCGT, OPW: An artist's haven in the Donegal hills, Glebe House and Gardens is the former home of art collector and artist Derek Hill. Set on a hillside sloping down to Lough Gartan with the Derryveagh Mountains and Glenveagh National Park as a backdrop. Notable features are the rhododendrons and relaxed herbaceous beds.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ 074 9137071

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🌐 www.glebegallery.ie

Salthill Garden

Salthill, Mountcharles,
Co. Donegal

DGT, GoIT: Salthill is described as "The .5 hectare enclosure has the delightful feeling of privacy and mystery that is particular to old walled gardens". So, come and witness the "great gatherings of herbaceous plants amid mature shrubs and noteworthy trees".

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ Mrs Elizabeth Temple
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Mount Stewart

COUNTY DOWN

Mount Stewart House, Gardens & Temple of the Winds

Portaferry Road, Newtownards, Co. Down BT22 2AD

Ulster gardens scheme, NatT, RHSI: Pleasure grounds with woodlands around a 5 acre lake complemented by formal gardens in rooms around the mansion house. Stunning, large and diverse plant collection from all around the world.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 048/028 42788387

✉ mountstewart@nationaltrust.org.uk

🌐 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart/

The Barn Gallery and Rose Gardens

49 Rossglass Road South, Rossglass, Killough, Downpatrick, Co. Down BT30 7RA

GoIT: A rose garden of 100 varieties (over 200 roses). Eco/wildflower trail to hill top views across Dundrum Bay to the Mourne. Artists studio and gallery.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 048/028 44 842 082/

0044 78 74059030

COUNTY DUBLIN

Airfield Gardens

Overend Way, Dundrum, Co. Dublin

GoIT, RHSI: Contemporary planting in Victorian setting. 35 acre farm and garden estate. Shop and plant sales, restaurant.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ 01 969 6666

✉ info@airfield.ie

🌐 www.airfield.ie

Áras an Uachtaráin OPW

Phoenix Park, Co. Dublin D08 PF25

OPW: The grounds of Áras an Uachtaráin, the residence of the President of Ireland, have always been one of its chief glories. The main formal garden or parterre was laid out by Decimus Burton around 1838 and later additions were made by Ninian Niven.

Many original Victorian features can be seen, including a walled garden and ornamental lake. The Richard Turner designed linear glass house, known as the Peach House has won several awards since its 2009 restoration. The fruit and vegetable gardens are certified organic and home to bees producing award winning honey. Free admission tickets are issued at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre ONLY on Saturdays, on a first-come, first-served basis. Group visits and/or advance bookings

are not permitted. Garden tours in summer months only.

☎ 01 6770095

✉ phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie

🌐 www.president.ie

Arbour Hill Cemetery OPW

Arbour Hill, Co. Dublin

OPW: Collection of trees and bedding schemes.

☎ 01 8213021

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

Ardán

Ardán, Windgate Road, Howth, Co. Dublin D13 K718

DGTrail, HSHS: Multi-themed spaces: herbaceous borders, rose garden, water garden, rock outcrop, woodland garden and vegetable area. All situated on 0.5 acres on three south-facing terraces with winding paths. The garden includes ceramic sculptures by Conall O’Caoimh



Ardgillan Castle

made at his home studio and some of which are on sale.

See: www.HowthCeramics.com

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ Conall O’Caoimh and

Nuala Doherty 087 9724271

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🌐 www.dublincastlegardens.com

Ardgillan Castle & Demesne Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

195 acres of parkland, rose garden, wildflower meadow, walled Victorian gardens, playground, castle.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ 01 8492212

✉ eventardgillan@fingal.ie

🌐 www.ardgillancastle.ie

Dublin Castle – OPW Dubh Linn Gardens

Dublin Castle, Dame St, Co. Dublin

OPW: Laid out to the rear of the Dublin Castle, the Dubh Linn gardens are located directly on the site of the Black Pool, which gave Dublin its name. Beyond a ‘four seasons’ garden are four smaller gardens at each corner of the site. Planted with shady trees and shrubs and filled with heady scents of flowers, the gardens represent a restful place in the heart of Dublin city.

☎ 01 645 8813

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🌐 www.dublincastle.ie

Grangegorman OPW Military Cemetery

Blackhorse Avenue, Co. Dublin

OPW: Collection of trees and herbaceous borders.

☎ 01 8213021

🌐 www.opwdublincommemorative.ie/grangegorman/



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Farmleigh House OPW

Phoenix Park, Castleknock, Co. Dublin

OPW: Situated adjacent to the Phoenix Park on 78 acres, Farmleigh Estate's gardens boast Victorian and Edwardian features. There are many walks and extensive woodlands, with magnolia, cherry blossom and mature specimen trees. The Walled Garden has a Victorian glasshouse and a stone temple, which lies within a path of climbing roses and wisteria. A paved rose garden to the northeast looks across to the small orchard and potager. Sometimes Farmleigh may be closed to the public if required for government business.

 Wheelchair access: Yes.

 01 8155900

 farmleighinfo@opw.ie

 www.farmleigh.ie

Garden of Remembrance OPW

Parnell Square East, Co. Dublin

OPW: This beautiful garden in the heart of the city was designed by Daithi Hanly and dedicated to the memory of all those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish Freedom. The large sculpture by Oisín Kelly is based on the theme of the Children of Lir. The garden is intended as a place of quiet remembrance and reflection.

 Wheelchair access: Yes.

