



CARLOW, KILKENNY AND TIPPERARY

Lush landscapes, ancient Christian sites, a medieval masterpiece and the kind of action-packed history that defined the course of Irish affairs...it's no wonder that ballads have been written about the trio of adjacent counties of Carlow, Kilkenny and Tipperary.

Smaller than the other two but packed with beauty and historical significance you will find County Carlow. Here you'll find some stately county houses surrounded by exquisite formal gardens, including those at **Huntington Castle** (where Stanley Kubrick shot the film *Barry Lyndon* in 1967) **Duckett's Grove** and **Altamont**, while the community Delta Sensory Gardens in Carlow town is ablaze with yellow daffodils during its annual festival in late March. Running through the county is the hugely popular **Barrow Way** walking trail, which follows a towpath by the river.

Just next door is County Kilkenny, whose namesake city is Ireland's most complete medieval centre. Its magnificent castle – a stronghold of the powerful Butler family from the 12th century until 1967 – was, for a time, the unofficial centre of Anglo-Norman power in Ireland. The web of narrow streets radiating from it have retained much of their medieval character, although these days Kilkenny is a bustling centre of the creative industries, with a fine collection of arts and crafts shops to go along with its wonderful restaurants, bars and cafes.

Beyond the city, **Inistige** is a picture-perfect village with a handsome castle, beautiful village square and eye-catching stone bridge over the River Nore; while **Graiguenamanagh** – a lovely town on the River Barrow known simply as Graig – is home to what was once Ireland's largest Cistercian abbey.

It might be a long way to Tipperary from London's Leicester Square, but its position on the country's central plain at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East means it's pretty easy to get to from everywhere else. Its rich, fertile farmland – bordered by mountain ranges on three sides and stunning **Lough Derg** to the northwest – is home to prosperous market towns, some of Europe's most respected stud farms and two of Ireland's blockbuster attractions. South of Thurles, **Cashel's famous 'rock'** – really a green hill rising out of limestone – is home to one of the country's most important monastic sites, while just south of here is the mighty castle at **Cahir**, founded in 1142 and the epitome of the medieval fortress, with massive walls, mullioned windows, a turret and dungeons – all protected by a moat.



VISITOR ATTRACTIONS COUNTY CARLOW

- 01 VISUAL CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART**
www.visualcarlow.ie
 Explore this stunning building in the heart of Carlow town. View amazing artwork by national and international artists. Be inspired by one of Ireland's largest and most spectacular spaces for contemporary art.
- 02 CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM**
www.carlowcountymuseum.blog.worldpress.com
 A multi award-winning museum. Marvel at the 340-million-year-old fossil, the 20th hand-carved church pulpit and an exquisite 2mm Iron Age glass bead. Another popular item on display is the original gallow's trapdoor from Carlow Gaol.
- 03 BROWNSHILL DOLMEN**
www.carlowtourism.com
 Dating back to prehistoric times and situated to the east of Carlow town, the dolmen has a granite capstone weighing over 100 tonnes making it the largest of its kind in Europe. Experts believe that religious rites were performed at the site or that it may have served as a form of border marking.
- 04 DUCKETT'S GROVE WALLED GARDENS**
www.carlowgardentrail.com
 Duckett's Grove, the 18th - 20th century home of the Duckett family was formerly at the centre of a 20,000 acre estate that has dominated the Carlow landscape for over 300 years.
- 05 ALTAMONT GARDENS**
www.heritageireland.ie
 Widely respected as one of the jewels in Ireland's gardening crown, Altamont Gardens are an enchanting blend of formal and informal gardens with riverside walks covering over 40 acres.
- 06 HUNTINGTON CASTLE AND GARDENS**
www.huntingtoncastle.com
 Huntington Castle is set in over 160 acres of gardens, woodland and farmland. The castle features a fascinating guided tour detailing its 17th century history.
- 07 WALSH WHISKEY DISTILLERY**
www.walshwhiskey.com
 A world class independent Irish whiskey distillery and visitor centre set amidst 40 acres of parkland on an 18th century estate.



