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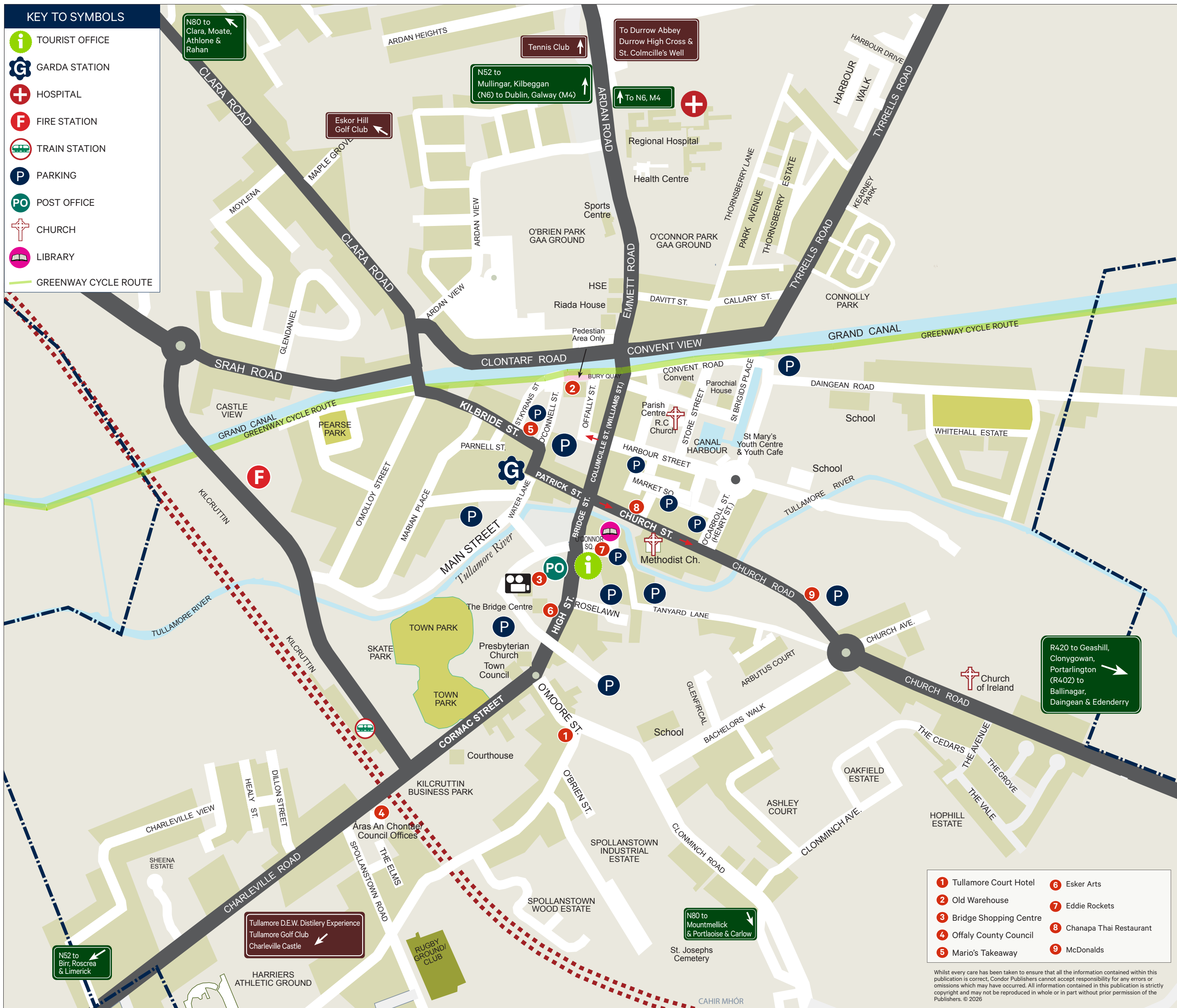


