



Orlagh's guidebook

Sightseeing



Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

20 locals recommend

Fantastic place only 10 mins away by Car. Beautiful scenic Walks along the canal, riverside and Forest, Linking with adjacent Boyne Greenway and Boyne Canal. There is also a Visitor centre and a superb restaurant. Free entry but a small fee if you decide to go to the visitor centre. One of my favourite places in Co. Louth is here. It is a quiet peaceful place to visit and the Tea Pavilion restaurant has plenty to offer.



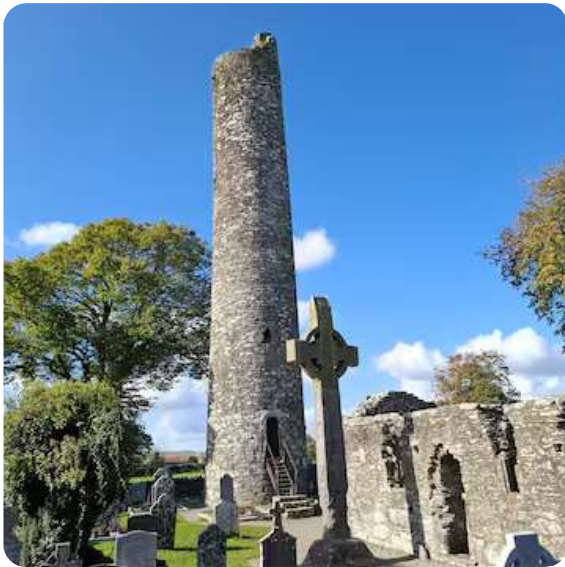
Newgrange

74 locals recommend

Newgrange and knowth is only 15 mins away by Car. It is a fantastic site with a history that stretches back 5,000 Years. It is one of the Boyne Sites. This is a must see heritage site and one of Europe's most significant Neolithic locations. There is Visitor Centre on Arrival with a Gift Shop and a lovely Coffee Shop/ Restaurant - there is a guided tour where you enter the passage tomb. There is also a Farm at Newgrange which opens from April. Tickets again can be booked online.

Please note: You must Prebook Tickets early, it gets very busy during peak times. Also you cannot see the Monument without a ticket.

*Check out the Heritage Ireland Website for more information.



Monasterboices High Crosses and Monastic Site

Only a 5 min Walk from the cottage - Beautiful walk along a scenic route or a 2 min drive. The site contains the magnificent Round Tower at over 35 meters high, which was used as a watchtower and a refuge for Monks and their valuables during attacks from the Vikings. There are also impressive High Crosses. The most impressive is the High Cross of Muired at 5.5 m High. There is also an old cemetery, two churches.

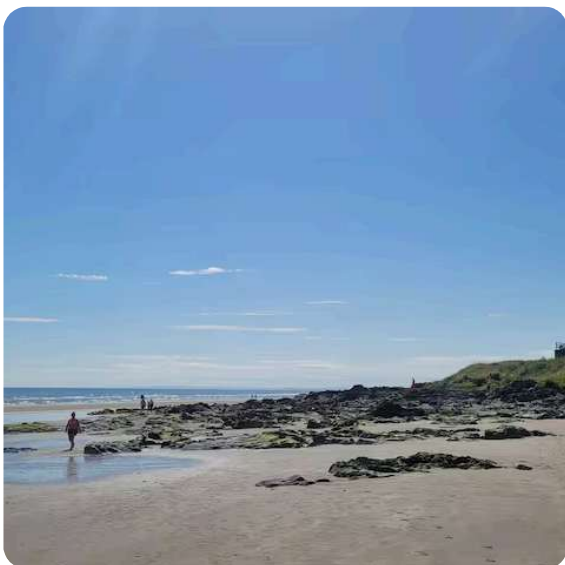


Slane Irish Whiskey Distillery

9 locals recommend

Located only 17km away , this tour is a must ! Slane Distillery is housed within the 250-year-old stables of the iconic Slane Castle estate. Finish the tour in the best way possible, with a taste of their signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey.

****Prebooking the Tour is Essential on their Website.**



Clogherhead Beach

Situated in the small fishing village of Clogherhead about 15mins from Redgap Cottage, Clogherhead Beach a Blue Flag status, perfect for Swimming. Only a short walk north of the beach is the Clogherhead headland which offers beautiful trails. Jutting out into the Irish Sea you'll get remarkable views of the distant Cooley, the Mourne Mountains and of Lambay Island. There is also a lovely Cafe Called the 'Beach Hut' and The 'Clogherhead Cliff Walk' which is Approx 2km long is a must!!!!. We visit here with our kids at least once a week for either a walk or just even an icecream. Beautiful spot!!



