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NAVAN CENTRE & FORT 2018

Emain Macha

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EMAIN MACHA

From where the ancient Kings of Ulster ruled...

As one of Ireland's most famous and important archaeological sites, the legendary Emain Macha home of the famous Red Branch Knights and Ulster Cycle of tales is a place where myth and reality meet.

The Centre offers visitors a unique appreciation of the history of the area.

- Learn about the mystical characters of Navan, such as Cu Chulainn, King Conchobar MacNessa, Queen Mebh and Deirdre of the Sorrows
- The exhibition will help you understand the history of this very important site
- Experience the remaining mounds, ditches and banks of Emain Macha - otherwise known as Navan Fort and learn about the massive circular ritual temple on our guided tour
- Annual programme of events is listed on our website www.navan.com

LIVING HISTORY

an authentic and fun experience...

Have you ever wondered about the past? How did people live their lives 2,000 years ago? What were their homes like? How did they survive? What were their daily tasks?

Enjoy being a part of the Celtic family as you

- Dress up in Celtic costume
- Help prepare and cook a Celtic meal
- Try the heddle loom

- Prepare for battle and learn Celtic survival skills
- Try your hand at willow weaving

Living History from 1 April to 30 September, unless pre-booked for tour groups.

1st October - 31st March although Living History won't be available for your visit, you can still have a sneak peak into the Iron Age Dwelling in the company of our tour guides





KIDS AT NAVAN

will have plenty of fun and laughter...

- Dress up in Celtic costumes to experience life as a Celt
- Bring archaeology to life by digging in the archeo-pit to uncover bones, coins or maybe even teeth
- Complete the Navan Ecology Trail to get a prize at the end
- Enjoy free face painting for children
- Enjoy the Archaeology Discovery Room and play in the outdoor activity area on the massive Wolfhound play piece

Activities are available daily from April to September, and all are included in your admission fee.

ARE YOU A CHILDREN'S GROUP LEADER?

The perfect activity for your group is one of our tailor made Warrior Schools. The children get ready for their visit to the Iron Age Dwelling by transforming into a Celt with a costume and face paint, then attend a training school and learn how to use a shield and sword as if you are one of the famous Red Branch Knights!

EXPERIENCE THE GROUNDS

and see some of our residents!...

The grounds of Navan have some interactive activities to suit all the family on our ecology trail.

Visit the bug hotel and learn all about the bugs and beasts living in the hidden crevices of our walls, hedges and stones.

See the living willow structure, watch the birds nesting and the squirrels feeding. Archaeology comes to life in the Archaeology Discovery Room with an indoor and outdoor hands-on experience using archaeology and play to uncover the history of Navan



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COFFEE & SHOPPING

In comfortable and relaxing surroundings enjoy the warm and welcoming ambience of the Navan Centre Coffee Shop.

With freshly made fayre, why not enjoy morning coffee and mouth-watering scones? Or sample our exciting lunch time menu with an array of sandwiches, paninis, and daily specials to suit all tastes and budgets.

With FREE convenient parking.

GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop stocks both contemporary and traditional gifts and can boast Armagh's finest selection of local history and specialist books.

HIRE OUR AUDITORIUM

(125 FITTED SEATING) Competitive rates and packages, complimentary car parking, fully trained staff, state of the art equipment, Centre is fully accessible.

MORE TO EXPLORE

EDUCATION @ NAVAN

We offer an award winning Education programme to suit all ages while meeting the needs of the curriculum. For further information email education@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

CENTRE FOR CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Celtic Spirituality is all about re-discovering our ancient Christian roots. This Centre offers study experiences, talks to groups, Celtic prayer and can also work with overseas pilgrimages coming into Ireland. For further information visit www.celtic-spirituality.net

ARMAGH ANCESTRY

A designated Irish Family History Foundation Centre for County Armagh offering a full genealogical service, with the most comprehensive database of church and civil records. Appointments are necessary, email researcher@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

WORLD HERITAGE

The tentative list now includes the Royal sites of Ireland, namely Navan Fort, Dun Ailinne, Cashel, Rathcrogan, the Hill of Uisneach and Tara; they were all sites of major royal inauguration, ceremony and assembly.





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LEADING TO
DUNGANNON

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RICHHILL LEADING TO
PORTADOWN - BELFAST

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Observatory &
Planetarium

St Patrick's Catholic
Cathedral

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Navan Fort

St. Patricks
Church of Ireland
Cathedral

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NAVAN CENTRE

The Market-Place
Theatre and Arts Centre

HAMILTONSBAWN
LEADING TO
TANDRAGEE

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KILLYLEA
LEADING TO
OMAGH

The Palace Stables &
The Palace Demesne

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MILFORD

County Armagh
Golf Club

MARKETHILL LEADING TO
NEWRY - DUBLIN

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LEADING TO
MONAGHAN

OPENING TIMES

JANUARY - MARCH & OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Open Daily

Mon - Sun: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Last admission: 3.00pm

APRIL - SEPTEMBER

Open Daily

Mon - Sun: 10.00am - 5.30pm

Last admission: 4.00pm

Early closure Saturday 4 August 2018
from 2.00pm

Bring outdoor footwear and clothing if it's wet. Coach & Car Parking Free. Tour Guides for Groups available on request. Assistance with itinerary planning.

Details in this brochure are correct at time of printing, please check our website for more information.

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