

**WEXFORD**  
SO OLD, SO NEW

Interactive and fun  
guide to Wexford!



WEXFORD'S  
**PASSPORT**  
TO FUN





Name:

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Age:

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Gender:

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Draw a picture of yourself

Home:

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Superhero Name:

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## KIA ORA MINI FARM



Visit us at Kia ora Mini Farm to see all the Animals,  
ride our go-karts, run in our maze and take a spin  
on a real fire engine!



How many animals can  
you see in the picture?

2

5

7

DRAW YOUR OWN ANIMALS FROM  
KIA ORA MINI FARM



GEOFFREY the MACAW



CHARLIE the DONKEY



LUCY the SHEEP

# HOOK LIGHTHOUSE



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can You Spot 6 Differences Between The Two Pictures?



1

Hook Lighthouse is 800 years old

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The spiral staircase has 115 steps

3

The lighthouse is 36 metres tall

4

It is the world's oldest working lighthouse

5

It was built by William Marshal, 'the greatest knight that ever lived'

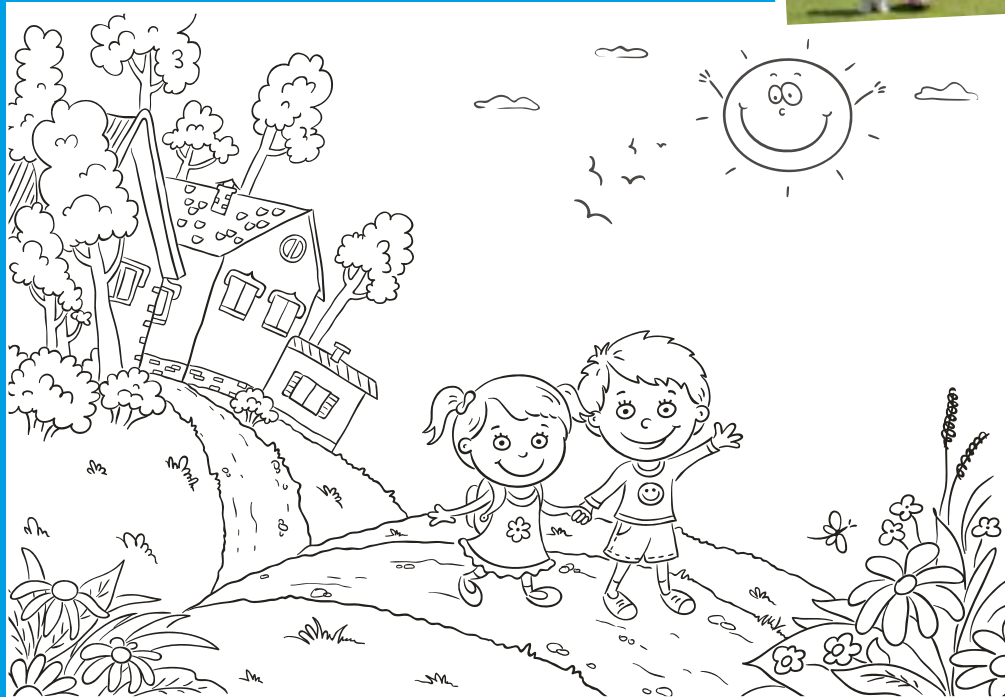




# WELLS HOUSE & GARDENS



Colour in the Woodland Walk at Wells House & Gardens



What can I do  
at Wells House?

## Tour the House

Go back in time  
and discover the  
400 year history of  
Wells House.

## Woodland Walk

Discover the  
fairies and  
Gruffalos hidden  
within the trees.



## Playtime

Explore our adventure  
playground and meet  
some furry friends at  
the Animal Farm.

## Hawk Experience

Fly some  
magnificent falcons  
and hawks through  
the gardens.



## Archery

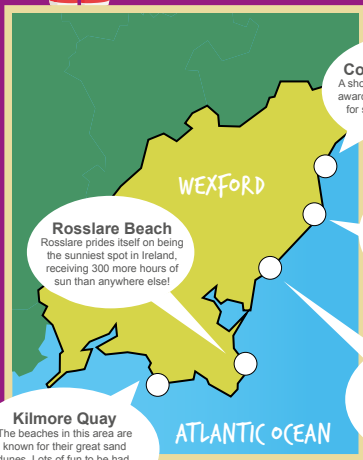
Discover your  
inner Robin Hood  
and learn how to  
shoot a bow and  
arrow.