Slane Castle

36 locals recommend

Less than 20 mins away (16km) is Slane Castle.

Get out and about and soak up the echoes of this legendary concert venue as you follow walking trails through stunning scenery with sweeping views over the Boyne River, or stop off for a hot beverage and choose from a selection of fresh savoury & sweet treats at the food truck in the castle courtyard.



Carlingford to Omeath Greenway

10 locals recommend

Only 35 Mins Away is Carlingford Lough Greenway is an easy trail for walkers and cyclists of all fitness levels. At just 6.2km long, this linear path is a must-do.

Carlingford Lough Greenway is a purpose-built walkway between Carlingford and the village of Omeath.

For Walkers / bikes: follow the mostly flat gravel trail as it skirts along Carlingford Lough, taking around 1.5hr to complete by foot. There are spectacular views to enjoy along the way, from the lough itself to the surrounding Cooley Peninsula, Slieve Foye, and, on a clear day, as far as Warrenpoint across the border, nestled at the foot of the Mourne Mountains.

We have done this ourselves with the kids and Highly recommend it - Bike hire is also Available right beside it and only then a short Distance into Carlingford Town for some Dinner or ice cream.

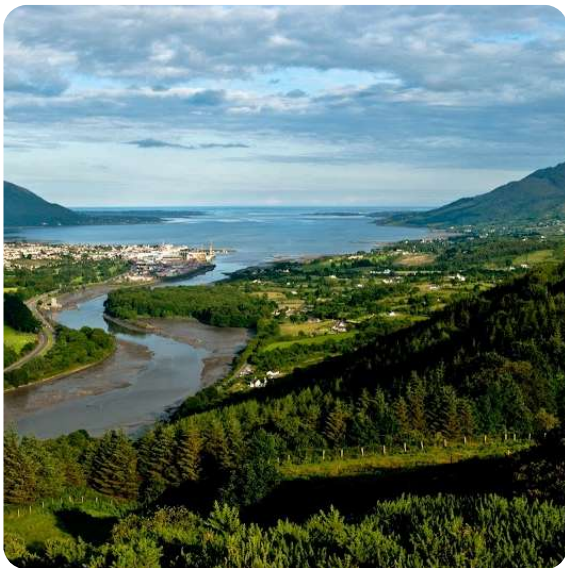


Mellifont Abbey

6 locals recommend

Old Mellifont Abbey is less than 15 mins away and is a part of the Boyne Valley sites to see.

Mellifont Abbey was the first Cistercian monastery in Ireland. St Malachy of Armagh created it in 1142 with the help of a small number of monks sent by St Bernard from Clairvaux. Open all Year - Easy to access. Visitor Centre/Tours only open May- Sept - 1 Hr Tours. We recently revisited here . it is a small place but it is lovely. We took a picnic. 😊

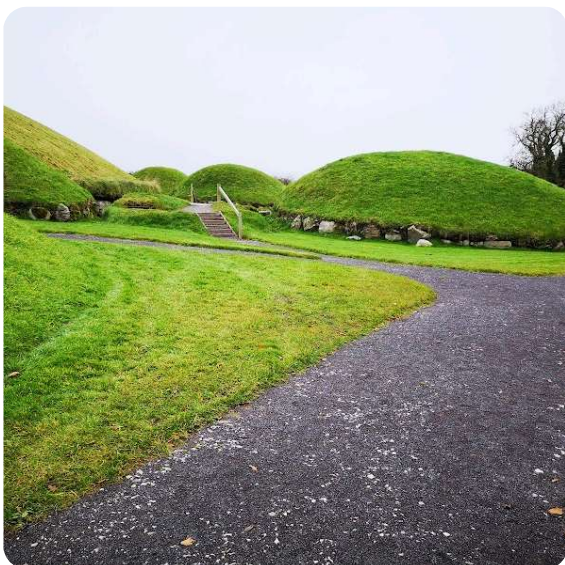


Tourist Information Office, Carlingford

6 locals recommend

Only 35 Mins Away, Discover the beautiful historic town of Carlingford, with the Cooley Mountains as a backdrop, and Carlingford Castle sitting on the shores Carlingford Lough. Take a drive around the Cooley Peninsula, visit Omeath, Greenore and the beaches along the coast.

