

Free Regional Map

Wexford & Wicklow



Powerscourt Waterfall, Co. Wicklow
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Discovering Wexford & Wicklow



Movie-star beaches, dramatic landscapes, quaint towns, and endless things to do, there's a reason why Wexford and Wicklow are popular holiday destinations. Whether you enjoy fascinating histories, magnificent gardens, beautiful beaches or breath-taking scenery, Wexford and Wicklow are a wonderful base for a memorable break.

In County Wexford spectacular beaches like Courtown, Duncannon and Curracloe dot the dramatic coastline. Explore the narrow country lanes that weave past quiet coves, ancient ruins and mighty abbeys. Discover the beautiful Dunbrody Abbey and Visitor Centre, still remarkably intact 1,000 years after its construction by Ireland's first Norman invaders, or wander around the fascinating ruins of Tintern Abbey, featuring a nave, chancel, tower, chapel and cloister.

Discover past US President John F. Kennedy's ancestral home at the Kennedy Homestead or breathe in the floral scents of the vibrant rhododendrons and azaleas in the JFK Arboretum. The lush gardens of Johnstown Castle Estate make for a beautiful stroll, where you can tour the Gothic castle and the Agricultural Museum.

The county capital, Wexford Town, sits snugly on the Slaney River estuary in Wexford Harbour. Discover the town's varied heritage, from Viking influences to the Norman and Cromwellian invasions, and enjoy its quaint old laneways and ancient churches sitting side by side with contemporary architecture and modern arts.

Discover the iconic Hook Lighthouse which dominates the rugged headland of Wexford's southern-most tip. Built some 800 years ago and thought to be one of the oldest operational lighthouses in the world, climb to the top to marvel at the spectacular sea views.

Ireland's history is also told in compelling detail in Wexford's interactive museums. Visit the Irish National Heritage Park outside Wexford Town, the National 1798 Rebellion Centre on the edge of Enniscorthy, and the powerfully memorable Dunbrody Famine Ship docked in New Ross which tells the tragic story of 19th century emigration.

Discover the lush gardens of neighbouring County Wicklow, with dramatic mountain scenery and beautiful coastlines, and find out why this special county is known as the Garden of Ireland.

Visit magnificent country estates like Avondale, Powerscourt and Russborough, for a fascinating glimpse into the life of the 18th century elite. Nearby explore some of Ireland's most beautiful gardens, including Mount Usher and the landscaped terraces at Kilmacurragh and Kilruddery.

Spend a day at unforgettable Glendalough, one of Ireland's most significant monastic sites, founded in the 6th century, located between two lakes in a stunning glacial valley. There's more recent history brought to life on a tour of Wicklow's infamous gaol. As you journey along the coast stop off in the lively seaside town of Bray or enjoy the endless sands of Brittas Bay.

Activities & Adventure Wexford



Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford
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Active Tribe Courtown
www.activetribie.ie
Adventure, leisure centre.
Courtown, County Wexford.

Alpaca Lodge
Find us on Facebook
Alpaca trekking.
Ballymurragh, County Wexford.

Barrow Princess River Cruise
www.barrowprincess.ie
River cruise between New Ross & Waterford City.
New Ross, County Wexford.

Blackwater Open Farm
www.blackwateropenfarm.ie
Open farm.
Blackwater, County Wexford.

Emerald Tea Tours
www.emeraldteatours.ie
Afternoon tea bus tour.
Wexford Town.

Gallivanting Tours
www.gallivanting.ie
Guided woodland walks.
County Wexford.

GoPaddle.ie
www.gopaddle.ie
Kitesurfing, coaching.
Edermine, County Wexford.

Heritage Tours Wexford
Find us on Facebook
Day tours.
County Wexford.

Hooked Kitesurfing
www.hookedkitesurfing.ie
Kitesurfing.
Duncannon, County Wexford.

International Outdoor Adventure Centre
www.ioac.ie
Archery, kayaking, high ropes, axe throwing & more.
Rosslare, County Wexford.



Kayaking, Co. Wexford
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Kia Ora Mini Farm
www.kiaoraminifarm.ie
Open farm, family activities.
Kilmore Quay, County Wexford.

