



INTRODUCTION

Produced by Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Kilmore Quay Community Development Association, this booklet is designed as a one stop shop for tourist anglers considering planning a sea angling holiday to Ireland's south east county of Wexford. All relevant information necessary for a successful trip is listed from accommodation and charter boats, to angling marks, tackle requirements, pubs, and restaurants. With a wealth of shore and boat angling opportunities for a wide range of species, the south Wexford fishing village of Kilmore Quay, is the ideal base for a successful sea angling break.

KILMORE QUAY, Co. WEXFORD, IRELAND (SEA ANGLING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE)

Thirty five minutes from the ferry terminal at Rosslare, the picturesque village of Kilmore quay in South Wexford with its thatched cottages, lively bars, and seafood restaurants, has earned the title of "Sea Angling Centre of Excellence". Whether fishing from boat or shore the sea angler has the opportunity to target fish to specimen size from a variety of interesting marks and locations. Launching pad for the annual Rosslare Small Boats Festival, www.rosslaresmallboatsfestival.co.uk, forty one species have been recorded on rod and line off Kilmore Quay, ranging from hard fighting Bass and fast running Tope, to the sleek Blue Shark.

A fifty five berth Marina is home to a fleet of purpose built licenced charter vessels which operate on a daily basis, working the fish rich waters off the Saltee Islands, and the deep water wreck marks beyond. For the small boat angler a wide slipway, accessible at all stages of the tide, opens the door to a host of sea angling opportunities. Offshore marks synonymous with the area are the Brandies, Barrels, Conningbeg Rock, and St Patrick's Bridge. Bass, Codling, Pollack, Wrasse, Pouting, Conger, and Ling, abound on these offshore reefs, with Ray, Flatfish, Smooth Hound, and Tope resident over the inshore banks.

Shore angling is equally varied. Local storm beaches are home to Bass, Smooth Hound, Tope, and Flatfish, with night tides being particularly good. Nearby, estuaries such as Cullenstown and Bannow provide autumn and winter sport for anglers targeting specimen Flounder, while big tides and settled weather in the summer and autumn offer the serious, bait, lure, and fly fisherman superb conditions to target Sea Trout, Mullet, Bass, and Gilthead Bream.

Knowledgeable charter skippers, angler friendly accommodation, good local food, and warm bars complete the picture. As a base for an all round sea angling break Kilmore Quay has few equals. When the wind blows, sheltered estuary and beach marks beckon, while on those pet days riding the swell, as the gannets dive, and that specimen Pollack hits your lure, heaven!

ANGLERS WELCOME CHARTER:



The Anglers Welcome is an initiative developed by Fáilte Ireland, the Irish National Development Tourism Authority, to provide a special level of service welcome to anglers. Tourism enterprises to include; accommodation providers, charter skippers, angling guides, pubs, restaurants, and retailers, are proud to be included in this service initiative, and can offer tourist anglers a real "Irish Anglers Welcome". Look out for the Anglers

Welcome sign as you travel around Ireland and be assured of quality service, a warm welcome, and of course great fishing!

DIRECTIONS TO KILMORE QUAY

From Rosslare Ferry Port: Take the N.25 towards Wexford Town. Pass through the Villages of Kilrane, Tagoat, and Killinick. Two miles beyond Killinick turn left onto the R739, from here it is a straight drive passing through Ballycogley and Kilmore Village, before entering Kilmore Quay itself.

From Wexford Town: Approaching the roundabout located at Drinagh, take the N.25 signposted towards Rosslare Ferry port. After two miles the R739 to Kilmore Quay will be signposted on the right. Make the right turn and follow as above.



ANGLING METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

The Kilmore Quay charter fleet, traditionally fish the inshore reefs and wrecks in the vicinity of the Saltee Islands 2.5 miles (4.KM) offshore. Due to relatively strong tides, the rough nature of the sea bed, and the average depth fished (60ft – 100ft), three angling methods predominate, namely Gilling, Heavy Paternoster, and Heavy Ledgering.

