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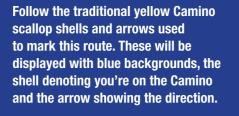


West St, Drogheda. With church facing you,

Walk 200m to a crossroad with the R132.

go left, walk past the The Marcy Hotel. STAMP

MELLIFONT GPS: 53.742861, -6.465604



- Leave this open area through stone piers, take right fork trail for the Boyne Camino, follow this trail which has a natural ditch to the left and a field to the right. Trail naturally veers to the right, keeping field to the
- Trail pops out to join old forestry road, very tall conifers ahead, bear left and follow signs up road, passing a turning circle on right. At junction take right fork that runs up forest road to lodge on Townley Hall Road (L5604).
- turn left immediately and walk on road verge for approx 800m. Take local road on right to high point at Ardagh. House with paddock style fence on right as enter this road.
- bend. This is the highest point on the Boyne Valley Camino with great views. Follow road for another 800m to a T-junction (Lynch's Cross).
- road for 1.2km to a crossroad.
- cul-de-sac to Old Mellifont Abbev:



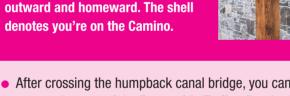


WAY BACK/SLÍ ABHAILE C. 13km





ST. PETER'S **RC CHURCH GPS:** 53.715017, -6.352781



- Leaving Mellifont Abbey, STAMP; return to the crossroad. Go right and retrace your steps for 1.2km to **Lynch's Cross.** Continue straight ahead on this road for a further 1.6km to a T-Junction opposite Tullyallen School and football field.
- Go right and walk 100m to a crossroad. Go left here to **Tullyallen Village**. Continue through the village as far as the supermarket where you can get a stamp on your passport. STAMP;
- Return from the supermarket in the direction of the STAMP! school. You can get a stamp at the Morning Star Pub. Take the turn to the left, opposite the Morning Star Pub signposted for the church and follow this road past the church. (Our Lady of the Assumption).
- Go around the back of the church (site of Williamite Camp before **Battle of the Boyne**) and follow this road back to the village opposite the pub. (There is a well on your right
- Go left here opposite the Morning Star Pub pub and walk back to the crossroad after the school.
- Go left at the crossroad and approx. 200m downhill you can access Belnumber Wood (King William's Glen) via a timber gate on your right. Follow this meandering path through the wood for 1.3km. At bottom of steps take left and follow this path to leave woods.
- Carefully cross the N51 in the direction of Oldbridge House, crossing the **Obelisk** metal bridge. Follow road over bridge veering left along the Boyne Canal, then right across humpback bridge.

- After crossing the humpback canal bridge, you can access the start of the Boyneside Trail to Drogheda on your left.
- The entrance to Oldbridge House (1750) is on STAMP: your right. You can detour off our walk to enjoy Oldbridge House which houses the Battle of the Boyne Interpretive Centre, café, gardens and magnificent grounds. Managed by OPW.
- Follow the Boyneside Trail for 1.6km and this leads onto the ramparts path along the Boyne. This riverside path leads to Drogheda after 2.3km. In Drogheda, follow the path under the roadway bridge (Bridge of Peace) and continue until you reach a pedestrian bridge. (Sculpture – 'The Wanderer')
- Cross St. Dominic's Bridge (Dominican church on other side) and continue straight ahead uphill. At the top of Dominic Street, go right and this will bring you back to St Peter's Church. STAMP





'THE WANDERER' - SCULPTURE AT ST. DOMINIC'S BRIDGE

MARY MCALEESE **BOYNE CABLE BRIDGE**

DROGHEDA/DROICHEAD ÁTHA

Steeped in history on the banks of the Boyne, Drogheda / Droichead Átha, meaning the bridge of the ford, is Ireland's largest town. A medieval walled town full of arts, culture, lively bars, restaurants and many historical sites. Drogheda's proximity to the history-rich Boyne Valley to the west and fantastic beaches to the east make it a perfect base for exploring the town itself and hinterland. Boyne Valley Walking Group often lead walks and detail many local routes.

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If you'd like to explore more on foot, please search online for 'Drogheda Walks' or pick up a copy of the FREE Drogheda Walks map. Four walks through the town take different routes which highlight places of interest in our built, cultural, religious and natural history.

