



THINGS TO DO
Close to us

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THINGS TO DO AND SEE CLOSEBY

Kilmuckridge

The local beaches are the main attraction of the area, and are part of a long stretch of unbroken sandy beach that connects Cahore to Raven Point. This is said to be one of the longest stretches of beach in Europe.

Morriscastle, the most famous beach in Kilmuckridge, is popular with swimmers, walkers, horse riders, anglers and currently holds a prestigious Blue Flag award, granted due to its excellent water quality, safety, well-managed environment and good local services.

The local coast is host to many rare flora and fauna and is part of a national Heritage Site Kilmuckridge-Tinnaberna Sandhills.

Morriscastle has also been awarded the Green Coast Beaches award. Kilmuckridge contains a number of historical buildings as well as restaurants, guesthouses, pubs, and shops.



Blackwater Open Farm (15 mins)

Fun day out for the whole family, meet the animals, play in the playground, ride the tractors and enjoy a bite to eat at our restaurant.

- Indoor Bouncy Castles
- Pedal Go-Kart Track
- Indoor and Outdoor Tractor Track
- Climbing Frames & Playground

www.blackwateropenfarm.ie



Kia Ora Farm (20 mins)

Kia-Ora Mini farm is a family run open farm in Gorey, Co. Wexford which has now been in business since 1991.

- Hands-on open farm where children get to interact



An age-old gateway into Ireland, County Wexford is steeped in history dating back to the Stone Age, over 6,000 years ago. Journey through time and meet our ancestors - Celts, Christians, Vikings, Normans, French, Welsh and English - who have left us a quite remarkable heritage, unrivalled anywhere else in Ireland.

Now, for the first time ever, Wexford's history, culture and magnificent landscape is presented to you in a very special way, on the Wexford Heritage Trail. From mountain to sea, mainland to islands, our trail leads you to castles, churches and abbeys, battlefields, historic towns and villages, great houses and gardens, windmills and forts. Explore the world's oldest lighthouse, Ireland's biggest open-air museum, and its most famous Famine Ship! Discover a landscape rich in biodiversity, from unique coastal habitats to the famous Wexford Slobs, a haven for wildlife and one of the most important wild bird reserves in the world.

Along our Trail, follow in the footsteps of monarchs and monks, knights and warriors, rebels and rogues, gentry and even the odd ghost! Wexford Heritage Trail has something for everyone - you won't be disappointed!

www.inhp.com



Wexford Opera House 25 mins

Wexford Opera House is Ireland's first custom-built, multi-purpose opera house. The stunning landmark building is nestled in the heart of the beautiful Harbour town of Wexford and offers two diverse performance spaces, The John and Aileen O'Reilly Theatre and the Jerome Hynes Theatre. Each autumn it becomes the focus of cultural tourism in the south east during the Opera festival.

It offers a wide range of entertainment, from light opera to popular culture, amateur drama, top comedy acts and international tours.

Enjoy a behind the scenes tour and take in the orchestra pit, artists' dressing rooms, backstage areas and sample the acoustics of our two diverse performance spaces, the O'Reilly Theatre and the Jerome Hynes Theatre.



www.wexfordoperahouse.ie

Kilmore Quay & Saltee Islands (45 mins)

Steeped in a maritime history, the fishing port, with quaint thatched cottages, a children's playground and playful seals in the harbour, is a hive of activity. Forlorn Point has some of the most ancient rock in Europe. A memorial garden dedicated to those lost at sea lies beside Ballyteigue Burrow's 9km of sand dunes abundant with flora and fauna. Just offshore, the unspoiled Saltee Islands are a haven for sea-birds, surrounded by abundant marine life.



