

# RING OF CORK OPEN GARDENS

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# 1. Dromboy Gardens



Dromboy, Carrignavar, Co. Cork

This is an award winning 2 acre garden in a tranquil rural setting. It is a garden of rooms and colour themes and is home to a large collection of shrubs and herbaceous plants set off by immaculate lawns. It

also features a Japanese area, a dry river bed, a sunken garden of pastel shades, a large Hosta collection and a Sculpture Trail of stone heads and figures sculpted by Maurice.

**Directions:** At Rathduff on the main Cork-Mallow Road (N20) take the Carrignavar exit. At T-junction bear right, and take the next two left turns. The garden is second entrance on the right.

**Open:** June to August by appointment for groups €6 pp

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# 2. Barryscourt Castle & Gardens



Barryscourt, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork

Barryscourt Castle is the 16th century seat of the great Anglo-Norman Barry family. The present castle, with its largely intact bawn wall and corner towers contains a restored knot garden and a herb

garden. It also hosts an apple orchard in the triangular design. The herb garden features many 16th century herbs such as Angelica, Artichoke and Artemisias.

The apple orchard comprises one of the most popular apples, 'Blood of the Boyne', which was recorded in 1608. Many other well-known varieties include 'Cox's Orange Pippins', 'Brown Crofton' and 'Worcester Permaine'. Barryscourt Castle is managed by the Office of Public Works in conjunction with the Barryscourt Trust.

**Directions:** From the N25 take exit 4 for Carrigtwohill.

**Open:** June to September: Daily: 10.00 – 18.00.

Last admission 45mins before closing.

**Contact:** OPW Guide Staff. Tel: 021 4882818

**Website:** [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

## 3. Hillside Garden



Annmount, Glounthaune, Co. Cork

This mature 4 acre garden won the top National Garden for all seasons twice. It has a wide collection of rare and unusual plants. Special Features include large rockery with waterfall, scree beds, gravel areas,

ponds, herbaceous, alpines. Woodland areas include rhododendrons, magnolias, azaleas, camellias, and Japanese maples. Large collection of Trees and Shrubs with winding paths throughout the garden. Featured on RTE and many garden books as well as a visit from the Queen of Norway. A real plantsman's garden.

**Directions:** From Cork take the N25 Waterford road and follow the signs for Glounthaune. Turn left at Glounthaune Church, up hill, under bridge 100 meters you will see Annmount on Pillar, please park outside Annmount Entrance.

**Open:** April to September by appointment.  
Admission €6pp. Plants for sale.

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## 4. Coosheen Garden

One third acre garden creatively landscaped with raised beds and troughs of rare and unusual smaller perennials, alpines, and bulbs. A circular lawn creates an illusion of space enhanced by a clever choice of trees for the smaller garden. Woodland areas house some of the more fashionable woodland plants. Coosheen is a must see for the plant enthusiast.

**Directions:** From Cork, take N25 east follow the signs for Glounthaune. Pass Glounthaune church and shop, pass train station on right, park on main road opposite



**15 Johnstown Park, Glounthaune,  
Co. Cork.**

Snowdrops. April-Sept €6pp Toilet facilities. Plants for sale.

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bungalow on right.  
Coosheen is second  
house with high beech  
hedge.

Garden also accessible  
by train from Cork,  
Cobh, or Midleton.  
Alight at Glounthaune.

**Open:** For groups  
by appointment. Feb:

## 5. Fota House, Arboretum and Gardens



**Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork**

that were gathered by intrepid plant hunters in the 19th Century from the Orient, Asia and the Americas.

A new guide book for the gardens and arboretum is available to buy from the shop in Fota House.

**Directions:** From the N25 take the exit for Cobh (R624). The entrance to Fota Arboretum is approx. 3kms from the turn off.