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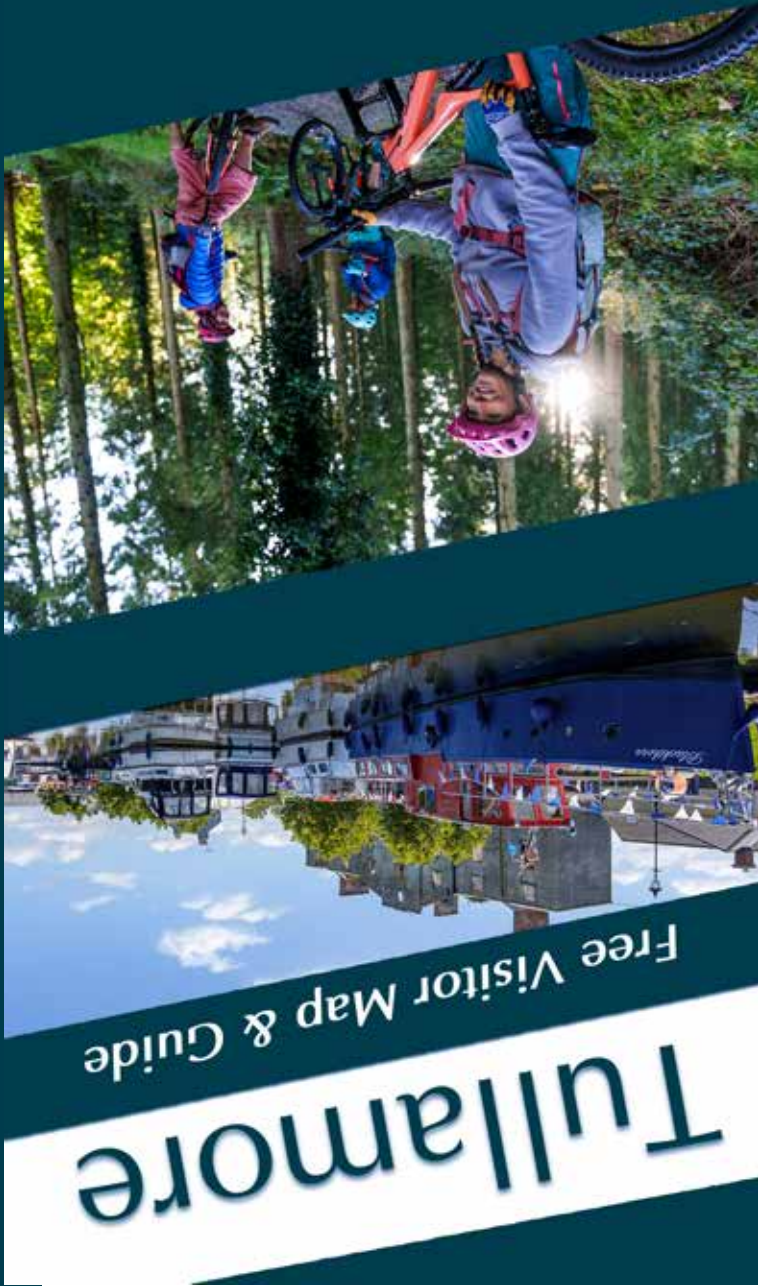
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**Tullamore** or An Tulach Mhór, meaning the big hill, probably refers to the hilly ground behind the junction of O'Moore Street and Cormac Street once the location of the town's windmills.

On Tuesday the 10 May, 1785, just two years after the first hot air balloons were launched in France, 'an English adventurer' released a hot air balloon in Tullamore. It crashed into a row of houses on Patrick Street. Raging with 'ungovernable fury', fire engulfed and burned to the ground as many as 130 houses and businesses. The great balloon fire coincided with the ascendancy of the new landlord, Charles William Bury, later Lord Charleville. In the devastated areas, he began his life's work of remodelling and expanding Tullamore. By the time of his death in 1835, the centre of Tullamore looked much as it does today, with many fine buildings, including the courthouse, gaol and O'Connor Square. Tullamore became the County Town the same year.

The canal reached the town in 1798. Much of the cargo was yellow brick from brick fields around Pollagh, west of Tullamore and the famous Tullamore D.E.W. whose warehouse remains one of the town's most famous buildings. Walking east from the town you reach the substantial bow fronted Boland's Lock House built in 1800 within 1km or walking west you can view Srah Castle or tower house built in 1588 by John Briscoe, a soldier in the army of Queen Elizabeth 1.



O'Connor Square, Tullamore

## ACTIVITIES



Lloyd Town Park, Tullamore

**Walking Trails** - There are many wading trails in/around Tullamore for a relaxed amble or a more energetic hike!

The tranquillity of the Grand Canal can be enjoyed on its Greenway which stretches East to Edenderry and West to Shannon Harbour. This flat scenic off-road route is also great for cycling and covers a total of 71km in Offaly. There is a wonderful long-distance way-marked walking trail and a series of looped walks in the nearby Slieve Bloom Mountains, 15 in total! Forest walks are available to enjoy, along with walks taking in the natural beauty of Offaly's peatlands at numerous locations nearby; Garryhinch, Clara, Lough Boora Discovery Park.



Open Champion golfer Shane Lowry

**Angling** - Situated in the heart of Ireland, renowned for its excellent course fishing with the majestic Shannon and its many tributaries, Brosna, Little Brosna, Suck and Grand Canal.

**Tullamore Town Park** - Lloyd Town Park Tullamore includes a spectacular Water Feature, Children's Activity Playground, Meeting performance plaza, Skateboard Park, Outdoor Gym & Basketball Court.

