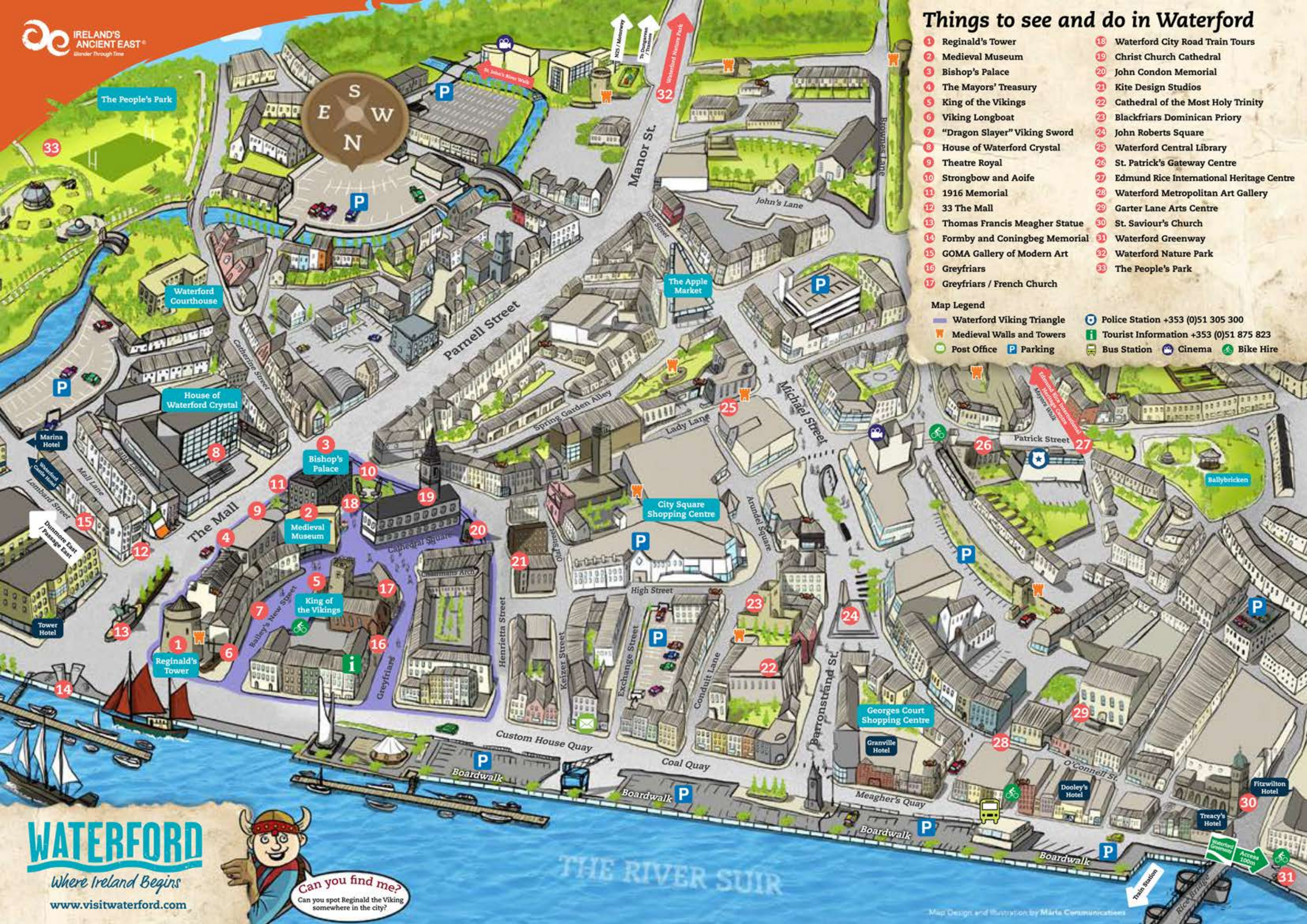


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Welcome to Waterford, Ireland's Oldest City.

The great Viking adventurer and pirate, Regnall (a grandson of Ivor the Boneless), established a base and built a Longphort (or ships haven) in Waterford over 1,100 years ago. In 918 AD, Regnall took a fleet of ships and sailed from Waterford to York where he became the first Norse ruler of York, bestowing him the title 'King of Waterford & York'. The City was captured by the Anglo Normans in 1170 which brought dramatic change to Waterford.

Now a modern city, Waterford holds on to its Viking and Norman roots with its narrow winding streets, and even its name - Vadrarfjodr, meaning 'haven from the windswept sea'.