 01 821 3021

 superintendent.park@opw.ie

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Iveagh Gardens OPW

Clonmel Street, Co. Dublin

OPW: Designed by Ninian Niven in 1865, but with a history dating back over three hundred years, the Iveagh Gardens are located close to St Stephen's Green Park in Dublin's city centre. From modest beginnings as an earl's lawn, the gardens went on to host the splendour of the Dublin Exhibition Palace in 1865. Many of the original landscape features are still in place, or have been restored and conserved since 1995.

These include the yew maze, the rosarium, and the fountains. The cascade in particular is a stunning spectacle in summer. Iveagh Gardens are popularly known as Dublin's 'Secret Garden.'

 01 4757816

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Knockrose

Enniskerry Road, The Scalp, Kiltarnan, Co. Dublin D18 Y280

DGTrail, GoIT: Olde-world, peaceful, woodland-backed countryside garden overflowing with beautiful cottage garden plants, trees and shrubs. Secluded seating. Walled organic vegetable plot.

 Wheelchair access: No.

 Mrs Patricia Farrell 01 2958371/087 6193455

 ttknockrose@gmail.com

 www.knockrose.com

Mornington Garden

Mornington, Saval Park Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

DGTrail, GoIT: This is a must see large, family friendly garden with mature planting and a mix of flowers and vegetables. A garden for all seasons. Annmarie will be on hand to offer advice and tips.

 Wheelchair access: Partial.

 Ms Annmarie Bowring

087 2256365

 www.dalkeygardenschool.com

National Botanic Gardens OPW

Glasnevin, Co. Dublin D09 VY63

OPW: Located just three kilometres from Dublin City Centre, the National Botanic Gardens are an oasis of calm and beauty, and entry is free. A premier scientific institution, the gardens also contain the National Herbarium and several historic wrought iron glasshouses. The National Botanic Gardens are noted for a fine plant collection holding over 15,000 plant species and cultivars from a variety of habitats from all around the world. The Gardens are also famous for the exquisitely restored and planted glasshouses, notably the Turner Curvilinear Range and the Great Palm House.

 Wheelchair access: Yes.

 01 8570909

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 www.botanicgardens.ie



Garden, as well as the growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers, with colourful summer displays such as sweet pea, chrysanthemums, lupins and campanula (bellflower) along with a wide range of fruit and vegetables.

 Wheelchair access: Yes.

 01 8213021

 phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie

 www.phoenixpark.ie

Phoenix Park OPW Victorian People's Flower Garden

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, D08 KDC4

OPW: These gardens comprising an area of 22 acres were laid out and enclosed in 1864. They provide an opportunity to demonstrate Victorian horticulture at its best. They also contain a large lake and children's playground.

 01 821 3021

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 www.phoenixpark.ie



Rathfarnham Castle

Rathfarnham,
Co. Dublin

OPW: Parkland surrounding the castle includes a playground, pathways, woodland and an old lake in the centre of the wood.

☎ 01 4939462

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

Royal Hospital Kilmainham (Gardens only)



Kilmainham,
Co. Dublin

OPW: The Royal Hospital Kilmainham was established and built between 1680 and 1684 on a 60-acre site granted by King Charles II at the instigation of James Butler, First Duke of Ormond. Today, the Office of Public Works retells the story of this magnificent building through its 'Old Man's House,' Exhibition. Discover the history behind the North Range, the Formal Gardens, the Meadow and Dublin's Oldest graveyard, Bully's Acre, and relive the past. Located on the ground floor of the West Wing, the exhibition enables you to enter this window into the past and lets you discover the lives of those who once worked and resided within its walls. Please contact rhktours@opw.ie for guided visit.

☎ 01 6129900

✉ rhktours@opw.ie

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

St Enda's National Historic Park

Grange Road,
Rathfarnham,
Co. Dublin

OPW: A late 18th century park containing rare 18th and 19th century garden buildings, follies, a walled garden and floral displays.

☎ 01 4934208

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

St Stephen's Green

Co. Dublin

OPW: Ireland's best-known Victorian park.

☎ 01 4757816

🌐 www.ststephensgreenpark.ie

St Audeon's Church

Cornmarket, High Street,
Co. Dublin

OPW: Garden designed using ground-cover planting.

☎ 01 6770088

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

The Phoenix Park



Co. Dublin D08 KDC4

OPW: The Phoenix Park is the largest enclosed public park in any capital city in Europe. It was originally formed as a royal hunting Park in the 1660s and opened to the public in 1747. A large herd of fallow deer still remain to this day. The Park is also home to the Zoological Gardens, Áras an Uachtaráin, and Victorian flower gardens. The Glen Pond is set in the very scenic surrounds of the Furry Glen. Both passive and active recreational pursuits may be pursued such as walking, cycling, running, polo, cricket, hurling and more.

☎ 01 821 3021

✉ superintendent.park@opw.ie

🌐 www.phoenixpark.ie



Tyrrelstown House

Powerstown Road, Mulhuddart,
Co. Dublin D15 T6DD

DGTrail, GoIT, RHSI: Situated on ten hectares of parkland which includes woodland walks, arboretum, wild flower meadows, spring bulbs, walled, vegetable and rose gardens.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

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🌐 www.tyrrelstownhouse.ie

War Memorial Gardens



South Circular Road,
Islandbridge, Co. Dublin

OPW: One of the most famous memorial gardens in Europe. They are dedicated to the memory of 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the 1914 - 1918 war. The names of all the soldiers are contained in the beautifully illustrated Harry Clarke manuscripts in the granite bookrooms in the gardens. The gardens are not only a place of remembrance but are also of great architectural interest and beauty. They are one of four gardens in this country designed by the famous architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944). Sunken rose gardens, herbaceous borders and extensive tree planting make for an enjoyable visit to the gardens in any season.

