



DIRECTIONS

Killruddery House & Gardens is situated 20kms south of Dublin, just beyond Bray in Co. Wicklow. Take the M50 southbound onto the N11 then take the Bray/Greystones exit and follow signs to Greystones. We are on the right near the end of the Southern Cross road leading from the N11 to the Greystones Rd. (*Sat-Nav 53.184907, -6.102392*)

OPENING HOURS

Killruddery Gardens

April - Weekends only, 9.30am - 5pm
 May to September - Daily 9.30am - 5pm
 October - Weekends only, 9.30am - 5pm

Killruddery House

Guided tours, open July, August, September, daily, 1pm - 5pm.
 Or by Appointment for groups throughout the year.
*There is limited wheelchair access to the property.
 Please inform a member of staff if you need assistance.*

ENTRANCE FEES

House (Guided Tours) & Visit to Gardens

Adult: €11
 Concession: €9
 Child: (3-12 years) €3
 Family: (2 Adults, 2 Children) €22
 Group: €9 per person
 (20+ people, by appointment only)

Gardens Only

Adult: €6
 Concession: €5.50
 Child: (3-12 years) Free
 Group: (20+ people) €5.50 per person

FURTHER INFORMATION OR GROUP BOOKINGS

The Visitor & Event Manager

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Welcome to Killruddery

Often described as a wonderful place to escape for a great day out, Killruddery has been home to the Brabazon Family (the Earls of Meath) since 1618. Conveniently located on the outskirts of the capital where Dublin meets Wicklow, here's your opportunity to discover a hidden gem in our midst. There's so much to see and explore. Nature has never been more relaxing with leisurely walks in one of Ireland's most renowned gardens, filled with beautiful planting and wooded areas, water features and distinctive outdoor "rooms". Delightful Tearooms and guided tours of one of Ireland's Great Historic Houses are just some of the other treats on offer.

Keep up to date by visiting www.killruddery.com and seeing what's on or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/killruddery. The annual programme of events has everything from Falconry to Bee Keeping, the Dawn Chorus to outdoor concerts, picnic and kids events to Treasure Hunts and The Walled Garden Project. You're spoilt for choice with lots to do for Mums, Dads, Kids and anyone with a love of the outdoors will find much to enjoy.

Killruddery House is one of the most successful Elizabethan-Revival mansions in Ireland. In the 1820's the 10th Earl engaged the fashionable architects of the day - Richard Morrison and his son William - to remodel Killruddery. In the 1950's the house was greatly reduced to its present day proportions, but much of the Morrisons' design and architecture still remain.

The Estate is a popular location for many well known movies and TV mini-series including *My Left Foot*, *Far & Away*, *Angela's Ashes*, *The Tudors* and *Camelot*.

The Gardens at Killruddery are the oldest in Ireland still surviving in their original 17th century unique style together with 18th and 19th century additions. They were designed for the entertainment of a large number of people and therefore the scale is comparable to that of a park and should be regarded as mainly the work of the 4th and 6th Earls. A French landscape architect named Bonet, a pupil of Le Notre, was known to have been employed by the Earl of Meath in 1682.

The Angles are the middle section of the garden. They consist of a series of walks flanked by hornbeam, lime or beech hedges which meet at two centre points. The design of the Angles, as seen from **The Long Ponds**, is known as "*patte d'oie*" or goose feet. Beyond The Angles is an avenue of Ilex trees dating from the 17th century and steps leading to what was known as the bowling green. This area is under restoration. The Long Ponds are twin canals 187 metres long and known as "*miroirs d'eaux*" or reflecting ponds.

Opposite The Angles on the far side of The Long Ponds is a wooded area known as **The Wilderness**. A gate leads out to the Park and nearby is a statue of Venus. From here one can look back through the centre of the **Beech Hedge Pond** and beyond. The circular granite edged pond is 20 metres in diameter and the four Victorian cast iron statues at the entrances depict the four seasons of the year. Beyond the Beech Hedge Pond are the gardens laid out in a 19th century style. A low yew hedge encloses a rose and lavender garden with a fountain in the centre.

The Sylvan Theatre is laid out in the Classical style with a high bay hedge and terraced banks. There is no other Sylvan Theatre of the 18th century known in Ireland.

The Orangery is available for Special Event Hire and is a very popular location for wedding ceremonies with canapé receptions. It was designed and built by William Burn in 1852 after the fashion of the Crystal Palace in England. The original glass dome was the work of Richard Turner who designed the curvilinear range at the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin and at Kew Gardens in London. The Orangery houses a collection of marble statues gathered in Italy in the 1830-1850 period. Classical sculptures include Ganymede giving water to Zeus disguised as an eagle; Cyparissus with his dying deer; Cupid with Psyche and Venus arising from the Sea. Prominent busts include Homer, Socrates, Napoleon, William Pitt and Wellington.

Killruddery Tearooms are situated in the old **Ornamental Octagonal Dairy** which was designed by Sir George Hodson who lived close by at Hollybrooke. We serve freshly made Cream Tea and Cakes. Kitchen Garden Soup is made with freshly grown ingredients from our Walled Garden. On occasions, weather permitting, our Killruddery BBQ is available. Killruddery Tearooms are located within the gardens and therefore require the normal entrance ticket. They open at weekends in April and October and daily from May 1st to September 30th from 9.30am until 5pm.

Events at Killruddery are frequent and exciting, including the now iconic Film Festival, outdoor concerts, theatre, family art, ecology events and lots more.

Membership. Last, but certainly not least, why not become a **Friend of Killruddery**? For a nominal amount per year, you and up to four guests can gain access to the Gardens all season long. Membership has a range of special incentives and offers for you. See www.killruddery.com for more details.