VISITOR ATTRACTIONS COUNTY KILKENNY

- 08 KILKENNY CASTLE**
www.kilkennycastle.ie
 A 12th century castle set in extensive parklands, remodelled during the Victorian era and fully restored. Home to the Butler Gallery, a vibrant contemporary art space.
- 09 CASTLE YARD**
www.ndcg.ie
 Former stables and coach houses of Kilkenny Castle. Promoting craft and design - incorporating the Design Centre, National Design and Craft Gallery, textures/retail museum.
- 10 MEDIEVAL MILE MUSEUM**
www.medievalmitemuseum.ie
 Explore over 800 years of Kilkenny's history with tales of power, patrons and view their renaissance style tombs. Displays of civic treasures, and other artefacts.
- 11 ROTHE HOUSE AND GARDEN**
www.rothehouse.com
 An early 17th century Norman merchant's home with three courtyard-enclosed townhouses, a restored tudor garden, museum and costume collection. Genealogy centre for County Kilkenny.
- 12 THE SMITHWICK'S EXPERIENCE**
www.smithwicksexperience.com
 Visit the home of Ireland's most popular ale. Let your senses come to life as you immerse yourself in over 300 years of brewing history.
- 13 ST CANICE'S CATHEDRAL AND ROUND TOWER**
www.stcanicescathedral.com
 An early gothic cathedral and a place of worship for 800 years. Explore a wealth of monuments and take in stunning views of Kilkenny from the top of the 30m round tower.
- 14 NICHOLAS MOSSE POTTERY**
www.nicholasmosse.com
 This water-powered factory includes a visitor's area and small museum.
- 15 JERPOINT ABBEY**
www.heritageireland.ie
 A Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. Known for its secluded cloister arcade with unique carvings. The visitor centre houses an interesting exhibition.
- 16 JERPOINT PARK - THE LOST TOWN**
www.jerpointpark.com
 Heritage tours of the footprints of a deserted 12th century medieval town, and the tomb effigy of St. Nicholas.
- 17 WOODSTOCK GARDENS AND ARBORETUM**
www.woodstock.ie
 Formal and informal gardens including an arboretum, walled garden, terraced garden, yew walk and rose garden. The monkey puzzle and noble fir avenues are of interest.
- 18 DUNMORE CAVE**
www.heritageireland.ie
 Geology, Folklore and Vikings! Tours from the visitor centre exploring some of the finest calcite formations found in any Irish cave.



ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURE COUNTY KILKENNY

- BALLYKEEFE DISTILLERY**
www.ballykeefedistillery.ie
 Distillery guided tour. Cuffesgrange, County Kilkenny.
- BOAT TRIPS**
www.boattrips.ie
 thirty minute boat trips along the river Nore. Kilkenny City.
- CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK**
www.discoverypark.ie
 Coal mining exhibition, woodland walks, outdoor activities. County Kilkenny.
- GO WITH THE FLOW RIVER ADVENTURES**
www.gowiththeflow.ie
 Kayaking and canoeing river adventures. Kilkenny City.
- HIDDEN TRAILS GUIDED TOURS**
www.hidentrails.ie
 Guided hill walks. Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny.
- HURLING TOURS IRELAND**
www.hurlingtoursireland.ie
 1 hour Hurling experience. Kilkenny City
- KILKENNY ACTIVITY CENTRE**
www.kilkennyactivitycentre.ie
 Assault course, bubble soccer, splatball, foot archery. Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY CITY TOURS**
www.kilkennycitytours.ie
 Train tour of Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY CYCLING TOURS**
www.kilkennycyclingtours.com
 Guided cycling tours, Bike hire. Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY FAMINE EXPERIENCE**
www.kilkennyfamineexperience.com
 AV Tour of the old Kilkenny Union Workhouse. Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY GHOST TOURS**
www.kilkennyghosttours.com
 Explore Ireland's Medieval Mile, tales of dark and ghostly goings-on. Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY ROAD TRAIN TOURS**
www.kilkennyroadtraintours.com
 Train tour of Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY WALKING TOURS**
www.kilkennywalkingtours.ie
 Guided walking tour. Kilkenny City.
- KILKENNY WAY ULTIMATE HURLING EXPERIENCE**
www.thekilkennyway.com
 Ancient Irish sporting heritage of Hurling. Kilkenny City.
- KILTORGAN RACEWAY**
www.kiltorgan.com
 Go-karting circuit track, floodlit all-weather track. Ballyhale, County Kilkenny.
- NORE VALLEY PARK**
www.norevalleypark.com
 Open farm and activity centre. Bennettsbridge, County Kilkenny.
- PURE ADVENTURE IRELAND**
www.pureadventure.ie
 Canoe, kayak tours. Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny.
- SEGWAY SIGHTS**
www.segwaysights.com
 Segway Tours of Kilkenny City.
- SHENANIGANS TOURS**
www.shenaniganswalks.com
 A hysterical way to tour the City. Kilkenny City.
- THE NATIONAL REPTILE ZOO**
www.nationalreptilezoo.ie
 Reptile zoo and family activities. Gowran, County Kilkenny.
- WATERSIDE BIKE HIRE**
www.watersideguthouse.com/bike-hike-page.html
 Bike hire, bike tours. Graiguenamanagh, County Kilkenny.



