

WATERFORD
Where Ireland Begins

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WHERE IRELAND BEGINS



Accessibility to Waterford

Getting there

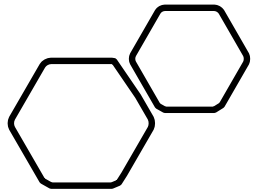
- Dublin to Waterford – 170km – 2 h 15 min
- Cork to Waterford – 121km – 1 h 55 min
- Shannon to Waterford – 154km – 2 h 30 min

Visit other areas in Ireland's ancient East

- Waterford to Kilkenny – 52km – 40 min
- Waterford to Wexford – 60km – 1 h
- Waterford to Tipperary – 87km – 1 h 25 min



Waterford City

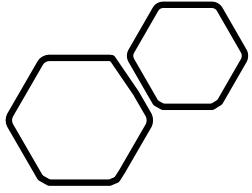


Epic Tour of Waterford

The Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle is a **theatrical comedy whirlwind journey** with props, costumes, singing, dancing and plenty of craic!

The tour is a **full costumed re-enactment** brought to life by Waterford Treasures on-site team of actors.



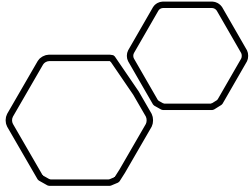


Medieval Museum

The Medieval Museum, tells the story of life in the city incorporating **preserved medieval structures** within its walls including the beautiful Chorister's Hall.

Among the exhibits are the 4m-long **Great Charter Roll dating from 1372**, which was viewed by Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Ireland and the **15th century cloth-of-gold vestments**.



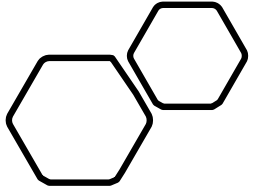


King of the Vikings

This Viking Virtual Reality Adventure is a **world first** located in a reproduction Waterford Viking house.

The **innovative technology** brings the epic adventures of the Vikings to life, allowing visitors to **experience** them in a close and personal way.



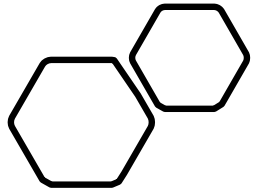


Masterpieces in Glass

The visitor experience consists of a guided tour of the Bishop's Palace and an **interactive 4D presentation** which includes two of the **oldest pieces** of Waterford glass in existence.

The end of the tour features a **glass-fronted cabinet** with a collection of glass animals created in the nearby **glass factory** for Elizabeth Penrose and shells she collected from local beaches.



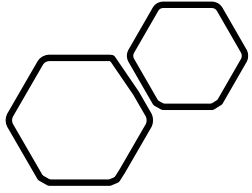


The Bishop's Palace

The palace was built in 1743 by **renowned** Anglo-Indian architect Richard Castle.

With **enchanting stories** the re-enactor guides take you through the **grand reception** rooms, furnished with Irish 18th century furniture, paintings, silverware and glassware.



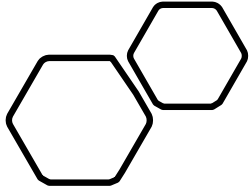


Reginald's Tower

Reginald's Tower, a **landmark 12th century building**, the **only monument** in Ireland named in honour of a Viking. Situated at the apex of the Viking Triangle it houses the **treasures** of Viking Waterford.

On display is a set of weapons from a Viking warriors grave the **only set to survive** in Ireland and a famous 12th century gold and silver Waterford Kite Brooch.



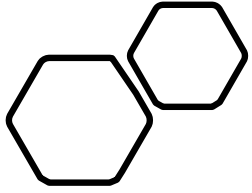


House of Waterford Crystal

A **guided tour** of the factory, where visitors see the **craftsmanship** associated with each and every piece that leaves the factory.

Visitors enter the blowing department seeing glowing balls of crystal **transformed into majestic shapes** as they are put through the 1300-degree furnace. Waterford Crystal pieces are **hand marked for accuracy** and they are then cut, sculpted and engraved.



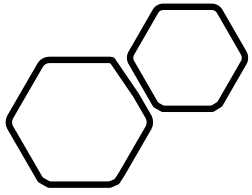


House of Waterford Crystal

On completion of the tour, visitors can experience 12,000 square feet of **crystal heaven** in the **largest retail and showcase** of Waterford Crystal in the world.

