

Be a Tourist at Home - Discover Carlow



Carlow is full of hidden gems just waiting to be discovered. As the sun continues to shine this autumn and winter be a tourist at home and uncover some amazing attractions and activities.

Call into Carlow Tourist Office within the library building on Tullow Street/College Street, and explore what the local area has to offer from:

Places to Visit • Events • Tours/Experiences • Day Trip ideas

Invite family and friends from further afield and avail of some great accommodation packages at www.carlowtourism.com/specialoffers

Take time to wander off the track and support the many wonderful business members of Carlow Tourism that provide excellent service all year round.

- 1 Carlow County Museum
- 2 VISUAL Carlow
- 3 Carlow Castle
- 4 Carlow College
- 5 Carlow Cathedral
- 6 Delta Sensory Gardens
- 7 Brownshill Dolmen
- 8 Oak Park Forest Park
- 9 Duckett's Grove Historic House and Walled Gardens
- 10 Milford Mills
- 11 St Laseran's Cathedral, Old Leighlin
- 12 Disney Graves
- 13 Arboretum Inspirational Gardens
- 14 Garden of Remembrance
- 15 Bagenalstown Railway Station
- 16 Carlow Fence
- 17 Bagenalstown Courthouse
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- 20 The Maltings, Bagenalstown
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- 28 Adelaide Memorial Church
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- 30 Altamont Gardens
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- 32 Tullow Museum
- 33 Rathgall Hill Fort
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- 35 Haroldstown Dolmen

CARLOW GARDEN TRAIL

- 1 Altamont Plant Sales
- 2 Altamont Gardens
- 3 Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven
- 4 BEAM - The Barrow Experience
- 5 The Delta Sensory Gardens
- 6 Hardymount Gardens
- 7 Leighlinbridge - the Garden Village
- 8 The Meadows
- 9 Rathwood and Rath Wood Forest Walks
- 10 Ballon Tree Trail
- 11 An Gairín Beo
- 12 Myshall Tree Trail
- 13 Herb Gardens at Kilgraney House
- 14 Oak Park Forest Park
- 15 Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens
- 16 Huntington Castle and Gardens
- 17 Shankill Castle and Gardens
- 18 Borris House and Gardens
- 19 Burtown House
- 20 Patthana Gardens

GOLF

- 1 Borris Golf Club
- 2 Bunclody Golf & Fishing Club
- 3 Carlow Golf Club
- 4 Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort
- 5 Quinagh House Par 3

LOOPED WALKS

- 1 Oak Park Forest Park
- 2 Bahana Forest
- 3 Clogrennane Wood
- 4 Clashganny Forest
- 5 Kilbrannish Forest Recreation Area North
- 6 Kilbrannish Forest Recreation Area South

LONG DISTANCE WALKS

- The Wicklow Way
- The Barrow Way
- South Leinster Way
- The Columban Way



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A treasure trove of walking routes are on offer in Carlow, catering for everyone from the casual walker to the veteran hiker. Looped walks are located throughout the county, with flat walking available along the beautiful Barrow Way and hiking for the more adventurous along the scenic South Leinster and Wicklow Ways. There's a completely new addition this year with the opening of the Columban Way, which follows in the footsteps of St Columbanus - offering both flat walking and hiking options. If you're seeking peace, tranquility, fresh air and harmony with nature, then Carlow's charming walks await you. Fun, adventure, or quiet reflection - you choose.



Clogrennan Wood, near Carlow Town.

This is a fabulous route which offers users a gentle sloping 4km walk on forest roads with magnificent views of Carlow Town and the River Barrow. An old wood which has had forestry cover present since the 1800s, the predominant tree species are beech, spruce, larch and oak.



Kilbrannish Forest North, Blackstairs Mountains, Co. Carlow.

Three walking trails in this forest cater for the moderate walker and the more serious hiker. The Windfarm Loop (3km) is suitable for families with young children while the Kilbrannish Forest Loop (5km) takes approx. 2 hours to complete. The John's Hill Loop (11km) takes the walker

to John's Hill and a loop around it, well worth the effort for the spectacular views. A car park and picnic facilities are available to visitors.



Kilbrannish Forest South, Blackstairs Mountains, Co. Carlow.

Three more walking trails in nearby Kilbrannish Forest (South) cater for the moderate walker including families to the more serious hiker with a Short Loop (6.5km), Medium Loop (9.5km) and Long Loop (10.5 km). All routes offer wonderful views of the surrounding countryside.



Bahana Forest, St Mullins, Co. Carlow.

Close to the village of St Mullins, immediately adjacent to the Barrow Way lies Bahana Forest, offering the visitor a 4.5km (approx 1 hour) walk along river towpaths and forestry track. A 20-minute walk from the quayside in St Mullins takes you to the start of the walk. Afterwards relax with a well-deserved tea and coffee at the Far

Side Coffee Dock at the Mullicháin Café - open each Saturday and Sunday from 11am - 4pm, during November and December. Make sure to allow enough time to visit the fabulous 6th century ecclesiastical site named in honour of St Moling.



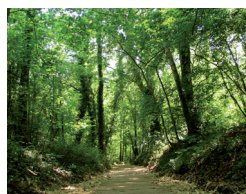
The Barrow Way, South Leinster Way and Wicklow Way.

The Barrow Way starts in County Kildare and follows the towpath and riverside roads to the beautiful monastic village of St Mullins in South Carlow. Sections for consideration in Carlow include Carlow Town to Milford, Leighlinbridge to Bagenalstown, Borris to

Graiguenamanagh and Graiguenamanagh to St Mullins. The South Leinster Way - from Kildavin to Graiguenamanagh. The Wicklow Way ends in the village of Clonegal. Huntington Castle located in the village centre is open every weekend in November and December featuring castle tours, a beautiful tea rooms and some beautiful walks through the estate.



Walking in Clashganny Forest



Oak Park Forest Park, Carlow Town.

Situated on the outskirts of Carlow Town, Oak Park Forest Park is an oasis of tranquillity and a popular destination for walkers and joggers. The park is a mature, mixed species woodland of over 120 acres with a predominance of beech, oak, scots pine, silver fir, larch and sycamore. Extending over 4km the walks

include Butlers Wood Loop (700m), the Lake Path (800m), Fox Covert Track (1,100m) and Sally Island Trail (1,700m).



Clashganny Forest, near Borris, Co. Carlow.

Clashganny Forest Trails offer the user gentle walks on forest roads and along the Barrow Way with magnificent views of Clashganny Lock and the River Barrow. Much of the walk is through an old wood which has had forestry cover present since the 1800s. The Clashganny Lock Loop is 3.5km long and takes

approximately 1.5 hours to complete over flat terrain. The Clashganny Forest Looped Walk covers a distance of 6km.



The Columban Way

Tracing its way from Mount Leinster in County Carlow to Bangor in County Down, across the island of Ireland and eight countries of Europe to Bobbio in Northern Italy, The Columban Way echoes a tradition of pilgrimage by uniting different counties and countries in a vision of a common humanity.

Walk in the footsteps of St Columbanus, a 6th century monk and pilgrim. His messages, though delivered nearly 1,500 years ago, have a remarkable relevance today. Walking through beautiful lush countryside and unspoiled landscapes you are invited to undertake a journey, not just to a destination but to a greater understanding of your life.



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If you would like a guide to guide you on your trip then contact Emmanuelle Chappard who provides guided day hikes in the Carlow area. Mountain skills level 1 and 2 courses also available.

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