# WEXFORD'S BEACHES



County Wexford is called the 'Sunny South-East' and has more days of sunshine than anywhere else in Ireland. Perfect weather to go to the beach and dip your toes in the Irish sea!



## Rosslare Beach

Rosslare prides itself on being the sunniest spot in Ireland, receiving 300 more hours of sun than anywhere else!

## Kilmore Quay

The beaches in this area are known for their great sand dunes. Lots of fun to be had, and maybe take a boat ride to the Saltee Islands!

## Courtown Beach

A short drive from Gorey, this award winning beach is great for swimming, surfing and bodyboarding.

## Morristcastle Beach

Known as 'The Golden Mile', this is a beautiful sheltered beach which is great for children and also has lovely sand dunes.

## Curracloe Beach

Curracloe Beach has 8 miles of wonderful golden sands, it is no wonder that it is used to film Hollywood movies.



## BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT

Circle these items in the scene



Bucket and Spade



Flip Flops



Life Jacket



Beach Ball



Pink Shell



Milkshake

## DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP



### A Voyage Back In Time

Experience what it was like for little boys and girls travelling from Ireland to New York on a month long trip during the Great Famine in the late 1840's.

Explore the ship, fitted out exactly as it would be for a voyage. You will encounter actors, playing the role of emigrants in their cramped quarters.

It would take generations of hard work, and loyal service, before the Irish community were to become an accepted and respected part of North American society.

#### Departure

More than a **million** people left Ireland during the famine on ships like the Dunbrody

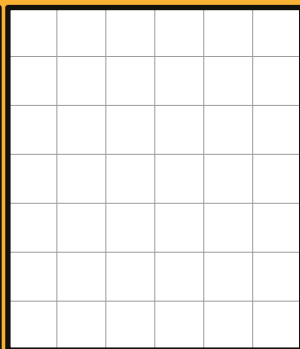
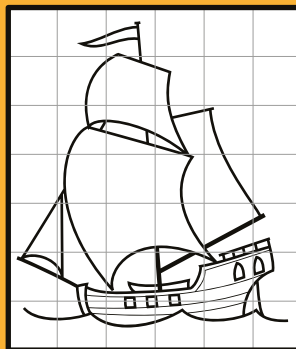
#### The Voyage

The trip took **6 weeks** at sea and was very difficult conditions for the passengers

#### Arrival

Today, **33 million** Americans have Irish ancestry thanks to Irish immigration

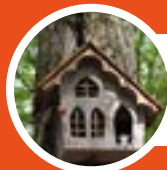
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# WEXFORD GARDEN TRAIL

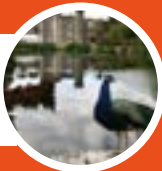


We are delighted you have chosen to visit our county, located in what is traditionally known as the Sunny South East. While you're here, try to visit some of our beautiful and historic gardens.  
Who knows what wonders you might find!



**Kilmokea Gardens** – Wander through exotic plants and waterfalls, Viking settlements and Fairy Villages, where woodland creatures live in lanterns in the trees waiting to meet garden visitors.

**Johnstown Castle Gardens** – Why not have a picnic by the lake in the grounds of the 19th century castle? After your lunch explore the castle gardens and keep a lookout for the resident family of peacocks!



**John F. Kennedy Park** – In this HUGE park, you can find trees from each of the five continents of the world, a playground, tree houses and a lake with ducks and fish. Grab a ride on the miniature train or pony and trap.

**Lavender Farm** – If you like the colour purple you will love the Lavender Farm, that grows one of the best known and most loved of all herbs. Go on a Fairy and Wood Elf walk, enjoy a ride on Billy the Bull; the Quad barrel train and play in the outdoor playground.



## CROSSWORD

Fill in the names of the animals you might see in one of Wexford's gardens.



ANSWER:  
1. ladybug 2. bee 3. (→) butterfly 3. (1) bird 4. tortoise 5. frog 6. mouse 7. snail 8. ant

# ENNISCORTHY CASTLE



Follow the footsteps of Anglo-Norman Knights, Gaelic Irish Kings and Elizabethan Adventurers as you uncover the story of Enniscorthy Castle.