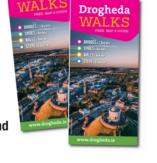


STEPS с.**6.5**км loop www.drogheda.ie

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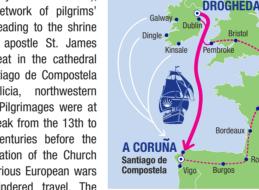
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DROGHEDA TO A CORUÑA

The Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James), is a network of pilgrims' ways leading to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, northwestern Spain. Pilgrimages were at their peak from the 13th to 16th centuries before the Reformation of the Church and various European wars that hindered travel. The



Camino routes are once again becoming popular for distance walks. spiritual journeys, endurance challenges or just the opportunity to do something different for holiday.

Pilgrim Routes

Traditionally, Camino pilgrims started their journey from their own homes and various Camino de Santiago routes developed over time crossing most of Europe. The Camino Ingles, was the route preferred by Irish and British pilgrims on their way to Santiago. Pilgrims would take a boat from the main ports in their countries and land in the north of Spain to continue their journey. The main starting point on this Camino route is A Coruña, in Galicia, Spain.

Celtic Camino

While A Coruña is a traditional starting point, it is only 75km away from Santiago, meaning pilgrims wouldn't be able to obtain their Compostela certificate in Santiago. It is now possible to walk 25km on the Boyne Valley Camino around Drogheda and then do a further 75km from A Coruña to Santiago; a combination of the two walks will give pilgrims the required 100km for a Compostela. The Boyne Valley Camino reconnects ancient routes between Drogheda and A Coruña.

Link from Drogheda to A Coruña

In medieval times pilgrims travelled long distances to Drogheda from all over the North East and Midlands before embarking for A Coruña in Spain. In Drogheda, it is understood that there was a hostel/hospital catering for the pilgrims by providing shelter and rest while they waited for the ships. It was located near the town walls in what is now the Scotch Hall area. Several references are made to Drogheda as a departure point in Dr Bernadette Cunningham's book, 'Medieval Irish pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela'.

POINTS OF INTEREST



ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT 1625 - 1681 Born 1625 in Loughcrew, founded first integrated Jesuit College in Ireland, was hung drawn and quartered in Tyburn, London for 'promoting the Roman faith' - his head is in St Peter's RC Church in Drogheda since 1921, he was canonized in 1975.



TOWNLEY HALL WOODS

Part of Townley Hall estate, planted 200 years ago, mixed broadleaf, conifer and specimen species. The woods is under Coillte ownership for commercial forestry and recreation.



MELLIFONT ABBEY - 1142

Ireland's first Cistercian monastery, founded in 1142. Site managed by OPW - the name comes from Latin Melli Fons - meaning Font of Honey. Treaty of Mellifont 1603 signed here ending the



Single span iron girder road bridge A fine example of 19th century engineering.

OBELISK BRIDGE - 1868



OLDBRIDGE HOUSE - 1750

You can detour off our walk to enjoy Oldbridge House which houses the Battle of the Boyne Interpretive Centre, café, gardens and magnificent grounds. Collect a stamp while you're there. Managed by the OPW.



BATTLE OF THE BOYNE - 1690 Between Protestant King William III (William of Orange)

and his father-in-law, Catholic King James II - fought in this location to control England, Scotland and Ireland. William of Orange with his army of 36,000 roops was victorious



Christian monastery founded by St Colman in 726. You will see a 15th century gable window of a chapel, built by the Abbot of Mellifont, marking the monastic site in Tullyallen Graveyard.

The Village of Tullyallen grew up around the Early



MARY MCALEESE BOYNE CARLE BRIDGE - 2003

TULLYALLEN VILLAGE

the M1 between Dublin and Belfast. This attractive inverted Y structure, with 56 individual span cables is illuminated with blue light at night.