☎ 01 6472406

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🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

COUNTY GALWAY

Ardcarraig

Oranswell,
Bushypark,
Co. Galway

ConGT, GoIT: Woodland garden, water garden, heather areas, fernery and herb garden. Don't miss it!

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🌐 www.gardensofireland.org

Coole Park



Gort, Co. Galway

OPW: nature reserve, former home of Lady Gregory, woods, lake, walled garden, visitor centre and tea room.

☎ 091 631804

🌐 www.coolepark.ie

Portumna Castle & Garden



Castle Demesne,
Portumna,
Co. Galway

17th century gardens featuring a restored walled kitchen garden and a formal garden with three formal enclosures.

☎ 090 9741658

🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

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COUNTY KERRY

Derrynane National Historic Park

Caherdaniel,
Co. Kerry V23 FX65

OPW: Derrynane House is the beloved childhood home of Daniel O'Connell 'The Liberator'. It is set in a beautiful sheltered landscape of the National Historic Park. Features of the garden include South American plant collection, tree ferns and other tender species from a variety of habitats including Canary Islands, Madeira, South Africa and Australia/New Zealand, a fernery, Gothic summerhouse and fairy trail.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

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COUNTY KILDARE

Castletown House and Parklands

Celbridge,
Co. Kildare W23 V9H3

OPW: Castletown is the largest and most significant Palladian style country house in Ireland. The house is set amongst beautiful 18th century parklands. It was built c.1722 for the speaker of the Irish House of Commons, William Connolly (1662- 1729) to the designs of a number of important architects, notably Alessandro Galilei, Sir



Edward Lovett Pearce and later Sir William Chambers. The house is set in 120 acres of superb landscaped grounds. Features include a classical temple, a Gothic revival lodge, still ponds and clusters of trees dotting wide-open space.

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🌐 www.castletown.ie

Japanese and St Fiachra's Gardens

Tully, Kildare,
Co. Kildare

RHSI: The Japanese Garden on the grounds of The Irish National Stud is one of the oldest and finest Japanese Gardens in Europe. Designed by Tassa (Saburo) Eida, it was constructed between 1906-1910. It structurally portrays the journey through human existence. St Fiachra's Garden was designed by Prof. Martin Hallinan in 1999, and it depicts the natural Irish landscape. A new addition is our 'Garden of Meditation', a dry landscape garden.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

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🌐 www.irishnationalstud.ie



COUNTY KILKENNY

Kilfane Glen and Waterfall

Kilfane,
Co. Kilkenny

GoIT, RHSI: Kilfane Glen is a wonderful example of an early Irish romantic garden, designed in 1790, with waterfall, stream, woodland walks and grotto. The garden is listed as an Irish heritage garden and was awarded assistance in 1993 by the European Union Cultural Commission. As an amenity it covers about 15 acres of easily accessible natural landscape.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

☎ Susan Mosse 056 7727150

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Kilkenny Castle

The Parade,
Co. Kilkenny R95 YRK1

OPW: Founded soon after the Norman conquest of Ireland, the Castle has been rebuilt, extended and adapted to suit changing circumstances over a period of 800 years. Today, Kilkenny Castle is open to visitors all year round and is largely a Victorian remodelling of the thirteenth century defensive Castle. Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors come to see the castle and walk through its fifty acres of rolling parkland with mature trees with abundant wildlife. Other features include a formal terraced rose garden, woodlands and a man-made lake, which were added in the nineteenth century.

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Emo, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
R32 C44

LSGT, OPW: 18th century neo-classical mansion designed by James Gandon and surrounded by formal lawns, a lake and mature trees on 250 acres.

☎ 057 862 6573
✉ emocourt@opw.ie
🌐 www.emocourt.ie

Fruitlawn Garden

Fruitlawn, Abbeyleix,
Co. Laois

LSGT, GoIT: A walled-in garden on 1 acre with lushly planted perennial borders with many unusual plant species, hornbeam tunnel, orchard, fruit and vegetable garden and other lovely trees and shrubs to see. A wide selection of plants from the garden available for sale.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
☎ Mr Arthur Shackleton
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✉ arthurshackleton9@gmail.com
🌐 www.arthurshackleton.com/

Gash Gardens

Castletown, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
R32 K068

LSGT, RHSI: A treasure trove of interesting and unusual plants in an enchanting and tranquil setting, extending over 4 acres with colourful borders, ponds and a riverside walk. Plants for sale.

♿ Wheelchair access: No.
☎ Mary Keenan & Ross Doyle
087 2737883 / 087 2728337
✉ gashgardens@gmail.com
🌐 www.gashgardens.ie

Heywood Gardens



Ballinakill, Co. Laois

LSGT, OPW: This 18th century designed historic landscape laid out in a romantic manner was commissioned by MF Trench and comprises woodland, walks, lakes and various Gothic follies. It is one of only four Edwin

Lutyens designed gardens in Ireland. Circular terraces with a sunken pool garden feature are surrounded by a walk with ox-eye windows that look out over a panorama of seven counties.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial
☎ 057 8733563
✉ heywoodgardens@opw.ie
🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

COUNTY LIMERICK

Coolwater Garden

Fedamore, Co. Limerick V35 YN29

RHSI: Covering 0.5 acre and quite unlike any other gardens that you may see with rare pavement feature and very large back garden pond.