VISITOR ATTRACTIONS COUNTY TIPPERARY

- 19 ROSCREA CASTLE AND DAMER HOUSE**
www.heritageireland.ie
 The stone castle consists of a gate tower, curtain walls and two corner towers dating from the 1280s. The castle rooms are furnished and some house exhibitions.
- 20 FARNEY CASTLE**
www.cyrilcullen.wordpress.com/farney-castle
 Farney Castle was built in 1185 and is the only round tower in Ireland occupied as a family home and has a knitwear and porcelain design shop.
- 21 ROCK OF CASHEL**
www.heritageireland.ie
 A spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone, it includes 12th century round tower, high cross and Romanesque chapel and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral.
- 22 CASHEL FOLK MUSEUM**
www.cashelfolkvillage.ie
 Cashel Folk Village is a multi-award winning museum, containing an incredible vast collection of original memorabilia relating to many different periods of Irish history.
- 23 BRU BORU CULTURAL CENTRE**
www.bruoru.ie
 The subterranean chambers echo to the story of Ireland from ancient times to the present day. Through the passage of time, milestones of achievement, conflict and renewal mark your journey.
- 24 FETHARD HORSE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE**
www.fhcexperience.ie
 A state-of-the-art interactive exhibition housed within a c17th Tholsel building where visitors can explore the story of the horse and its role in Irish culture over 2000 years.
- 25 CAHIR CASTLE**
www.heritageireland.ie
 Once the stronghold of the powerful Butler family, the castle retains its impressive keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure. It is one of Ireland's largest and best-preserved castles.
- 26 SWISS COTTAGE**
www.heritageireland.ie
 A delightful "cottage orne" built in the early 1800s by Richard Butler, 1st Earl of Glengall to a design by the famous Regency architect John Nash. Its interior contains a graceful spiral staircase and some elegantly decorated rooms.
- 27 MITCHELSTOWN CAVE**
www.mitchelstowncave.com
 One of the most spectacular caves in Europe. The guided tour takes you through almost half a mile of this world famous cave.
- 28 THE MAIN GUARD**
www.heritageireland.ie
 Originally the courthouse of the Ormond Palatinates, the building has served various functions over the centuries, such as market house, barracks, public house and now a museum.
- 29 ORMOND CASTLE**
www.heritageireland.ie
 The best example of an Elizabethan manor house in Ireland built in the 1560s. It is the country's only major unfortified dwelling from that turbulent period.



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- BACK TO THE WALL TOURS**
www.backtothewalltours.com
 Guided walking tours of Fethard medieval walled town. Fethard, County Tipperary.
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 Six downhill trails, pump track, 2km endure climb, bike hire, Roscrea, County Tipperary.
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 River cruises on River Shannon and Lough Derg. Ballina, County Tipperary.
- LOUGH DERG WATERSPORTS**
www.loughdergwatersports.com
 Kayaking and canoeing on Lough Derg. Nenagh, County Tipperary.
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- SHANNON SAILING**
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 Boat rentals, charter, sailing tuition, stand up paddling, rowing boats on Lough Derg. Nenagh, County Tipperary.
- SUIR VALLEY ADVENTURE**
www.suirvalleyadventures.com
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- TEARAWAYS**
www.tearaways.ie
 Family activities, farm activities. Birr, County Tipperary.
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www.discoverloughderg.com
 Boat trips on Lough Derg. Nenagh, County Tipperary.