Visitors get an opportunity to **personalize** their crystal with our instore artisan. Shipping goods home could not be simpler with our **worldwide shipping** service. Visitors can take advantage of our **tax back shopping service**.



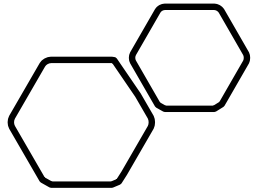


Kite Design Studios

Kite Design Studios, situated in the Viking Triangle, is home to some of the **most creative craftspeople** in Ireland. It includes global names including: Irish Handmade Glass & Sean Egan Art Glass.

At Kite Design Studios see some of Ireland's most **beautiful handmade pieces**, a **unique** opportunity to meet and watch the crafts people as they work.



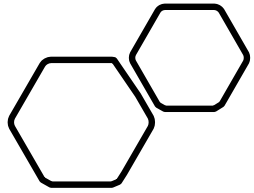


Afternoon Tea at Waterford Castle

Enjoy the **delights** of Afternoon Tea in the Castle's Conservatory while overlooking the formal gardens and the **Island's grounds**.

The open fire truly takes centre stage in the Castle's original welcome hall. The Fire place wears the Fitzgerald Family Crest, reminding all that for over **300 years** Waterford Castle was a family home.



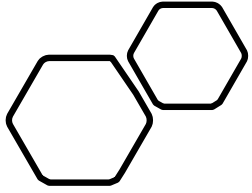


Jack Burtchaell Tours

Since 1990, Jack Burtchaell at Waterford Tourist Services has provided **walking tours** of the **historic core** of Waterford city, known as the **Viking Triangle**.

The tour lasts 1 hour and covers over a **1,000 years of history**, and includes **four National Monuments**, **two Cathedrals** and introduces the visitor to the city's history.



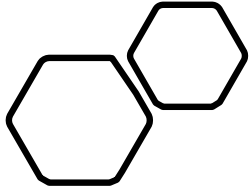


Shopping In Waterford

Waterford City is a **shopping destination** in its own right with the **added advantage** that you don't have to travel far from one shop to another.

As well as the **huge selection** of **locally owned** businesses, Waterford boasts a superb range of **internationally recognized** retailers.





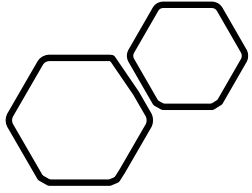
Nightlife in Waterford

The Munster Bar is **possibly Waterford's oldest pub** with a tavern on the site for at least **350 years**, situated in the heart of the Viking Triangle.

Davy Macs serves over 70 Gins covering everything from **the Exotic to the Contemporary**, Irish to New World.

Geoff's Bar is a **landmark city cafe bar**, with great food and drink, located in the **'Apple Market'**





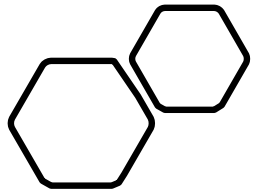
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The Reg consists of 5 bars built around the **900-year-old City Wall** constructed at the **same time** as Reginald's Tower.

Tully's Bar in the **heart of Waterford City** offers craft beers & spirits, great coffee and **fantastic** live music.

The Kazbar is a **top class nightlife** venue, **renowned** for top class entertainment and excellent food offerings.



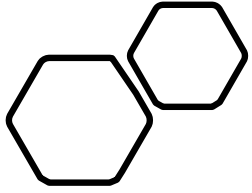


Curraghmore House and Gardens

Curraghmore House is the home of the **8th Marquis of Waterford**. His ancestors (the de la Poers) came to Ireland from Normandy around **1170**.

Some **2,500 acres** of formal gardens, woodland and grazing fields make this the **largest private demesne in Ireland** and one of the finest places to visit in Ireland.



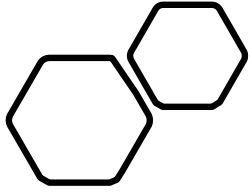


Mount Congreve Gardens

Mount Congreve consists of 70 acres of **intensively planted** woodland gardens and a 4 acre walled garden.

The **entire collection** consists of **3,000** different trees/ shrubs, **2,000** Rhododendrons, **600** Camellias, **300** Acer cultivars, **600** conifers, **250** climbers and **150** herbaceous plants.



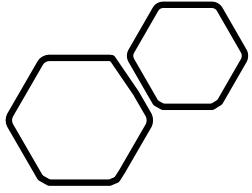


Suir Valley Railway

Experience the beauty of the Suir Valley from a **period carriage** taking in **panoramic views** of the river and rolling farmland of Waterford.

