

The Office of Public Works is seeking tenders for the Provision of Tea Rooms/Café Services at Farmleigh House & Estate, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.



Farmleigh Estate is the official Irish State guest house, providing accommodation for visiting dignitaries and guests of the nation. Located in the north-west corner of Dublin's Phoenix Park, one of the largest enclosed public parks in Europe and features a historic house, important collections, an art gallery, farm animals, and extensive pleasure grounds. Visitors can enjoy walled and sunken gardens, as well as scenic lakeside walks.

Farmleigh is situated close to notable landmarks within the Phoenix Park, such as Áras an Uachtaráin, the Zoological Gardens, and a Biodiversity Information Centre. The estate is just a mile and a half from Dublin City Centre and attracts around 360,000 visitors a year. The majority of visitors are from Ireland and many from the local area who return regularly for walks or to enjoy the grounds. Farmleigh Estate is open to the public year-round, seven days a week.

The Boathouse restaurant is located within the estate with its deck overlooking the ornamental lake. With a relaxing and inviting atmosphere the Boathouse plays a central role in the visitor experience. Visitors to the restaurant expect a seasonal menu with a focus on high-quality produce, complemented by offerings of freshly made coffee, tray bakes, scones, and pastries as well as provisions for children's meals and picnic options for those wishing to dine in the estate's picnic areas.

We expect quality produce, with dishes representing Irish food culture, which are prepared using local Irish ingredients and/or using traditional or artisan methods with a commitment to the use of seasonal foods that are freshly produced as close to source as possible. We expect all aspects of a visit to an OPW Heritage Site, including the Tearooms and café, to showcase the best of Ireland for our domestic and international visitors. The food and beverage offering plays a key role in the presentation of our national heritage.

If this opportunity is of interest to you then the Office of Public Works invites you to tender. Full details of the Tender Request are available on eTenders at www.etenders.gov.ie Tender ID no. 4298159. Closing date for tenders is 12:00 noon 06/11/24.