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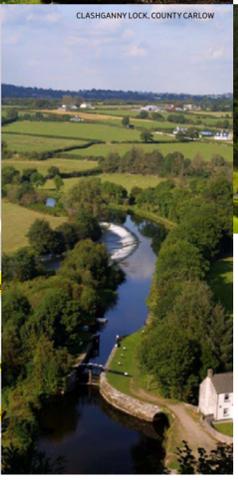
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 Mobile bike hire delivery service to County Carlow.
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- BLACKSTAIRS ECO TRAILS**
www.blackstairsecotrails.ie
 Ecotrails, mountain and riverside hikes, foraging and wild herbal workshops. Borris, County Carlow.
- CANDY TOURS**
www.candytours.ie
 Custom designed tours. County Carlow.
- CARLOW TOURS**
www.carlowtours.ie
 Bus tours from Carlow Town.
- THE CHOCOLATE GARDEN OF IRELAND**
www.chocolategarden.ie
 Chocolate making sessions, workshops.
- DOMÉ**
www.dome.ie
 Indoor family entertainment Carlow Town.
- GO-WITH-THE-FLOW-RIVER ADVENTURES**
www.gowiththeflow.ie
 Canoe trips, family river adventures. Borris, County Carlow.
- PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE**
www.paddleyourowncanoe.ie
 Canoe and camping gear rental, organised day trips. Borris, County Carlow.
- RANCHO REILLY**
www.ranchoreilly.com
 Family activities, farm activities. County Carlow.
- RATHWOOD**
www.rathwood.com/visit
 Family activities, woodland walks, maze, train ride. Tullow, County Carlow.
- TOUCH THE PAST WALKING TOUR**
www.touchthepastireland.com
 Historic walking tour of Carlow town.
- WILDWAY ADVENTURES**
www.wildwayadventures.ie
 Nature based trails, wildlife workshops. Carlow Town.



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www.clonmelwatersports.com
 Kayaking and canoeing on Lough Derg. Clonmel, County Tipperary.
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ALAMONT GARDENS, COUNTY CARLOW

EXPLORE COUNTY CARLOW

BAGENALSTOWN
Located south of Carlow, Bagenalstown is a charming town, with riverside walks and a picturesque lock and is an ideal location for outdoor activities including angling, inland cruising, cycling and walking tours.

BORRIS
South of Bagenalstown is a Georgian granite village nestled in the valley of the River Barrow and the ideal gateway for nearby Mount Leinster and the Blackstairs Mountains. Borris House, the ancestral home of the McMorrough Kavanaghs, Kings of Leinster, is one of the few Irish estates that can trace its history back to the Royal families of ancient Ireland and the tour covers all aspects of the history of the house.

www.borrishouse.com

CARLOW GARDEN TRAIL
The Carlow Garden Trail currently features 22 different gardening attractions with three gardens in the surrounding counties of Kildare and Wexford. The trail includes great old gardens that have been lovingly restored and maintained throughout

the years, and smaller gardens which are maturing beautifully with time.

www.carlowgardentrail.com

CLONEGAL
Clonegal is a charming village south east of Carlow. A popular walking destination at the end of the Wicklow Way walking route with a backdrop of tree-clad hills along the Wicklow and Wexford border. The Weavers Cottages at Clonegal was built by Alexander Dundin in the late 17th century and now features many items, artefacts, furniture and pictures from bygone times.

LEIGHLINBRIDGE
The pretty town of Leighlinbridge south of Carlow is dominated by the medieval ruin of the Black Castle standing sentinel over a 14th century, nine arched bridge - reputedly one of the oldest functioning bridges in Europe.