☎ Kevin Begley 087 2584716
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🌐 www.coolwatergarden.com

COUNTY LOUTH

Augustinian Garden of Remembrance

Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth

BVGT: Adjoining the Augustinian Church and drawing on its monastic heritage, the garden holds the names of loved ones to be remembered in a peaceful setting formed by pleached lime trees and standing stones surrounding a water memorial. Holly, juniper, soft fruit trees, flowering herbaceous varieties and



Coolwater Garden



Barmeath Castle

aromatic herbs fill the garden.

☎ 041 9838409
✉ drogheda.augustinian@hotmail.com
🌐 www.boynevalleygardentrail.com

Barmeath Castle

Dunleer, Co. Louth

BVGT: Barmeath is a flamboyant castle set in over 10 acres of historic gardens overlooking Dundalk Bay. Home to the Bellew family since the 1670s, the main design of the garden is by Thomas Wright who came to Ireland in 1745. The grounds feature a lake, islands and a rustic rock bridge and the walled garden with its extensive ornamental displays.

☎ 041 685 1205
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Beaulieu House & Gardens

Drogheda, Co. Louth A92 PD3R

BVGT: Early example of Irish walled garden in stunning location - fully maintained.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.
☎ Cara Konig 041 9838557
✉ beaulieu.house.garden@gmail.com
🌐 www.beaulieuhouse.ie

Collon House

Ardee Street, Collon, Co. Louth
A92 YT29

BVGT: Visitors wishing to see the garden will find a secret gem designed in the style of the mid-18th century, with sunken box parterres, lovely herbaceous borders and a courtyard filled with hostas. A Greek style summer house completes the picture in this truly charming retreat.

☎ Mr Michael McMahon 0872355645
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🌐 www.collonhouse.com or
www.boynevalleygardentrail.com



Beaulieu House

Forest Edge

5 Forest Edge,
Stameen, Drogheda,
Co. Louth A92 D5CC

A small town garden with an eclectic collection of shrubs and perennials and a large selection of roses. Tree ferns and acers thrive in this sheltered garden, where winding pathways lead to an established woodland grove, which is dedicated to a developing biodiversity area. Donation in lieu of entrance fee to Mellon Educate charity.

☎ Debbie & Christopher O'Brien-Lynch 085 8003674
✉ chobrienlynch@gmail.com
🌐 www.boynevalleygardentrail.com
Facebook: totalgardensireland

Killineer House and Garden

Killineer, Drogheda,
Co. Louth

BVGT: Regency garden, woodland walks, laurel lawn, walled herbaceous and vegetable gardens.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
☎ Mr Charles Carroll 041 9838563
✉ charles.p.carroll@gmail.com
🌐 www.killineerhouse.ie



Collon House



Listoke Gardens

Listoke Gardens

Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth

BVGT: Walled Edwardian garden, surrounding woodlands, grass tennis court, herbaceous borders.

☎ Juliet & Raymond Gogan
086 2118741 / 087 7447057

✉ info@listoke.com
🌐 www.listoke.com

Rokeby Hall

Grangebellew, Dunleer, Co. Louth

BVGT: The focal point of the gardens is the splendid Turner conservatory which dates to the 1850s and has recently undergone a full restoration.

☎ 086 8644228
✉ info@rokeby.ie
🌐 www.rokeby.ie

COUNTY MAYO

Enniscoo Gardens

Castlehill, Ballina, Co. Mayo F26 EA34

Enniscoo Ornamental and Enniscoo Organic gardens adjoin the North Mayo Heritage Centre, set in the grounds of historic Enniscoo House. Visit the small museum and exhibition area, and enjoy a woodland walk to the shores of Lough Conn.

♿ Wheelchair access: Full.

☎ 096 31809
✉ nmhmanager@gmail.com
🌐 www.northmayogenealogy.com



Enniscoo Gardens



Turner conservatory at Rokeby Hall

COUNTY MEATH

Balrath House and Courtyard

Navan, Co. Meath

BVGT: The mature walled garden is set in 1.5 acres, surrounded by 20.5 acres of grassland overlooking the River Nanny.

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🌐 www.balrathcourtyard.com

Battle of the Boyne OPW Oldbridge House and Gardens

Drogheda, Co. Meath A92 CY68

BVGT, OPW: Oldbridge House dates to the mid-18th century with gardens laid out just before this date and developed afterwards. Unique to Ireland is the sunken Octagonal Garden with specimen Irish and continental yew trees. A restored Peach House, Dog Kennels and Bothy with an exhibition about Walled Gardens are worth seeing. Highlights include the herbaceous border, lavender beds and orchard of old Irish variety apples.

☎ 041 9809950
✉ battleoftheboyne@opw.ie
🌐 www.battleoftheboyne.ie



BeeWise Picnic Area

Bee Wise Nature Trail

Crerogue, Kilmessan, Co. Meath C15 X62D

BVGT: 5 acre nature trail with a young woodland, flowering/ fruiting hedgerows and wildflower areas. It was planted to encourage a diversity of wildlife. There is a 1.5km path with information points and spots to sit and listen to the birds or watch the butterflies and bees. There is a large, working observation hive to view the fascinating life of the honey bee.

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✉ paddy@beewise.ie
🌐 www.beewise.ie

Boyne Garden Centre Garden

Ardcalf, Slane, Co. Meath C15 P92W

ISNA, BVGT, GoIT: Boyne Garden Centre is nestled in the countryside just outside the picturesque village of Slane, in Co. Meath. The Garden Centre is situated within our mature landscaped garden, where visitors may get inspiration for their own gardens.

♿ Wheelchair access: No.

☎ 041 9824350
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🌐 www.boynegardencentre.ie/

Bramley Cottage

The Rath, Killsallaghan Co. Meath

BVGT: Six times Bloom Gold Medal winner, Jane McCorkell's garden is set in an idyllic acre of landscape surrounding her early C18th farm house. Over ten years of passion and hard work have gone into creating a series of garden 'rooms' and with large perennial borders, which will utterly delight garden enthusiasts.