**Open:** Walled Gardens (Apr-Sept): Mon-Thurs 9am-4.45pm, Fri 9am-3.45pm, Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.. Arboretum: 9am-6.00pm. Please telephone for details. No admission charge to gardens. Car parking: €3

**Contact:** OPW Head Gardener David O'Regan

**Tel:** 021 4812728

**Website:** [www.fotahouse.com](http://www.fotahouse.com)

The name Fota was derived from the Gaelic 'Fod te' meaning warm soil and because of this, a selection of rare and exotic trees and shrubs thrive in the renowned Arboretum. It is here that you can explore a collection of specimens

## 6. Cedar Lodge Garden



Baneshane, Midleton, Co. Cork

with climbers, patio and gravel areas and a pond with rockery and bog garden. A large collection of hellebores ensures that interest begins in early Spring, followed by a profusion of colourful shrubs and herbaceous. A real Plantsman's garden.

**Directions:** In Midleton take Cork road and exit town on fly over. Take first left at roundabout and pass a group of caravans. After half mile take a narrow right turn and the garden is on your right.

**Open:** April to Sept by appointment for groups. Friday to Sunday 11am-5pm Admission €6 pp. Plants for Sale.

**Contact:** Neil & Sonia Williams

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## 7. The Old Deanery Gardens



Kilboy, Cloyne, Co.Cork

The gardens are set in 16 acres of parkland surrounding a 200-year-old Georgian house and feature a restored walled garden, large wildlife lake, woodland walks and a garden railway.

**Directions:** From Cloyne pass the round tower on the right and continue out the straight road for about 1/4 mile until the junction signposting Churchtown South to the left. At this junction take a right, continue up the hill. The entrance to the gardens is about 300 metres on the right and is signposted.

**Open:** Mid-April to September by appointment only. Friday to Sunday 11am-5pm. Tea and coffee served with homemade scones are available by prior arrangement. Admission €6 to gardens, €10 to the gardens with tea/coffee and homemade cakes & scones.

**Contact:** Martin and Janet Edwardes

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**Email:** edwaelec@eircom.net

**Website:** theolddeanerygardens.com

**Sat Nav location:** N 51.124' S 7.299'

## 8. Ballymaloe Cookery School & Garden



**Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork**

A series of new organic gardens created by renowned cook Darina Allen, including a formal fruit garden and a herb garden. A potager or vegetable garden laid out on a strict geometric pattern.

In the old orchard, herbaceous borders have been planted leading up to the Shell House. It is also possible to take a short farm walk past our organic glass-houses, pigs and cows. Afternoon Cookery Demonstrations are open to the public for booking most afternoons.

**Directions:** Shanagarry is signposted in Castlemartyr on the Cork/Waterford Road (N25).

**Open:** 7 Days May - September; 6 Days Oct - Apr; €6 Adult, €15 Family. Guided Tours available by prior arrangement.

**Contact:** For Garden Tours please contact Evelyn Ryan.

**Tel:** 021 4646785 **Fax:** 021 4646909

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**Website:** www.cookingisfun.ie

## 9. St. Mary's College Gardens

The Youghal College Gardens occupy an area of almost 5 acres and are protected as a national monument. The gardens can be clearly identified on the earliest maps of Youghal. The Pacata Hibernia Map of Youghal (c. 1590) shows the lower garden as a series of geometric beds surrounded by paths.

In 1616 over one hundred apple trees, prunes and quinces were imported from Bristol to be used in the College's garden, the beginning of the walled orchard found in the gardens today. As part of the effort of Sir Richard Boyle



### Emmet Place, Youghal

gardens for cannons to be mounted on.

to strengthen the defences of Youghal during the 1641 Irish Rebellion, five towers were built around the grounds and two platforms of earth were constructed in the upper part of the

They are shown in Burke's painting of Youghal, the earliest known landscape by an Irish artist.

**Open:** 9am-5pm Admission Free **Contact:** 024-81814

## 10. Templebreedy Grounds Experience



### The Old Rectory, Templebreedy, Crosshaven, Co. Cork

Templebreedy Grounds was given a wonderful canvas set beneath the imposing Templebreedy Church and overlooking Cork Harbour and surrounding The Old Rectory in Crosshaven. With many beautiful old trees in place,

this two-acre garden has been developed over the past 15 years. It features a variety of garden rooms which include a formal box garden to a small walled garden crammed full of herbaceous perennials. A must see for plant enthusiasts.