We have visited here numerous times and We also did the Carlingford Lough Sea Tours which was a big hit!! We saw Finn the Dolphin as he swam alongside us!!!



Knowth

Knowth : 15 Mins from us. Brú na Bóinne is famous for the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Knowth, Newgrange and Dowth which were built circa 3200BC. These ceremonial structures are among the most important Neolithic sites in the world and contain the largest collection of megalithic art in Western Europe. The Knowth Tour can be booked with a tour of Newgrange. Again Prebook tickets is a Must !!!

*Check out the Heritage Ireland Website for more information.



Dublin City Centre

Dublin City Centre is only 55 Mins away from us with lots to see and Do. !!

Dublin Zoo - 50 mins away - This is a must especially with kids. You will get a full Day visiting the Zoo. It is situated in the famous Phoenix Park with lots of parking- Tickets available on the day. You can save over 10% If you book online.

Guinness Storehouse - 1 Hour away and this is definitely worth a visit. We did the 2 hr tour where you get to pull a pint of Guinness as well. (€32 each).

Viking Splash Tours - This is a Hop On Hop Off Bus tour throughout Dublin with a Twist, It goes on water too!! WE have done this before and is great fun for all ages !!! I would prebook this if possible.

Entertainment



Tayto Park

52 locals recommend

Situated 30 mins from Redgap Cottage is Ireland's only theme park & zoo located in the heart of the nation's ancient east, Co. Meath. At Emerald Park there is something for the whole family to enjoy, with thrill-seeking attractions, a junior area, playgrounds, shows and entertainment plus a fantastic zoo which is home to over 250 animals! You can spend a whole day here and still want to come back for more. This is a big hit in our House !!!

Emerald Park Closes Dec to March - You can prebook Tickets for a Discount up to the night before.



Funtasia Theme Parks & Casinos

14 locals recommend

Funtasia Waterpark Drogheda is only 15 mins from Redgap Cottage and is one of Ireland's largest INDOOR Waterparks. Funtasia Drogheda's Pirates Cove Waterpark features over 200 water gushing activities including the adrenalin pumping super bowl speed slide and the Boomerang. The Waterpark is suitable for children and adults alike. Other attractions include the Atlantis Cove soft play area, a 14 lane Bowling Alley, Crazy Golf, Climbing Activities, fast food restaurant, Arcade games and lots lots more! Plenty to do here especially on a rainy Day !!!-* No Booking Required. ***Please note the Waterpark area does Close during some of the winter months but only the Waterpark area.***



Irish Military War Museum Camping and Caravan Site

Only 15 Mins Drive from Redgap Cottage is The Irish Military Museum And Park. It is built on 5,000 square feet on the site of a former beef farm. With tens of thousands of historic items, picturesque picnic areas, outdoor fun for kids and a regular line-up of music and reenactment events, the museum offers a unique, hands-on experience. It is also ranked as one of the top ten museums in Ireland. Check out their Website from more information on what's on and for Ticket prices.



WhiteRiver Karting

Only 9 mins Away!!

The WhiteRiver Park facility is home to Ireland's newest purpose-built outdoor karting track and are known for our unique, challenging, undulating rollercoaster like circuit surrounded by the iconic rolling Boyne Valley countryside!

****Booking Essential ****



Slieve Gullion Forest Park

15 locals recommend

Slieve Gullion is only an Hour away and The adventure park is suitable for kids of all ages and includes a specially designed toddler's area, adventure and play equipment for the older kids, the 'Slieve Gullion ZIP' and even a trim trail for the adults. The Giant's Lair is situated beside the Slieve Gullion Adventure Playpark. It is free to walk round and explore. The Giant's Lair is an innovative magical living storybook which takes visitors on an unforgettable journey of intertwined fairy houses and arts features. Facilities include Visitor Information Office, Synge & Byrne café, picnic area and toilets.



Carlingford Adventure Centre

8 locals recommend

Carlingford Adventure Centre is only an Hour and 5 mins away from us. They have over 30 activities on their three adventure sites Land, Sea & Sky! They have rock climbing and abseiling, laser combat, Gaisce hill walking, kayaking, canoeing, canoe rafting, It also has an aerial adventure course, Sky Junior, crystal maze challenge course, footgolf, aeroball, archery, climbing wall, ziplines, and quazer.