The track runs along the **picturesque banks** of the River Suir offering views of the world famous Mount Congreve Gardens. This is an area rich in history and **only accessible** by train.





Waterford Camino Tours

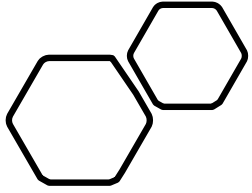
The Waterford Camino experience blends **beautiful trails**, a little **adventure** and some **reflective 'time-out'** that will inspire you on your path in life. Covering vast distances to reach our destination is not what our Camino is about.

The point of the journey is the steps in between and **making time for chats**, stillness and some **spiritual compass** points along the way.





Dungarvan & West Waterford

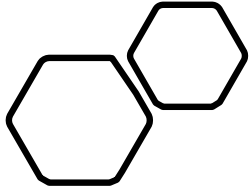


Lismore Castle Gardens

Spread over **3 hectares**, the gardens are divided into two very **distinct and different** halves.

The Upper Garden is an example of the **17th-century walled garden** first constructed by Richard Boyle, the First Earl of Cork, in 1605. The **Lower Garden** was created in the 19th century for the Sixth Duke of Devonshire.



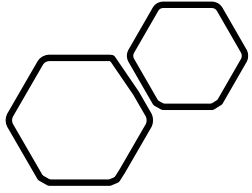


Comeragh Mountains

This **easy to access** mountain range offers wonderful vistas across the county and down to the sea. Described by some as **Ireland's best kept secret**, the Comeraghs offer everything from a dramatic waterfall down a cliff face to the **mystery** of the '**magic road**' which runs through the gap of the range.

Heading southwards from the Nire valley, towards Dungarvan, there are some fine **rounded hills**, such as Seefin and Crohaun, while a **network of forest tracks** offer easier walking.



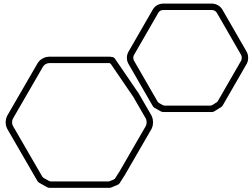


Lismore Heritage Centre

The Lismore Castle Experience is a **NEW ground-breaking** virtual reality experience.

Through a virtual reality headset, visitors are **transported** into the world of Lismore Castle's past where they will **see the characters** who shaped the site and town including **Fred Astaire, Sir Walter Raleigh** and **John F Kennedy**.



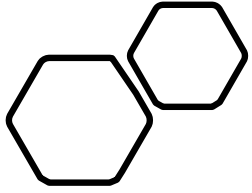


Waterford Greenway

The Greenway follows a spectacular old railway route that starts in Waterford city, crosses towering viaducts and sea-girded causeways and passes through Victorian tunnels to reach the coast at Dungarvan, a 45 kilometre-long glorious rural route.

The Waterford to Dungarvan railway line was opened in 1878, and the last passenger train left Dungarvan for Waterford and Rosslare in March 1967.





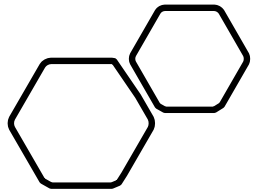
Cycling the Greenway

Greenway Waterford Bike Hire

Based in two **great locations** in Waterford city, at the WIT Arena, where there is over 300 free car parking spaces, a cafe and toilet facilities.

It's the **perfect place** to begin the **beautiful journey** on the Waterford Greenway.



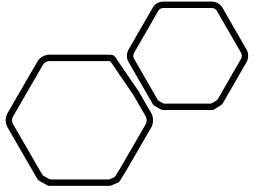


Tannery Cookery School

The Tannery Cookery School is part of the **award winning** Tannery restaurant.

Featuring a **state of the art** kitchen, with work space for twelve students, the Tannery Cookery School is a **modern and innovative** place to learn some new cookery skills.





Ring, Dungarvan

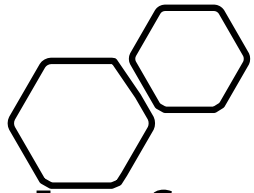
The Gaeltacht "An Rinn" is an Irish Centre with its own **heritage and culture**, nestling on the west side of Dungarvan Bay. It is best known for its **prestigious Colaiste Na Rinne**. An Rinn is the perfect place if one wishes to experience real Irish culture.

It is a world apart - in its welcoming people, its scenery, its seascape and above all its **cultural vitality**.





