

# Malahide / Mullach Íde



- Train Station
- Hotel Accommodation
- Church
- Swimming Area
- Restaurant
- Car Park
- Bar
- Shopping Area
- Public Toilets

## History

There has been a settlement at Malahide (Mullach Íde in Gaelige meaning the Hill of the Hydes) since ancient times. The Vikings landed in 795 AD and the Danes were settled here from 897 AD. In 1185 the Normans were in control of Dublin and from the 12th century the castle at Malahide was developed by the Talbot family who remained in residence until the 1970's.

The village developed in the early 19th century and the small harbour was used to import coal and timber. Flax was grown locally and the stain it left on walls as it was being dried gave name to the area of the town still known as 'Yellow Walls'. The Grand Hotel was built in 1835 in anticipation of the arrival of the railway which started service in 1844. This, along with the development of the Malahide Sea Baths, put Malahide on the map for visitors from Dublin and beyond.

In recent years the town has developed its visitor attractions and facilities. It has top quality Hotels, conference facilities, shops, restaurants and bars. The coastline provides a variety of recreational opportunities and the town has a full range of sporting and social facilities. Malahide is also an example of civic pride and is a winner of the national Tidy Town competition.

## Places of Interest

### Malahide Castle

This is one of Dublin's top visitor attractions. Malahide Castle which was built in the late 12th century by the Talbot family who remained in residence there until 1975. Open to the public there are many period rooms on view and the castle contains the National Portrait Collection of the National Gallery.

### Malahide Castle Exhibitions

Visit the Fry Model Railway collection and Tara's Palace Dolls House. The Fry collection is a working railway of unique handmade train models; this is one of the world's largest miniature railways (covering 2,500 sq. ft.).

Tara's Palace is located in Malahide Castle Courtyard, is designed and built to 1/12 scale, encapsulating the grandeur and elegance of Ireland's great 18th century mansions.

### Malahide Demesne

The castle grounds are now a 109 hectare park with walks, playground, sports facilities and featuring the Talbot Botanic gardens, a 10 hectare walled garden with over 5,000 species of plants.

### Coastal Walk & Beach

The sandy beach can be enjoyed all year around and the coastal walk extends from the village to Portmarnock with lovely sea views along the way.

### Entertainment and Shopping

Malahide is famous for its vitality. A village stroll will reveal a great choice of dining, entertainment and shopping experiences.