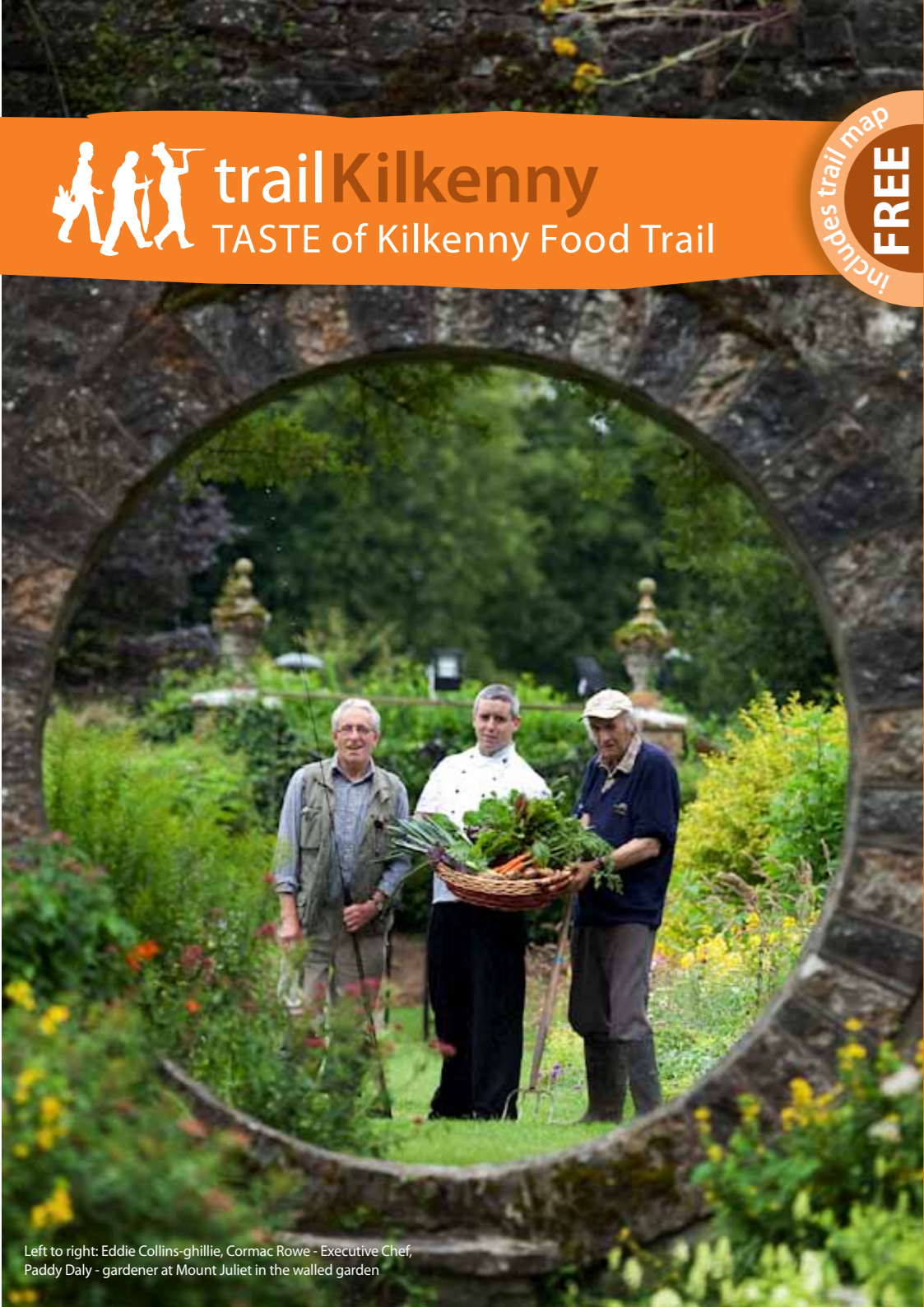


# trailKilkenny

## TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail

Includes trail map  
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Left to right: Eddie Collins-ghillie, Cormac Rowe - Executive Chef, Paddy Daly - gardener at Mount Juliet in the walled garden

### Kilkenny Produce

Pottery by Castle Arch Pottery, baskets by Baurnafeaa Craft Workshop, glass by Jerpoint Glass. All are members of the MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail.