Tramore

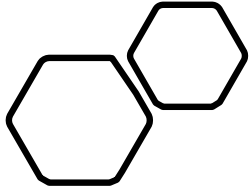


Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens

The Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Gardens have a **wonderful and unique story** to tell. In their style and planting they contain elements of the gardening traditions of the countries and cultures traversed by **Patrick Lafcadio Hearn** during his varied life.

The journey begins in a **Victorian Garden** dedicated to the memory of Hearn's **happy childhood summers** in Tramore.



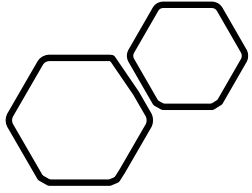


Kitesurfing Tramore

Located in the T-Bay Surf Centre in Tramore, Kitesurfing Ireland is the **only centre** to offer lessons in every season.

The first part of the lesson is **dedicated to safety** and control of a two-line power kite. Then the setup and recovery of land based kites, the effect of wind turbulence and other associated limits of kite flying.



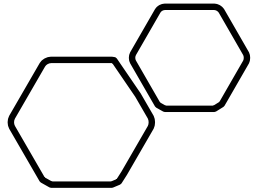


Freedom Surf School Tramore

Billy Butler former Irish Surfing Team rider and founder of Freedom has been surfing for over 30 years, the **experienced team** want to share their **knowledge and skills** in a safe and fun environment.

Always wanted to try surfing, Freedom Surf Instructor's **guarantee** you expert instruction in a fun and relaxed environment.



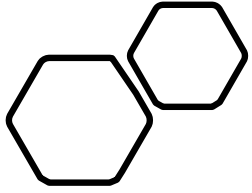


Copper Coast Geopark

The area was declared a **European Geopark** in 2001 and a **UNESCO Global Geopark** in 2004. This geologically diverse area contains records of **Palaeozoic volcanism** and the **last Ice Age**.

The Copper Coast is named after the **historic metal-mining** industry.





Sea Paddling

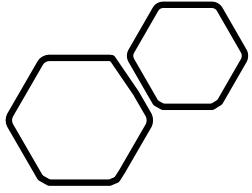
Sea paddling is a sea kayak touring operator based in Fenor, just outside Tramore Paddling locations include Waterford's famous **Copper Coast, Waterford Estuary** and the **ivers of the county** including the Barrow and Suir.

They also organise and **lead expeditions** to the Saltee Islands and the West of Ireland.





Dunmore East

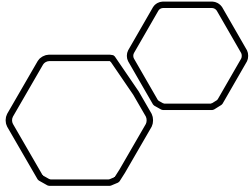


Dunmore East Adventure Centre

Situated in a sheltered cove in the **idyllic village** of Dunmore East, the Adventure Centre provides **water and land based outdoor activities**.

From their purpose built Adventure Centre at the waters edge in, they use **sheltered coves** as their playground, introducing a wide range of water activities; from **Wibit Wipeout Water Park** to **Windsurfing, Stand up Paddle boarding** to **sailing**.



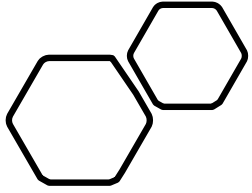


Beaches

With **147km of coastline** any visit to Waterford would not be complete without a visit to a beach.

Dunmore East has lots of **picturesque coves** where swimming can be enjoyed. **Tramore Beach** "big strand/beach" is one of Ireland's **best loved beaches**. **Clonea Strand Blue Flag Beach** is located approximately 5km outside Dungarvan. **Woodstown** a **mile long sandy beach** is suitable for bathing when the tide is in.





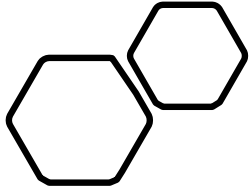
Waterford Winner of Foodie Destinations 2019

Waterford was announced as the **winner of Foodie Destinations 2019**, an initiative run by the **Restaurants Association** of Ireland.

Votes from the public were combined with a score from a judging visit to decide the overall winner.

There was **great local awareness**, as well as **pride and passion**, for food and food tourism in the area





Festivals

Waterford plays host to **multiple festivals** throughout the year **showcasing** and catering for **music, arts, food, and cultural** events.