MYSHALL
Myshall is a small village 22 km southeast of Carlow town, on the slopes of Mount Leinster is home to Adelaide Memorial Church. This

Church of Ireland church is one of the most important architectural treasures, in Ireland.

www.carlowtourism.com

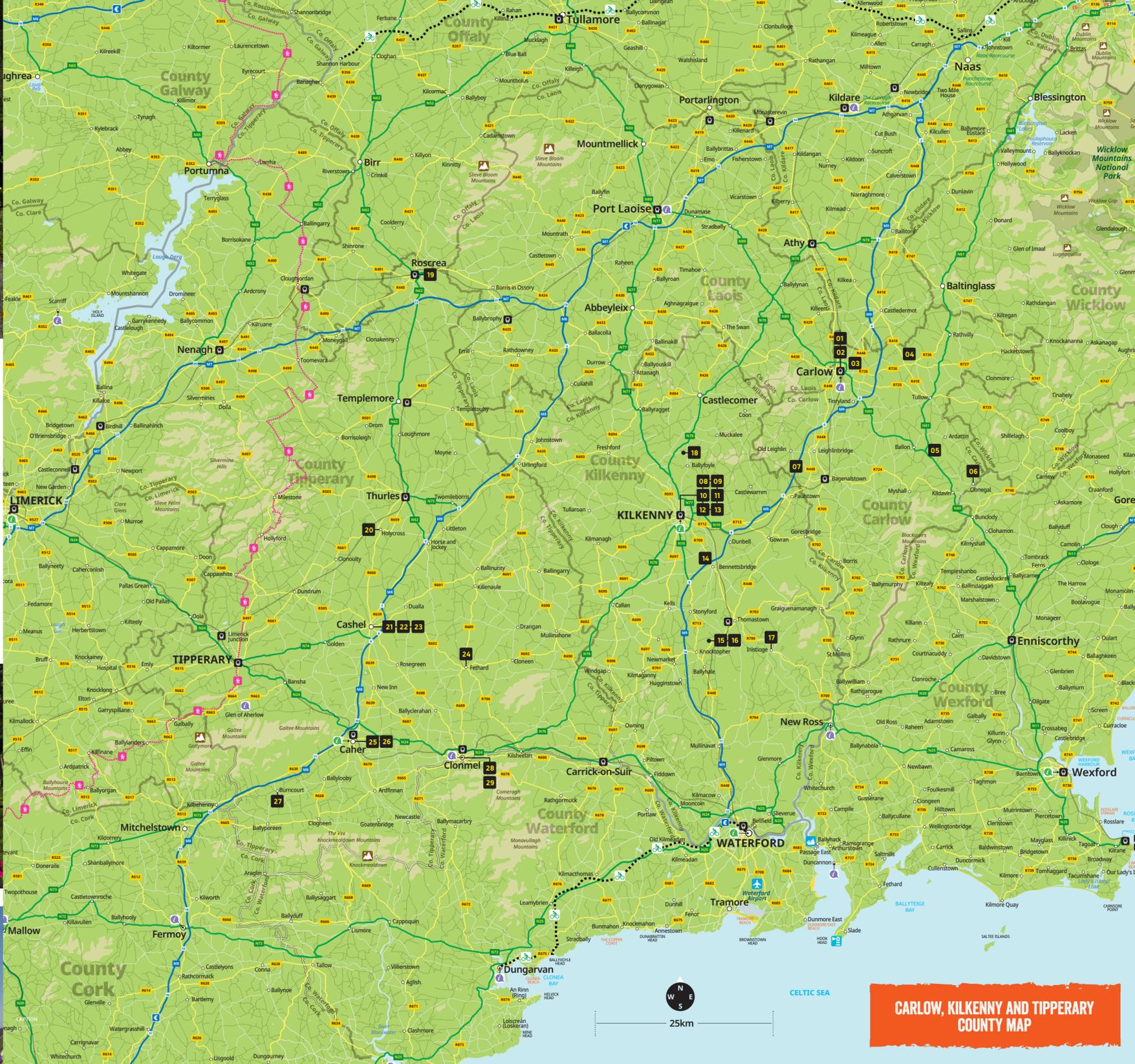
OAK PARK FOREST PARK
There are few locations which could rival the beauty and tranquility of Oak Park Forest Park. Ideal for leisurely strolls and walks, a visit here is a relaxing and pleasurable experience and a must for any visitor to County Carlow.

www.stmullinsheritagecentre.com

TINNAHINCH
A popular boating centre on the River Barrow whose character reflects a bygone time when the area was an important focal point for commercial traffic on the river.