- Gilling: Standard method used when targeting Pollack, Coalfish, and Cod on rough ground or over wrecks. Use 20.lb line class rods, suitable multiplier reel loaded with braid, and single Redgills, Rubber Eels, or Shads attached to a flowing trace below a boom. Drop to make contact with the sea bed or wreck. Immediately start a steady retrieve. Count the turns of the reel handle (average thirty revolutions). If there is no take, drop down and repeat.
- Heavy Paternoster: Two or three hook paternosters made up of Muppets or Large Hokais. Can be combined with Pirks and other such attractors. Baited with strips of fish, squid, or combinations, will prove attractive to Cod, Pollack, Ling, Pouting, and Conger.
- Heavy Ledgering: 20-30lb class tackle combined with a short flowing trace made up of 200lb clear nylon attached to 8/0-10/0 forged hooks below a boom. Beads, Spoons, Chrome bars, and Muppet heads can be added as attractors. Bait with whole Mackerel, Mackerel flappers, or whole Pouting, when targeting large Ling, Conger, or Cod. Lengthen the flowing trace to six or seven feet if fishing for Tope.
- To avail of all the angling opportunities available, when planning an angling break to Kilmore Quay be sure to include; 20.lb class kit for gilling, 20.lb and 30.lb class kit for heavy paternoster and ledgering, full surf casting kit, 10ft pike rod for shore spinning can double for Mullet and estuary Flounder), and a Bass plugging outfit.



BAIT AND LURES:

Fresh Mackerel, Frozen Mackerel, Frozen Squid, Ragworm, Lugworm, Crab, Pirks, Redgills, Feathers, Sabikis, Large Hokais, Shads, Lead Head Jigs, Plugs.

In season fresh Mackerel are plentiful inside and around the Great Saltee, and this bait covers most boat angling situations off Kilmore Quay. Fresh Mackerel is supplemented with Squid, and also frozen Mackerel as a backup. Ragworm proves particularly useful for the large Wrasse that abound in the area.

Small strips of Mackerel will prove effective for harbour Mullet, and for the specialist shore angler, a whole fillet or Mackerel head will tempt shore Tope, particularly at night, in periods of settled weather throughout the summer.

Lugworm is the most effective bait when targeting Bass, Smooth Hound, and Flounder off the South Wexford beaches. In summertime, if fishing within the estuaries of Cullenstown or Bannow for Bass and Flounder, peeler crab is the preferred bait. Lugworm then runs a close second but comes into its own again from late October.

Lugworm beds are located east of the harbour at Kilmore Quay, to the west of Carne Pier, and at Cockle Strand, inside the south east corner of the Bannow estuary.

From Carnsore Point to the east, westward towards the Hook Peninsula there are numerous rocky areas, tide rips, and estuary locations which play host to some of the best Bass angling in Europe. Bass to well over specimen size are landed each season on all methods from plugging and spinning, to fly casting, soft plastic jigging, and ground fishing.

GENERAL ANGLING INFORMATION:

Pollack, Cod, Ling, Wrasse, Conger, Pouting, Bass, Tope, Bull Huss, Ray, Smooth Hound, Gurnard, Black Bream, and Mackerel, are some of the 41 species of fish caught on rod and line off Kilmore Quay.

Boat angling off Kilmore Quay is best from May to October.

Driftlining live Joey Mackerel and working lures over St Patrick's Bridge, a rocky causeway to the east which is partially exposed over low tide and links the Saltee Islands with the mainland, provides excellent sport with Bass and Pollack.

Tope angling comes into its own from July onwards with plenty of male pack Tope to thirty pound+, and numerous specimens in excess of 40lbs landed each season.

The Kilmore fleet fishes on the drift unless the skipper is given specific instruction to anchor or target a particular species.