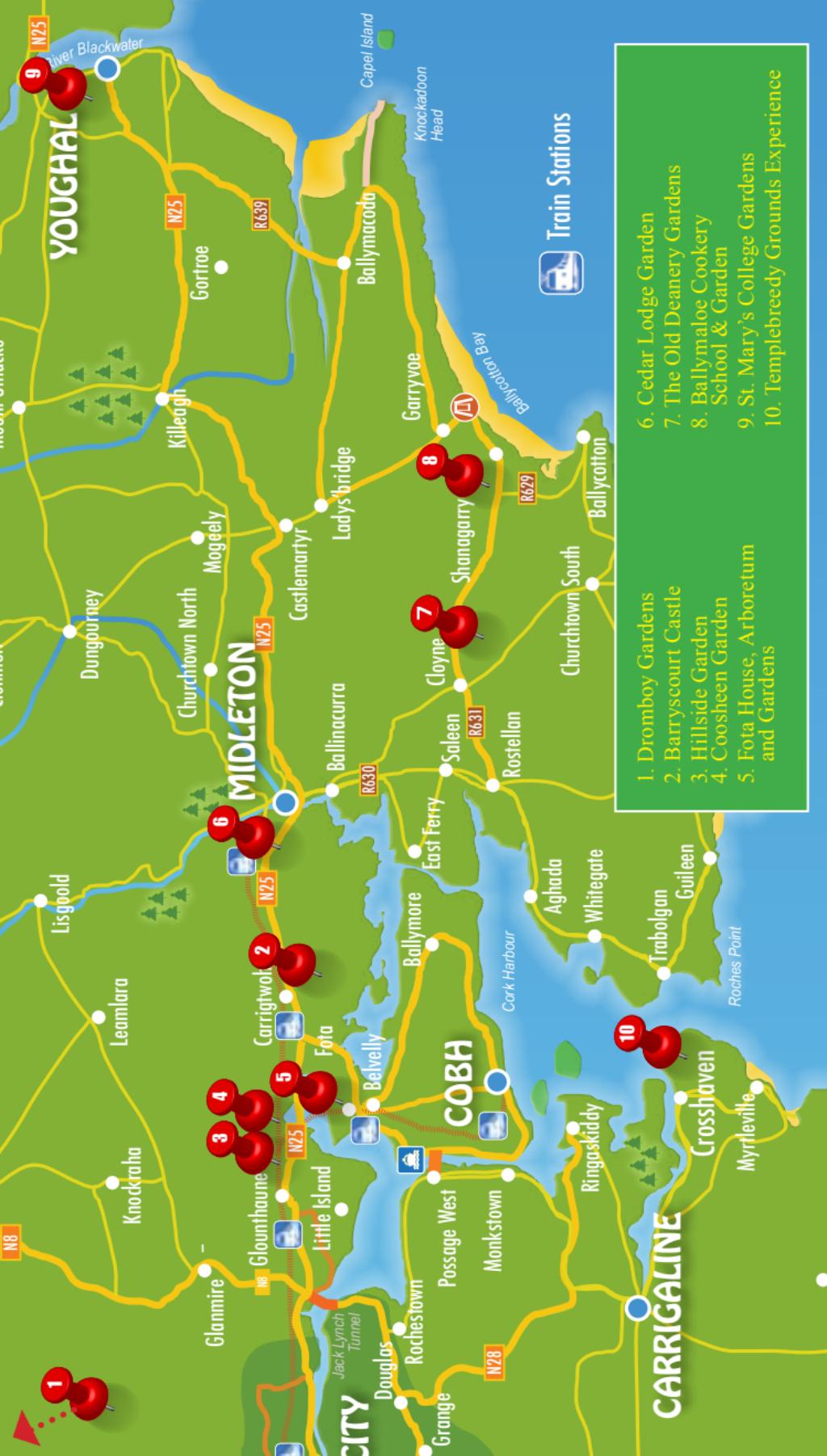
**Directions:** From Cork, drive to Carrigaline (R609-R611). Take the R612 to Crosshaven. Turn right at the Royal Cork Yacht Club on the L2497 (R612) in direction Myrtleville. After 2.2km at the T-junction "Goats Cross", take the L926122-1 into Fennells Bay. Straight up the approach road to Templebreedy Church. After walled entrance on left is a 120m walled entrance to The Old Rectory and Templebreedy Experience.

**Open:** May to September by appointment for groups - €6

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