WATERFORD VIKING TRIANGLE

The Waterford Viking Triangle is the tourism and heritage quarter of the city, where you can enjoy some of the key attractions in Ireland's Ancient East. It is a tranquil place, steeped in history and characterised by narrow streets, atmospheric public spaces and an array of cultural and heritage experiences. Here you can connect with Ireland's Viking roots, discover virtual reality attractions and explore the history of the world-famous Waterford Crystal. Visit the Bishop's Palace, Waterford Medieval Museum and Reginald's Tower (all part of Waterford Treasures) to discover captivating tales from Waterford's fascinating history. www.waterfordvikingtriangle.com

The Apple Market

This is where Waterford comes alive with entertainment for all the family, with a café culture vibe that is brimming with excitement and fun. The Apple Market has traditionally been a location for trading since the early 18th century, where fruit and vegetables were bought and sold. The canopy has created a modern version of the traditional market covering associated with the space, creating the perfect location for a fusion of outdoor dining, events and activities to run all year round. www.theapplemarket.ie

What to do in Waterford City

- 1 Reginald's Tower**
Step through the door of Ireland's oldest civic building and go back in time to 947 AD when Vikings settled in Waterford. The stone tower is located at the apex of the Waterford Viking Triangle and it houses an exciting Viking exhibition inside with a replica Viking Longboat outside. www.waterfordtreasures.com
- 2 Medieval Museum**
Step back in time when you enter this beautiful multi-award winning museum with atmospheric medieval undercrofts. On display are the extremely rare 'cloth of gold' vestments as well as King Henry VIII's cap! Don't miss the Great Charter Roll which was viewed by Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Ireland. Open 7 days a week. www.waterfordtreasures.com
- 3 Bishop's Palace**
A beautiful Georgian building, designed in 1741 by Anglo-German architect Richard Cassels, which chronicles Waterford's history from 1700 to 1970. Treasures on show include the oldest piece of Waterford Crystal in the world! Open 7 days a week. www.waterfordtreasures.com
- 4 The Mayors' Treasury**
This new exhibition, in the foyer of City Hall, celebrates a civic administration that stretches back to the very foundation of Waterford City by Vikings in the 10th century. Twenty-three select objects - the earliest AD1080 and the most recent, a piece of Waterford Crystal - trace the mayoralty since the first-known mayor in 1284, Roger le Lom, up to the present day. www.mayorstreasury.com

- 5 King of the Vikings**
This dynamic virtual reality experience gets you up close and personal with the Viking warlords who founded Vadrarfjodr (Waterford) over 1,100 years ago! Viking re-enactors take you on an adventure from a replica Viking house, through epic Viking battles to uncover the Viking history of Waterford and Ireland. www.kingofthevikings.com
- 6 Viking Longboat**
Built in Waterford, this 40 foot longboat is an exact replica of the type of vessel which was used for trading purposes by the Vikings.
- 7 "Dragon Slayer" Viking Sword**
This is the longest wood sculpture in the world. Crafted by local artist John Hayes, the intricate carvings tell the story of the Vikings in Ireland and Waterford from AD795 to 1170. The Viking Age ended with the marriage of Strongbow to Aoife McMurrough, after the Normans captured Waterford.

- 8 House of Waterford Crystal**
Feel the heat of the furnace and marvel at the skills of master craftsmen as you are guided through the centuries-old tradition of Waterford Crystal making. After the tour, indulge your passion for the world's most famous crystal in the lavish retail store which houses the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world. www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com
- 9 Theatre Royal**
The Theatre Royal is Ireland's oldest continually operating theatre. Lovingly restored, this Victorian gem hidden within a beautiful Georgian building hosts the finest national and international touring artists and companies. Steeped in musical and dramatic traditions, the theatre hosts a year round programme of events, guided tours and a café. www.theatreroyal.ie

- 10 Strongbow and Aoife Sculpture**
The bronze interactive sculpture was unveiled on the 25th August 2014 to mark the 844th anniversary of Strongbow and Aoife's marriage. Their marriage in Waterford is one of the seminal events in Irish history.
- 11 1916 Memorial**
A bronze replica of the Proclamation was unveiled in 2016 in commemoration of the 1916 Rising.

- 12 33 The Mall**
The Irish Tricolour flag was first flown in Ireland on 7th March 1848 by Thomas Francis Meagher from the window of 33 The Mall, unveiling his vision for peace between Irish Catholics and Protestants. The tricolour was raised in the GPO in 1916 and was finally recognised as Ireland's national flag in 1937. www.1848tricolour.com

- 13 Thomas Francis Meagher Statue**
Thomas Francis Meagher (1823 - 1867) took part in the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848. He was convicted of high treason and sentenced to be executed. The sentence was lessened and he was exiled to Tasmania. See also 33 The Mall (12)

- 14 Formby and Coningbeg Memorial**
Remembering all those who lost their lives when the Waterford passenger and cargo ships, the *Formby* and *Coningbeg*, were torpedoed in December 1917.

- 15 GOMA Gallery of Modern Art Waterford**
GOMA gives both artists and the participating public freedom to take risks in a space that allows the discovery and development of their talents. Enjoy a visit to this art gallery dedicated to innovation, and interpretation of modern and contemporary art. www.gomawaterford.ie

- 16 Greyfriars**
This late Victorian church built in Gothic Revival style will house the Irish Museum of Time, opening in 2019.