#### A Tess's Homestyle Baking

Paul and Theresa Doyle use only quality ingredients and bake in the old style, traditional way in their bakery in Kilkenny City. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** Theresa Doyle 087 648 9384

#### C Mosse's Apple Juice and Blackcurrant Cordial

Simon and Tiina have more than 30 years growing experience and pick their apples by hand to ensure only fruit of the finest quality and condition goes into their juices. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** Tiina Mosse 086 829 0136 / 056 772 7790

#### E The Little Apple Company

Much of the crop from Philip Little's orchards in Piltown goes into Bulmers Cider, keeping some to make his own juice for the country markets. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** 051 567 872 / 086 234 5275

#### G Happy Heart Organic Rapeseed Oil

Winner of multiple Great Taste and Organic Awards, Kitty Colchester's oil is harvested from her family's organic Drumeen Farm in Urlingford. **Mobile:** Kitty 087 926 5423  
**Web:** www.secondnatureoils.com

#### B Kells Wholemeal

Seven generations of family have milled stoneground wholemeal from their Little Mill at Bennettsbridge and also produce Mosses Brown Bread Mix; a household name since the 1960's. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** Robert Mosse 056 772 7399  
**Web:** www.kellswholemeal.ie

#### D Oldtown Hill Farmhouse Bakery

Joy and James Moore deliver their breads, scones, tarts, cakes and Dolly's Donuts 'still tastes as it should' fresh daily from the farmhouse kitchen on their dairy farm in the rolling Slieveardagh Hills of Kilkenny. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** Joy Moore 056 776 9263 / 086 384 3799  
**Web:** www.oldtownhill.ie

#### F Mileeven Fine Foods

Beekeeper Eilis Gough and her daughter Sarah are producing a range of award winning fine foods from Piltown in South Kilkenny including their organic honey, single source honeys, preserves, fruit cakes, Christmas puddings. **Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** Eilis Gough 051 643368  
**Web:** www.mileeven.com

#### Stockists:

There are a number of very attractive shops around the City and County - well worth a visit and stockists of TASTE of Kilkenny Produce. Many are on the food trail - Watch out for the orange basket symbol beside their entry in this guide. **Speciality Shops:** Shortis Wong, 74 John Street, Kilkenny; The Gourmet Store, 56 High Street, Kilkenny; The Good Earth, Kieran Street and Newpark Shopping Centre. **Supermarkets:** Eurospar, Newpark Shopping Centre; Caulfield's Supervalu, Loughboy.

# trailKilkenny

## TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail

TASTE of Kilkenny Food Trail is one of a range of leisure trails developed by Trail Kilkenny across the County. MADE in Kilkenny Craft Trail is another themed trail offering the chance to discover the crafts for which Kilkenny is renowned; visiting the craftspeople in their workshops dotted around the County of Kilkenny. Try one of Trail Kilkenny activity trails; walks along the banks of the River Nore, scenic walks and cycling trails through the countryside; all designed to allow you explore Kilkenny's great outdoors.

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Scan the QR code opposite with your smartphone (iPhone, etc.) to link to the Trail Kilkenny App. Download the app for a free interactive guide to the best walking, cycling, food and craft trails in Kilkenny - free QR reader apps can be downloaded from the app store by searching for "QR reader".



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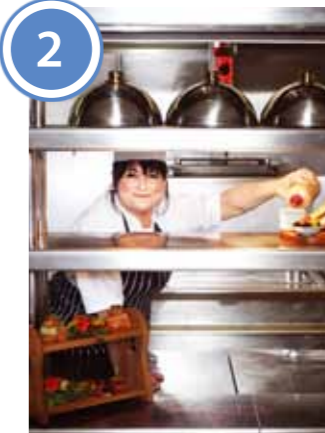
### Café Sol, Kilkenny

Café Sol is an intimate bistro restaurant in the centre of Kilkenny. The ethos of the restaurant, like that of its sister restaurant Sol Bistro in Thomastown, is to provide good honest local food, freshly cooked and tastefully presented at value for money prices.

