



Other historic guided walks close by include:

Castletown Parklands Celbridge

Castletown Parklands by the banks of the river Liffey have over 120 acres of eighteenth century landscapes including river walks, gate lodges, bridges, a temple, an ice-house and a man-made lake with an abundance of wildlife. Start: Steps of Castletown House.

Historic Celbridge - Gateway to 'Ireland's Ancient East'

Celbridge historic village boasts the birthplace of Arthur Guinness, while Celbridge Abbey was the courting ground of Swift and Vanessa. This walk also includes the Celbridge Workhouse, Celbridge Mill and Tea Lane Graveyard with a medieval church ruin. Start: Celbridge Abbey Car Park.

Carton House Demesne

Carton House Demesne offers wonderful views, a very attractive man-made lake, a boathouse and a fabulous shell cottage. The estate has over 1,100 acres of parklands. Start: Carton House Hotel entrance.

Arthur's Way

Arthur's Way, takes in the Batty Langley Lodge at Castletown and the magnificent Wonderful Barn at Leixlip, built in 1743 by Katherine Conolly. Start: Steps of Castletown House, Celbridge.

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Guided Grand Canal walks in the North East Kildare region can be arranged by contacting Breda Konstantin.

Tel: 087 963 0719

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These tours encompass oral history, folklore memories, place names, local history, monuments, architectural and industrial heritage, flora and fauna habitats and landscapes.

Walks are tailored to suit the interest, age and fitness levels of all, and vary from one to three hours on relatively flat ground.

Walking tours are free and led by entertaining, informative local guides.

For more information:
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Céad Míle Fáilte

The Royal and Grand Canals pass through North East Kildare offering visitors an opportunity to experience miles of tranquil towpath. For nature enthusiasts the canals are a true paradise.

Guided walks include:

1. Hazelhatch (Celbridge) to Gollierstown.... 3 km. approx.

By tradition this walk was undertaken on the first Sunday after August 6th. We offer it on that date and at other times. The walk is associated with St. Mochua Crónán and was possibly walked by thousands in earlier times.

2. Hazelhatch (Celbridge) to Henry Bridge, Ardclough.... 4 km. approx.

A guided walk offering magnificent views of the Hill of Lyons, the possible venue for the famous duel between Daniel O'Connell and John D'Esterre in 1815. The restored 'Village at Lyons' along the banks is a real gem. This section of the canal is now part of 'Arthur's Way'.

3. Henry Bridge (Ardclough) to Ponsonby Bridge.... 2 km. approx.

A guided walk along the Grand Canal from Henry Bridge to Ponsonby Bridge taking in the old School House and the beautiful old Church next door, along with views of the burial place of Arthur Guinness at Oughterard.

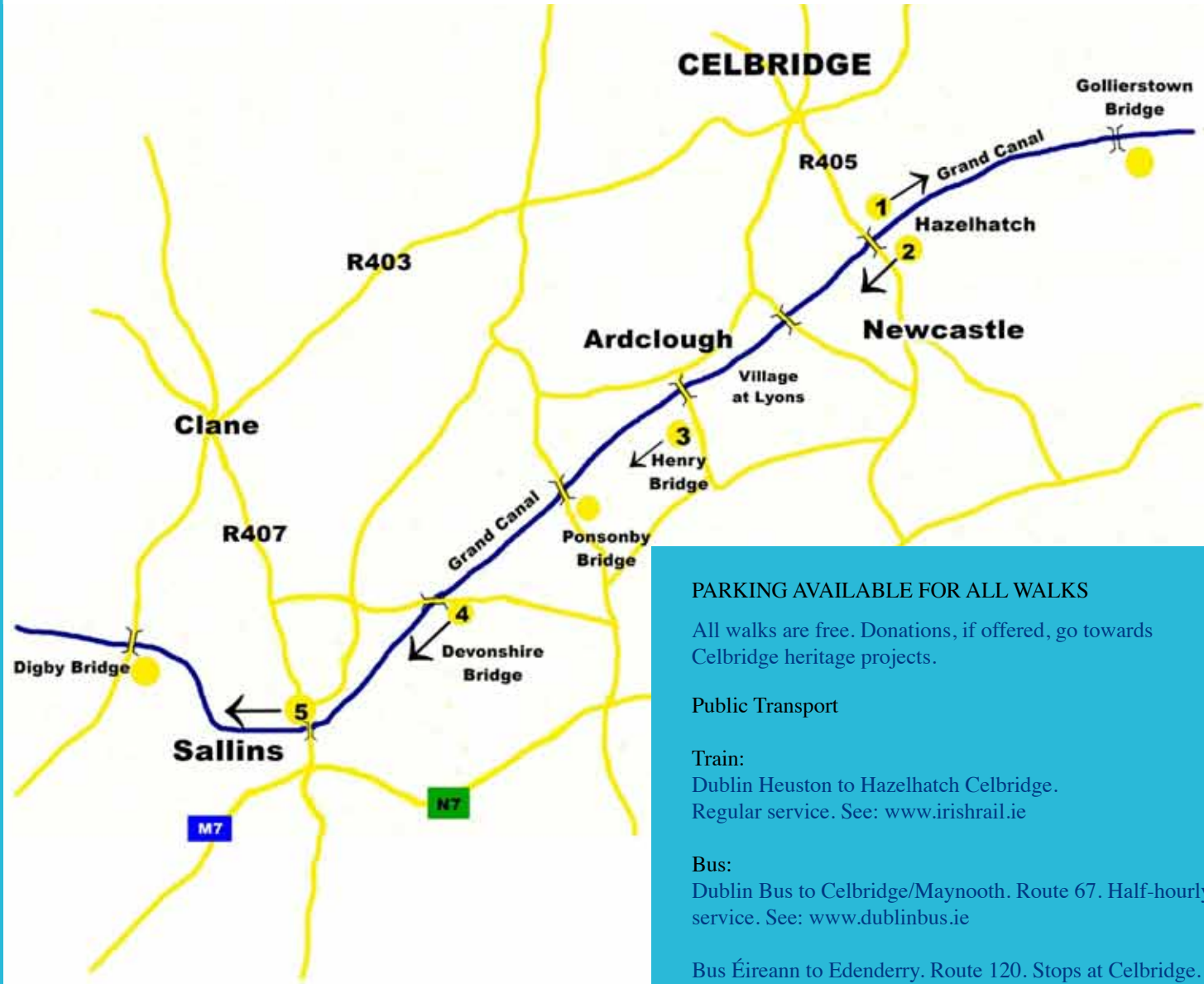
4. Devonshire Bridge (Kileen Golf Club) to Sallins.... 3 km. approx.

A guided walk along the Grand Canal from Devonshire Bridge to Sallins taking in the Morrell river feeder, a short artificial cut taken from the Morrell and controlled by a sluice near the old lock house beside the 15th lock.

5. Sallins to Digby Bridge..... 4 km. approx.

A guided walk from Sallins to Digby bridge featuring the Leinster Aqueduct, an engineering wonder built in the late 1700s by Richard Evans.

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PARKING AVAILABLE FOR ALL WALKS

All walks are free. Donations, if offered, go towards Celbridge heritage projects.

Public Transport

Train:

Dublin Heuston to Hazelhatch Celbridge.
Regular service. See: www.irishrail.ie

Bus:

Dublin Bus to Celbridge/Maynooth. Route 67. Half-hourly service. See: www.dublinbus.ie

Bus Éireann to Edenderry. Route 120. Stops at Celbridge.
See: www.buseireann.ie

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