

SINCE 1795 The Orange Order

William R. THE WILLIAMITE TRAIL



1: DERRY'S WALLS

1. LONDONDERRY

The siege of Derry took place 1688 – 1689 and is recorded as being the longest siege in British military history having lasted 105 days.

2. WHITEHOUSE

William landed a portion of his army at Whitehouse on the shores of Belfast Lough on an artificial island known as 'Donald's Island', in June 1690.



3: GROOMSPORT

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It was at Groomsport, Fredrick Herman, the Duke of Schomberg, who was second in command to King William III landed with the first of the Williamite Army in 1689.

4. CARRICKFERGUS

William of Orange stepped ashore at Carrickfergus Castle on 14th June 1690, to an enthusiastic welcome from the townspeople.



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5. BELFAST

King William remained in Belfast for five days while the Duke of Schomberg advised caution. From here he organized his troops and set out towards the Boyne to seek out and engage the Jacobite Army.

6. LISBURN

King William spent the afternoon and evening inspecting troops on Blaris Moor, and then on to Hillsborough Castle for the night.



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William stayed at Hillsborough Fort where a further 2,500 of the Williamite Army encamped on Saturday 21st June 1690.

8. DROMORE

"The Break of Dromore" was fought on March 14th 1689 and resulted in a Jacobite victory.



9: LOUGHBRICKLAND

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Loughbrickland had been the rendezvous point for King William's troops dispersed in winter quarters. A large stone marks the Army's camp.

10. SCARVA

King William camped under a large Spanish chestnut tree in the Scarva area, where his army trained before marching on to meet the forces of King James II at the Battle of the Boyne on 1 July 1690.



11. NEWTOWNBUTLER

The Battle of Newtownbutler took place on 31st July 1689. Approximately 2,000 Williamite 'Inniskillings' came face to face with the Jacobites about a mile south of Newtownbutler.



11: ENNISKILLEN CASTLE

12. NEWRY

In 1689 King James II ordered his son James, the Duke of Berwick, to conduct a delaying action around Newry. King William's General, the Duke of Schomberg, stayed in Newry on his way to the Boyne.

13. DUNDALK

The winter of 1689 proved to be a difficult time for the Duke of Schomberg. It was from here that he withdrew the Williamite Army, taking them back northwards to the army's winter quarters.

14. OLD BRIDGE / SLANE

July 1st 1690, the Williamite Army stretched to the left toward Drogheda and to Slane on the right with the centre of the Williamite Army at Oldbridge.



15: DIORAMA OF THE BATTLE OF THE BOYNE

15. RIVER BOYNE

It was here on 1st July 1690 that the 36,000 strong army of King William III met with King James II's force of 25,000 Irish and French troops. The Battle of the Boyne was the decisive encounter in a war that was primarily about James' attempt in Ireland to regain the thrones of England and Scotland.

16. DROGHEDA

It was here that the Jacobite Army encamped on the south side of the River Boyne close to the town of Drogheda. King James chose the Boyne as he had a garrison in Drogheda and a sufficient number of militia in Dublin.

17. AUGHRIM

The Battle of Aughrim was the decisive battle of the Williamite War in Ireland. It was fought between the Jacobites and the forces of William III on 12 July 1691, near the village of Aughrim in County Galway.



18: TREATY STONE, LIMERICK

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It was here that the Treaty of Limerick was signed, which ended the Williamite War in Ireland between the Jacobites and the supporters of William of Orange and concluded the Siege of Limerick.

19. CORK

On the 28th of September 1690, the Williamite army attacked Cork from both sides of the River Lee. The siege of Cork lasted from 24th to 29th September 1690.

20. KINSALE

King James II landed at Kinsale, County Cork, on the 12th March 1689 in an attempt to reclaim the throne of England, Scotland and Ireland. In September of 1690, following the Battle of the Boyne, King William's Army, led by the Duke of Marlborough, advanced upon Charles Fort at Kinsale and took control of it following a 13 day siege.