TULLOW
Tullow is located to the east of Carlow on the River Slaney and is the ancestral home of the famous Wolseley family. Historical sites of interest include Rathgall Stone Fort and Haroldstown Dolmen.

THE BARROW WAY
The 114km long Barrow Way starts in County Kildare and follows the towpath and riverside roads to the beautiful monastic village of St. Mullins in South Carlow.



CARLOW, KILKENNY AND TIPPERARY COUNTY MAP



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SHANKILL CASTLE & GARDEN
Located east of Kilkenny is Paulstown a visitor can take a tour of the Shankill Castle and Gardens, explore stunning walks and discover local arts and crafts.

www.shankillcastle.com

THE BARROW VALLEY
Explore Graigueamanagh a riverside village popular for walks along the Barrow Way. Walk to the summit of Mount Brandon, or follow a long-distance walking route from the town - South Leinster Way.

www.carlowtourism.com

KILKENNY CITY

THE HOLE IN THE WALL
The Hole in the Wall in Kilkenny City is Ireland's oldest surviving Elizabethan townhouse (c. 1582) now restored, its tavern, snug and Archer room are open to visitors for a unique experience.

www.holeinthewall.ie

TALBOTS TOWER AND POCKET PARK
Talbots Tower and Pocket Park in Kilkenny City is the best preserved section of the city's medieval defences, with an adjoining pocket park and interpretative signage.

TRAIL KILKENNY
Explore County Kilkenny's walking, cycling, food and craft trails with a free trail map, trail guide downloads, interactive maps and more.

www.trailkilkenny.ie

ECCLESIASTICAL KILKENNY

THE BLACK ABBEY
Founded c.1225, the abbey which is situated in Kilkenny city has been beautifully restored, and is home to Ireland's largest stained glass window and other artefacts of interest.

www.visitkilkenny.ie/black_abbey

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
The building of St Mary's Cathedral in Kilkenny City began in April 1843 and was completed in 1857 in a gothic revival style, based on Gloucester Cathedral.

www.stmaryscathedral.ie

KELLS PRIORY
15km south of Kilkenny City is Kells Priory an Augustinian Priory (1193), and impressive medieval monument combining a monastic settlement with a military type enclosure.

www.heritageireland.ie

ST MARY'S CHURCH
A 'collegiate' church that was built in the 13th century and located in Gowran County Kilkenny.

www.heritageireland.ie

DUISKE ABBEY
A national monument, Duiske Abbey originated in the 13th century as the church of a Cistercian monastery. Located at Graigueamanagh, County Kilkenny.

GRAIGUEAMANAGH, COUNTY KILKENNY



EXPLORE COUNTY TIPPERARY

BALLINGARRY
Situating west of Kilkenny towards Cashel in Ballingarry is the Famine War House - The house exhibits the history of the Famine and mass emigration, the rebellion, high treason trials and penal exile of the Young Ireland leaders in Australia and their escapes to the U.S.A.

www.heritageireland.ie

CAHIR
Cahir is an attractive and elegant town situated on the River Suir. Developed around the magnificent 13th century Cahir Castle has many interesting sites including St Paul's Church of Ireland and remains of an Augustinian Priory. 2km from the town is the Swiss Cottage, a delightful 19th century cottage orne, designed by regency architect John Nash.

CASHEL
Cashel and its surrounding countryside are dominated by the spectacular Rock of Cashel. The Bru Boru Cultural Centre offers the best of traditional music, song and dance. Cashel's history unfolds further at the Cashel Heritage Centre in the town.

CLONMEL
Nestled in the Comeragh Mountains with Slieveamon to the east and the Knockmealdown range to the south, it is the ideal base for exploring the surrounding countryside. The Main Guard located in the centre of the town is a building of significant importance.