**Where:** William Street, Kilkenny City  
**Open:** Mon - Thurs, 11.30am - 9.30pm, Fri - Sat, 11.30am - 10.00pm, Sun, 12.00pm - 9.00pm, Closed 25/26 Dec and 1 Jan.  
Reservation recommended for dinner.

**Phone:** 056 776 4987  
**E-mail:** eat@cafesolkilkenny.com  
**Web:** www.restaurantskilkenny.com  
**Experience:** Lavistown Pork Meatballs with Fettuccine Pasta in Tomato and Oregano Sauce, Parmesan Shavings.

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### Zuni, Kilkenny

Zuni has gained a reputation for being one of Kilkenny's best food outlets. Zuni Café for casual dining, opens for breakfast from 8.00am; serving all day to eat in or take away and great tapas with a local twist in the evening. Chef Maria Raftery and her team work in the open kitchen of Zuni Restaurant and use the finest ingredients from the best local suppliers to create colourful and inventive dishes - it's a popular dining choice with locals and opens for lunch and dinner. Zuni's boutique hotel bedrooms offer contemporary city style in a great location.

**Where:** 26 Patrick's Street, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Restaurant: Lunch Mon - Sat, 12.30pm - 2.30pm; Sun, 12.30pm - 3pm; Dinner Mon - Sat, 6pm - 9.30pm Sun, 6pm - 9pm; Café: 8am - 5pm; Tapas: 6pm - 9.30pm  
**Tel:** 056 772 3999 **E-mail:** info@zuni.ie **Web:** www.zuni.ie  
**Experience:** Zuni's 'Kilkenny on a Plate' - features local produce like Goatsbridge Scotch Egg or Beetroot Tarte Tatin with Knockdrinna Goats Cheese.

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### Campagne, Kilkenny

One of the regions most celebrated restaurants, Garrett Byrne and Brid Hannon have won Best Leinster Restaurant for the last three years and Garrett was awarded RAI Chef of Year 2012. Garrett and Brid's philosophy is to serve modern food using the finest Irish produce in a relaxed, contemporary setting. Garrett works with best suppliers to produce food that is stylish and described variously by critics as 'gastronomic excellence' and 'one of the most perfect dining experiences'.

**Where:** 5 The Arches, Gashouse Lane, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Lunch: Fri & Sat, 12.30pm - 2.30pm; Sun, 12.30pm - 3.00pm  
Dinner: Tues - Sat, 6pm - 10pm & Sun of Bank Holiday Weekends.  
Closed Tues after Bank Holiday.  
**Phone:** 056 777 2858 **E-mail:** info@campagne.ie **Web:** www.campagne.ie  
**Experience:** Surprise 5 course Tasting Menu available Tues, Wed, Thurs.  
Pre-booking essential - mention TASTE to get special menu price €55.

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## Marble City Bar & Tea Rooms, Kilkenny

The Marble City Bar is a favourite with locals and tourists alike. Visitors will experience and savour an atmosphere made tangible by the aroma of international coffees, freshly baked breads and extensive menus boasting the very best in fresh local Irish produce and service. The Marble City Tea Rooms is an ideal meeting spot, with both indoor and outdoor seating areas it is the perfect setting in which to experience a varied selection of international coffees and teas, cakes and pastries along with a full and comprehensive menu.