The Kennedy Homestead, New Ross (60 mins)

New Ross is the ancestral home of President John F Kennedy. His Great Grandfather Patrick left New Ross in 1849 to become a cooper in East Boston and married Brigid Murphy, who also emigrated from the New Ross area around the same time. Patrick Kennedy's son PJ began the rise to prominence of the Kennedy's becoming a bank President, even sending money to his cousins back in Dunganstown, New Ross so that they could avoid eviction. President Kennedy returned to his ancestral home in 1963 in a visit that was a defining moment in Irish history, from Famine emigrant to President of the USA in 3 generations.

JFK's sister Jean was to become US Ambassador to Ireland in 1993 and his other sister Eunice was founder of the Special Olympics. She brought the games to Ireland in 2003, the first time they were held outside the US.

The President's Irish cousins still live in the ancestral home and it is open to visitors and features a fascinating display of memorabilia and AV material.

www.kennedyhomestead.com



www.visitwexford.ie/attractions

Castles & Houses in Wexford

Wexford is rich in Castles, Abbeys and Manors: Ballyhack Castle, Enniscorthy Castle, Ferns Castle, Johnstown Castle, Kilmokea Manor, Tintern Abbey, Wells House, and Selskar Abbey

www.enniscorthytourism.com/categories/castles-and-houses-in-wexford-44.html

Enniscorthy Castle (25 mins)



Follow the footsteps of Anglo-Norman Knights, Gaelic Irish Kings and Elizabethan Adventurers as you uncover the story of Enniscorthy Castle

Exhibitions explore the development of the Castle and town from its earliest Anglo-Norman origins up until its use as a family home in the early 20th century. Unique displays include areas dedicated to the 1916 Rising in Enniscorthy, (only town to rise outside of Dublin), as well as the work of the renowned Irish furniture designer and

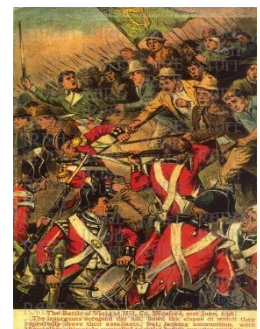
architect Eileen Gray.

Enniscorthy Castle is one of the few Irish Castles to offer access to its roof where a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside awaits. Or descend to the depths of eerie dungeon and view Ireland's rarest wall art which depicts a medieval soldier who was imprisoned in the dungeons over 400 years ago.

www.enniscorthycastle.ie

Battle of Vinegar Hill 1798 (25 mins)

The Battle of Vinegar Hill occurred during the Irish Rebellion of 1798 on 21st June 1798 when over 15000 British Soldiers launched an attack on Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy. It marked a turning point in the rebellion, as it was the last attempt by the rebels to hold and defend ground against the British military.



National 1798 Centre

On your visit you will meet the key figures of the Rebellion, participate in our state of the art battle of Vinegar Hill Experience, discover how weapons from the period worked and learn in gruesome detail how some 20,000 insurgents faced the might of 10,000 well-trained and well-armed Crown Forces.

www.knightsandrebels.ie

Johnstown Castle Gardens (30 mins)

With one of the most comprehensive displays of farming and rural life in the country, the Irish Agricultural Museum and Johnstown Castle Gardens make a wonderful day out for all the family



- Admire the large collection of beautifully restored tractors, carts, ploughs, threshing machines, stationary engines and dairy equipment
- See recreated workshops of traditional trades including blacksmith, cooper and wheelwright
- Learn about 'The Great Famine' through an exhibition which vividly reveals what life was like before, during and after the famine
- Discover the chequered history of Johnstown Castle and its estate
- Enjoy the largest display of Irish country furniture
- Compare farmhouse kitchens through the ages
- Take part in quizzes and trails (suitable for children)

<http://www.irishagrimuseum.ie/johnstown-castle-gardens/>

Wells House (10 mins)



Woodland Walks

Discover hidden treasures in a verdant landscape of mature plants and trees on our two woodland walks: The Lady Frances Woodland Walk & Mogue's Woodland Walk.

Victorian Terrace Gardens

Relax in our beautifully restored formal gardens based on the original Daniel Robertson plans of the 1830's.