Kilmore Quay Angling
www.kilmoreangling.com
Sightseeing fishing trip.
Kilmore Quay, County Wexford.

Leisuremax Wexford
www.leisuremax.ie
Entertainment centre, playcentre, bowling, climbing wall & more.
Curracloe, County Wexford.

Pirates Cove
www.piratescove.ie
Crazy golf, go-carts, bumper-boats, bowling, bungee trampolining.
Courtown, County Wexford.

Quadventure
www.quadventure.ie
All-terrain vehicle recreation park.
Clonroche, County Wexford.

Saltee Sea Safaris
www.salteeseasafaris.ie
RIB boat tour.
County Wexford.

Secret Valley Wildlife Park
www.secretvalley.ie
Open farm, adventure activities.
Clonroche, County Wexford.

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre
www.shielbagganoec.com
Outdoor activities.
The Hook Peninsula, County Wexford.

Shrute Pet Farm
www.shrutequestriancentre.com
Deer farm, pet farm, activities.
Ballygarrett, County Wexford.

South East Charters & Sea Tours
www.southeastcharters.ie
Boat trips, angling trips.
Duncannon, County Wexford.



The Irish Experience
www.theirishexperience.com
Kayaking, paddle-boarding, coasteering, mountain explorer.
The Hook Peninsula, County Wexford.

The Surf Shack
www.surfshackireland.com
Surf lessons.
Curracloe, County Wexford.

The South Wexford Coastal Tour
www.thesouthwexfordcoastaltour.com
Day tours.
Wexford Town.

The Village at Wheelocks
www.thevillageatwheelocks.ie
Fruit picking, farm, walks.
Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

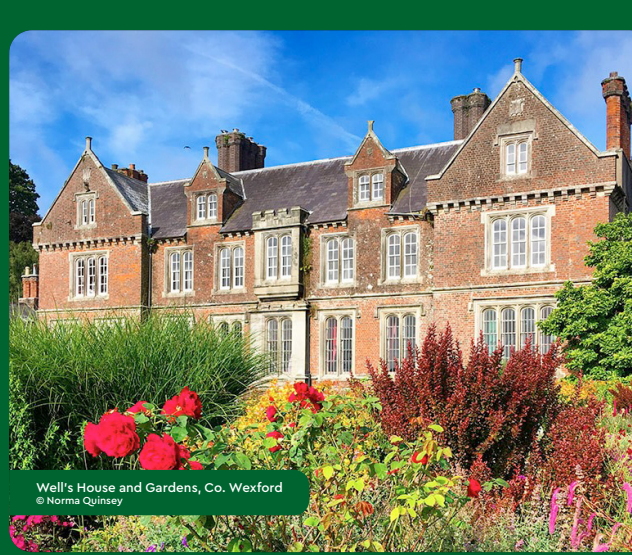
Wexford Garden Trail
www.wexfordgardentrail.com
Garden trails.
County Wexford.

Wexford Lavender Farm
www.wexfordlavenderfarm.ie
Woodland walks, quad barrel train ride, children's play area.
Inch, County Wexford.

Wexford Walking Trails
www.wexfordwalkingtrails.ie
Wexford walks.
County Wexford.



Wexford Town Centre



Well's House and Gardens, Co. Wexford
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Filled with stories and legends, explore the sights and sounds of the enchanting historical region of Ireland's Ancient East, where vibrant history and modern life meet. On your travels you will enjoy over 5,000 years of history, buried within the verdant meadows, bustling towns and rugged stone monuments.

Enjoy memorable food experiences, wander down the cobbled streets of medieval towns and explore the gorgeous gardens of this scenic region. Discover historical treasures, stroll along beautiful beaches and experience an Ireland from another lifetime. Whether you are out enjoying the view from windswept hills, ambling by small green fields, or simply at a bend in the road, stories are never far away.

Wexford and Wicklow share in this enchanting region. Discover County Wexford, where you can explore a replica emigrant ship, ramble around historic streets or visit a Viking town. Climb 115 steps to the balcony of a lighthouse and soak up stunning views or enjoy the golden sands of the many beaches dotted along the coastline.