**Where:** 66 High Street and Kieran Street, Kilkenny  
**Open:** 9.00am - 10.00pm  
**Phone:** 056 776 1143 **E-mail:** reservations@langtons.ie  
**Web:** www.langtons.ie/marble-city-bar  
**Experience:** Tapas in the bar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

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## Langtons, Kilkenny Tea Rooms, Set Theatre & Bridie's

An institution in Kilkenny since 1938, Langtons is owned and run by two generations of the Langton family and still trades on its tradition of genuine hospitality. Priding themselves on their reputation for good food and service, each of its John Street venues has its own distinct character and charm – Langtons hotel, bar, restaurant, rooms and suites, the Tea Rooms next door, Bridie's General Store & Bar and the Set Theatre. Langtons is a happening place where there's always a welcome whether for a reviving cuppa, a pint and chat or a good meal.

**Where:** 69 John Street, Kilkenny  
**Open:** 8.00am - 10.30pm  
**Phone:** 056 776 5133 **E-mail:** reservations@langtons.ie  
**Web:** www.langtons.ie

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## Cillín Hill Mart, Kilkenny

Kilkenny Mart is Ireland's flagship livestock sales centre. A visit to the mart is a true rural experience. Come and see cattle and sheep being bought and sold in these state-of-the-art sales rings. Watch the auctioneers in full flight and see if you can spot who's bidding! Then queue up with the farmers for a light snack or a hearty meal at Langtons at Cillín Hill.

**Where:** Dublin Road, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 7.30am - 4.00pm; Sun, 9.30am - 4.00pm  
**Phone:** 056 772 1407  
**E-mail:** info@cillinhill.com  
**Web:** www.cillinhill.com  
**Experience:** Best to visit on sales days. Sheep on Monday and cattle on Thursday. Join a guided tour of the Mart at 11.30am on Thursdays during the summer.

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## Foodworks, Kilkenny

Peter Greany and Maeve Moore's ethos at Foodworks café style bistro in the heart of the city is focussed on freshness. Vegetables and herbs are supplied direct from their family farm on the outskirts of the city and pork from pigs they rear there makes it a true farm to plate experience. Foodworks is both airy and inviting in a restored bank building.

**Where:** 7 Parliament Street, Kilkenny.  
**Open:** Tues, 12.00pm - 4.00pm; Wed & Thurs, 12.00pm - 4.00pm - 5.00pm - 9.00pm; Fri & Sat, 12.00pm - 4.00pm, 5.00pm - 10.00pm  
**Phone:** 056 777 7696  
**E-mail:** info@foodworks.ie  
**Web:** www.foodworks.ie  
**Experience:** Foodworks' own Spit Roast Free Range Pork, Pomme Puree and Roast Vegetables with Apple Sauce, followed by Lemon Drizzle Baked Alaska.

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## Ristorante Rinuccini, Kilkenny

Ristorante Rinuccini is a family run restaurant in the heart of Kilkenny City. We are committed at all times, to delivering fresh local produce whenever possible. The quality of our produce is of utmost importance to us and our customers and has been one of the key factors in our success for more than 23 years. *"Being from Lazio, Italy, and owning and running an Italian restaurant, I strive to produce classic Italian cuisine using the very best Irish produce sourced locally"* - Chef Antonio Cavaliere

**Where:** 1 The Parade, (Opposite Kilkenny Castle), Kilkenny  
**Open:** Lunch: Mon - Fri, 12.00pm - 3.00pm; Sat & Sun, 12.00pm - 3.30pm, Dinner: Mon - Sat, 5pm - 10pm; Sun, 5.00pm - 9.30pm  
**Phone:** 056 776 1575  
**E-mail:** info@rinuccini.com **Web:** www.rinuccini.com  
**Experience:** Local Tasting Menu with an option to pair with Italian wines (Sun - Thurs). Pre-booking essential.

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## The Blackberry Café, Thomastown

Jackie Hoyne's iconic Blackberry Café is housed in a historic, award winning building that was once a cobbler's in the heart of Thomastown. Dedicated to local food produce, it serves quality foods using local suppliers, such as Knockdrinna Farmhouse Cheese and pork products, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables and employs traditional recipes. Fresh baked cakes, tarts and scones with Blackberry Café's own jam are favourites and the café has attracted a loyal following for its coffee alone. A take away service is available.