- 17 Greyfriars / French Church**
This 13th century Franciscan Friary takes its name from the colour of habits worn by friars in 13th century Waterford as a sign of humility. The grave of Waterford's most famous architect, John Roberts, lies beneath the tower arch entrance on Greyfriars. For opening times ask in Reginald's Tower.



- 18 Waterford City Road Train Tours**
Enjoy a tour along the streets of Ireland's oldest city, through the Waterford Viking Triangle, in this fun and relaxing road train that introduces you to the city's 1,100 years of history. Tours last 30mins and tickets can be purchased in the Bishop's Palace (see no. 3) or on the train.
- 19 Christ Church Cathedral**
Ireland's most celebrated 18th century ecclesiastical building was the site of the marriage of Strongbow and Aoife, a marriage which changed the course of Irish history forever. The present Cathedral was designed by John Roberts and completed in 1779. www.christchurchwaterford.com
- 20 John Condon Memorial**
This contemporary bronze sculpture in Cathedral Square marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War which claimed the lives of 1,100 Waterford men and women. John Condon was the youngest soldier to die in WW1 at just 14 years old.
- 21 Kite Design Studios**
Experience fine design and master craftsmanship in Kite Design studios at the heart of the Waterford Viking Triangle. Visitors can experience traditional copper wheel engraving, jewellery designing, fine art printmaking, etching, as well as Irish handmade glass blowing and cutting. www.kitedesignstudios.com
- 22 Cathedral of The Most Holy Trinity**
Designed by John Roberts, the Cathedral was built between 1793 and 1796 and is the oldest Roman Catholic Cathedral in Ireland. Striking architectural features and stunning stain glass windows feature in this well loved Cathedral. www.waterford-cathedral.com

- 23 Blackfriars Dominican Medieval Priory**
Built in 1226, Blackfriars was closed in 1540 by King Henry VIII. The priory was called Blackfriars because the monks wore black robes.
- 24 John Roberts Square**
Old meets new as you find yourself in the heart of Waterford's main shopping area, the perfect place for visitors to enjoy a coffee or indulge in some retail therapy. John Roberts Square is always a hive of activity and regularly features live music and street theatre.
- 25 Waterford Central Library**
A Carnegie library, built in 1904 with a donation of £5,000 from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie who also laid the foundation stone. It was refurbished for its centenary in 2004 when a section of the medieval City Wall was uncovered - now visible through a glass floor. This free public library has internet access and a Waterford Room with local history books and newspapers. www.waterfordlibraries.ie
- 26 St. Patrick's Gateway Centre**
St Patrick's Church is a 300 year old Georgian building with many of the original fixtures such as pews and a large pipe organ. It is still a place of worship but has now been converted into a multi-purpose community centre where music, drama, arts and community events take place. www.stpatricksgateway.com
- 27 Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre**
This interactive heritage centre tells the story of Edmund Rice and his incredible legacy. The centre comprises of a Chapel, meditation garden and museum. It is located on the site where Edmund Rice founded his first community of Brothers and established his first school for the education of the poor. www.edmundrice.ie

- 28 Waterford Metropolitan Art Gallery & Arts Office**
This fine Georgian building will be the home of the Waterford Art Collection and the Waterford City Arts Office. It will host national and international exhibitions on a regular basis. Opening in 2019, the Gallery will be an important part of the exciting new Cultural Quarter being developed in the O'Connell street area.
- 29 Garter Lane Arts Centre**
Garter Lane is home to the arts in Waterford with a vibrant and exciting year-round programme for everyone. Located in a Quaker meeting house built in 1792, events include theatre, music, film, visual arts, dance and more. www.garterlane.ie
- 30 St. Saviour's Church**
Built in 1876, the interior of this Dominican church is richly decorated, with hand carved statues and carved stone Corinthian Capitals all sculpted by James Pearse (father of Pádraig Pearse, leader of the 1916 Easter Rising). www.stsaviourswaterford.com
- 31 Waterford Greenway**
Start your journey on the Waterford Greenway on Grattan Quay, next to the River Suir. Cycle or walk this spectacular 46km off road trail that follows the route of an old rail line from the City, through the picturesque village of Kilmacthomas and onto the harbour town of Dungarvan. Bike hire is available in the City and along the trail. www.visitwaterfordgreenway.com
- 32 Waterford Nature Park**
A 50 acre Nature Park located on the outskirts of the City. This is the perfect place to enjoy a walk and is also linked to the City by St. John's River Walk.

- 33 The People's Park**
The park is a scenic and tranquil green area with paths, a playground, skatepark, sports pitches and café. Two cannons on display beside the bandstand were captured by the British army in 1854 during the Crimean War.

The Epic Tour of the Viking Triangle is the only walking tour in the city that gives you access to six national monuments as you are guided through the Waterford Viking Triangle, tickets available from the Medieval Museum, Bishop's Palace or www.waterfordtreasures.com

Tickets for **Jack Burtchall's Walking Tour** are available from the Tourist Office.

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