Discover County Wicklow, a place with endless natural beauty and captivating history. Travel back in time at an ancient monastic site with panoramic lake views, head on an epic mountain hike and explore glorious gardens or watch water cascade down the rocky outcrop of a waterfall in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains.

As you journey through the region look out for the branded Ireland's Ancient East orientation signs to find great experiences within 60 minutes drive from your location.

Wicklow Town Centre



Wicklow Town Heritage Trail
www.wicklowtown.ie
Walking tour.
Wicklow Town, County Wicklow.

Wicklow Way Wines
www.wicklowwaywines.ie
Wine tasting, winery tours, food pairings.
Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow.

Tip Please check with operators for opening arrangements before visiting.
For more info on activities, visit:
Cycling
www.cyclingireland.ie
Fishing
www.fishinginireland.info
Golf
www.golfireland.ie
Horse Riding
www.gohorseridinginireland.ie
Walking
www.sportireland.ie

Two Rock Outdoor
www.tworockoutdoor.com
Active guided hiking tours.
Kilcoole, County Wicklow.

Vagabond Adventure Tours
www.vagabondtoursofireland.ie
Cycling, guided tours.
Greystones, County Wicklow.

Victorian Tea Times
www.victorianateatimes.com
Afternoon tea in an authentic Victorian setting.
Arklow, County Wicklow.

Wicklow Boat Charters
www.wicklowboatcharters.ie
Sightseeing, boat charters, angling trips.
Wicklow Town, County Wicklow.

Wicklow Bowl & Kidzone
www.wicklowbowl.ie
Bowling, laser tag, pool tables, soft play, arcade.
Wicklow Town, County Wicklow.

Wicklow Kayaking
www.wicklowkayaking.ie
Kayak rental, instruction, tours.
Wicklow Town, County Wicklow.

Discover More in Wicklow



Wicklow Mountains National Park

Spanning 220 square kilometres, The Wicklow Mountains National Park has the historic **Glendalough** monastic site and 'The Valley of the Two Lakes' at its centre. The ancient monastic ruins of Glendalough are located at the Lower Lake, whilst the Upper Lake, created in the Ice Age and surrounded by mountains, is an area of outstanding beauty. Further South, the magnificent Glacial Valley of **Glennamole** is at the foot of **Lugnaquilla Mountain**, Wicklow's highest peak at 927 metres. The wider park is a beautiful area for walking with a selection of signposted trails within the valley.

The Wicklow Way, a 130km long self-guided walking trail starting in Dublin and finishing in Carlow, passes through the park. There are stunning scenic drives through both the **Sally Gap** and **Wicklow Gap**. The Military Road/Sally Gap reaches a height of just over 520 metres and is one of two east-to-west passes across the Wicklow Mountains. This

winding and twisting road provides spectacular scenery along its entire route, including the **Glencree Valley**, **Lough Tay** (also known as Guinness Lake), **Kippure Mountain** and **Glennmacnass Waterfall**. The Wicklow Gap offers spectacular views over the **Kings River**, the **Vale of Glendassan** and the upper lake at Glendalough.

West Wicklow

West of the mountains there survives a highly scenic natural landscape which contains a wealth of archaeological and historical sites, towns and villages. **Blessington Lakes** is an area covering 5,000 acres of tranquil clean water and is surrounded by breath-taking scenery. The **Blessington Greenway** links the historic town of Blessington with the Palladian mansion at **Russborough House & Park**. South from Blessington lies the town of **Ballinglass** where you will discover **Ballinglass Cistercian Abbey**. Other fascinating landmarks include 1798 associations at **Kilranelagh Graveyard** and **Dwyer McAllister Cottage**, **Piper Stones** in Hollywood, **Castleruddery Stone Circle**, **Rathgall Hillfort**, **Aghowle Medieval Church** as well as the villages of **Shillelagh**, **Carnew**, **Tinahely** and **Kiltegan**.