☎ Ms Jane McCorkell
087 6839520
✉ jane@janemccorkell.com
🌐 www.janemccorkell.com



Oldbridge Gardens

College Hill House

Braystown, Slane, Co. Meath

BVGT: Three acres of mature, landscaped garden surround the house.

☎ 087 1400220
✉ eileen@collegehillhouse.ie
🌐 www.collegehillhouse.ie/

Francis Ledwidge Museum

Janeville, Slane, Co. Meath

BVGT: The garden to the rear of the museum is a haven of tranquillity. In springtime it radiates with colour from daffodils, bluebells and primroses. The roses are a delight in summer along with all the other cottage garden flowers.

☎ 041 9824544
✉ info@francisledwidge.com
🌐 www.francisledwidge.com

Herberts' Garden

Churchtown, Navan, Co. Meath

BVGT: Designer James McConnell's garden features a formal beech garden, boxwood parterre and a rose garden with a folly. Enjoy the lime walk, hornbeam arbour and vistas of parkland beautifully laid out around an early 19th-century farmhouse.

☎ Paula McConnell 085 7829966
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🌐 www.herberts.ie



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Julianstown Village Garden

Julianstown, Co. Meath

BVGT: Part of the Boyne Valley Garden Trail - Julianstown Award Winning Village Garden was a derelict three acre site, now transformed into a beautiful garden. Extensive landscaping has created many interesting features, including an orchard, woodland, flowerbeds, soft fruit bushes, herbs, pond and scattered seating. Plants for pollinators and biodiversity.

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🌐 www.julianstowncommunity.com

Kilgar Gardens

Gallow, Kilcock, Co. Meath

BVGT, RHSI: Kilgar Gardens, covering an area of 3 acres, the garden comprising of formal and informal garden rooms around the house, graduating to a more naturalistic style towards the outer reaches, creating a peaceful haven of beauty. The outline plan for the garden was done in 2007 and owner Paula Byrne has created different atmosphere in each garden.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.

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🌐 www.kilgargardens.com

Loughcrew Gardens

Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

Landscape gardens with 17th century yew walk, lime avenue, herbaceous border, water features, lake walk, 600-year old yew walk,



Loughcrew giant ants feature, birthplace of St Oliver Plunkett (church and tower house), parterre, 17th century ruins of an Irish long house, 17th century canals. Childrens playground and coffee shop open when the garden is open.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ 0049 8541356

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🌐 www.loughcrew.com

Ratoath Garden Centre

Raystown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

BVGT, GoIT: 2 acres of planting including a traditional herbaceous border and extensive mixed borders. Also a water lily pond.

☎ 01 8256678

✉ ratoathgardencentre@hotmail.com

🌐 www.ratoathgardencentre.ie

Rosemount

Julianstown, Co. Meath

BVGT: Once upon the time, "Rosemount" was a commercial orchard, sloping down to the treacherous river Nanny. Today, it is an enchanted riverscape garden set on ten acres, studded with a collection of unusual trees and outhouses. Teas, apéritifs, music lectures, political and economic talks by arrangement.

☎ 087 6125291

✉ dorothy@alioth.eu

🌐 www.kendumusic.com

St. Mary's Abbey

Trim, Co. Meath

BVGT: 12th century Augustinian St. Mary's Abbey. Walled garden with fine shrubs and trees.

☎ 087 2057176

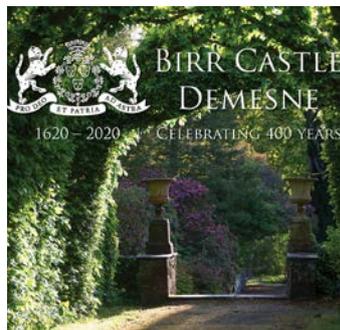
✉ phiggin@reganmcentee.ie

🌐 www.boynevalleygardentrail.com

Tankardstown House

Rathkenny, Slane, Co. Meath C15 D535

BVGT: Set on an 80 acre estate, Tankardstown is a classic Georgian manor house. Visitors will enjoy



exploring Tankardstown's parkland, walled pleasure garden and kitchen garden, which grows many of the vegetables, salads and herbs used by the chef in the hotel restaurants, open day and evening in the garden courtyard. The Cellar Restaurant offers afternoon tea.

☎ Brian and Patricia Conroy

041 9824621

✉ info@tankardstown.ie

🌐 www.tankardstown.ie

The Cottages Ireland

Bettystown, Co. Meath A92 TXE9

BVGT: The Cottages are a dreamy hamlet of 300 year old thatched cottages, set in large organic flower gardens by the seaside.

☎ 041 9828104

✉ info@cottages-ireland.com

🌐 www.cottages-ireland.com

COUNTY OFFALY

Bellefield House, Garden and Cottages

Shinrone, Co. Offaly

GoIT, RHSI: Restored Georgian farmhouse, two-acre walled garden with folly, glasshouse, rill, collections of Japanese Irises, peony, old roses, clematis, fruit and vegetables. Woodland with over 200 snowdrops, old daffodils, species tulip, primula and unusual woodland plants. Plants for sale from garden and teas by appointment.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

☎ Ms Angela Jupe 086 6002180

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🌐 www.angelajupe.ie

Birr Castle Gardens & Science Centre

Birr Demense, Birr, Co. Offaly, R42 V027

GoIT: An exotic worldwide collection of plants and rare trees, a collection of over 40 champion trees, award winning gardens, lake, rivers and waterfall and for the younger generation The Treehouse Adventure Playground, Ireland's Historic Science Centre, The Castle Courtyard Cafe and the Great Telescope. During the summer months (May to August only) castle tours take place 6 days a week.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.