Boyne Valley This four lane, 352m, cable-staye bridge carries

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HOW TO GET YOUR CAMINO PASSPORT

The Camino Passport can be purchased from **The Camino Society Ireland** at the their office or from their website. The passport comes in book and the newer foldout format and both are official

Passport cost: €10

Buy online or at The Camino Society Ireland office

Address: St. James's Church, James's St, Dublin 8, D08 X799. (Office beside St James's church)

Email: info@caminosociety.ie 087 224 3618



www.caminosociety.com

WAY OUT/SLÍ AMACH

St. Peter's Church – West Street, Drogheda The Marcy Hotel – West Street, Drogheda **Hurley's Delicatessen** – Narrow West Street, Drogheda **Mellifont Abbey** – OPW office during season (May–Sept)

STAMPING YOUR PASSPORT



WAY BACK/SLÍ ABHAILE

Lynch's Supermarket - Main Street, Tullyaller Morning Star Pub - Main Street, Tullyallen Oldbridge House - Oldbridge, Co. Meath Tourist Office - Tholsel, Drogheda Clarke's Bar - Peter Street, Drogheda



TO COMPLETE YOUR COMPOSTELA:

Bring your Camino Passport to A Coruña in Northern Spain and walk the 75km to Santiago, collecting stamps en route.

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emergency situation, call 999 or 112. food and drinks. Recycle or dispose of any waste correctly. If you encounter an bring clothes layers, sunscreen and waterproofs for any weather eventuality. Bring adhere to the rules of the road. Some areas may be mucky so wear sturdy boots, wear hi-viz. Some parts of the trail are shared with vehicles and cyclists so please where you are going, bring a charged phone, go in company, go in good light, Please ensure your personal safety while enjoying this Camino. Let someone know

Advice to Walkers

Trail), OPW staff, Carolan Family (Morning Star), Vivienne Byrne (artist), Brian (Coillte), Tullyallen Community (Belnumber Wood), Geoff, Peter, Eddie (Boyneside Boyne Valley, Eddie Phelan (VCL Engineering), Kieran Moloney, and Jesper Petersen County Council), Meath County Council, Drogheda BIDS / Love Drogheda, Discover Society of Ireland, Monsignor Jim Carroll & St. Peter's R.C., Barry Eaton (Louth We would particularly like to thank the following for their assistance:- The Camino

and walking groups, local media has helped make the idea of the Boyne Valley community, local businesses, local artists, local authorities, local schools, charities thank our community for their huge support of this project. The kindness of the Boyne Valley Walking (Dusty, Terry, Pat, Aine, Caoimhe, David) would like to

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Go left down Horse Lane to the river. go left onto a lane after a stone house (bullaun stone

 Go right and follow the riverside path for 800m until it brings you back to the R168 at Mell. Go left onto the R168 and walk 400m to a

walk 150m on the R168 Trinity St. towards Slane.

3-way junction near Aldi.

• Take the **R168 for Collon/Slane** (stay on the main road) and walk 700m. Just beyond the recycle centre,

outside the house). Walk 700m to the end of the lane and go right.

 Walk 200m and go under the M1 motorway via the underpass. Continue for 1km to the busy N51 Slane Road. Cross the N51 carefully and walk to the old road parallel to it.

walk downhill 400m to the end of the road and cross safely to the Obelisk car park at Townley Hall Woods. Review Coillte trailhead board in car park. Enter woods through

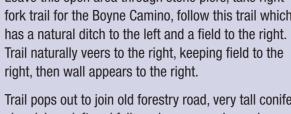
main trail, ignoring left trails to

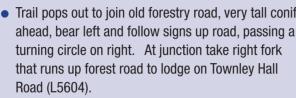
get to open grassy area with

some seating.









- Leave Townley Hall at main gate to right of Lodge,
- Follow road for 600m uphill to a sharp right hand
- Go left at the T-Junction and stay on this
- Go left and walk 300m along a