North Wicklow

Enniskerry, with its attractive clock tower at its heart, is a scenic village in a lush valley at the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. Visit the magnificent **Powerscourt Estate** close by. Further north along the coast are the vibrant towns of **Bray** and **Greystones**. Enjoy Bray's seafront with long promenade, hike to the summit of **Bray Head** and experience incredible views of Wicklow and surrounds or discover the under water world at **Marine Life Aquarium Bray**. Visit **Killruddery House & Gardens**

nestled between the mountains and the sea. Discover the coastal resort of **Greystones** and stroll along the golden sands of South Beach. Near the village of **Roundwood**, lies **Ballinastoe Mountain Bike Trail**, a network of purpose-built single-track trails and forest roads that are designated for use by mountain bikes. There are spectacular views over Calary Common and the Sugarloaf with the sea to the east and of Lough Tay and the mountains beyond to the west.

South Wicklow

Wicklow Town is an ancient Viking settlement, built on the side of a great promontory overlooking the sea. Visit **Wicklow's Historic Gaol** to get a glimpse into life in prisons of the past through its interactive tour. There are beautiful coastal walks along the **Murrough Wetlands** and the **Glen Beach Cliff Walk** to Bride's Head. Take in the spectacular views northwards to the Sugarloaf and Wicklow Mountains, and south along the coast to Wicklow Head, from the 12th century **Black Castle** ruins at the north end to the town. Follow the **Wicklow Town Heritage Trail** to uncover the interesting history of the town.

Discover the 5km stretch of sandy beach at **Brittas Bay**. Further south the maritime town of **Arklow** enjoys wonderful coastal views and is home to **Arklow's Maritime Museum**. Inland lies **Rathdrum** where at **Beyond the Trees Avondale**, you can venture upwards on the 1.3km treetop walk, discover magnificent trails in Avondale Forest and take a guided walking tour of Charles Stewart Parnell's birthplace, **Avondale House**. Drive through the Vale of Avoca and visit the traditional **Avoca** village, take a stroll along the riverside or head to the ancient Motte Stone and soak up the panoramic views from Cronebane Ridge.



For personalised advice and information, talk to us or visit us online!



Tourist Information Centres:

Wexford Town, Wexford Arts Centre, Cornmarket, Y35 X5HF.*

Wicklow, Fitzwilliam Square, A67 YK82.*

**(operates seasonally)*



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Visitor Attractions Wexford



01 Hook Lighthouse

www.hookheritage.ie
One of the oldest operational lighthouses in the world dating back over 800 years. The Visitor Centre offers guided tours of the medieval lighthouse tower.

02 Duncannon Fort

www.kilmokea.com
An important 16th century coastal bastioned fort on the Hook Peninsula. It has countless intriguing stories to share and has one of the best vantage points of the Waterford Estuary.

03 Tintern Abbey

www.heritageireland.ie
This Cistercian abbey takes its name from Tintern in Wales and was founded by the Earl of Pembroke in about 1200. Remains consist of nave, chancel, tower, chapel and cloister.

04 Colclough Walled Garden

www.colcloughwalledgarden.com
Discover this Georgian Walled Garden which was built by the Colclough family in the early 19th century. The original layout of the garden has been reinstated as it was in 1838.

05 Dunbrody Abbey and Visitor Centre

www.dunbrodyabbey.com
A Cistercian abbey founded in 1210 AD. Close by, are the ruins of Dunbrody Castle which is home to a small museum, a hedge maze and beautiful walks.

06 Kilmokea Country Manor & Gardens

www.kilmokea.com
Discover the spectacular gardens covering almost seven acres. Stroll along the winding paths of the walled garden and admire the amazing display of exotic plants. Book a guided tour and learn about the history of the house and garden.

07 JFK Arboretum

www.heritageireland.ie
Dedicated to the memory of the U.S. President John F. Kennedy, the Arboretum contains over 4,500 types of trees and shrubs covering 623 acres. A Visitor Centre houses exhibitions and an audio-visual show.

08 The Kennedy Homestead

www.kennedyhomestead.ie
The Kennedy Homestead



celebrates the story of five generations of this famous Irish dynasty. The Visitor Centre is home to rare and unique memorabilia and archive film footage.

09 Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

www.dunbrody.com
Award winning replica emigrant vessel. Listen to real life stories by costumed performers. The Irish American Hall of Fame can be viewed at the Visitor Centre.

10 Ros Tapestry Exhibition Centre

www.rosapestry.ie
Experience vivid embroidered tapestries, with tales told in thread celebrating Norman history through remarkable artistry and community spirit, creating a lasting cultural treasure that brings Ireland's past beautifully to life.

