

# CELBRIDGE

## HISTORIC TOWN

### VISITORS INFORMATION LEAFLET



Only 20km from Dublin



## HOW TO GET TO CELBRIDGE

Celbridge is located 20 km west of Dublin. If travelling by car from Dublin, take the M4 and leave at either junction 5, signposted Celbridge East, or junction 6, signposted Celbridge West, and follow the signs to Main Street. Dublin Bus provides a half-hourly service to Celbridge on the 67 route while Bus Éireann, route 120, also stops in Celbridge.

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# CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte

Celbridge, set in the Liffey Valley, is steeped in history. It has close links to the Conollys of Castletown, Arthur Guinness, Henry Grattan and Jonathan Swift. The town is an ideal base to explore a unique tapestry of lovely walks, and engage in a wide variety of activities. There are many cafés, restaurants, pubs and shops to enjoy.



## CASTLETOWN HOUSE, CELBRIDGE, 1722

Without doubt, the town's jewel in the crown is Castletown House, a magnificent eighteenth-century country house, built from 1722 for William Conolly, the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. The purchase of Castletown demesne and other lands in Celbridge in 1709 by William Conolly proved to be the most important factor in the development of Celbridge's streetscape.

To get an overview of the town's rich historical heritage, there is an excellent self-guided brochure, *Discover Celbridge*, which lists 30 points of interest. See [www.celbridgeonline.ie](http://www.celbridgeonline.ie), visitors information section.

While visiting Celbridge it is hoped that the activities and services listed in this publication will enhance your stay.

# CELBRIDGE WALKS



BARLEY FIELDS, CASTLETOWN

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## CELBRIDGE GUIDED TOURS

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For details on walks in the area contact Breda, Celbridge Guided Tours at 087 963 0719.

Celbridge Guided Tours is an informal group offering free guided tours to local heritage sites.

See [www.facebook.com/Celbridgeguidedtours](https://www.facebook.com/Celbridgeguidedtours)





## PARKLAND WALKS



### LIME TREE AVENUE, CASTLETOWN PARKLANDS, CELBRIDGE

Castletown Parklands in Celbridge by the banks of the river Liffey has over 120 acres of open parkland, which is managed by the OPW. A map highlighting several points of interest in the parklands is available at reception in Castletown House. This map indicates river walks, gate lodges, bridges, a temple, an ice-house and a lake with an abundance of wildlife. The beautiful restored parklands and river walks are open every day and there is no admission fee. See [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie) or 6288252.



# TOWN WALK



## STATUE OF ARTHUR GUINNESS, CELBRIDGE

Arthur Guinness, the founder of the Guinness brewery, was born on the main street in 1725 and lived there for 30 years. He is commemorated by a statue in the heart of the town. The Mucky Duck and The Village Inn pubs on the main street mark the site where Arthur was born. Visitors to these establishments can learn to pull the perfect pint of Guinness, an experience not to be missed. Details of a heritage route that traces Arthur Guinness's early years can be found at [www.arthursway.ie](http://www.arthursway.ie)





## ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, CELBRIDGE, 1859

This was the site of the Mass House, so named because mass was the only service which could be celebrated there. Other sacraments and ceremonies were administered in people's homes. The Mass House had a thatched roof, and the priest's residence was situated where the present bell is positioned.



## CHRIST CHURCH, CELBRIDGE, 1884

Christ Church located inside Castletown gates was designed by architect Thomas Drew. It was built on the site of an earlier church constructed between 1812 and 1813, on land donated by Lady Louisa Conolly of Castletown House.





### KILDROUGHT HOUSE, CELBRIDGE, 1719

This house on the main street is the oldest in Celbridge. The house was built by a Dublin upholsterer and tapestry maker, Robert Baillie, who leased the land from William Conolly in 1719. Baillie brought Flemish weavers to Ireland. Two of their tapestries, depicting the Siege of Derry and the Battle of the Boyne, hang in the Irish House of Lords in College Green, Dublin, now the Bank of Ireland. Celbridge Guided Tours can arrange a free visit to the gardens, by appointment, phone 087 963 0719.



### ABBEY GROUNDS, CELBRIDGE, 1697

The grounds of Celbridge Abbey have a rare beauty and tranquillity. The Rock Bridge, the oldest remaining bridge spanning the Liffey, is located here and there is a lovely view of the weir from the bridge. Connections to the abbey include Jonathan Swift, the great satirist and author of *Gulliver's Travels*, and Henry Grattan, the greatest orator in the Irish House of Commons. To view these historic grounds contact Breda at 087 963 0719. There is no admission fee.





## WORKHOUSE BURIAL GROUNDS, CELBRIDGE

In 2007 Celbridge Tidy Towns restored the Workhouse graveyard, located on the Maynooth Road, and erected a memorial sculpture and interpretative board relating the tragic story of this site.