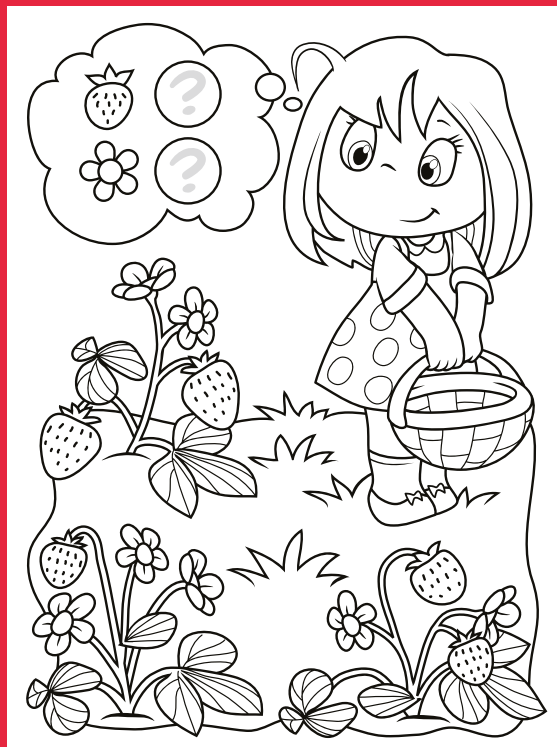


- ! The castle is 850 years old!
- ! Try on some Knights' costumes and weapons when you visit.
- ! Visit the playground to see what the children that lived here 100 years ago played with.
- ! See if you can spot some *real* bullet holes on the roof of the castle!
- ! Go down into the dungeon and see where the prisoners were kept. Can you spot the 400 year old graffiti in the dungeon?

Help me find the way through the maze to fight the dragon



# STRAWBERRY PICKING



Where can I pick my own strawberries on my Wexford visit?

1. Greens Berry Farm
2. Kearns Fruit Farm
3. Wheelock Fruit Farm



## Wexford Strawberries

Because of its sunny climate, Wexford is famous for growing the best strawberries.

## STRAWBERRY RECIPES

### Strawberry Ice Pops

1 cup mashed strawberry  
1/2 cup water  
3-4 tablespoons sugar  
juice of half lime

**Directions:** Mix the ingredients together and pour in to popsicle moulds. Freeze and then enjoy yummy strawberry flavoured ice pops!

### Strawberry Milk

500g / 1 lb strawberries  
100ml / 3.5 fl oz cold water  
2 tbsp honey

**Directions:** Cook strawberries and water in a saucepan. Mash them up and then add honey. Simmer for 10 mins. Once cooked, blend mixture until smooth. Allow to cool and then mix 1 tablespoon to milk for a delicious strawberry flavoured milk!





# IRISH NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK



Find the names of things you can see at the National Heritage Park and circle them in the Word Search



1. Ringfort



6. Viking Dock



2. Crannog



7. Castle



3. Tomb



8. Ogham



4. Monastery



9. Water Mill



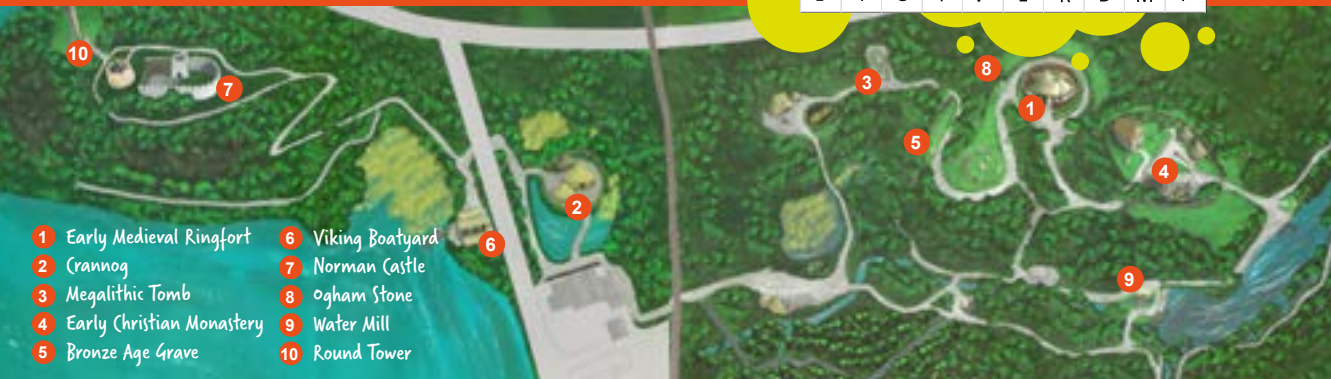
5. Grave



10. Tower

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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1 Early Medieval Ringfort