Bass, Smooth Hound, Flounder, Plaice, Dogfish, Wrasse, Pollack, and Mackerel, are the main shore species to expect. Specialist anglers will target summer Tope at night and harbour Mullet. A species establishing itself in the local estuaries in recent years and becoming a more frequent catch is the Gilt Head Bream.

Beach fishing during the summer is an evening and night pursuit. However, daylight surf fishing in the autumn will produce Bass, especially if there is a roll on the sea.

When fishing beaches such as Rostoonstown and Ballyhealy, east of Kilmore Quay, or Ballyteigue Strand to the west, short casts of 40 metres will find the fish as Bass and Flatfish run close to the shore, particularly at night.

Lugworm is the key bait when fishing the south Wexford beaches, with Peeler Crab the top estuary bait.

Strong south or south westerly winds will blow rafts of weed onto the beaches rendering shore fishing impossible. At these times fish within the estuaries for Bass, Flounder, and Mullet.

BASS FISHING BYE LAWS

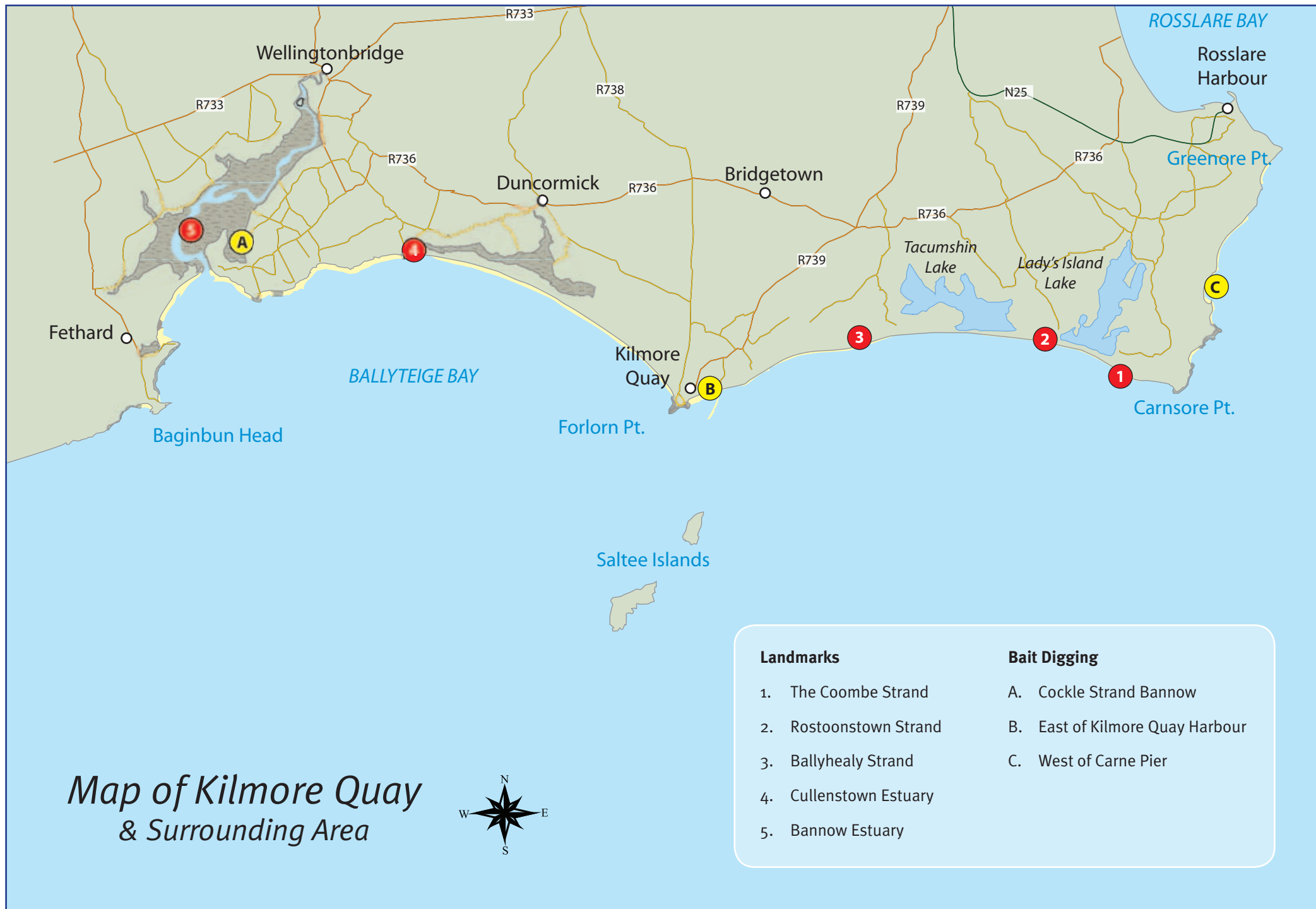
- It is prohibited to take and kill or have in possession any bass of less than 40cm in length
- It is prohibited to take and kill or have in possession more than 2 bass in any period of 24 hours
- It is prohibited to fish for bass with any rod and line during the period commencing on the 15th May to the 15th June.

