

# Heritage Sites of Ireland

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## Heritage Ireland OPW

### Biodiversity & Sustainability

Biodiversity and Sustainability are key goals which drive many initiatives at heritage sites, including: pollinator-friendly grass management, maintaining diverse wild plant communities; sustainable tree management practices; bat-friendly low lighting levels and mechanical weed control allowing minimal use of pesticides etc.



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**D** Sites in Dublin



**IAE** Sites and properties in Ireland's Ancient East

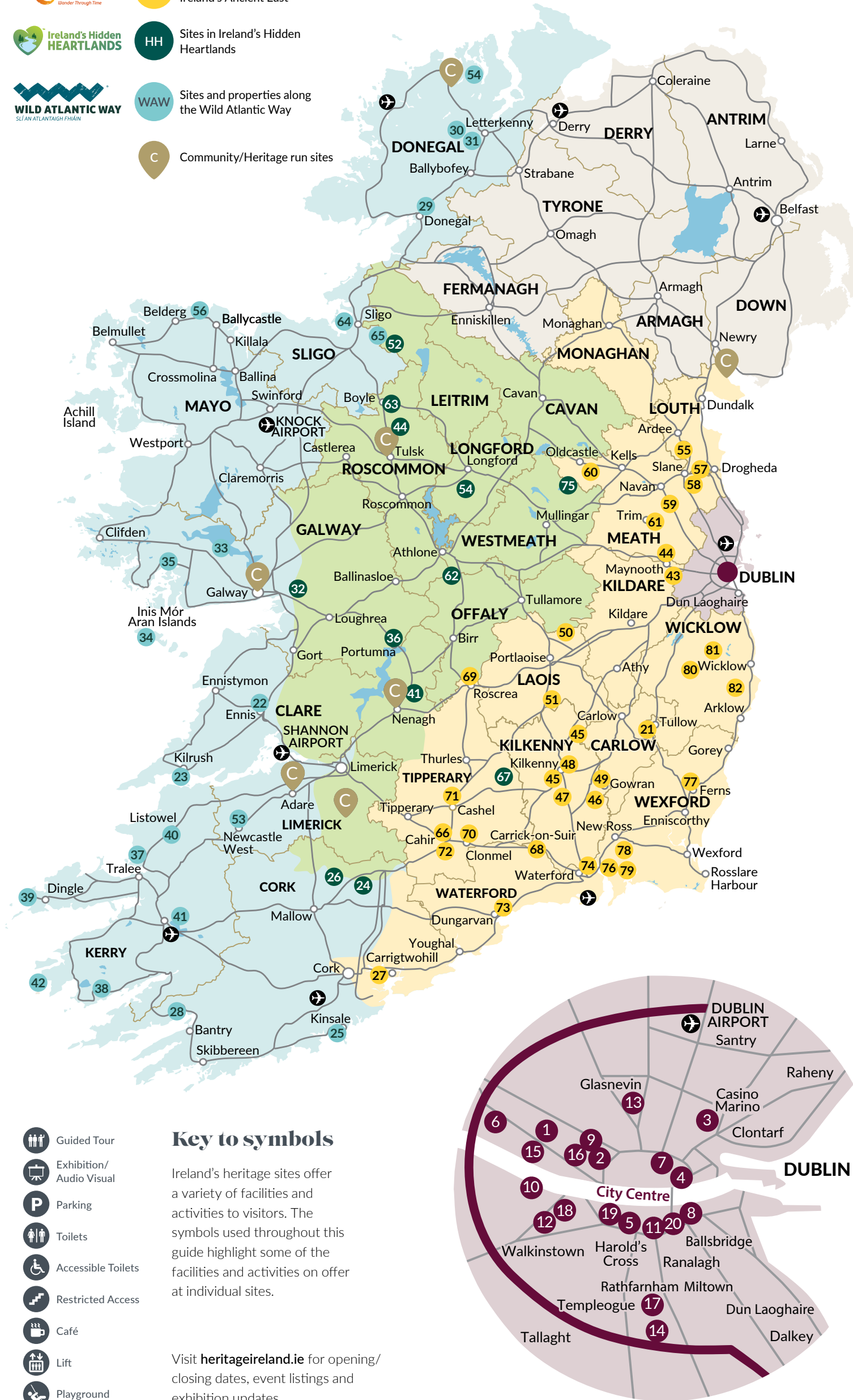


**HH** Sites in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands



**WAW** Sites and properties along the Wild Atlantic Way

**C** Community/Heritage run sites



### Key to symbols

Ireland's heritage sites offer a variety of facilities and activities to visitors. The symbols used throughout this guide highlight some of the facilities and activities on offer at individual sites.

