

Social Guide

A trip to Kells Priory

Introduction

We are going on a trip to Kells Priory.

It was built by monks as a place where they could live and pray. It is located on the banks of King's River just outside the village of Kells in County Kilkenny.



In this story we'll learn about how to enter the priory, meet some of the people that work there and find out what we can expect to see during our visit.

The First Entrance



To get to the first entrance to Kells Priory we have to cross the field from the car-park beside the ruins of St. Kieran's Church.

If we cross this field, we need to go to the right of the towers and walls we can see in front of us to get to the gateway in the picture above.

The field can be slippery when the ground is wet so we have to be careful crossing it and the ground is steep and rough so we must watch our step so we don't fall and hurt ourselves.

Sometimes there can be animals in the field as well.

The Second Entrance



To get to the other entrance we follow the path from the car-park near the bridge. We walk along the banks of King's River then cross a bridge then go through the doorway into the priory.

We need to stay on the path as we walk to the priory along the riverbank to make sure we don't fall into the river.

The Guides



During the summer there are friendly and welcoming Guides that work in the priory.

When we have questions we can ask the Guides and they can help us find an answer. They can also tell us about what we can see here.

If we can't find our family or friends we should look for one of the Guides to help us.

Nationals Monuments Staff



We might see people doing work on the priory. These are National Monuments Staff.

The work they do makes sure that the priory is kept safe for visitors and they also protect the priory and repair anything that needs to be fixed.

When they are working on the walls of the building it is not safe for us to go where they are working but we can watch what they do from a distance.

Exploring the Priory



There are lots of places we can go when we are exploring the priory and we can take photos if we want to.

There are paths around some parts that we can follow and we can also walk across the grassy areas if we want to.

There are lots of low walls but we shouldn't climb on these, not climbing keeps us safe and also makes sure the priory doesn't get damaged.

As we explore we should walk around to make sure don't trip and hurt ourselves.

Leaving the Priory



When we are leaving the priory we can follow the path we used to get here.

If we had a picnic or brought a drink with us we should remember to bring any rubbish with us to put in a bin.

We need to be careful on the path back just like we were when we going to the priory.

When we get home we can find out about other Heritage Sites, there are lots of them all around Ireland!



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