**Where:** Market Street, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 5.30pm; Sat, 10.00am - 5.30pm  
**Mobile:** 086 775 5303  
**E-mail:** jackiehoynes@hotmail.com **Web:** www.theblackberrycafe.ie  
**Experience:** Lavistown Cheese and Organic Bacon Quiche or Knockdrinna Open Sandwich on Tess's Triple Seed Loaf.

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## The Watergarden, Thomastown

Enjoy the natural food of The Watergarden Café where light lunches, salads, soups and home baked cakes are served in a relaxed and peaceful environment. The ethos is on using organic and local ingredients where possible. Stroll through the beautiful walled and stream side gardens, then browse the garden shop and art gallery. The Watergarden Café was established by Camphill Communities of Ireland in 1993 to provide day facilities for people of all abilities.

**Where:** Ladywell Street, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Tue - Fri, 10.00am - 4.00pm; Lunch served 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Phone:** 056 772 4690 **E-mail:** the\_watergarden@camphill.ie  
**Web:** www.camphill.ie  
**Experience:** Watch out for arts & crafts workshops and special celebration seasonal events, e.g. Harvest and Midsummer Festivals.

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## Sol Bistro, Thomastown

Sol Bistro is an intimate bistro restaurant in the centre of Thomastown. The ethos of the restaurant, like that of its sister restaurant Café Sol in Kilkenny City is to provide good honest local food freshly cooked and tastefully presented at value for money prices.

**Where:** Low Street, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Lunch 12.00pm - 3.00pm; Dinner 5.30pm - 9.30pm; Closed 25/26 Dec and 1 Jan. Reservation recommended for dinner.  
**Phone:** 056 775 4945  
**E-mail:** eat@solbistro.ie  
**Web:** www.restaurantskilkenny.com  
**Experience:** Goatsbridge Smoked Trout Paté with Crisp Tortilla, Caper Berries.

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## Keogh's Model Bakery, Callan

One of the oldest bakeries in the country based on the same premises and in the same family, Keogh's Model Bakery has been here in Callan since 1838. William and Claire; fourth generation Keogh's still bake in old fashioned stone ovens and deliver their breads and cakes made from tried and tested recipes to their own shops and locally. Keogh's produce everything from sliced pan, spelt and low GI breads to wedding cakes and novelty cakes. Try their speciality rustic bread; the crusty handmade turnover, baked in a traditional brick build oven.

**Where:** Bridge Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 7.00am - 5.00pm  
**Phone:** 056 772 5254 **E-mail:** keoghsmodelbakery@eircom.net  
**Web:** www.keoghsmodelbakery.com  
**Experience:** Keep an eye out for William's special Bakery Tours

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GPS: N +52° 34.577' W -7° 18.299'

## Highbank Farm, Cuffesgrange

Highbank Organic Farm in Co. Kilkenny is steeped in family history since the 19th century. Kilkenny limestone underpins the fertility of the orchards, farmed organically by Rod and Julie Calder-Potts, to produce their apple juice – one of the finest and most delicious and their signature, multi-award winning Highbank Orchard Syrup, described as 'one of the defining new Irish artisan foods'. Now their Proper Cider and their Drivers Cider have been added to their cornucopia, all healthy and gluten free, available from their farm shop.

**Where:** Highbank Organic Farm, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** By appointment for individuals and groups Mon - Sat. Farm visits can include: wildlife walks, talks on the rich local history or organic apple farming.  
**Phone:** 056 772 9918 **E-mail:** sales@highbank.ie  
**Web:** www.highbankorchards.com  
**Experience:** Calendar events on the farm at blossom and harvest time, plus their legendary theatre productions.

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## Kilkenny Free Range, Kilkenny

Just 10 minutes outside the city off the Callan Road, geese and chickens graze and roam freely in open pastures on Mary and Tony Walsh's farm. Producing free range oven ready chicken and geese that are the choice of Kilkenny's finest chefs, Mary says 'our objective is to produce the best quality poultry while having the best regard possible for the welfare of the birds'. There's no doubt that the Walsh's care for their poultry and avoid artificial inventions, e.g. antibiotics, sprays, etc. and ensure that their flocks are derived from natural sources.