2 Crannog

3 Megalithic Tomb

4 Early Christian Monastery

5 Bronze Age Grave

6 Viking Boatyard

7 Norman Castle

8 ogham Stone

9 Water Mill

10 Round Tower

# TINTERN ABBEY



## WILLIAM MARSHAL

The Greatest Knight  
who Ever Lived

Legends say that when William encountered a life-threatening storm during a sea voyage, he vowed to establish an abbey if he reached land safely. He landed in Wexford and that's how Tintern Abbey came to be born. William Marshal also built Hook Lighthouse!

### Stone Carvings

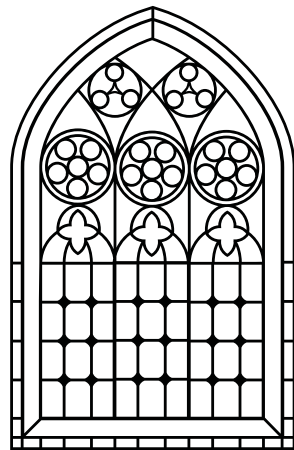
The Abbey has lots of stone heads carved into the rock. Can you spot 3 in this picture?

Explore the ruins of Tintern Abbey, a church that was Founded more than 800 years ago by the knight, William Marshal.

## GOthic ARCHITECTURE

Tintern Abbey is an example of gothic architecture, a style of building from hundreds of years ago that is known for pointed arches and huge walls of coloured glass called stained glass windows.

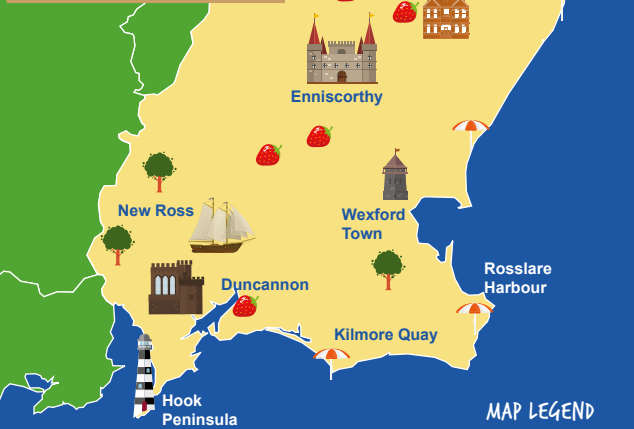
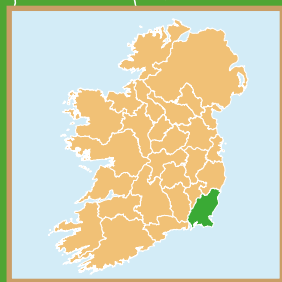
Create your own stained glass window below:



Stained Glass Inspiration







MAP LEGEND



Kia Ora Mini Farm



Beaches



Enniscorthy Castle



Hook Lighthouse



Dunbrody Famine Ship



Strawberry Farms



Wells House



Garden Trail



Tintern Abbey

# Check, Check, Done

Tick off the things that you saw on your visit to Wexford

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Kia Ora Mini Farm

What was the best thing about Kia Ora Mini Farm:

☐

Hook Lighthouse

What was the best thing about Hook Lighthouse:

☐

Wells House & Gardens

What was the best thing about Wells House:

☐

Wexford's Beaches

What was the best thing about the beach:

☐

Dunbrody Famine Ship

What was the best thing about the Dunbrody:

☐

Wexford Garden Trail

What was the best thing about Wexford Garden Trail:

☐

Enniscorthy Castle

What was the best thing about Enniscorthy Castle:

☐

Strawberry Picking

What was the best thing about Strawberry Picking:

☐

Irish National Heritage Park

What was the best thing about the Irish National Heritage Park:

☐

Tintern Abbey

What was the best thing about Tintern Abbey:





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