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🌐 www.birrcastle.com

COUNTY WATERFORD

Mount Congreve Garden

Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford

WatGT: Mount Congreve has been designated a 'great garden of the world.' The gardens consist of 70 acres of intensely planted woodland and a four acre walled garden. The collection consists of over 3,000 different trees and shrubs, more than 2,000 rhododendrons, 600 camellias, 300 Acer cultivars, 600 conifers, 250 climbers and 1500 plants.

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Tourin, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

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☎ Kristin Jameson 058 54405
✉ tourin@eircom.net
🌐 www.tourin.ie/

wheelchairs are available to use.

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Tourin House & Gardens

COUNTY WESTMEATH

Belvedere House, Gardens & Park

Tullamore Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath N91 EF80

The magnificent 160 acre Lakeside Estate of Belvedere House, Gardens and Park has restored Georgian Villa and a fascinating Victorian Walled Garden with one of Ireland's finest collections of rare plants. The naturalistic 18th century parkland is punctuated with Romantic Follies including The Jealous Wall. There are also 3 outdoor children's playgrounds, a fairy garden and many picnic areas on the estate.

♿ Wheelchair access: Gardens, Parkland, Trails are accessible &

COUNTY WEXFORD

Colclough Walled Garden

Tintern Abbey, Saltmills, Co. Wexford

WGT, RHSI: The walled garden was built by the Colclough Family in the early 19th century. Restoration work began in July 2010 and the original layout of the garden has been reinstated as it was in 1838. The main features of this 2.5 acre stone/brick-lined walled garden include curved corners. It is a work in progress.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
☎ Mr Alan Ryan 083 3064159
✉ colcloughwalledgarden@gmail.com
🌐 www.colcloughwalledgarden.com

Coolaught Gardens

Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

WGT: This country farmhouse 2.5 acre garden has borders which blend old favourites and new introductions in an informal atmosphere. Paths lead you to the front garden, rose pergola, laburnum arch, richly underplanted orchard, Egyptian garden and finally a woodland garden. In spring the lawn becomes a crocus carpet, originally planted over 80 years ago and cultivated by four generations of the Deacon family.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.
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🌐 www.facebook.com/coolaughtgardens



Hunting Brook

different rhododendrons, and many varieties of azaleas and heathers), dwarf conifers, hedges, ground covers and climbing plants. The lake is the most popular part of the Arboretum, and is a haven for waterfowl.

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🌐 www.heritageireland.ie

John F. Kennedy Arboretum



New Ross, Co. Wexford Y34 KA48

WGT, OPW: Dedicated to the memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States from 1960 to 1963, the Arboretum is a plant collection of international standing. It covers 252 hectares on the southern slopes and summit of Slievecoiltia. It contains 4,500 types of trees and shrubs from all temperate regions of the world, planted in botanical sequence. There are 200 forest plots grouped by continent. Special features include an Ericaceous Garden, (with 500

COUNTY WICKLOW

Corke Lodge

Woodbrook, Bray, Co. Wicklow

DGTrail: A secret garden in a woodland setting outside Shankill originally planted in the 1810s featuring specimen trees and extended in the 1980s with formal vistas through romantic gothic follies and tropical planting.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
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June Blake Garden

Hunting Brook Gardens

Lamb Hill, Tinode, Blessington, Co. Wicklow

DGTrail, GoIT, VWG: Hunting Brook Gardens, home to Jimi Blake and one of Ireland's largest private collections of plants spread over 20 acres, is famous for its borders. They are a modern fusion of prairie and tropical planting and the constant changing palette of plants, reflects this very modern garden-maker's unbounded enthusiasm for creative gardening. 'Hunting Brook is a garden that is endlessly beguiling.'

♿ Wheelchair access: No
 ☎ Jimi Blake 087 2856601
 ✉ jimib@huntingbrook.com
 🌐 www.huntingbrook.com

June Blake's Garden & Nursery

Tinode, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, Co. Wicklow

DGTrail, GoIT, VWG, RHSI: June Blake's Garden, in West Wicklow, is an ever-evolving plant lovers paradise. Expertly designed with an artistic eye, greatly influenced by its surroundings, the Victorian Steward's house and farmyard, the beautiful Wicklow Mountains, woods and fields that make up this extraordinary space. Plant sales and self-catering accommodation. For speaking engagements,

enquire through website.
 ♿ Wheelchair access: Partial.
 ☎ June Blake 087 2770399
 ✉ info@juneblake.ie
 🌐 www.juneblake.ie

Mount Usher Gardens

Ashford, Co. Wicklow

DGTrail, VWG: Mount Usher Gardens are one of the best in the world and are a supreme example of the Robinsonian style. It covers 22 acres through the middle of which flows the Vartry River, highlighted by little weirs. There are over 4,500 varieties of trees, shrubs and plants which includes Champion Trees of both Britain and Ireland. It has been maintained without weed killers or artificial fertilizers for over 30 years.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partially accessible.
 ☎ 0404 49672/Café 0404 40116
 ✉ info@mountushergardens.ie
 🌐 www.mountushergardens.ie

National Botanic Gardens,

Kilmacurragh, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow

OPW, BGCI, Plant Network, VWG: Renowned 103-acre historic gardens and arboretum with conifers, rhododendrons, Southern Hemisphere trees and shrubs, Robinsonian bulb lawns, wild flower meadows and extensive herbaceous borders containing rare and unusual plants, many wild collected from recent expeditions. Undergoing restoration by the OPW and extensive replanting with an exciting range of new and exotic species.