**Where:** Callan Road, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** By appointment  
**Phone:** 056 776 3426 **Mobile:** 087 643 997  
**E-mail:** kilkennyfreerange@hotmail.com  
**Experience:** Visit the farm to see the chicks and place your order for a Christmas Goose.

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## The Thatch Pub, Grannagh

Nestling beneath historic Grannagh Castle in south Kilkenny, David Ryan's beautifully renovated traditional Irish thatched pub with real turf fire, overlooks the River Suir's spectacular new cable-tied bridge. Synonymous with great Irish music and simple tasty dishes, local chefs utilise wonderful ingredients from Kilkenny Food Trail. Renowned for its traditional music sessions every Wednesday evening 9.30pm year round and at other times (call for information). Less than 20 minutes from Kilkenny City, just off the M9.

**Where:** Grannagh, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny  
**Phone:** 051 872 876  
**E-mail:** info@thethatchpub.com  
**Web:** www.thethatchpub.com  
**Experience:** Try the local 'blaa' sandwiches and black and white pudding 'blaa' tasters.

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## A Slice of Heaven, Kilkenny

At A Slice of Heaven, Mary McEvoy bakes daily, making pastries, cupcakes and celebration cakes of the highest quality at her bakery in Piltown to deliver to her patisserie in the city. Local free range eggs and Irish butter are used in all baking. Awarded Best New Producer for 2010 by *The Bridgestone Guide*, Mary has fast become renowned for her fabulous cakes and now shares her expertise at regular cake decorating workshops and demos for all ages.

**Where:** 62 High Street, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 9.30am - 6.00pm  
**Phone:** 051 644 868 (bakery) **Mobile:** 087 953 3870  
**E-mail:** mary@asliceofheaven.ie  
**Web:** www.asliceofheaven.ie  
**Experience:** Mary's Saturday morning workshops – booking essential.

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## Kilkenny Design, Kilkenny

Built in the 1760s and overlooking historic Kilkenny Castle, the upstairs restaurant is an inspiring place to enjoy the famous hot and cold lunches produced by the Kilkenny Design kitchen team. By night the room is transformed into an elegant evening restaurant with a menu inspired by the wealth of local artisan producers with dishes such as Knockdrinna Goats Cheese Tartlet, Mileeven Honey Glazed Pork Belly and Paul's Chocolate Fondant with Cramer's Grove Ice Cream. The downstairs Foodhall serves lighter bites and stocks some of the best of Kilkenny's Food Trail offerings; alongside the wonderful craft of the Design Centre and Craft Yard.

**Where:** Kilkenny Design Craft Centre, Castle Yard, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Sun - Wed, 8.30am - 6.00pm; Thurs - Sat, 8.30am - 9.30pm  
**Phone:** 056 772 2118 **E-mail:** info@kilkennydesign.com  
**Web:** www.kilkennydesign.com  
**Experience:** Weekly Foodhall Tastings

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## Goatsbridge Trout Farm, Thomastown

Margaret and Ger Kirwan run the trout farm started by Ger's parents more than 50 years ago and are leading providers of premium Irish fresh and smoked trout and the first Irish trout caviar; launched in 2012 and now receiving great plaudits. Visitors will see how the incredibly pure spring water is harnessed on its journey through the farm and watch the trout at stages from eyed ova in the hatchery until they reach maturity at 20 months in the earthen ponds. *'We're open 365 days of the year and our trout are available for direct sale to all visitors - just let us know when you are coming'* – Mag and Ger Kirwan.

**Where:** Goatsbridge, Jerpoint, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Fri, 1.00pm - 5.00pm (or by appointment)  
**Tel:** 056 772 4140 **Mobile:** 086 818 8340  
**E-mail:** mag@goatsbridgetrout.ie **Web:** www.goatsbridgetrout.ie  
**Experience:** Visit and learn about the life cycle of the trout.