FETHARD
Fethard is situated south east of Cashel, it has been a walled town since the 13th century and within its very intact walls are many churches, friaries and towers.

GLEN OF AHERLOW
The Glen of Aherlow is a 25km stretch across some of Tipperary's most breathtaking countryside.

HOLYCROSS
Located just 15km north of The Rock of Cashel, Holycross Village is a tranquil, and picturesque medieval village straddling the River Suir in the middle of County Tipperary. Home to a gloriously restored Cistercian Abbey, it is a venerated place of pilgrimage with a relic of the true cross.

www.visittholycross.com

LOUGH DERG
Lough Derg, a beautiful lake, is bordered on the east by Tipperary and on the west by Clare. The lake measures 43km and offers cruising, sailing, fishing and other water based activities. The mountains rise up from the south of the lake offering spectacular views.

MUNSTER VALES
A 1.100 kilometre stretch of olden routes and timeworn trails in five mountain ranges crossing the magnificent counties of Limerick, Cork, Tipperary and Waterford. Hike to the five highest points of the Munster Vales to experience unrivalled vistas - lush valleys, surging rivers, cascading waterfalls, rugged coastline - a millennia-old landscape, the origin of Ireland's great legends and folklore.

www.munstervales.com

NENAGH
Nenagh is the largest town in north Tipperary. Nenagh Castle boasts the

finest cylindrical keep in Ireland and the Heritage Centre is housed in the County Gaol Governor's House and has numerous exhibitions about the Gaol and Irish school and farm life.

THURLES
Thurles is the birthplace of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in 1884 and is home to Sempie Stadium (GAA's second national stadium). The Lar Na Parc Museum is home to Ireland's first and oldest collection of Gaelic Games sporting heritage.

THE BUTLER TRAIL
The Butler Trail Tour is a 170km tour based around the Butler family and explores the area around Kilkenny City, Kells, Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel.

CASTLELOUGH, COUNTY TIPPERARY



KEY FOR TOWN/CITY CENTRE AND COUNTY MAPS

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 - Park
- Services**
- Hospital
 - Fire Station
 - Garda Station
 - Court House
 - Cemetery
 - Town/City Hall
 - Public Toilets
- Transport**
- Airport
 - Local Airfield
 - Ferry - Foot Passengers
 - Ferry - Vehicles on Deck
 - Ferry - Vehicles below Deck
 - Bus/Coach
 - Car Parking
 - Taxi Rank
 - Pier
 - Greenway
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 - Railway Station
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IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST
Wander Through Time

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Rail**
Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)
www.irishrail.ie
National Rail Service
- Bus**
Bus Éireann
www.buseireann.ie
National Bus Service
- Private Bus Operators**
Please ask in your local Tourist Office for details on numerous private bus services nationwide.
- Local Link**
www.localink.ie
Rural community bus service.
- Driving**
Driving is on the left hand side of the road and safety belts must be worn at all times. The M50 motorway around Dublin is a barrier free toll road, tolls can be paid on www.eFlow.ie, or at any outlet with a Payzone sign.
- Heritage**
www.heritageireland.ie
www.heritageisland.com
www.ihh.ie
www.irishheritageatowns.com
- National Transport**
Driving: www.rsa.ie
Transport: www.transportforireland.ie
- National Activity Organisations**
Cycling: www.cyclingireland.ie
Equestrian: www.aire.ie
Fishing: www.fishinginireland.info
Golf: www.golf.discoverireland.ie
Walking: www.irishtrails.ie
- Tourist Assistance Service**
www.itas.ie
Safety and assistance services for Tourists
- Emergency Services**
In an emergency the "blue light" services - An Garda Síochána, Ambulance, Fire and Irish Coast Guard - can be contacted by dialling 112 or 999.
- Tourist Information Centres**
Kilkenny Tourist Information Centre
79 High Street, Kilkenny City, County Kilkenny, R95 F640
- *Cahir Tourist Information Centre**
Castle Car Park, Cahir, County Tipperary, E21 K336
- *Seasonal Office
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