

Navan Decentralisation Document

General

- Description

Navan is the county seat of Co. Meath, at the confluence of the Boyne and Blackwater rivers. The Navan Region is important in Irish History. It is close to Tara, which was the long seat of the ancient High Kings of Ireland. Navan and associated areas are rich in archaeological interest.

Navan is designated as a development centre in the Government Strategic Planning Guideline 1999.

http://www.planning.meath.ie/Navan_Dev_Plan/index.pdf

- Population environs.

The last estimated population for Navan was in 2002, which was a figure of 24,000. The projected figure for 2011 is 60,000.

- Are there county Council or other Government offices in the area?

Yes, Meath County Council is based in Navan. The Department of Agriculture is also based there.

Transport

Access by Road:

N3 to Dublin – 30 minutes

N3 to Cavan – 60 minutes

M50 Ring Road around Dublin and Access to all Primary Routes South E-west 25 minutes.

N.B. N3 is being upgraded to Motorway Status Dublin to Cavan by 2005.

- Is there a mainline rail system?

The reopening of the Dublin Navan rail link is under discussion at the moment

- Where is the nearest airport?

30 Minutes to Dublin Airport

- Is there a regular public bus service to and from the town?

Yes

- Bus service around the town.

Yes

- Are there taxis available both during the day and night?

Yes, 4 Taxis firms operate within the area.

- What are the parking facilities in the town

Excellent, and plentiful

Accommodation

- What are the prices and availability of new houses, second hand houses, new apartments and second hand apartments?

Three bedroom semi detached house from €180,000

Five bedroom detached house from €225,000

Two bedroom apartment from €185,000

There seems to be a large selection at the present time

- Prices and availability of rented houses and apartments.

Prices range from €700 to €1000 for accommodation from a 2 bedroom apartment through to a 4 bedroom semi-detached house.

Business Facilities

- Hotels and guest houses
Numerous

- Conference Facilities
Some conference facilities catering for up to 350 people.

Education

- Find out about local schools, both primary and secondary and if there are any Irish speaking schools in the area. Is there spare capacity in the schools?

There are eleven primary schools in the area of which two are Irish speaking.
There are five secondary schools in the area.

- What third level colleges are in the area and any other facilities for further education?

There are no third level collages, but there are evening classes available

Childcare and Children's' facilities

- Are there crèche facilities.
Yes
- Is there a Montessori school?
Yes, numerous.
- What are the prices?
Crèches –
Montessori –
- Are there playgrounds and play areas
Yes
- Children's' clubs/activities
Yes, numerous
- Scouts, adventure scouts
Yes, both scouts and guides.
- Any other interests for children
Tennis
Horseracing
Soccer
Swimming
Badminton,
Plus numerous other clubs

Healthcare

- Medical facilities.

Navan has a Regional Hospital with Orthopaedic and general facilities.

- Nursing homes.
There are two within Navan, and numerous within a short distance of Navan town.
- Health & beauty farms.
Numerous

Shops and Shopping Centres

Navan has a major shopping centre, and there are numerous high street shops. There is also a weekly market.

Eating out

- Is there a large selection of cafes, coffee shops and restaurants available during working hours.

There are many restaurants and fast food outlets.

- What's available in the evenings

There are numerous restaurants and other eateries in Navan

- Cuisine from around the world

There is a wide variety from Chinese through to Italian in Navan town.

Entertainment

- What entertainment takes place during the week and at the weekends?
There are many different groups and societies in Navan – ranging from theatrical to photographic.
- Is there good nightlife/ social scene?
Yes
- Public houses, pub events, pub quizzes?
Numerous
- Nightclubs in the location or nearest nightclubs?
Yes, there are three nightclubs in the area
- Cinemas/multiplex?
Yes- there is a Cineplex in Navan
- Theatre
No

- Theatrical societies or musical societies locally?
Yes

Natural Environment

What does the area have to offer in terms of the natural environment?

- Attractive scenery and local beauty spots.
Navan is situated in the heart of Meath of which, The Hill of Tara, Slane, Newgrange, Trim Castle and the Neolithic site at Lough Crew are all well known beauty spots within a short distance from Navan town.
- Local beaches or bathing areas - Bettystown and Laytown Beach is approximately 15 miles away
- Sailing and Boating areas. There is canoeing on parts of the Boyne and Royal canal.
- Surfing and Windsurfing areas - about 15 miles away on Bettystown / Laytown beach.
- Fishing areas - numerous places and clubs throughout the area
- Way marked ways and other marked walks i.e., Trim Tourist Trail, as well as numerous unmarked walkways
- National Parks i.e., Littlewood Forest Park, Dalgan Park.

Community and Sporting facilities

- Community Centre
Yes
- Swimming Pool
Yes – there are two public swimming pools.
- Sports Halls
Numerous
- Tennis Courts
There are two local tennis clubs
- Basketball Courts
There are two basketball clubs
- Athletics Track
There are three athletic clubs with one athletic track.

- Racecourse
One race course in Navan, and three others in the area (Fairyhouse, Bellewstown and Laytown / Bettystown)
- Squash & Racquetball Courts
Nearest Club is in Kells, Co. Meath
- Badminton Clubs
There are five badminton clubs in the Navan area.
- Sauna, Jacuzzi, Steam Rooms
Yes, multiple Gyms and, at the leisure links Swimming Pool in Navan
- Snooker & Billiards.
Yes

Sports Clubs

- GAA /Rugby/Football Clubs
Yes, there is a Rugby Club, numerous GAA clubs and Soccer clubs
- Golf Club
There are 12 golf courses in the area
- Pitch & Putt Club
There are two local pitch and putt clubs in the area.
- Bridge Clubs.
There are five local bridge clubs
- Gyms and Fitness centres
Numerous
- Mountaineering or Mountain walking club
Trim Tourist Trail, Littlewood Forest Park, Dalgan Park, as well as numerous unmarked walkways.
- Sailing and other water sports
Anglers can fish on the Boyne, its tributaries, the Royal Canal, Lough Sheelin and North Meath Lakes.
- Diving club
There is a scuba diving club in Navan
- Stables & Horse riding
There are thirteen AIRE (Association of Irish Riding Establishments) approved equestrian centres

Cultural landmarks and visitor centres

Meath has a large number of visitor attractions, the most famous being the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre which incorporates the internationally famous megalithic tombs and passage graves at Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. Both Trim and Kells are Heritage Towns. Further testimony to Meath's rich historic past is evidenced by Kells heritage centre, round tower, monastic site, Loughcrew, the Royal site of Tara, Tailteann, the Hill of Ward, Christian sites at Slane, Donaghmore, Killeen, Dunsany, Duleek, monastic ruins at Bective and Trim, great 16th and 17th Century Stately Houses and eight prestigious gardens throughout the county.

Churches and places of worship

Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland are represented

Festivals

Navan Coral Festival
Slane
Kells Heritage Festival
Meath Fleadh
St. Patrick's Day Festival / Parade

Anything else you can think of

Useful web links

www.meath.ie

www.e-navan.com

www.meathcoco.ie