KILMORE QUAY HARBOUR OFFICE: WWW.WEXFORD.IE/KILMORE/ 

Located on the west pier and managed by Wexford County Council under the stewardship of Harbour Master, Captain Phil Murphy, the harbour office looks after the day to day running of what is a very busy fishing port and thriving marina. Berth rental, weather reports, tide tables, Shower/toilets, and broadband, are just some of the information and facilities available to harbour users. For a full list of services access the Kilmore Quay Harbour Office website, email: harbourmaster@wexfordcoco.ie, or phone: +353 (0)53 91 29955.

Health and Safety Notice: Never put to sea without wearing your life jacket.





CHARTER SKIPPERS

Autumn Dream; 38' Offshore 115

Skipper: Eamonn Hayes,
Licence: 940
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: 30 miles out of Kilmore Quay
Notes: Specialising in Bass, Tope and Species Hunts, Wreck, Reef, and clean ground fishing.
Address: Neamstown, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29723 or +353 (0)87 2135308
Email: info@kilmoreangling.com **Web:** www.kilmoreangling.com

Celtic Lady II; 35' Offshore 105. 400 HP Iveco

Skipper: John Devereux
Licence: 274
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: 20 miles out of Kilmore Quay.
Notes: Reef, wreck, tope, ray and general inshore fishing.
Address: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29637 or +353 (0)87 2926469

Karen Ann; Offshore 105. Iveco 320hp

Skipper: Sean Radford,
Licence: 813
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: 30 miles out of Kilmore Quay
Notes: Sails from Kilmore Quay; General Sea Angling; Licensed and insured to carry 12 people Complies with all safety Regulations Experienced Skipper. Rod and tackle hire
Address: Rackardstown, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29707 or: +353 (0)86 8323954
Email: sradford@ireland.com **Web:** www.kilmoreseaangling.com

Enterprise; 35' Offshore 105. 400 HP Iveco

Skipper: Dick Hayes,
Licence: 235
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: Kilmore Quay, Dunmore East, Rosslare Harbour.
Notes: Reef, wreck, tope and general inshore fishing.
Address: Ballyteigue, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29704 or +353 (0)87 2549111 **Fax:** +353 (0)53 91 429704

Inisfree; 35' Offshore 105. 400 HP Iveco

Skipper: Billy Bates,
Licence: 258
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: 20 miles out of Kilmore Quay.

Notes: Reef, wreck, tope and general inshore fishing.