**Golf** - Across Offaly you have a selection of great golf courses that make use of natural, undulating terrain from eskers, hollows and hillocks to parkland locations. Esker Hills, Birr, Tullamore, Edenderry, and Garryhinch (Portarlinton), have lovely championship courses where visitors are welcome.

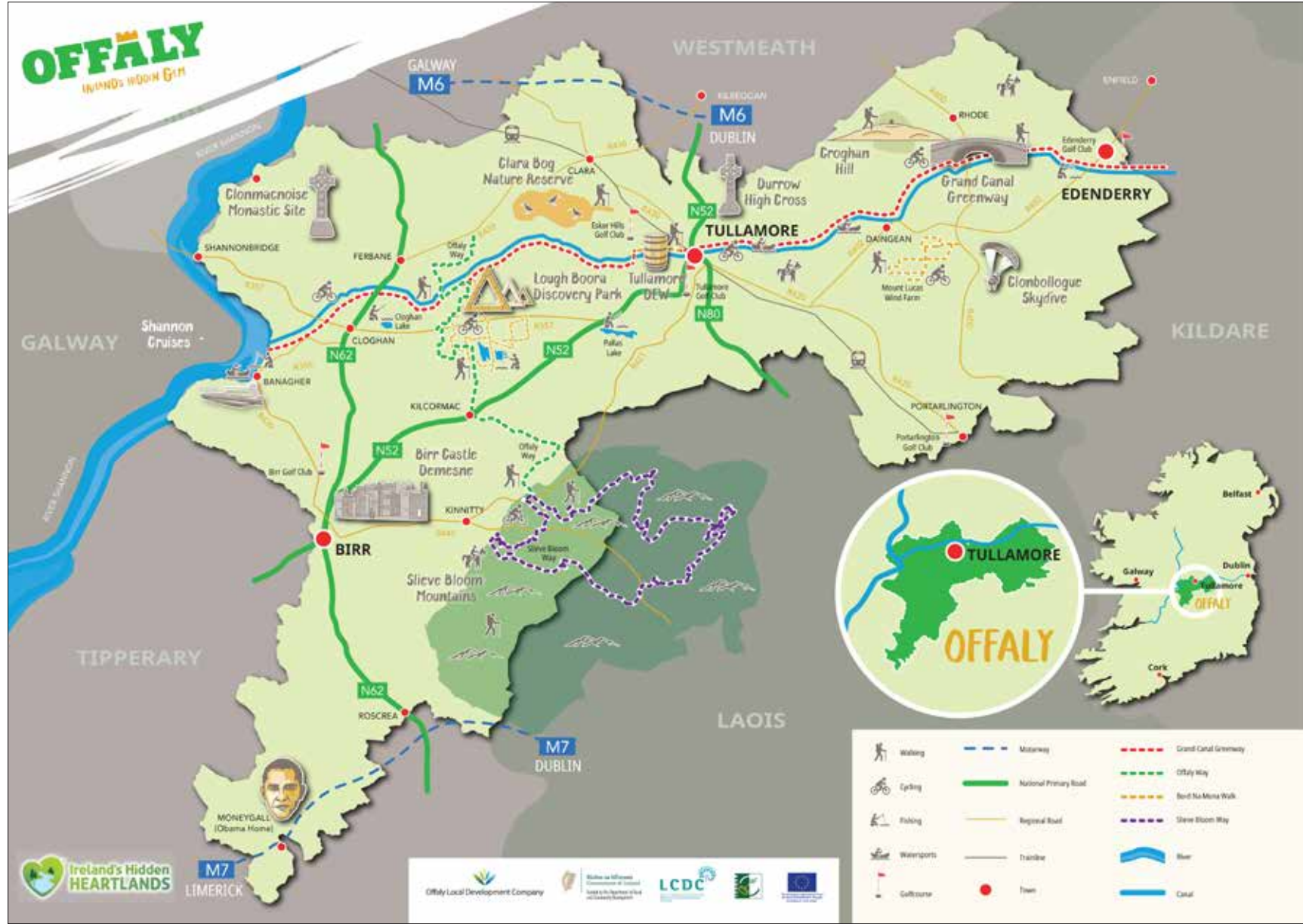
## COUNTY OFFALY

From 1556 until 1920 Offaly was called King's County. The name was a tribute to King Philip II of Spain, who was husband to Queen Mary. Daingean was renamed Philipstown, also to honour King Philip and it was the county town until 1835 when Tullamore received the designation.

The landscape features gravel esker ridges left by the retreating icecap from the last Ice Age 10,000 years ago and many bogs which formed in the millennia since. Many early Christian monastic sites can still be seen in the county which was once the meeting point of a number of provinces. The Grand Canal crosses from the east in Edenderry right through the county to join the Shannon at Shannon Harbour. The Slieve Bloom Mountains, stretch along the south-eastern boundary with Laois, and provide many walking routes for visitors.