11 Sigginstown Castle

www.sigginstowncastle.com
Tour this restored 16th century tower attached to a 17th century home, uncovering over 500 years of Anglo Norman heritage, captivating stories, and the remarkable journey that brought this historic treasure back to life.

12 Tacumshane Windmill

www.meylersmillhouse.com
Built in 1846, and designated a national monument in 1952, Tacumshane Windmill is the only surviving complete windmill of its kind in the Republic of Ireland.

13 Johnstown Castle Estate, Museum & Gardens

www.johnstowncastle.ie
Enjoy a tour of the restored 19th century gothic revival castle and unique servants' tunnel. Visit the fascinating and comprehensive Irish Agricultural Museum, take a stroll around the beautiful gardens, the scenic lake and woodlands.

14 St. Iberius Church

www.discoverireland.ie
Designed by renowned architect John Roberts, the church is a popular venue for concerts and performances. Notable features include a Venetian Renaissance exterior and a late-Georgian style interior.

15 Selskar Abbey

www.discoverireland.ie
The abbey complex dates from the early 12th century, having been built upon an earlier pre-Christian



temple. It was here in 1169 that the first Anglo-Irish treaty was signed.

16 The Irish National Heritage Park

www.irishheritage.ie
An unforgettable journey through Ireland. Explore reconstructed historical sites depicting life in ancient Ireland, located in the picturesque surroundings of the River Slaney.

17 Wexford Wildfowl Reserve

www.wexfordwildfowlreserve.ie
Internationally renowned wild bird sanctuary, home to large flocks of geese, ducks, and wading birds during the winter. There are hides and other facilities for birdwatching. Guided tours are available on request.

18 Enniscorthy Castle

www.enniscorthycastle.ie
Former home of Norman Knights, English Earls and local merchant families. Discover rare medieval wall art, the Halberdier, and visit the battlements to see amazing views of the surrounding countryside.

19 National 1798 Rebellion Centre

www.1798centre.ie
Discover this exhibition centre which vividly retells the epic, and heroic tale of the Irish Rebellion of 1798 and its impact on the course of Irish history.

20 Vinegar Hill

www.vinegarhill.ie
The location of a battle in 1798 where 20,000 Irish rebels faced

21 Wells House & Gardens

www.wells.house.ie
This stunning Victorian estate includes woodland walks, restored terrace and parterre gardens, house tours, archery, playground, craft courtyard, animal farm, falconry and a calendar of events throughout the year.

22 Fr. Murphy Centre

www.frmurphycentre.ie
A magnificent example of an 18th century farm building, that gives an insight into farming in the 1700s, and the original homestead where Father Murphy, a key figure in the local 1798 rebellion, lived.

23 Ferns Castle

www.heritageireland.ie
Originally a square fortification with large corner towers. One tower contains a fine circular chapel with carved ornament. The work of the Ferns Tapestry Project is on display in the centre.

24 Seal Rescue Ireland

www.sealrescueireland.org
Visit the rescued seal pups on their journey to recovery. Take a tour and delve into their unique stories and the rehabilitation process, while getting an up-close view of these marine mammal patients.

Counties Wexford & Wicklow Map



Key for Town Centres, and Counties Regional Map

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| | Fáilte Ireland Seasonal Tourist Information Centre | | Hospital |
| | Community Tourist Office | | Garda Station |
| | Historic Ruins | | Cemetery |
| | Scenic Viewing Point | | Public Toilets |
| | Theatre | | Airport |
| | Cinema | | Ferry - Vehicles below Deck |
| | Historic Monument | | Ferry - Vehicles on Deck |
| | Library Services | | Bus/Coach |
| | Church/Cathedral | | Car Parking |
| | Lighthouse with Visitor Facilities | | Taxi Rank |
| | Beach Facilities | | Railway Station |
| | Supermarket | | DART Station |
| | Park | | DART Line |
| | Playground | | LUAS Green Line Stop |
| | Swimming Pool | | LUAS Green Line |
| | Walking Trail | | Toll Road |
| | Greenway | | Motorway Junction Number |
| | Mountain Bike Trail | | Motorway |
| | Way Marked Way | | National Road |
| | 01 Visitor Attractions | | Regional Road |
| | 02 Visitor Attractions in Nearby Counties | | Pedestrian Street |

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Practical Information



Getting Around

Transport For Ireland: use the **Journey Planner** online or download **TFI Live App** to plan your journey using public transport around Ireland by train, bus, tram or bicycle. www.transportforireland.ie

Passage East Ferry

Vehicle and passenger ferry between Ballyhack, County Wexford and Passage East, County Waterford. www.passageferry.ie



Need Help?

