

# Heritage In Slane

*The richness of the Boyne Valley's Heritage, covers a broad range of themes.*



## ***Pre History - (8000 BC - 400AD)***

*There are few places in the world that can boast world heritage Neolithic sites to be explored, Slane is an exception to have so many to enjoy.*

- *Newgrange, Knowth, Dowth & Loughcrew - Neolithic Period Passage Tombs(4,000 BC - 2,500 BC)*
- *Hill of Tara - seat of the High Kings of Ireland*

## ***Myth and Legend***

*Irish Folklore is part of the charm and uniqueness that makes Ireland so special, there are many strong links to this in the Boyne Valley and Slane.*

- *River Boyne - The Goddess Boinn*
- *Ardee - Cu Chullainn*
- *Tara - Fionn Mac Cumhaill*
- *River Boyne - Finnegas and the Salmon of Knowledge*

## ***Beginning of Christianity and Monasticism in Ireland***

*There is no better place to contemplate the change from paganism to Christianity than the Boyne Valley and in particular the Hill of Slane.*

- *Hill of Slane - St Patrick*
- *Monasterboice and Muirdeachs Cross*
- *Mellifont Abbey*
- *Hill of Slane - St Erc*

## *Medieval Abbeys and Castles*

*With a wealth of historic and beautiful castles and abbeys to explore, Slane and it's surrounds can delight any visitor.*

- *Trim Castle - Anglo Norman*
- *Dunmoe Castle*
- *Slane Castle*



## *Early Modern Period and Georgian Splendour*

*Some of the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries leading architects works are here in Slane to enjoy including castles and stately homes.*

- *Beaulieu House*
- *Slane Mill*
- *Oldbridge Battle of the Boyne*
- *Slane Castle*
- *Slane canal and Boyne navigation*



## *Inspirational People*

*Slane has produced some outstanding people in the field of art, craft and literature. There are memorials and museums where you can learn more.*

- *John O'Boyle Reilly - Poet*
- *Francis Ledwidge - Poet*
- *Oliver Plunkett - Catholic Saint from nearby Drogheda.*
- *John Cassidy - Sculptor*
- *Francis Beaufort - Scientist*