Clear Lake, Slieve Bloom Mountains



**Canals & Waterways** - The River Shannon, Ireland's longest river bounds West Offaly and a boat journey along it is a gloriously peaceful way to test the pulse of the countryside. The Grand Canal is one of Ireland's greatest engineering achievements. In the 18th and 19th century it was essential for industry; today it is just as important for leisure. Nowadays privately owned boats move freely along its length, gliding serenely under bridges, through locks and past old buildings, bogland and rural landscapes. [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org)



Banagher is a picturesque town situated on the River Shannon. It is a popular destination for boating enthusiasts looking to explore the waterways of Ireland and those looking to get active with watersport activities available. Cruising in Banagher offers a unique experience to navigate through the scenic landscapes and historical sites along the river. [www.silverlinecruisers.com](http://www.silverlinecruisers.com), [www.carrickcraft.com](http://www.carrickcraft.com), [www.midirelandadventure.ie](http://www.midirelandadventure.ie)



Cruising on the River Shannon, Banagher



Cycling Slieve Bloom Mountains

**Mountain Bike Trail in Kinnitty** - For those seeking a greater thrill, Mountain Biking in the Slieve Bloom Mountains at Kinnitty is sure to get your pulse racing. [www.slievebloom.ie](http://www.slievebloom.ie) Email: [enquiries@slievebloom.ie](mailto:enquiries@slievebloom.ie)

**Clara Bog Nature Reserve & Visitors Centre** - Clara Bog is the finest remaining example of a raised bog in Ireland today. It's one kilometre looped boardwalk affords visitors the perfect opportunity to view some of the many protected wildlife species and birds that have made the place their home. Less than two kilometres from the Nature Reserve, the Visitor Centre offers visitors the opportunity to get a deeper appreciation of the unique insight into the bog with colourful wildlife displays, documentaries and touch screen info-graphics. The centre organises walks, talks, workshops and other educational activities for adults and children. [www.clarabognaturereserve.ie](http://www.clarabognaturereserve.ie) Email: [claraguides@npws.gov.ie](mailto:claraguides@npws.gov.ie)



Clara Bog

## PLACES TO VISIT



Town Hall

**Town Hall** - Originally known as Acres Hall dates back to 1790 and now houses Tullamore Municipal District Offices.

**Tullamore Gaol** - Much political interest lay here in the 19th and 20th centuries, William O'Brien and John Mandeville were imprisoned in the 1880s there, and the War of Independence (1919-1921) saw republicans incarcerated. During the Civil War of 1922 the Jail was destroyed by republicans. Only the Gothic facade of it now remains.

**Charleville Castle** - Dating from 1798 and designed by Francis Johnston, the house is one of the finest examples of the great Gothic house in Ireland. There is an oak tree in the grounds reputed to be 700 years old.

**Catholic Church** - Erected in 1802, and demolished and rebuilt in

1902. It was destroyed by fire in 1983 and again rebuilt at a cost of over £3 million. The new church has an impressive timber interior and some Harry Clarke Studio windows.

**The Courthouse** - This building dates from 1833-35 and although damaged along with the Jail in 1922 it was reopened in 1927.

**St. Catherine's Church of Ireland** - The Church of Ireland church designed by Francis Johnston and opened 1815, is placed prominently on a hill to the southwest of the town.

**Srah Castle** - The oldest house in Tullamore is another castle, a tower house, known as Srah Castle observable from the Grand Canal Greenway and dating from 1588.

## COUNTY OFFALY: IRELAND'S HIDDEN GEM



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Lough Boora Discovery Park

**Lough Boora Discovery Park** - Transformed from its previous incarnation as a commercial bog where peat was harvested, today Lough Boora Discovery Park offers the visitor over 2,000 hectares to explore, with over 50km of off-road walking and cycling trails to enjoy, it is home to countless species of birds and wildlife, fish-filled lakes and a permanent exhibition of huge outdoor sculptures. [www.loughboora.com](http://www.loughboora.com) e: [info@loughbooraparklands.com](mailto:info@loughbooraparklands.com) Tel: +353 579340010

**Clonmacnoise Monastic Site** - This sixth century monastic site, located on the banks of the River Shannon is home to three high crosses, a cathedral, seven churches and two round towers. This great Monastery was founded in 548. [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie) Email: [clonmacnoise@opw.ie](mailto:clonmacnoise@opw.ie) Tel: +353 909674195

**Slieve Bloom Mountains** - The wonderful thing about the Slieve Bloom Mountains (besides being the most uncongested in the country) is that you'll find trails to suit every ability, from the experienced hiker to the casual stroller. [www.slievebloom.ie](http://www.slievebloom.ie)



Clonmacnoise, Monastic Site