In an emergency, the "blue light" services of An Garda Síochána (Police), Ambulance, Fire and Irish Coast Guard can be contacted by dialling 112 or 999.

tourist SOS

A free, nationwide support service, dedicated to international visitors who experience a crime or other distressing incidents – available 7 days a week. www.touristsos.ie

Notes

Visitor Attractions Wicklow



25 Arklow Heritage Museum

www.arklowheritage.ie
Museum with displays of Arklow's maritime history, particularly its boat building, lifeboat, fishing traditions and the town's past.

26 Avoca Mill

www.avoca.com
Learn about the history of Avoca and the craft involved in each step of the weaving process. Take a guided tour to see where Avoca's signature throws, blankets and scarves are created.

27 Wicklow Brewery

www.wicklowbrewery.ie
Take a tour of the brewery, learn about the brewing process and the history of the brewery, followed by a tasting in the purpose-built beer hall surrounded by a working brewery.

28 Greenan Maze

www.greenanmaze.com
Discover the farm museums with display exhibits from over 200 years of traditional farming life including a traditional farmhouse museum, bottle museum and farm barn. Wander through the two mazes and go visit the farm animals.

29 Beyond the Trees Avondale

www.beyondthetreesavondale.com
Discover Ireland's longest Treemap Walk, an exciting visitor experience. Take an adventurous journey above the trees that culminates at the spectacular Viewing Tower, where a surprise finale awaits. Enjoy woodland trails, the restored walled garden and guided tours of Parnell's birthplace, Avondale House.

30 National Botanic Garden of Ireland - Kilmacurragh

www.botanicgardens.ie
The garden was planted during the 19th century. Discover the Estate's arboretum walks and garden which feature a spectacular collection of flowers from early spring.

31 Wicklow's Historic Gaol

www.wicklowshistoricgaol.com
Discover this interactive experience and be transported back in time to meet with some of the most notorious characters to have walked the floors of this historic building.

32 Black Castle

www.visitwicklow.ie
Originally a Norman stronghold built on a rocky point near Wicklow Town. It was destroyed by local chieftains in 1301. Today, the ruins offer great views over the Irish Sea and North Wicklow coast.

33 Mount Usher Gardens

www.mountushergardens.ie
Privately owned gardens laid out along the banks of the River Vartry. Designed in the 'Robinsonian' style, they measure 20 acres and contain around 5,000 different species of plants and trees.

34 Glendalough Monastic Site & Visitor Centre

www.heritageireland.ie
Early Christian settlement founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses.

35 Baltinglass Abbey

www.visitwicklow.ie
The Abbey has six beautiful gothic arches on either side of the nave, supported by alternate round and square pillars, which are a noteworthy feature of the ruins.

36 Russborough House & Park

www.russborough.ie
Offering guided tours of the house with an impressive private art collection and restored 18th century walled garden. The parklands include a maze, fairy trail, playground and more.

37 Wicklow Wolf Brewery

www.wicklowwolf.com
Take a tour of the brewery where you will learn everything from where they began, to their sustainable brewing practices, followed by a tasting in the heart of the brewery.

38 Powerscourt Waterfall

www.powerscourt.com
Visit the highest waterfall in Ireland. Explore the beautiful surrounding parkland and discover the local wildlife. Enjoy a family friendly day out including children's playground.

39 Powerscourt Distillery

www.powerscourtdistillery.com
Discover the sound, smells and feel of a fully operational distillery on a guided tour. See the copper pot stills, watch the master distiller craft whiskey and stop by the tasting room.

40 Powerscourt House & Gardens

www.powerscourt.com
Wander through the magnificent rooms of Powerscourt House and bask in its grand Palladian



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