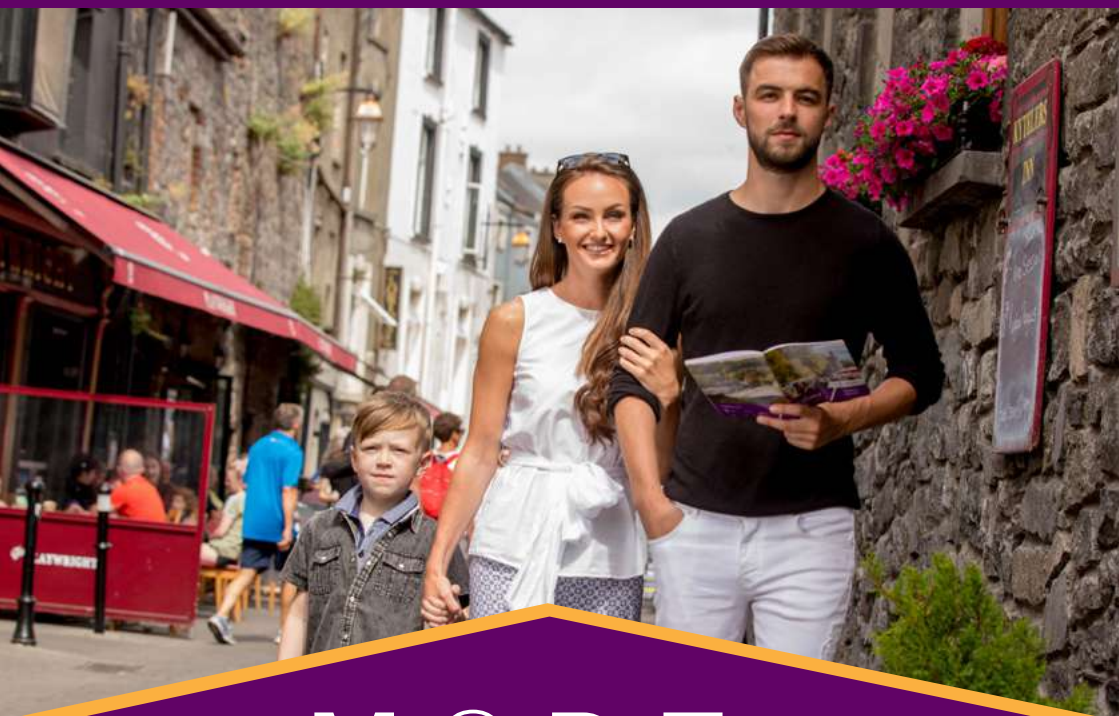


# Kilkenny

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# Castlecomer Discovery Park

Discover Adventure!



Castlecomer Discovery Park in Kilkenny is a sure way to break cabin fever after lockdown and ditch the digital screens for exercise, activity and adventure. Castlecomer Discovery Park is an 80-acre activity park featuring a wide range of exhilarating activities for all ages, from the Toy Story Trail, Boats, Archery and the Junior Woodland Adventure Course to the Mining Museum and much more fun activities. After a fun filled day enjoy some refreshment in the Canopy Café.

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

# National Reptile Zoo

**Come and meet the creatures!**



Come and meet some of the world's rarest and most unusual animals and Ireland's only Reptile Zoo. The National Reptile Zoo is dedicated to the conservation of these amazing creatures and their habitats. With over 50 exhibits, Animal Encounter Zone, Nocturnal Realm and Coffee Shop this is a must visit on any staycation to Kilkenny and will keep the whole family entertained.

Restrictions are in place for social distancing and they will close at 5pm to allow a thorough clean down and disinfecting each day. Visitor numbers will be limited to 50 at a time. There will be an option to purchase tickets at the door but please try and purchase online.

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



# Nore Valley Park

**Make some new memories!**



Set in Bennettsbridge, Nore Valley Park is a family-run camping and caravan park as well as an activity centre and open farm with a variety of animals. The site is located in a quiet, peaceful valley and is supervised at all times. Mobile homes and Lodges are available for rental. For families enjoying a staycation in Kilkenny this summer, Nore Valley offers a great afternoon out. Come and see all the animals from chickens and ostriches to donkeys and deer. The younger kids will enjoy bottle feeding the baby lambs and holding the rabbits. Learn about the Irish heritage of farming before relaxing with a cup of tea and home-baked scones.

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**[www.norevalleypark.com](http://www.norevalleypark.com)**

# Dunmore Caves

Go treasure hunting deep underground!



Dunmore Caves is the perfect location to go cave exploring with the kids and is just a 10-minute drive outside the city. A series of limestone caves can be toured with a guide for as little as €13 for a family. The massively knowledgeable guides will fascinate young and old alike with the gory history of the caves. The caves boast wonderful examples of stalagmites and stalactites. The highlight of the tour comes when all the lights get switched off!

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[www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave)

# Kilkenny Castle Parklands

A delight for castle lovers,  
big and small!



