



THE DOLMEN DRIVE



Tramore Station → Cullencastle

Depart from the old Tramore Train Station in the direction of Waterford City. At the first roundabout, take the first exit. Continue straight on, taking the second exit on the roundabout at Tramore Racecourse. At the next roundabout take the third exit and continue forward. At the T-Junction, take a left onto the R682. Follow this road and turn right at the crossroad to visit "Cullencastle".

Caislean a' Chuilinn (Castle of the Holy). The castle which gives its name to the town land is situated on an outcrop of rock. It can be viewed from the roadside only.

Cullencastle → Knockeen Dolmen

Continue through the Crossroads beside Cullencastle to visit the Knockeen Dolmen or Lisdughan Chambered Tomb. The Knockeen Dolmen is said to be the most beautiful of its kind in Ireland. It comprises of 6 upright slabs (varying in height, tallest being 8ft x 7ft) and its total height is just over 12ft.

Knockeen Dolmen → Gaulstown Portal Tomb

Continue forward until you arrive at a T-Junction and take a left (signposted for Dunhill). At the cross roads, take a right onto the R682. Continue forward until the next crossroads at Lisnakill taking a left onto the narrow roadway. Continue forward to Lisnakill Cross, taking a left to Gaulstown Dolmen. Smaller than Knockeen Dolmen, it consists of 6 upright slabs. Its internal height is over 6ft. Located close by is a Cist grave.

Gaulstown → Ballymoat Menhir

Continuing forward from Gaulstown for a short distance until you arrive at the Ballymoat standing stone, standing 11ft. high. It is thought that this spot marks the final resting place of our primitive ancestors.

Ballymoat Menhir → Matthewstown Passage Tomb

Continue forward to the T-Junction located at the end of the road and take a right. Take a left at the two story house a short distance up the road and you will see Matthewstown Passage Grave, locally referred to as "Thomas McCabe's Bed". This tomb consists of three large stones resting on four support stones (originally 5). A local story goes that farmer once brought a horse and cart to remove the stones, but the horse dropped dead. A second horse was produced but it to had ill faith. The stones remain unmoved for centuries.

Matthewstown Passage Tomb → Ballynageeragh Portal Tomb

Continue forward to the T-Junction, taking a left onto the main road, and drive onto the village of Dunhill. At Harney's pub take a right turn towards the school. Once at the school, turn left and continue forward to Ballynageeragh Portal Tomb located in the heart of a cornfield. The massive capstone measures 13ft by 9ft, resembling the Knockeen Dolmen.

Ballynageeragh Portal Tomb → Dunhill Portal Tomb

Turn back towards Dunhill School, and take a right to get back to the village of Dunhill. Once at the junction, take a right then an immediate left. Continue a short distance forward, past the front of the church, until you arrive at Dunhill Portal Tomb. It is not known whether this dolmen was incomplete or not.

From this point, you have completed the Dolmen Drive and have seen many of Tramore's surrounding areas fantastic portal tombs and portals. From here, you can travel onto other coastal destinations such as Annetstown and Bunnahon. Alternatively, you may wish to return to Tramore via the coastal route. Just continue on past Dunhill Portal Tomb through the village of Fenor and onto Tramore. You can also take a slight detour as you drive through Dunhill and drop by Dunhill Castle.