Adventure Playground

Swings, slides and climbing frames, perfect for all kids!

Living Victorian House Tour

Experience real life in a Victorian Great house through the eyes of Lady Frances and the residents of Wells House

Wells House Archery

Let the resident Archer show you how to shoot a bow at the only 3D course in Ireland open to the public.

Wells House Falconry

Come and meet our Falconer's majestic birds on a hawk walk – booking required

Mrs Stone's Tearooms

Enjoy morning coffees, light lunches and Sunday lunches. For that special treat join us for our delicious afternoon tea.

Craft Courtyard The old stables at Wells House have been converted into a welcoming Craft Courtyard and provides the perfect showcase for contemporary arts, crafts & a recently opened art gallery. With numerous Crafters displaying and selling their crafts this is the perfect place to come and buy a special gift for friends, family or even for yourself! Come to wander and explore all this historic estate has to offer and witness how the house and Arboretum, Lake and Ha Ha's are further restored for future generations.

www.wellshouse.ie

Ferns Castle (25 mins)

The castle was built in the 13th century, possibly by William, Earl Marshall. Originally, the castle formed a square, with large corner towers. Only half of the castle now remains. The most complete tower contains a fine circular chapel, with carved ornament. The tower also has several original fireplaces and a vaulted basement. Archaeological excavations revealed a rock-cut ditch outside the castle walls.

Ferns Castle is one of a number of historic sites in Ferns. Others include St. Mary's, a 12th century Augustinian Priory; the remains of a 13th century cathedral, part of which is incorporated into the present Church of Ireland Church; St. Peter's, a small nave and chancel church; and some High Crosses and parts of crosses, which stand in the cathedral grounds.



Selskar Abbey (25 mins)

Selskar Abbey is one of Wexford's most significant medieval ruins, and abuts directly onto the old town walls. The curving lines of the adjacent streets may reflect the circular enclosed of a much earlier 'Celtic' monastery.

Our Lady's Island (45 mins)

This place of pilgrimage dates from the Third Crusade, over 800 years ago. Visit the remains of the Augustinian Church of St. Mary or the parish Church (1867) that showcases the work of Pugin and Ashlin



www.ourladysisland.ie

Golf Courses in Wexford

Blackwater Par-3 Golf Course (10 mins)

Ph: 053 912 7199

<http://blackwaterpar3golf.com/>

This challenging family run par 3 course is perfect to bring the whole family or to practice your short game. Its only 10 minutes' drive away from Captiva.



Blackwater Foot Golf Course

Located in Blackwater Golf Club, the football golf course offers 18 holes of fun for the whole family.

Booking during the Summer for both courses would be advisable

Enniscorthy Golf Course (34 mins)

Ph: 053 923 3191

<https://www.enniscorthygc.ie/>

Enniscorthy Golf Club is a superbly manicured parkland golf course, with mature, tree-lined fairways, excellent greens and great natural beauty in the foothills of the Blackstairs Mountains. It is located right in the centre of Co Wexford and is only about 1 hour's drive from south Dublin. We have almost 600 members with a very vibrant Men's, Ladies and Junior sections.



Courtown Golf Course (29 mins)

Ph: 053 942 5166

Courtown Golf Club is a picturesque and challenging golf course, founded in 1936 the golf course was upgraded to 18 holes in 1974. It was built on a piece of land that was once part of the old Courtown estate. With its panoramic views of the South Irish Sea and the beautiful North Wexford coast it provides a delightful distraction to many a bad round.

Courtown is a mature parkland course, par 71 and almost 6000 metres in length. Every fairway is lined to reward the accurate golfer and punish the wayward. The Pro Shop located near the 1st tee box stocks a large variety of the top names in golf and is run by resident I.P.G.A. professionals Paul Morris and James Roche.

In addition Courtown is serviced by a comfortable and inviting clubhouse

<https://www.courtowngolfclub.com>