Kilkenny Castle Parklands comprises of an incredible 21 hectares of land providing the ideal spot for a picnic no matter how big the family are!! The park also has woodland walks & a superb children's playground with swings, slides, bridges and benches for adults too and is open until 8.30pm during the summer.

Kilkenny Castle Park also provides the ideal spot for kite-flying with its open spaces.

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# Woodstock Gardens

**The most beautiful garden in Kilkenny!**



The stunning Woodstock Gardens are located in the south east of Kilkenny just outside the picturesque village of Inistioge. The gardens, overlooking the River Nore Valley, offer visitors a wide variety of attractions and are a relaxing and beautiful environment in which to spend a day with a picnic! The restored Victorian gardens are one of Ireland's finest and are home to a mix of formal and informal gardens with an

arboretum, walled garden, yew walk and rose garden. Also, of significance are two stunning avenues, The Monkey Puzzle Avenue and Noble Fir Avenue. Make memories this summer with a day out in Woodstock Gardens.

The car park is limited to 50 cars for the foreseeable future and extra staff will be on duty to ensure social distancing is being maintained.

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**[www.woodstock.ie](http://www.woodstock.ie)**

# Medieval Mile Museum

Explore Medieval stories of the past!



From Viking invaders and Norman knights, to high kings, high crosses and monks, journey through the fascinating 800 year history of Ireland's Ancient East with a visit to the former 13th century St Mary's Church, which has been carefully restored and converted into the Medieval Mile Museum. Set in the heart of the city, a guided tour tells the stories of Kilkenny's powerful patrons and provides a thorough history of the church, the castle, and Ireland's Ancient East, with architecture, artefacts and interactive displays which play homage to a rich, turbulent past. Situated in Kilkenny City Centre the Medieval Mile is one of the many sites on Ireland's Medieval Mile that all the family will enjoy.

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



# Kilkenny Cycling Tours

The best way to see  
Kilkenny!



Voted Kilkenny's No.1 Activity on TripAdvisor; Kilkenny Cycling Tours offers guided cycling tours of Kilkenny City, exploring the sights and sounds of the medieval capital of Ireland. Spend a morning or afternoon cycling with a guide and visiting all of the main tourist attractions as well as some hidden gems. If you're just visiting Kilkenny for a short time, the cycling tour of medieval Kilkenny is the best way to discover all of the city's historical attractions in a fun, casual, yet educational way. River bank cycle paths are used along the River Nore and backstreets so there's no need to worry about traffic. The tour covers about 10km in total. Bike rental available on daily rate and all safety equipment and maps supplied.

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[www.kilkennycyclingtours.com](http://www.kilkennycyclingtours.com)

# Kilfane Glen & Waterfall

Lose yourself in a  
picturesque paradise!



Kilfane Glen is a rugged but beautiful 6-hectare garden that has retained its original character as conceived by the prominent Power family in the 1790s. The idyllic landscape features wild fox-gloves, ferns and other plants.

Kilfane Glen comprises of a 30-foot waterfall, rustic grotto and thatched summerhouse, where visitors may take a short break from strolling the grounds.

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[www.kilfane.com](http://www.kilfane.com)

# Pure Adventure Activities

Have some fun and adventure out on the river!



Pure Adventure is based in the heart of the Barrow Valley in the Picturesque Village of Graiguenamanagh. Pure Adventure is a family run business that is built on a passion for the outdoors and for water sports and their mission is to share their passion with their visitors, giving you a great experience and memories that will last a lifetime. Pure Adventure offers a range of Kayaking, Canoeing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Hill Walking activities to suit all ages and abilities. All equipment is supplied and all guides are fully qualified and highly experienced.

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# Kells Priory

Step back in time!



One of the largest and most impressive medieval monuments in Ireland and its striking feature of medieval tower houses, is located in the small village of Kells, far from the hustle and bustle of Kilkenny city. Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and visualise the monastic precinct in its hay day, before enjoying a packed picnic, a short walking loop along the river to the old water mill, and all the serenity the King's River brings.

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

# Go With The Flow

River adventures await!



Celebrating 20 years in business, enjoy an adventure like no other on family day out canoeing in Kilkenny. Do something unique and go where few other tourists get to experience. Choose from a half or full day activity excursion and spend some quality time paddling some of the most enchanting waterways in Kilkenny. Go With The Flow adventures take you into beautiful, unspoilt and exciting waterways where you can explore off the beaten track sights and landscapes in Kilkenny. The instructors will guide you along exclusive trails and show you how to shoot weirs and ride the rapids.

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

# MacDonagh Junction Famine Experience

Learn about an important part of Irish history.



Having only launched in late 2017, The Famine Experience is relatively new to Kilkenny and will open your eyes to the blight of the Kilkenny famine inmates of the 1840's. Described as the most significant discovery in the world, relating to the Irish famine, the free, self-guided audio visual tour recalls the heartbreaking and poignant human famine story set amidst the buildings of the former famine Workhouse.

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