Festivals include Spraoi, Winterval, harvest Festival, West Waterford Food Festival, Dunmore east, Bluegrass Festival, Waterford Writers Weekend, Day Tripper, All Together Now and Imagine Arts Festival





Waterford

- Ireland's **oldest city** in Ireland founded by Vikings in **914 A.D.** Reginald's Tower, built in 1003 is the oldest and most historic urban medieval monument in Ireland
- “ 1000 years in a 1000 paces” with Viking & Victorian History located in the Viking Triangle
- Reputation for artisan experiences in Ireland “ Winner of **Foodie Destination 2019**”
- Home of **glassmaking** in Ireland- Waterford Crystal since 1783
- **Ldylic Location** adjacent to coastal and mountainous walks & soft adventure.
- **Castle & Gardens** including Lismore Castle and Curraghmore House



Accommodation



Hotels in Waterford

Treacy's Hotel Conference and Leisure Centre

Location: 1 Merchants Quay, Waterford

Treacy's Hotel Conference , Leisure Centre and Spa is situated in the heart of Waterford city, overlooking the River Suir. The hotel is friendly and welcoming , has a very comfortable and cosy feel to it, while still having all the modern requirements our guests require.

Dooley's Hotel Waterford

Location: The Quay, Waterford

The waters of the River Suir swirl past the door of this renowned hotel, situated on the Quay in Waterford City. The hotel is across the road from Waterford Bus Station, 5 minutes' walk to the train station and less than 10km to Waterford Airport.

Faithlegg House Hotel

Location: Faithlegg, County Waterford

Faithlegg House Hotel & Golf Club in Waterford is an 18 Century mansion which has been sensitively restored to form the centre piece of a magnificent four star hotel.



Hotels in Waterford

Granville Hotel

Location: Meagher's Quay, Waterford

One of Waterford's most prestigious City Centre Hotels. RAC**** overlooking the River Suir. The Granville Hotel Waterford overlooks the waterfront & marina in the heart of Waterford City's business & shopping centre.

Waterford Viking Hotel

Location: Cork Road, Waterford

Offering Waterford's most modern facilities in the most easily accessible location. In addition to free parking, enjoy free Broadband and Sky movies in your room. The Viking Hotel provides quality accommodation within a 10 minute drive of the city centre.

The Fitzwilton

Location: The Fitzwilton, Bridge Street, Waterford

Boutique hotel luxury in the heart of Waterford City: Overlooking the river Suir and with stunning views of Waterford's cityscape the Fitzwilton Hotel is located a mere 2 minutes walking distance from Waterford City's main Train/Bus station and 5 minutes' walk from the main shopping and entertainment district.



Hotels in Waterford

Travel Lodge Waterford

Location: Cork Road, Waterford

Superb hotel, comfortable yet affordable accommodation. Located on the main Cork to Rosslare Road (N25) our hotel is the ideal gateway to all that the sunny South East has to offer.

Tower Hotel and Leisure Centre

Location: The Island, Ballinakill, Waterford

Situated on its own private 310 acre Island on the River Suir, Waterford Castle Hotel & Golf Resort offers Luxury Castle Accommodation nestled in the suburbs of Waterford City. Feel yourself travel through time as you make the magical journey by our Car Ferry to the Island Resort.

Waterford Marina Hotel

Location: Canada Street, Waterford

Situated on a well maintained cobbled road with complimentary on-site parking, the Waterford Marina Hotel is ideally located in the heart of Waterford city with Complimentary onsite Parking.



Hotels in Waterford

Woodlands Hotel

Location: Dunmore Road, Waterford

This is a contemporary establishment located on the outskirts of Waterford city centre with 47 large ensuite bedrooms and a fully equipped leisure centre. The Hotel is a short distance from local sandy beaches and an excellent selection of golf courses.

Waterford Castle

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Greenway Manor Hotel

Location: Kilotteran, Co. Waterford

The Greenway Manor is the perfect setting for special events, offering a beautiful period character along with first-class service and a commitment to making every event highly personal.



Hotels in County Waterford - Tramore

Majestic Hotel

Location: Tramore, Co. Waterford

4 star Majestic Hotel located in the sunny south east of Ireland overlooking Tramore Bay with its impressive 5km stretch of golden beach and sand dunes and less than 10km from the historical city of Waterford.

The Sands Hotel

Location: Tramore, Co. Waterford

The Sands Hotel Tramore is placed in a unique location within walking distance of sandy beaches and rugged coves of Tramore. The area is renowned for its aquatic activities, walking, golfing, cliff climbing and bird watching. The Sands Hotel has a central beach location.

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Hotels in County Waterford – Dunmore East

Strand Inn Hotel

Location: Dunmore East, Co. Waterford

Next to the beach in the scenic village of Dunmore East, The Strand Inn features an on-site seafood restaurant, free parking and an outdoor patio with views of the Hook Head Lighthouse. Fishing and sailing can be enjoyed within the local area, and there are 5 golf courses within 16.1 km of the property.