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF  
THE CELBRIDGE TOWN WALK  
VIEW THE  
DISCOVER CELBRIDGE BROCHURE  
AT  
[WWW.CELBRIDGEONLINE.IE](http://WWW.CELBRIDGEONLINE.IE)  
IN THE  
VISITORS INFORMATION SECTION

# CANAL WALKS



## HAZELHATCH, CELBRIDGE

View the colourful array of canal barges docked at Hazelhatch, located 2.8 km from Celbridge on the R405. There is a walk along the canal in the direction of Sallins, taking in the Village at Lyons, a restored village on the banks of the Grand Canal. The Royal Canal in Maynooth can be incorporated into the Carton walk listed in this brochure. For more details on canal walks see [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org)



# COUNTRY MARKET & CRAFT FAIR



## CASTLETOWN COUNTRY MARKET, CELBRIDGE

Castletown House holds a Country Market and Craft Fair on the last Sunday of the month from March to October and there is also a Christmas Market and Craft Fair in December. [www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie) Tel 01 6288252.



## WALKS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA



### LAKE AT CARTON HOUSE PARKLAND, MAYNOOTH

Carton House is located 7 km from Celbridge on the R148 and offers designated walking routes with maps available at reception in Carton House. These walks can be extended by going to Carton Avenue, which links to the main street in Maynooth, and then taking in the grounds of Maynooth College and returning to Carton via the Royal Canal. Allow three hours approximately for this walk.

### ST. CATHERINE'S PARK, LEIXLIP

St. Catherine's Park, Leixlip is approximately 7 km from Celbridge, taking the R403 route. The entrance to the park is at Mill Lane located between the Fire Station and the gates to the Liffey Valley House Hotel. This is a very pleasant country walk. The path is tarmacadamed all the way and is wheelchair accessible, but rather steep.

### DONADEA FOREST PARK

Donadea Forest Park is located 20 km from Celbridge. The park comprises 640 acres of mixed woodland, a castle and lake with a wonderful display of water lilies in the summer. See [www.coillteoutdoors.ie](http://www.coillteoutdoors.ie)



## ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH

Maynooth College, 7 km from Celbridge, is the national Catholic seminary and was established in 1795. The Russell Library is one of many magnificent buildings in the college, and the grounds are well maintained. The yew tree at the entrance, known as the Silken Thomas Yew, is one of the oldest native trees in Ireland.



## STRAFFAN HOUSE PARKLANDS (K CLUB)

The K Club in Straffan, the venue for the 2006 Ryder Cup, comprises 500 acres of open parkland with wonderful river views and very fine specimen trees which adorn its two golf courses. The K Club is 7.5 km from Celbridge.

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## FESTIVALS



CELBRIDGE STREET FEST

- AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

- MARCH 17TH



FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
SEE

[WWW.THECELBRIDGEPARADE.COM](http://WWW.THECELBRIDGEPARADE.COM)





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## Hotels

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**Celbridge Manor Hotel**

01 6274930

[www.celbridgemanorhotel.ie](http://www.celbridgemanorhotel.ie)

**Springfield Hotel**

01 4581100

Leixlip

**Courtyard Hotel**

01 6295100

Leixlip

**The K Club**

01 6017200

Straffan

**Carton House**

01 5052000

Maynooth

**Glenroyal Hotel**

01 6290909

Maynooth

**Village at Lyons**

01 6303500

Lyons Road

## Bed & Breakfast



<b>Springfield House</b> Clane Road	01 6273248
<b>Green Acres</b> Dublin Road	01 6271163

## Self-Catering Celbridge

<b>The Batty Langley Lodge</b> www.irishlandmark.com	01 6704733
<b>The Gate House</b> www.irishlandmark.com	01 6704733
<b>The Round House</b> www.irishlandmark.com	01 6704733

## Restaurants

<b>Michelangelo</b> Main Street	01 6271809
<b>Green's</b> Main Street	01 6273733
<b>Delhi Darbar Indian</b> Main Street	01 6102022
<b>River King</b> Main Street	01 6102226
<b>Choy's Chinese</b> Main Street	01 6276997
<b>Celbridge Manor</b> Clane Road	01 6274930
<b>Village at Lyons</b> Lyons Road	01 6303500
<b>Da Mario Italian</b> Maynooth Road	01 6270000
<b>Singapore Fame</b> Maynooth Road	01 6273569