♿ Wheelchair access: Mostly.
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 🌐 www.botanicgardens.ie



National Garden Exhibition Centre

Arboretum Kilquade, Kilquade, Co. Wicklow

VWG: Spend a day exploring the beautiful Arboretum National Garden Exhibition Centre, Kilquade, Wicklow. Discover 18 captivating exhibition gardens with winding paths and trails leading to eye catching inspirational gardens with unique flower displays and ideas to recreate in your gardening space. Also features a garden centre and restaurant on site.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
 ✉ info@arboretum.ie
 🌐 www.arboretum.ie

Powerscourt Gardens

Powerscourt Estate, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow

VWG: Discover all the Powerscourt Gardens have to offer: ornate statues in the Italian Gardens, the Japanese Garden, the magnificent Rose Garden and the splendid lavender in the Kitchen Garden. With over 200 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers it is every gardener's dream. The younger members of the family will enjoy the Pets' Cemetery with the unusual pet names.

♿ Wheelchair access: Partial
 ☎ 01 2046000
 ✉ info@powerscourt.net
 🌐 www.powerscourt.com

The Dower House

Rossanagh, Ashford Co. Wicklow A67 XR62

DGTrail, GoIT, RHSI: 19th century gardens with plantings of many fine specimens surround an 18th century house and include a white garden, described as one of 'Wicklow's finest gardens'. In high summer, the wild flower meadow is a glorious, thriving oasis.

♿ Wheelchair access: Yes.
 ☎ Mrs Patricia Butler 085 1911275 /0404 40168
 ✉ patriciaannebutler@yahoo.ie
 🌐 www.dublinalgardens.com

Trudder Grange Garden

Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow A63 FD28

DGTrail: Trudder Grange garden has developed over the last 30 years from a stony field into a garden full of shrubs and herbaceous borders, an organic vegetable garden with a greenhouse, an acre of wild flower meadow in the walled garden which is planted with unusual specimen trees. Close to the sea, many tender plants grow in this very sheltered garden.

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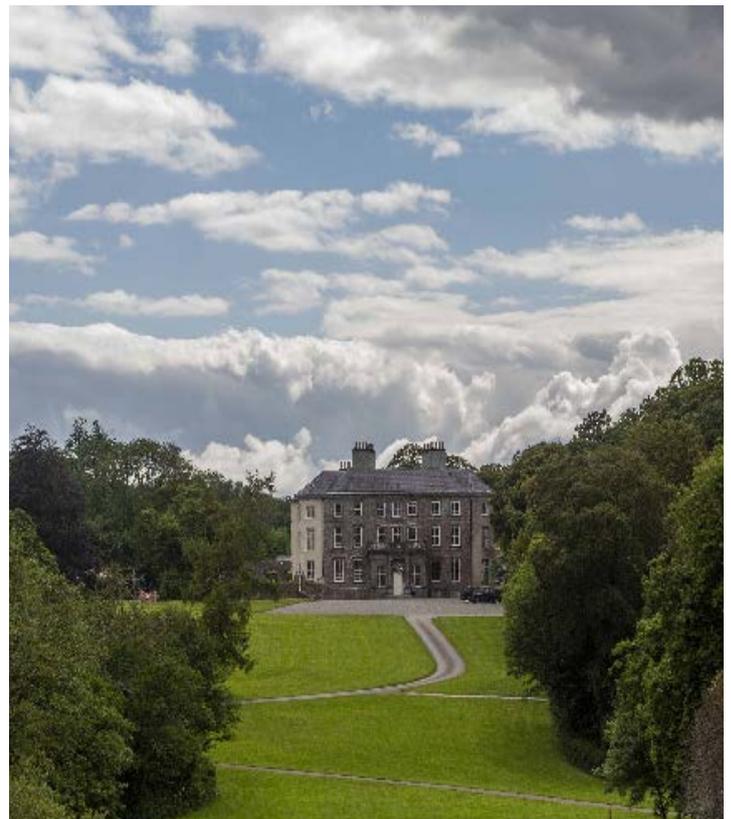
Every year millions of people visit these historic gardens and enjoy the Lutyens designed landscapes of Heywood Gardens in Laois to the Irish National War Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge. Plant collectors will love the collections of Corona North at Altamont Gardens in Carlow and Richard Grove at Anne's Grove in Cork.

While the OPW aims to conserve these gardens for the enjoyment of generations to come, we have all seen with the current Covid 19 pandemic how gardens and green space have been so important for us all. The OPW promotes these living spaces through a dedicated team of specialists and experienced landscape heritage professionals who manage and cultivate the gardens for the nation. Skilled botanists, horticultural specialists, craft gardeners, foremen, guides and grounds staff are dedicated to the individual gardens they serve.

Scientific and botanical research is an important part of the work of the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, at Kilmacurragh and at JFK Arboretum in New Ross where the teams engage in international programmes of research and collaboration. Promoting and enhancing biodiversity at the heritage sites and gardens is also key and the OPW is committed to protecting the habitats of pollinators, birds and wildlife.

Highlights during the summer months are the amazing display of lavender beds in the Walled Garden at Battle of the Boyne – Oldbridge, National Botanic Gardens at Kilmacurragh is buzzing with pollinators in their herbaceous borders and wildflower meadows and the woodland walks at Doneraile Estate are teeming with wildlife and wildflowers.

Please remember that access to gardens has been reserved between 10am and 1pm for people who are cocooning. This includes the over-70s and the medically vulnerable.