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## Jarrow Café, Castlecomer

The Jarrow Café, run by Evan and Anna Stewart, is located in the beautiful and spacious oak timbered visitor centre at Castlecomer Discovery Park with outdoor seating available on the terrace. Listed in *The Bridgestone Guide*, The Jarrow Café provides a wide range of homemade delights including our wholesome brown bread and fabulous Sticky Toffee Pudding, breakfasts, lunches, tea, coffees, cakes and snacks served 7 days a week. Evening functions by arrangement.

**Where:** Castlecomer Discovery Park, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sun, 10.00am - 5.00pm  
**Phone:** 056 444 0019  
**E-mail:** evannastewart@gmail.com  
**Experience:** Enjoy the Jarrow's famous Sticky Toffee Pudding after a walk on the trails, a tree top adventure or a browse in the craft shops of the Estate Yard.

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## Cramers Grove Ice Cream, Kilkenny

Cramer's Grove Ice Cream produce farmhouse ice creams, sorbets and frozen yogurts, handmade with uncompromising care on the family farm at Cramers Grove just outside Kilkenny City, where generations of the family have farmed since 1860. Fresh milk and cream from their dairy cows are combined with finest natural ingredients to create a luxurious ice cream and their sorbets and frozen yogurts are bursting with real fruit. You can see the full range at the café shop 'Treats by Cramers Grove'.

**Where:** Treats by Cramers Grove, The Goods Shed at MacDonagh Junction, Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 10.00am - 5.00pm. Closed Sundays  
**Phone:** 056 772 2160 **Mobile:** 087 686 8585  
**E-mail:** icecream@cramersgrove.com  
**Web:** www.cramersgrove.com

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## Mount Juliet, Thomastown

Mount Juliet is a magical country estate rich in food heritage that covers 1,500 acres of sprawling countryside with a stunning Georgian mansion overlooking the River Nore. The 3AA Rosette Lady Helen restaurant in the Manor House and the impressive Kendals restaurant in the Hunters Yard both source produce from the well-stocked herb and vegetable garden as well as an occasional catch from the river! There is a choice of accommodation styles; the elegant rooms of the Manor House, Club Rooms and the luxurious 2 bedroom self-catering Rose Garden Lodges.

**Where:** Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Lady Helen: Mon & Wed - Sat, 6.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Kendals: Tues & Thurs - Sun, 6.00pm - 9.30pm  
**Tel:** 056 777 3000  
**E-mail:** info@mountjuliet.ie **Web:** www.mountjuliet.ie  
**Experience:** Mount Juliet's seasonal Food & Craft Fairs where local food and craft people come together and special foodie events, e.g. Design & Dine. Check www.mountjuliet.ie for latest events.

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## The Truffle Fairy, Thomastown

Mary Teehan, alias The Truffle Fairy, has been making handcrafted chocolates and truffles since 2005. Mary, winner of multi Great Taste Awards, creates high quality chocolates at her kitchen shop using only the best couverture, ethically sourced ingredients, fresh spices, quality liquors and natural flavours. Try their chocolate bars, chocolate bark, cakes and brownies; new creations added to their extensive range of fresh truffles and chocolate fudge. Chocolate lovers should visit The Truffle Fairy Chocolate Shop and Hot Chocolate Café where everything is made by hand and the aroma alone will stimulates all your senses.

**Where:** Chapel Lane, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 10.00am - 5.00pm  
**Tel:** 056 779 3375 **Mobile:** 087 286 26 34  
**E-mail:** mary@trufflefairy.com **Web:** www.trufflefairy.com  
**Experience:** See them also at Kilkenny Farmers Market on Thursdays and watch out for Truffle Fairy Chocolate Workshops.

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## Ryeland Cookery School, Cuffesgrange

Anne Neary, an invigorating character and one of the mainstays of the Kilkenny food scene for many years, has been running Ryeland House Cookery School since 1991. Anne is author of her own cookbooks and ever popular contributor to the local radio *Cookery Slot*. She covers all types of food preparation with demonstrations and hands-on courses to suit the most amateur, right through to the budding chef. From forgotten skills like butter making to her kids cookery bootcamp, her school's ethos is one of using locally sourced, great quality ingredients. Workshops or full cookery courses are available.