## Taxis

<b>A-Z Cabs</b>	01 6273900
<b>Call A Cab</b> Main Street	01 6270444



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## Coffee Shops

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### **Hogan's Café Bistro**

01 6102869

Main Street

### **Espresso Project**

087 7037715

Main Street

### **Village at Lyons**

01 6303500

Lyons Road

### **The Orchard Café**

01 6288903

Dublin Road

### **The Courtyard Café**

01 6279498

Castletown House

### **Victorian Tea Rooms**

01 6275797

Barberstown Roundabout

### **Halo Cafe**

01 6276686

Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth Road

## Bar/Restaurant

<b>The Village Inn</b> Main Street	01 6288836
<b>The Mucky Duck</b> Main Street	01 6288340
<b>Castletown Inn</b> Main Street	01 6271158
<b>Kildrought Lounge</b> St. Patrick's Park	01 6272147
<b>O'Connor's Bar</b> Main Street	01 6288232
<b>McEvoy's</b> Hazelhatch	01 6288283
<b>Abbey Lodge</b> Dublin Road	01 6272455
<b>Celbridge House</b> Maynooth Road	01 6272729

## Takeaways

<b>Embassy</b> Main Street	01 6272587
<b>Da Mario Pizzeria</b> Maynooth Road	01 6272219
<b>Choy's Chinese</b> Main Street	01 6276997
<b>Delish &amp; Indian Curry</b> Main Street	01 5038020
<b>Macari's</b> Main Street	01 6271451
<b>Macari's</b> Castle Village Shopping Centre	01 6274215

<b>Library</b> St. Patrick's Park	01 6272207
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# D G E H I S T O R I C

## Activities

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### **Walking**

Celbridge Guided Tours

087 9630719

### **Pitch and Putt**

Elm Hall

01 6288208

### **Bike Hire**

Bike Worx

01 6275779

### **Golf**

K Club, Straffan

01 6017200

Carton House, Maynooth

01 5052000

Celbridge Golf Range

01 6288833

### **Astro Turf**

Celbridge Football Park

01 6288833

### **Off-Road Buggy Racing**

Maynooth

01 6106735

### **Base Entertainment Centre**

Maynooth Road

01 6544264



<b>Playzone</b> M4 Business Park	01 6273996
<b>Equestrian</b> Abbeyfield Country Pursuits	086 8164130
<b>Clay Pigeon Shooting</b> Abbeyfield Country Pursuits	086 8164130
<b>Archery/Air Rifle Range</b> Abbeyfield Country Pursuits	086 8164130



Abbeyfield Country Pursuits

## Easter/Summer Camps

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<b>Mill Community Centre</b> Contact John	01 6288556
<b>Playzone</b> Contact Aaron	01 6273996
<b>Salmon Leap Canoe Club</b> Contact Joe	087 9839689
<b>Celbridge GAA Club</b> Contact Breda	087 9630719
<b>Barnhall Rugby Club</b> Contact Angela	086 8018308

## Beauty & Massage

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<b>Abbey Beauty</b> Dublin Road	01 6012756
<b>La Prima Rosa</b> Hazelhatch Road	01 6279812
<b>The Beauty House</b> Tesco Shopping Centre	01 6275470



# TOWN

## Places to visit

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### **Castletown House**

[www.castletown.ie](http://www.castletown.ie)

01 6288252

### **The Orchard Garden Centre**

Dublin Road

01 6288903

### **Straffan Courtyard**

Barberstown Roundabout

01 6274018

### **Steam Museum**

Straffan

01 6273155

### **Lodge Park Walled Garden**

Straffan

01 6288412

### **Straffan Antiques**

Barberstown, Straffan Cross

01 6274018

## Retail & Gift Shops

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### **Absolutely Fabulous Flowers**

Main Street

01 6272289

<b>Mrs Molloy's Sweet Shop</b> Main Street	086 1924030
<b>Walsh's Gift Shop</b> Main Street	01 6275157
<b>Celbridge Jewellers</b> Main Street	01 6270076
<b>Gogarty's Bargain Store</b> Main Street	087 6802963
<b>The Orchard</b> Dublin Road	01 6288903
<b>Newbridge Silverware</b> Newbridge	045 431301
<b>Kildare Village</b> Kildare	045 52050
<b>Straffan Courtyard</b> Barberstown Roundabout	01 6274018
<b>Manor Mills</b> Maynooth Shopping Centre	01 5054360

## Supermarkets

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<b>Centra Lynch's</b> Main Street	01 6288337
<b>Spar</b> Main Street	01 6275982
<b>Supervalu</b> Dublin Road	01 6273393
<b>Aldi</b> Maynooth Road	045 846313
<b>Lidl</b> Maynooth Road	1800 347447

## Pharmacy

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<b>Castletown Pharmacy</b> Main Street	01 6273962
<b>Walsh's Pharmacy</b> Main Street	01 6288207
<b>Tesco Shopping Centre</b>	01 6272244
<b>Kinsella's Pharmacy</b> Primrose Gate	01 5057696
<b>Chemco Pharmacy</b> St. Wolstan's Shopping Centre	01 6276078

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Whether your stay is long or short  
we hope your time here is special

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phone Breda at Celbridge  
Guided Tours - 087 9630719