

24-48 Hours in Mountmellick (Nature Lover)

Day 1

Morning

Fuel up for a day of exploration with a delicious home cooked breakfast at the Coach House or eat out at Noras Cafe, Clock Inn Cafe or The Hare Corners.

Head out to Slieve Bloom Mountains and enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Pack your picnic basket and find a secluded spot to enjoy your lunch amidst the tranquil beauty of nature or take the looped walk (Glenbarrow Waterfall) and feast at The Falls Glenbarrow for lunch.

For a scenic hike or leisurely walk. Choose from many different trails that suit all fitness levels https://slievebloom.ie/walking

If you prefer biking. Plan you trip here with many different bike trails to choose from as well as information on where to hire bikes. https://slievebloom.ie/biking

Day 1

Afternoon

Steeped in history and nestled amidst the rolling hills of Ireland's Slieve Bloom Mountains, Kinnitty Castle beckons both history lovers and nature enthusiasts. Built on a site that dates to 1209, the castle boasts a rich past, whispering tales of Norman invaders and Gaelic clans. Explore the grand rooms, some adorned with original features, and lose yourself in the captivating atmosphere.

Step outside and breathe in the fresh country air, with 650 acres of parkland and forests just waiting to be explored. Whether you fancy a leisurely stroll or a more adventurous hike, Kinnitty Castle offers the perfect blend of historical intrigue and outdoor beauty.

Be sure to visit The Kinnitty Pyramid. It isn't an ancient Egyptian wonder, but a surprising sight in the village of Kinnitty. This 30-foot-tall structure is the spire of St. Finian's Church, built in the 19th century as a replica of the Great Pyramid of Giza on a smaller scale.

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Evening

Relax in the Coach house to a home cooked meal or avail of the many takeway outlets offering a wide range of food to suit all tastes from Fish& chips, Chinese and or Indian.



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Morning

Refuel for your adventures with a home cooked hearty breakfast at the Coach House or eat out in Noras Cafe, Clock Inn Cafe or The Hare Corners

By car head for Heywood Gardens and Estate (<u>R32KaV6</u>), which offers a glimpse into formal design, showcasing a centrepiece Lutyens Garden dating back to 1912. Here, sculpted hedges and vibrant blooms like peonies and irises create a tapestry of colour and form.

The walking loop is a 3.9-mile for all fitness levels and takes about 1 hour and 44 minutes to complete. The trail goes through beautiful woodland, along country roads, and of course, takes you to the beautiful Heywood Gardens. Be sure to watch out for traffic on the road sections.

Before embarking on another adventure stop for some lunch in one the beautiful food venues Abbeyleix has to offer .

Day 2 Afternoon

Next stop, for those seeking a more immersive nature experience. The Dove Sensory Gardens are designed with accessibility in mind, this haven uses plants, textures, and water features to stimulate all five senses. Breathe in the scent of roses, feel the smoothness of pebbles underfoot, and listen to the trickle of the fountain - a truly multi-sensory encounter amidst nature's beauty.

<u>Dove Sensory Gardens</u>

Day 2 Evening

Wrap up your 48 hours in Mountmellick with a traditional Irish music session in one of the local pubs. Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere as local musicians perform live music. Savour a pint of Guinness and soak up the authentic Irish charm before bidding farewell to Mountmellick.