Doneraile Estate

Doneraile Estate

A haven of tranquillity in North Cork, Doneraile Estate is a house and parkland of over 400 acres. Doneraile Court was the home of the St Leger family from 1637 to 1969 and is now managed by the OPW. With a natural flowing landscape, the estate was set in the 18th century in the magnificent style of Capability Brown. The estate has many specimen trees: oak, beech, spanish chestnut and lime. The River Awbeg flows through the estate creating a great aesthetic to the setting. A walk through this historic place offers a chance to view red, sika and fallow deer in the parkland.

With the backdrop of the beautiful Georgian architecture, there are extensive walkways, water features and herds of roaming deer to enjoy.

We invite you to take a relaxing stroll under the avenue of mature trees, explore the 18th and 19th century gardens, immersing yourself in the wondrous estate.





Annes Grove

Battle of Boyne - Oldbridge Estate

Oldbridge is a 500-acre estate taking in much of the original site of the Battle of The Boyne.

Situated on the banks of the River Boyne, the estate and gardens have been extensively restored by the OPW in recent years. With a trapezoidal shaped walled garden, it broadens out to the south to accommodate the inner octagonal wall and orchard. Find old espalier pear trees and one hundred 'Blood of the Boyne' apple trees within.

The original layout has been maintained and the garden today is presented as an ornamental garden rather than a working kitchen garden. Gardeners will delight in features such as the Double Peach House, Dog Kennels and Gardener's Bothy, all returned to their former glory by OPW.

The rare to Europe sunken Octagonal Garden is the most celebrated feature of this garden and is believed to be unique in Ireland.

Altamont House & Gardens

An enchanting blend of the formal and informal, Altamont House & Gardens is on the banks of the River Slaney and overlooked by the Blackstairs Mountains in Carlow. A treat in Tullow at any time of year, the gardens offer a varied landscape of lawns, walks, an arboretum, and a lake surrounded by rare trees and rhododendron. Highlights of this very special place are The Bluebell Wood, Ice Age Glen and Bog Garden.

The plant collection is the work of the late Corona North, who bequeathed the property to the Irish State and is now lovingly cared for by OPW. Explore the walled garden and woodland, floral beds and lovely lawns, offering all the elements of a great garden. Every spring the annual Snow Drop Walk is a must for the calendar with over 200 named varieties popping their heads up above the soil for people to enjoy.

National Botanic Gardens - Kilmacurragh

The National Botanic Gardens, Kilmacurragh welcomes you to a tradition of botanic curation in a 52-acre estate. The grounds were home to seven generations of the Acton family who had close ties to the Moore family of the National Botanic Gardens at Glasnevin. Developed extensively in the nineteenth century golden age of plant collecting, it became one of the best private plant collections in Ireland of the time.

Today managed by OPW, the plant collecting tradition continues with new acquisitions to match the historic collection. Famed for its conifers and rhododendrons, Kilmacurragh is a beautiful east coast visit.



Emo Court



Royal Hospital Kilmainham Gardens

Garden Trails and Promotional Groups

Many gardens open to the public are part of local garden visit promotion groups. These codes are shown in the entries. Visit the website below for more information.

- BVGT** Boyne Valley Garden Trail
www.boynevalleygardentrail.com
- BCGI** Botanical Gardens Conservation International
www.bgci.org
- CGT** Carlow Garden Trail
www.carlowgardentrail.com
- ConGt** Connemara Garden Trail
www.connemara.net/connemara-garden-trail
- DGTrail** Dublin Garden Trail
www.dublingardens.com
- DGT** Donegal Garden Trail
www.donegalgardentrail.com
- GoIT** Gardens of Ireland Trust
www.gardensofireland.org
- ISNA** Irish Specialist Nursery Association
www.irishtourism.ie
- LSGT** Laois Garden Trail
www.laoistourism.ie
- NatT** National Trust for Northern Ireland
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out/northern-ireland
- OPW** Heritage Sites of Ireland
www.heritageireland.ie
- Plant Network**
www.plantnetwork.org
- RHSI** Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland Partner Gardens
www.rhsi.ie/partner-gardens
- ROC** Ring of Cork
www.ringofcork.ie/gardens
- WatGt** Waterford Garden Trail
- WCGT** West Cork Garden Trail
www.westcorkgardentrail.com
- WGT** Wexford Garden Trail
www.wexfordgardentrail.com
- VWG** Visit Wicklow Gardens
www.visitwicklow.ie





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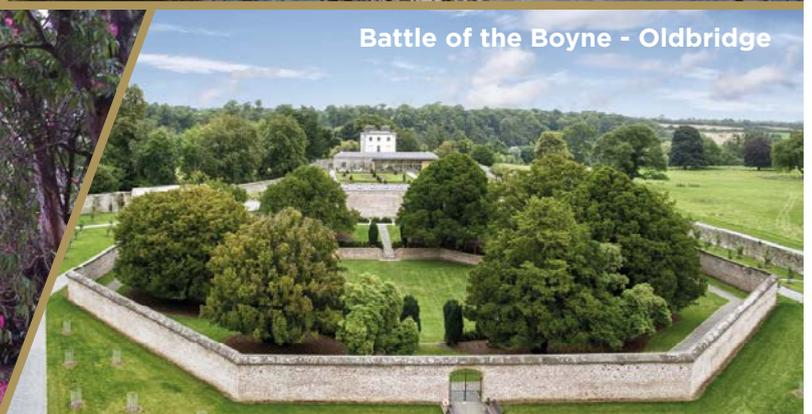
Castletown House



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