Signage posts are placed along

Drogheda to Mellifont Abbey -

the route indicating the route from















MELLIFONT ABBEY – 1142

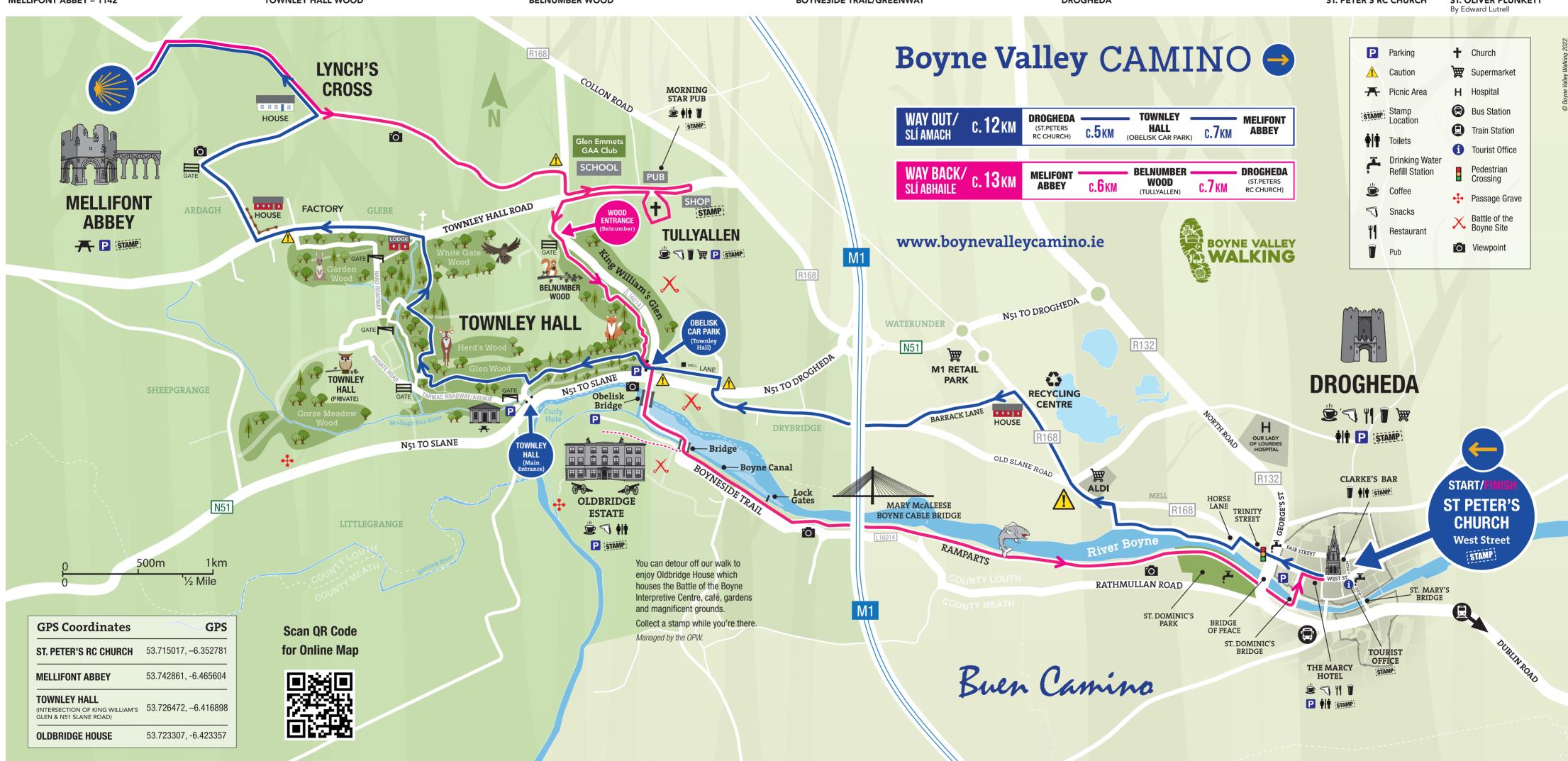
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DROGHEDA

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT By Edward Lutrell



Waymarkers

Traditional yellow Camino scallop shells and arrows are used to mark this route. These will be displayed with blue backgrounds, the shell denoting you're on the Camino and the arrow showing the direction. These may be wall mounted (in the town), on National Road Authority-standard posts at the side of the roads / paths / boardwalks / along roads and on wooden Coillte-standard posts / finger posts in woods. They will be maximum 500m apart and should be evident at each junction.





OLDBRIDGE HOUSE - 1750







TOADSTOOLS IN TOWNLEY HALL

BOYNESIDE TRAIL/GREENWAY BOYNE RAMPARTS, DROGHEDA