

The Celbridge Heritage Trail The Celbridge Heritage Trail The Celbridge Heritage Trail

Discover the story of Celbridge and Castletown House with this immersive free audioguide

1) INTRODUCTION

2) CASTLETOWN HOUSE: one of the most magnificent period houses in Ireland, built by William Conolly in the 1720s. A stroll around the 120 acres of landscaped grounds brings you to the Batty Langley Lodge, the Ice House and Mrs Siddon's Temple.

3) ST WOLSTAN'S ABBEY: the site of a medieval monastery founded by the Normans and later dissolved by Henry VIII.

4) CASTLETOWN AVENUE: this splendid tree-lined avenue connects Castletown and Celbridge. As you stroll along, Donaghcumper House is visible to the south.

5) CASTLETOWN GATES: the imposing gates are an important landmark in Celbridge. The Round House, Christchurch and the School of Industry are in the immediate vicinity. Celbridge Workhouse is a short walk to the north.

6) MAIN STREET: this long thoroughfare has many instances of 18th century architecture, including Jassamine House, Kildrough House, and George Finney's house where the Guinness family once lived. A statue of Arthur Guinness marks his association with Celbridge.

7) CELBRIDGE MILL: an important part of the industrial heritage of Celbridge, with a history of activity dating back over eight centuries.

8) TEA LANE GRAVEYARD: the site of the early Christian monastery of St Mochua, containing a ruined medieval church and the graves of many prominent Celbridge families.

9) CELBRIDGE ABBEY: a fine 17th century house associated with famed writer Jonathan Swift, who came here to tryst with his sweetheart, Vanessa.

10) CONCLUSION



Straddling the River Liffey in County Kildare, and only 20km from Dublin, Celbridge is an ideal gateway to Ireland's Ancient East. It is home to a host of interesting stories and historic buildings and has connections with an array of significant figures from the past, including William 'Speaker' Conolly, Jonathan Swift, Arthur Guinness and Henry Grattan.

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