A 6 STEP TOUR
Hot Milk Forge is a feast for the senses and visitors’ imagination will be sparked into a world of creativity. When you first walk into the forge expect to feel the heat from the fires, smell the hot iron, hear the hammering of the steel, see and touch the beautiful hand forged and twisted metal sculptures.

Eamonn invites you to visit the forge and experience the traditional craft of Blacksmithing and Bladesmithing.

1 WELCOME AREA
Eamonn welcomes you to Hot Milk Forge Économusée

2 THE FORGE
Hear how Hot Milk Forge specialises in teaching Blacksmith joinery, namely joining steel together using traditional methods like riveting, Tenon joints and non-electric fire welding (using the forge).

3 AN ANCIENT CRAFT
Learn about the history of blacksmithing in Glenravel, the significance of nearby Slievenaee Mountain, Glenravel Mine and how Newtowncrommelin got its name.

4 PRESENT DAY KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES
Watch, listen and learn about the blacksmithing and bladesmithing process and tools used by Hot Milk Forge. Why not try your hand at producing a range of items including your own fire side set, wrought iron gate, gifts for your partner, sculpture…? the list goes on.

5 DOCUMENTATION AREA
Learn more about the inspiration behind Hot Milk Forge and the workshops available.

6 RETAIL AREA
A selection of Hot Milk Forge products and other local produce will be available to purchase.

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Opening Times
By Appointment only,
Weekend, Day and Evening Classes in Blacksmithing and Bowmaking can be booked via the website www.hotmilkforge.com

This project involves a number of organisations working in partnership to promote food and craft tourism.

THE ÉCONOMUSÉE EXPERIENCE

ÉCONOMUSÉE - a concept developed in Québec, Canada. Économusée brings artisans of all traditional crafts together in an extensive network.

The ÉCONOMUSÉE concept (meaning ‘economic / working museum’) was developed in Québec, Canada. Artisans of all kinds of traditional crafts have been brought together into an extensive and exciting international network.

The mission of the ÉCONOMUSÉE network is to promote and keep alive traditional crafts and knowledge, whilst ensuring economic growth within rural communities. It enables artisans to open their workshops, offering the public an interactive, recreational and enriching experience.

Visit artisans of the ÉCONOMUSÉE network and learn about their history, local culture and heritage, traditional production techniques and contemporary products—all stamped with identity and originality.

Discover Artisans at Work!
**TRADITIONAL TRADE**

Hot Milk Forge is located on the Higgins’ Family Farm, the workshop is where the first milking parlour was located many moons ago.

The mountain looming over Glenravel is called Slievenanee which can be translated as “Mountain of Iron”, telling us that knowledge of iron ore in the area existed in the mists of time.

**ARTISANS AND THEIR CRAFT**

Eamonn has been a professional Artist/Sculptor since 2003, he established Hot Milk Forge in 2014.

Blacksmithing has formed an integral part of Eamonn’s practice, with public works scattered across the UK and his commercial works collected internationally.

**INSPIRATION**

Eamonn comes from a long line of farmers from the Glenravel area, however with the increasing pressures on small farms these days to survive, it seemed a natural progression for Eamonn and his family to diversify the farm into what it is today. In one hand it is a Black/Bladesmithing School and Sculpture Studio and in the other it is a small farm with rare Irish Breed Cattle (Irish Moiled) and rare breed sheep.

**TALKS, DEMOS AND CLASSES**

These can be booked by appointment via [www.hotmilkforge.com](http://www.hotmilkforge.com)

Classes have a max of 8 people

Talks/Demos have a max restriction of 20 people

“Can you hear the ring of the anvil? Yes? Good that means you’re not the devil in disguise.”