Newgrange Coffee Shop

8 locals recommend

Newgrange Farm is close to the Historic Newgrange Monument, only 15 mins away. This is a perfect spot to take the kids especially on a sunny Day. !! Get to feed the lambs was a big hit for us. There is also Tractors, Hold a chick and more. There is a large Sandpit Area. Lovely Little Coffee shop with indoor and Outdoor seating with fresh buns and ice cream. There is a Sleep Run on Weekend also. Highly Recommend. I would prebook if possible. Open from Mid March to mid September.

Food scene



Monasterboice (Donegan's)

The Monasterboice Inn is about 2 mins drive from Redgap Cottage

The Monasterboice Inn offers a selection of Breakfast options, from a delicious Irish Breakfast to Brown Bread Scones and tea. It has a lunch menu and a Dinner menu also.

They have a warm and inviting bar area if you want a social Drink. In the main lounge, there are old-fashioned fires, where you can go for a quiet chat, and drink, or be served a tasty meal at the counter or at a table.

This is a regular family favourite for us , The Chicken wings are a big hit for us!! WALK IN ONLY - No Booking Required.



The Valley Inn

The Valley Inn, is only 4 mins away from Redgap Cottage serving up delicious Irish cuisine at reasonable prices.

This is a great Spot for some Sunday Dinner or an evening meal. They offer a good hearty Irish Breakfast at a very reasonable price. There is a Bar area doing Bar food with a Pool table and Darts Board if you just fancy a snack or a social drink.

Walk in Available but I would try and Prebook if possible for Evening Dinner.



Forge Field Farm Shop

Forge Field is 15mins away and definitely worth a trip. It is based in Termonfeckin a quaint little village which also has a beach . Forge Field is a Farm Shop and a Café. Selling Freshly Baked Goods daily, Fresh Vegetables and also has a butchers. The Shop also sells locally produced and Irish made gifts if you are looking to bring a piece of Ireland home. The Cafe also does fab breakfast and lunch. This is a regular spot for us!!



Inside Out

12 locals recommend

Only 15 Mins Away is 'Inside Out' restaurant in the beautiful village of Slane, it offers customers a cosy candle lit Mediterranean surrounding of olive trees and laurels. The Mediterranean inspired menu offers an array of mouth watering dishes that are different from the rest. They also have a garden and terrace area which is a perfect way to relax in the summer with some tasty sharing dishes and good company.

* I recommend that you prebook here as it can be very busy.*The Kids menu is great here for under 12's and The Pizzas are our fav. !!



Antica Toscana

Antica Toscana is situated in Drogheda Town less than 15 mins away. It is an authentic Italian restaurant. It is a family favourite in our house as the kids love their Pizzas and Bruschetta. We love the Penne Entrecote and Tiramisu. !! It is a small , Cosy and Busy little restaurant to enjoy a family meal in a great atmosphere. They do walk ins but I would ring and try and book in advance. When Booking Ask to sit closest to the window seats.



Watters

Watters Bar & Lounge is a lovely place for a pub lunch or an evening dinner. Recently renovated it has a lovely cosy feel and offers a great variety of Food. From Turkey and Ham, Fish and chips or Sizzling Fajitas. They also offer a Kids menu. The kids love the Kinder Bueno Desserts especially!!

Takeaways



The Kitchen

This our local Chinese. There is menu left for you to use. It is only 7 mins drive . They have collection and Delivery - Please note Delivery can sometimes take up to an hour so allow plenty of Time Pay: Cash on Delivery or Cash at collection. - No Cards

The Kitchen Address:

Lower Main Street DUNLEER A92 YP76 CO LOUTH .



Enzio's Takeaway

Enzios Takeaway is only 7 Mins away and is our local Takeaway.

It offers Pizzas, Chips, Burgers, Fish and Chips and more. Again there is a menu left for you to View. Delivery is not available at the moment. To Pay: Card /Cash at Collection.

Local Shop



Tenure Stores

Our local Shop is only 2 mins away in the Centre of Tenure. It sells all the essential items you need . It sells Milk, Bread, Frozen Foods, Wine and has a small Deli.



Lidl

We have a Large Lidl only 9 mins away in the Retail park beside the M1 Motorway. It has an large instore Bakery and all the Shopping essentials you need. It is open From 8.00 to 22.00 most days except Sundays and Bank Holidays until 18.00.

City advice



Getting around

Private Guided Tours

If you are looking for a Private Guided Tour of around Ireland I would highly recommend Barry Reilly where you can have a private Driver, a choice of a luxury car and a tour guide all to yourself.

*Check out Reilly's Ireland Chauffeur Tours or myself for more information.