**Where:** Ryeland, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** By appointment. Classes on Tuesdays, Saturdays & Sundays  
**Phone:** 086 276 7656 **E-mail:** ryelandhouse@gmail.com  
**Web:** www.ryelandhousecookery.com  
**Experience:** Seasonal one day workshops like 'Christmas Without Fuss or Panic'.

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## Lavistown House, Kilkenny

Lavistown is a gem of a country retreat; a Georgian house surrounded by lovely woodland and gardens with a small farm and walled vegetable garden. Olivia Goodwillie has long been at the heart of Kilkenny's artisan food; as originator of Lavistown Cheese, now produced by Knockdrinna. She still makes her delicious Lavistown Gourmet Sausages here. Having run courses for more than 30 years, Lavistown is now expanding their Centre for Creative Living with a range of offerings from their famous mushroom hunt and foraging, to gardening, wildlife, art and craft courses.

**Where:** Lavistown House, Sion Road, Co. Kilkenny  
**Phone:** 056 776 5145 **Mobile:** Olivia 086 871 6155  
**E-mail:** lavistown@eircom.net **Web:** www.lavistownhouse.ie  
**Experience:** Watch out for Lavistown Open Days – enjoy a Sausage Tasting BBQ and garden tour during the summer.

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## Glasraí & Goodies, Gowran

If there was ever an Aladdin's cave of local produce; then Glasraí & Goodies is it! Beside the square in this picturesque village, you'll find everything from handmade chocolates to chutneys, trout to cold meats, fresh local eggs, fruit and vegetables. Siobhan bakes her delicious tarts, quiches and scones and makes great fresh salads daily. Call her or drop by and she will prepare picnic of local tasty treats, Knockdrinna Goats Cheese and Red Onion Tart, Smoked Trout and Leek Quiche, Lavistown and Pesto Sandwiches on your choice of speciality breads, freshly brewed Illy coffee, local juices and cordials.

**Where:** Main Street, Gowran  
**Open:** Mon - Sat, 9.00am - 6.00pm  
**Tel:** 056 773 3799 **E-mail:** siobhan@glasraiaandgoodies.com  
**Web:** www.glasraiaandgoodies.com  
**Experience:** Enjoy a picnic across the road at the ruins of the 13th century St. Mary's Abbey.

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## Knockdrinna Cheese & Farm Shop, Stoneyford

At Knockdrinna Farmhouse Cheese, we pride ourselves in making the finest quality artisan cheese, using the best quality milk from local farmers. Awarded Supreme Champion at British Cheese Award for Kilree Goats Cheese, we have a range of sheep, goat and cow's milk cheeses to meet a variety of tastes, from the mildest gentlest goats cheese to the most robust mature sheep's cheese. We also produce our own free range rare breed pork, which are fed on the whey from the cheese making process. Visit our farm shop and café for Knockdrinna and the best of local produce.

**Where:** Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Tues - Sat, 10.00am - 6.00pm & Sun, Jun - Aug  
**E-mail:** helen.finnegan@knockdrinna.com **Web:** www.knockdrinna.com  
**Phone:** 056 772 8446 **Mobile:** 086 859 7716  
**Experience:** Cheese making courses throughout the year. Guided cheese tasting session - min: 4 people. Booking essential.

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## Café L'Arche, Callan

Café L'Arche in the Old Market House, Callan is a warm and inviting space. We serve home cooked foods, many locally sourced. Our specialities are healthy lunches, delicious homemade desserts and great coffee. Café L'Arche is part of the L'Arche Kilkenny Community which provides a home and meaningful work for all its members many of whom have an intellectual disability. The café provides a friendly welcoming space with healthy tasty food and good coffee. Coeliac friendly.

**Where:** Green Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny  
**Open:** Tue - Fri, 9.30am - 4.30pm  
**Phone:** 056 770 6891  
**E-mail:** cafelarchekk@eircom.net