

What to do

The town and its hinterland offer a great variety of holiday activities with indoor and outdoor facilities available. Enjoy your visit to Arklow in the Garden of Ireland.

National Sea Life Centre

Journey into the magical world that lies beneath our seas... a world every bit as strange and fascinating as Ireland's mythical past. At the new National Sea Life Centre Bray, these two mysterious worlds are merged, as you follow a soliverry stream from its high mountain source, down to the shoreline, and out to the ocean depths beyond.

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Clara-Lara Fun Park

Based in the Vale of Clara, Clara Lara Funpark is set on 100 acres of fun for the whole family. Just 15 minutes drive from Devil's Glen and 4 miles from Glendalough a visit to Clara Lara Funpark is a must. This family outdoor adventure centre includes an assault course, children's playground, crazy golf, waterslides, rowing and lots more.

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Kia-Ora mini farm

The Kia-Ora mini farm is only three miles from Courtown, off the Gorey - Courtown road. Families, schools are all welcome. All weather viewing as most animals are indoors. Many of the animals on view include tropical birds, fish, Jacob sheep, pheasants, baby deer, bronze turkeys, mules, pigs, chipmunks, ducks and geese.

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Glenroe Farm

Glenroe Farm welcomes visitors from March to October each year. This family-run farm offers hours of fun and relaxation for all ages. Here you can get close to a wide variety of farm animals and pets, including Sika deer, sheep, lambs, cattle, pigs, goats, ducks, geese, turkeys, peacocks, hens and chicks. Pets' Corner is where the young and curious visitors can hold and pet their favourite furry animals such as rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs and chipmunks.

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Mount Usher Gardens

Laid out along the banks of the River Vartry, Mount Usher has been designed in the Robinsonian* style. Trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants have been introduced from all parts of the globe and are planted in harmony with woodland and shade loving plants. Like all the great gardens of Ireland, Mount Usher offers varying pleasures at different seasons of the year. Rhododendrons in Spring, a blaze of Summer colour and the wistful tints of Autumn, all elegantly set off by the crystal waters of the river.

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Maritime Museum

Arklow's Maritime Museum is well worth a visit and depicts the strong seafaring history and tradition of the town. This delightful miscellany of material includes everything from old navigational instruments to a uniform worn by a merchant navy officer and a shoe worn by a woman passenger on the ill-fated Lusitania.

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Wicklow Vale Emporium

Nestling in the fisheries, the oldest part of Arklow is Wicklow Vale Emporium. Built in 1860, it is the original infant school in the town and its historical back round is reflected by been part of the heritage trail of Arklow. The schoolhouse Café has wonderful artefacts of the past. Bureau de Change and tourist information ads and additional welcome of individuals and groups alike.

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Woodenbridge Golf Club

Woodenbridge Golf Club, founded in 1884, is one of Irelands longest established golf clubs. It sits in one of Irelands most scenic locations, set in a natural amphitheatre in a valley, surrounded by wooded slopes on both sides. The Patrick Merrigan designed 18 hole par 71 parkland course is a true gem providing all golfers with a challenging round. And award winning state of the art clubhouse facilities will ensure any guest an experience to remember.

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Arklow Golf Club

Tightly routed links with fine coastal views. Water crosses seven holes and comes into play on a further three holes. It is short at 6000 yards, only far five is at 18, but is a test of accuracy, with 5 par threes. Like most links it is playable throughout the year. Toughest hole is at 17, a 440-yard dogleg left requiring well placed drive and long second to make the green.

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The Sunny Southeast Corner Cycling Tour

A cycle in the sunny southeast corner can be a gentle journey all the way. Miles of silver sand lie close to the route, which never climbs above 90m. The southern part is flat, with dykes and polders, one of them a famous wildfowl reserve and haunt of thousands of wild geese in winter. Wicklow, Arklow and Wexford are seaports founded by the Vikings. At river crossings there are historic market towns like New Ross and Enniscorthy. On the south coast, on a lovely stretch of water, there is Lady's Island. Hook Head is the most southerly point on the route, a tough cycle but very beautiful. The lighthouse there is one of the oldest in the world, with a tower built about 1200 AD.

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Kittys Bar & Restaurant

Award winning family run restaurant and bar, with unique Olde World atmosphere, fine food and excellent service. Daytime menu served until 3pm in the Loft Restaurant and 5pm in the lounge. Dinner served from 6pm to 10pm with a mixture of traditional steaks, to fresh seafood with a mix of Oriental and Asian flavours.

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