

Anchor Point MOTORHOMES Guide to KILDARE

Kildare is a county steeped in history, horses and legendary heroes. Most famous for its national stud and Japanese gardens, there's plenty to see from holy wells, to abbeys and designer shopping outlets.

Visit the Hill of Allen where mythical warrior Fionn mac Cumhaill once sat, marvel at the magnificently carved Moone Cross, envisage life among the Earls at Kildare Castle and witness the sheer scale of Castletown House.

Castletown House

This Georgian palace is one of Ireland's most remarkable 18th century Palladian structures with beautiful parklands. The polished limestone floor with its chequered design and the Kilkenny marble fireplace reflect William Conolly's desire to build the house solely of native Irish materials. There is also an event programme that runs all year with art and craft exhibitions and classical music performances, so check the [itinerary in advance](#).



National Stud & Japanese Gardens

If you love horses and are interested to learn more about the thorough bred horse industry, book a tour at the national stud where you will see Ireland's finest mares, stallions and foals. If you love gardens prepare to be awestruck at the extraordinary Japanese gardens. Designed in 1906 by Japanese craftsman Tassa Eida and his son Minoru, the gardens symbolise the 'life of man' through this delightful blend of oriental architecture and horticulture. [See web for more](#)

Moone Cross

Moone Cross is Ireland's second highest celtic cross at 5.3m and is considered a masterpiece among granite crosses. It dates back to the 10th century and two of its parts were found in 1835 with the middle section discovered 58 years later - a lucky find. It now stands in its entire glory at Moone. Visit [Megalithic Ireland](#) for directions.



Curragh Racecourse

Hosting its first recorded race in 1727, the Curragh is the oldest and most prestigious racecourse in the country and one of the finest flat-racing courses in the world. Experience the passion and atmosphere of a [day at the races](#).

Kildare Village and shopping

If a little bit retail therapy is on the agenda, head for [Kildare shopping village](#) where you can bag designer brands at heavily discounted prices. Kildare is also the home of Newbridge silver where you can visit the [style icon museum](#) with pieces from Audrey Hepburn, Marlyn Monroe and Princess Diana. If all this is to high end, there is a great TK Max in the village only a 10 minute walk away. A ramble around Kildare town for a spot of lunch will have you spoilt for choice. For motorhome owners, the [Silken Thomas](#) is reported to have great food with good parking facilities.



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St Patricks College Maynooth

Maynooth college grounds are very impressive and a visit to the magnificent St Patricks chapel, pictured above is certainly worth the effort. The college also has a science and Ecclesiastical Museum with rare manuscripts, intriguing religious artefacts and an exhibit of old scientific instrumentation.

Maynooth Castle

This great Anglo-Norman castle was built in the early 13th century on land granted to Maurice Fitzgerald by Strongbow. The Kildare FitzGerald's became one of the most powerful families in Ireland with Maynooth Castle being the largest and richest among the Earl's houses.



Maynooth Castle Ruins

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery

Developed on an area of cutaway bog, this award-winning, family-oriented park offers a huge range of activities. A woodland trail leads to an Iron Age hut recreation and also an enchanting fairy village. Boardwalks lead out over the bog which is abundant with wildlife. There's also a pet farm, crazy golf, adventure playground and heritage railway providing 15-minute rides.



[Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park](#)

Other attractions



[Mondello Park](#)
[Book a driving experience](#)



[Visit the impressive St Brigid's Cathedral](#)



[Visit Athy Boat Tours](#)



[Steam Museum & Lodge Park Walled Garden](#)



[Oughterard Round Tower](#)
Stunning burial site of Arthur Mc Guinness



Leinster's largest Hedge Maze in North Kildare

Motorhome Parking

All recommended destinations are easy to access by motorhome with good parking. For overnight stays check out the following resources:

[Camping Ireland](#)

Faite Ireland Approved and Registered Campsites throughout Ireland. Pick up your free book when you visit Anchor Point.

[Safenights Ireland](#)

Reduced rate safe overnight parking for Motorhome users with membership card.

[Motorhome Parking Ireland](#)

App which lists campsites, Motorhome Parking (aires), free overnight parking spots, bars & restaurants that welcome motorhomes.

Links

[Visit the Kildare Tourism Website](#)

[National Science and Ecclesiology Museum](#)

[Maynooth College](#)

[Lonely Planet Top Things to do](#)

[The Kildare Maze](#)

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