Address: The Pines, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29887 or +353 (0)87 1226171

Sailfish; Mitchell 31 Mark 2. 215hp Turbo Perkins

Skipper: Leslie Bates,
Licence: 209
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: 25 miles out of Kilmore Quay
Notes: Day and Evening Trips Available. Fishing over Reef, Wrecks and Clean Ground. Also tope and ray fishing.
Address: Killag, Duncormac, Co. Wexford, Ireland
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29806 or +353 (0)87 2492718 Fax: +353 (0)53 91 29806
Email: richfield@eircom.net **Web:** www.mermaidangling.com

An Foracha; Offshore 105. 320 HP Iveco

Skipper: Declan Bates,
Licence: 280
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Notes: Reef, wreck, tope and general inshore fishing.
Address: Kilmore Quay, Co Wexford, Ireland.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29684
Email: declanbates@eircom.net

Lady Alison; Aquastar 33'. 270 HP Diesel

Skipper: Paul Bates,
Licence: 22
Base: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland. Operational area: Kilmore Quay, Dunmore East, Rosslare Harbour.
Notes: Sails from Kilmore Quay. 'Lady Alison' is an Aquastar 33 powered by a 270 H.P. engine giving 15 knots. Electronics include a 10 inch radar and dual frequency colour sounder, D.G.P.S. with Chart Plotter. Additional boats are available for larger groups.

Address: Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Telephone: +353 (0)53 91 29831 or +353 (0)86 2075901 Fax: +353 (0)53 91 45888
Email: ladyalison@eircom.net Website: www.wexfordboatcharters.com

Charter Vessel MV Tapaídh

Skipper: Aaron Kielthy,
Licence: 86
Base: Kilmore Quay Co Wexford. 3 miles to sea and 15 miles along the coast from Kilmore Quay.
Notes: Licensed to carry 8 passengers. Specialising in small groups. Angling Trips Wildlife and bird watching cruises around the Saltee Islands Dolphin and Whale watching.
Telephone: +353 (0)87 6446133

ACCOMMODATION (FÁILTE IRELAND APPROVED AND ANGLER FRIENDLY)

See attached leaflets for 2010 holiday accommodation rates.

HOTEL

The Hotel Saltees, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

Proprietor: Michael O'Brien, Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29601,

Email: info@hotelsaltees.ie

Web: www.hotelsaltees.ie

BED AND BREAKFASTS

Ballyhealy House B&B

Kilmore

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Betty Caulfield

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 35035

Email: betty@ballyhealyhouse.com

Web: www.ballyhealyhouse.com

Mill Road Farm B&B

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Phil Stafford

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29633

Email: info@millroadfarm.com

Web: www.millroadfarm.com

Harbour Lights B&B

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: May Bates

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29881

Email: harbourlights@live.ie

Web: www.wextrade.com/harbourlights

Groveside Farm B&B

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Mary Cousins

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 35305

Email: stay@grovesidefarm.com

Web: www.grovesidefarm.com

Innish View House B&B

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Marie McGee

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29674

Email: innishview1@eircom.net

Web: www.innishview.com

SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION

Patricia Murphy (Self Catering)

Tilladavins

Tomhaggard

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 35123

Email: patricia.murphy@hotmail.com

Mill Road Farm Cottages

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Phil Stafford

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29633

Email: info@millroadfarm.com

Web: www.millroadfarm.com

TACKLE SHOPS

Kehoe Marine Ltd, Kilmore Quay, only a stones throw from the harbour, stock a large selection of fishing gear, tackle, and frozen bait. The county town of Wexford is a 25 minute journey by car from Kilmore Quay. There are two tackle shops at either end of the town from which anglers can purchase all their necessary tackle and bait requirements.

