



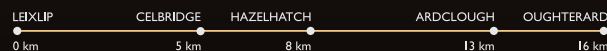
# ARTHUR'S WAY

## RECOMMENDED ROUTE POINTS OF INTEREST & DISTANCES

- STAGE 1: Arthur Guinness Square, Leixlip towards...
- STAGE 2: Celbridge Main Street towards...
- STAGE 3: Hazelhatch Bridge towards...
- STAGE 4: Lyons Estate towards Oughterard



*The Wonderful Barn*



LENGTH: 16km approx.

TIME: 🚶 3 – 3.5 hours walking; 🚲 1 – 1.5 hours cycling

GRADE: Easy. Generally flat with good surfaces. Inclines at Old Hill, Leixlip and Ardclough. Mix of footpaths, tracks, roads and canal towpath. Suitable for family groups. Normal outdoor footwear can be worn.

Arthur's Way is a waymarked linear route which can be enjoyed in either direction.



Keep an eye out for the Arthur's Way information boards, fingerposts and marker posts to help keep you on track

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

To and from LEIXLIP:

Dublin Bus - all 66 routes

Irish Rail - Maynooth Suburban Line

 [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

 [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

To and from CELBRIDGE:

Dublin Bus - all 67 routes

Irish Rail - Portlaoise Line

 Connecting your transport services

[www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

Log on to the website to get more information on the route, including MAPS and LEAFLETS, and an AUDIO GUIDE.



[WWW.ARTHURSWAY.IE](http://WWW.ARTHURSWAY.IE)

# ARTHUR'S WAY HERITAGE TRAIL

Arthur's Way is a heritage trail across northeast County Kildare that follows in the footsteps of Arthur Guinness. In just 16 km, it links many of the historic sites associated with Ireland's most famous brewers – the Guinness family. Visitors are invited to explore Celbridge - where Arthur spent his childhood, Leixlip - the site of his first brewery and Oughterard graveyard - Arthur's final resting place near his ancestral home.

The trail rises gently from the confluence of the Liffey and Rye rivers at Leixlip to the Palladian Castletown House estate and onto Celbridge. It then departs the Liffey Valley to join the Grand Canal at Hazelhatch. The grassy towpaths guide visitors past beautiful flora and fauna and the enchanting Lyons Estate. At Ardclough, the route finally turns for Oughterard which offers spectacular views over Kildare, Dublin and the Province of Leinster.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
ARTHUR'S GUINNESS

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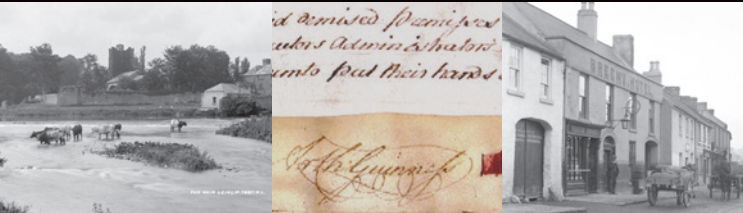
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## ARTHUR'S WAY, LEIXLIP

- FROM LEIXLIP TO CELBRIDGE

The *Arthur's Way* trailhead can be found in the centre of Leixlip town. Your journey begins where Arthur once stood and surveyed a landscape that has not changed *too* much, if you cast a careful eye on the surrounding landscape. Across the river is the imposing Leixlip Castle. Beside Arthur Guinness Square is St. Mary's Church; resting place of Archbishop Price whose seed capital allowed Arthur and his brother Richard to start their brewing enterprise



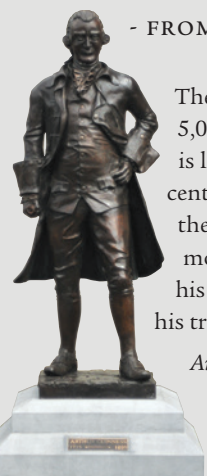
*Castletown House, Celbridge*

## ARTHUR'S WAY, CELBRIDGE

- FROM CELBRIDGE TO HAZELHATCH

There is a rich history in Celbridge dating back 5,000 years, with many sites of interest. St. Patrick is linked with the town, and in the 12th and 13th centuries, the Normans developed Celbridge with the construction of castles, mills, houses and monastic sites. And of course, here Arthur spent his youth with his family, and would have learned his trade by his father's side.

*Arthur Guinness statue, Celbridge*



## ARTHUR'S WAY, HAZELHATCH

- FROM HAZELHATCH TO LYONS ESTATE

This stretch of *Arthur's Way* introduces you to the Grand Canal. This feat of 18th Century Victorian engineering allowed the Guinness brewery in Dublin to expand its operations. These days, what was once a business enterprise is now a valuable amenity for walkers, cyclists, anglers, boating enthusiasts and nature lovers. Here you will discover some of the secrets of Guinness brewing, learn the importance of the canal and the Milltown Feeder, and enjoy some wonderful wildlife.

*Enjoy the delights of Arthur's Way on foot, or by bike!*



*The Village at Lyons*

## ARTHUR'S WAY, LYONS ESTATE

- FROM LYONS ESTATE TO OUGHTERARD

As you leave behind Hazelhatch and head south-west, you will get glimpses of Lyons Hill amongst the foothills of the Dublin Mountains further south. The trail leads you past the spectacular Village at Lyons estate where weary travellers can refresh themselves with fine lunches at the Canal Café on Fridays and weekends with food inspired by Clodagh McKenna. The area is steeped in history and colourful

characters, and the canal banks will delight with wild flowers, insects and birds.

## ARTHUR'S WAY, OUGHTERARD

- OUGHTERARD CEMETERY

Oughterard (in Irish *Uachtar Árd*) means high place. It is an apt description. The relatively easy climb to the cemetery is deceptive; when you reach the open ground in the graveyard, you are rewarded with remarkable views of the plain of Kildare and a broad sweep of Leinster to the west, and the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains stretching away to the south. Here you will find the final resting place of Arthur and some of his family. Whilst many journeys end here, yours can continue back into Ardcloough and beyond and discover other delights of Kildare. Visit <http://kildare.ie/tourism/> for more information.



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ARTHUR GUINNESS