The Haven Hotel

Location: Dunmore East, Co. Waterford

Set in stunning surroundings in the heart of the beautiful fishing village of Dunmore East. The Haven Hotel pride themselves on serving delicious home cooked food and celebrate Irish produce and use products from recognized Quality Assurance Schemes, specialising in Roast Rib of Prime Irish Beef and locally caught seafood. As a must for music lovers we have live music in the bar most weekends and on the new outdoor stage on Sundays in the summer months.

Hotels in County Waterford - Dungarvan



Lawlor's Hotel

Location: Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

One of the best known and longest established hotels in the coastal town of Dungarvan, Waterford, in the South East of Ireland. The hotel is situated on Dungarvan harbour, where the River Colligan broadens and enters the sea. We offer warm, comfortable bed and breakfast accommodation.



The Park Hotel Holiday Homes & Leisure Centre

Location: Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

The Park Hotel, Dungarvan is situated on five acres of landscaped gardens, overlooking the attractive Colligan River Estuary and just five minutes from the harbour town of Dungarvan. Within easy reach of the Clonea Strand blue flag beach, excellent golf courses and the Comeragh Mountains a much loved walk for hillwalkers.



Gold Coast Hotel

Location: Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Gold Coast Golf Resort in Dungarvan is a beautiful hotel that overlooks the dramatic seascape of the fantastic West Waterford coastline. This extremely family-friendly hotel is located on the renowned 18 hole parkland golf course which offers the golfer an enthralling and scenic challenge.



Hotels in County Waterford – Ardmore

Cliff House Hotel

Location: Ardmore, Co. Waterford

Cliff House Hotel is a five star, privately owned luxury hotel located close to cork and Waterford. The building seems to defy gravity, clinging to a cliff on the south side of Ardmore Bay where there has long been a fishing village.

Round Tower Hotel

Location: Ardmore, Co. Waterford

Round Tower Hotel is a Fáilte Ireland approved 3 star hotel. Nestled in the western end of county Waterford in Ireland's acclaimed 'Sunny South East', the hotel offers guests and visitors the opportunity to enjoy their break in one of Ireland's oldest Christian settlement villages..



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WALK WATERFORD - FROM SEA TO MOUNTAINS

Walk Waterford is a series of recreational walks throughout Waterford. Choose a trail that suits you: from stunning coastal walks to breathtaking mountain scenery to tranquil woodland settings to picturesque towns and villages and Ireland's oldest city.

Find your trail in Waterford...where Ireland begins.

WALK WATERFORD



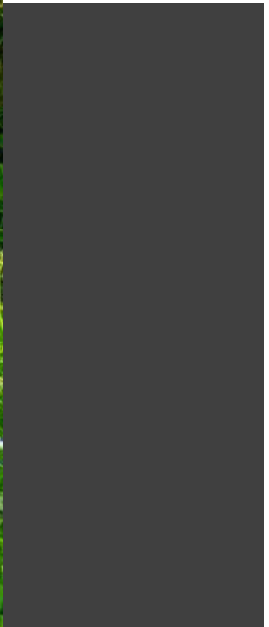
Almost 40 Walking Trails Across Waterford

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NATURE AND WOODLAND TRAILS



LONG DISTANCE TRAILS AND GREENWAY



WALK
WATERFORD



MOUNTAIN TRAILS





7 Sign posted recreational cycling trails including 5 on road Waterford Cycling Trails; EuroVelo 1 Atlantic Coast Route and of course Waterford Greenway!

Waterford Greenway



SCALE: 4km approx.

GREENWAY ROUTES

- Waterford City - Kiltaran (7.5km)
- Kiltaran - Kilmeaden (9km)
- Kilmeaden - Kilmacthomas (13.5km)
- Kilmacthomas - Durrrow (12km)
- Durrrow - Clonra Road (8km)
- Clonra Road - Dungarvan (4km)



The old railway line from Waterford City to Dungarvan is a spectacular 46km off-road cycling and walking trail which travels through time and nature across eleven bridges, three tall viaducts and a long atmospheric tunnel, all the way from the river to the sea.

Along this route, in Ireland's Ancient East, is the site of a 9th century Viking settlement; the world renowned ornamental gardens at Mount Congreve; a famine workhouse; old railway stations and a heritage railway train that still runs along part of the track.

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