Kehoe Marine Ltd

Hardware, Marine, and Angling Supplies

Kilmore Quay

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29791

Email: eugene@kehoemarine.ie

Kilmore Cottage

Ballask

Kilmore

Co. Wexford

Ireland

Contact: Helen Cousins

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 35487

Email: info@kilmorecottage.com

Web: www.kilmorecottage.com

Murphy's Fishing Tackle

92 North Main Street

Wexford Town

Co. Wexford

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 24717

Hayes Cycles

108 South Main Street

Wexford Town

Co. Wexford

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 22462

PUBS, RESTAURANTS, SHOPS, AND ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES:

The Hotel Saltees

Conningbeg Bar and Le Saffron
Restaurant
Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Proprietor: Michael O'Brien
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29601
Email: info@hotelsaltees.ie
Web: www.hotelsaltees.ie

Kehoes Pub and Parlour

& Maritime Heritage Museum
Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Proprietor: Anne Lawlor
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29830
Email: kehoespubandparlour@yahoo.ie
Web: www.kehoespubandparlour.ie

The Saltee Take Away

Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Contact: Michelle Cullen
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29911

The Village Garden (Garden Centre)

Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Contact: Mary Shannon
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 48955

Country Crafts

Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Contact: Bridget-Ann Hayes
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29885

The Silver Fox Seafood Restaurant

Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Chef: Shane Carroll
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29888
Email: info@thesilverfox.ie
Web: www.thesilverfox.ie

Brady's Foodstore

Anglers Supplies, Filled Roll's,
Sandwiches, Home baking
Contact: Deidre Brady
The Burrow
Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29770
Email: brady-kilmorequay@londisretailers.ie

Cullens Foodmarket

Anglers Supplies, Filled Rolls,
Sandwiches, Home Baking
Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Proprietor: Nicky Cullen
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 48971

Sailing Ireland

Sailing Trips, Sailing School,
and Yacht Charter
Contact: Dermot Greer
Kilmore Quay Marina
Kilmore Quay
Co. Wexford, Ireland
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 39163
Mobile: +353 (0)86 171 3800
Email: sailing@sailingireland.ie
Web: www.sailingireland.ie

Creations by Annette Whelan (Glassware)

Libgate,
Kilmore,
Co. Wexford, Ireland.
Tel: +353 (0)53 91 29628



GETTING THERE:

Air: Dublin International Airport. Tel: +353 (0)1 814 1111. Web: www.dublinairport.com.

Buses, taxis, car rental, are available at the airport.

Waterford Airport. Tel: +353 (0)51 875589. Web: www.flywaterford.com. Taxis and car rental are available at the airport.

Cork International Airport. Tel: +353 (0)21 431 3131. Web: www.corkairport.com. Buses, taxis, and car rental, are available at the airport.

Sea: Stena Line. Tel: +353 (0)1 204 7777. Web: www.stenaline.ie. Fishguard to Rosslare.

Holyhead to Dunlaoghaire. Holyhead to Dublin Port.

Irish Ferries. Tel: +353 (0)1 818 300 400. Web: www.irishferries.com. Holyhead to Dublin. Pembroke to Rosslare. Roscoff to Rosslare. Cherbourg to Rosslare.

Celtic Link Ferries (Irl) Ltd. (Cherbourg to Rosslare, Wed, Fri, & Sun).

Web: www.celticlinkferries.com www.celticlinkferries.com. Passenger enquiries: +353 (0)53 91 62688. Email: rosslareinfo@celticlinkferries.com.

Public Transport: Bus Eireann-National Bus Company. Servicing all main towns and cities.

Tel: +353 (0)1 836 6111. Web: www.buseireann.ie.

Iarnrod Eireann-Irish Rail Network. Tel: 1850 366222. Web: www.irishrail.ie.

Car Hire: Most of the major car rental companies have desks at airport and ferry terminals.

Drivers must have valid licences and it is advisable to book in advance.

Taxi Service: Wexford Coastal Cabs. Taxi and Mini Bus Hire, Contact: Patrick and Geraldine Cousins. Tel: 085 846 7277 or 087 646 5257



AA Taxi Cabs. Web: www.taxiswexford.com. Distillery Rd, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford.

Tel: +353 (0)53 91 40222.