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- Guided Tour
- Exhibition/ Audio Visual
- Parking
- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Restricted Access
- Café
- Lift
- Playground

## Dublin

- 1** **Arbour Hill Military Cemetery**  
Arbour Hill, Dublin 7, D07 YRR2  
The final resting place of the leaders of 1916.  
T 01 677 0095 E [phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie](mailto:phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie)

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**2** **Áras an Uachtaráin**  
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, D08 EtW3  
Built in 1751, the first president of the Republic of Ireland, Douglas Hyde, took up residence here in 1938. It has been home to every president since then.  
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**3** **Casino Marino**  
Cherrymount Crescent, Marino, Dublin 3, D03 HH70  
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**4** **Custom House Visitor Centre**  
Custom House Quay, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0  
A fascinating visitor experience exploring the rich history of an 18th century architectural masterpiece, while encompassing over 230 years of Irish history.  
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**5** **Dublin Castle**  
The State Apartments, Dame Street, Dublin 2, D02 XN27  
Where Irish history has been made for over 1,000 years.  
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**6** **Farmleigh House and Gardens**  
Phoenix Park, Dublin 15, D15 TD50  
An eclectic Edwardian mansion and the Irish State guesthouse.  
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**7** **Garden of Remembrance**  
Parnell Square East, Dublin 1, D01 AOF8  
A tranquil memorial in the heart of Dublin city.  
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**8** **Government Buildings**  
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2, D02 R583  
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**9** **Grangegorman Military Cemetery**  
Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7, D07 PK13  
Remembering the fallen of the British Empire.  
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**10** **Irish National War Memorial Gardens**  
Islandbridge, Dublin 8, D08 T2oW  
Relax and reflect in this beautiful garden monument.  
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- 11** **Iveagh Gardens**  
Clonmel Street, Dublin 2, D02 YD96  
Experience a sense of wonder in Dublin's secret garden.  
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**12** **Kilmainham Gaol Museum**  
Inchicore Road, Dublin, D08 RK28  
A monument to more than a century of Irish Nationalism.  
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**13** **National Botanic Garden of Ireland - Glasnevin**  
Glasnevin, Dublin, D09 VY63  
Home to over 16,000 plant species and cultivars from around the world. The jewel of the gardens are Richard Turner's Curvilinear Range and the Great Palm House.  
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**14** **Pearse Museum - St Enda's Park**  
Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, D16 Y7Y5  
The former home and school of Patrick Pearse, this building tells the story of his role and the role of his brother William in the 1916 Rising.  
T 01 493 4208 E [pearsemuseum@opw.ie](mailto:pearsemuseum@opw.ie)

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**15** **Phoenix Park Visitor Centre and Ashtown Castle**  
Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, D08 Y3o4  
Adjoining the 17th century castle, the centre contains an entertaining exhibition on the park's history from 3500BC right through to the present day. Nearby are the restored Victorian Walled Gardens.  
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**16** **Phoenix Park and Biodiversity Centre**  
Phoenix Park, Knockmaroon, Dublin, D20 A402  
A biodiversity haven located in the western corner of the Phoenix Park.  
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**17** **Rathfarnham Castle**  
Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14 K3T6  
An Elizabethan fortified house, remodelled in the 18th century, it has fine 18th century interiors.  
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**18** **Royal Hospital Kilmainham**  
Military Road, Kilmainham, D08 FW31  
One of Dublin's most iconic buildings and Ireland's foremost example of fine 17th century architecture. Its history goes back over 800 years.  
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**19** **St Audoen's Church and Visitor Centre**  
Corn Market (near High Street), Dublin 8, D08 W99H  
A medieval chapel at the centre of city life. The Guild Chapel of St Ann houses an award-winning exhibition on the importance of St Audoen's to medieval Dublin.  
T 046 942 2025 E [staudoenschurch@opw.ie](mailto:staudoenschurch@opw.ie)

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**20** **St Stephen's Green**  
St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 DX88  
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## Carlow

- 21** **Altamont Gardens**  
Altamont, Tullow, Carlow, R93 N882  
Laid out in the style of William Robinson, lawns and sculpted yews slope down to a lake ringed by rare trees and rhododendrons. Walk through the Arboretum, Bog Garden and Ice Age Glen.  
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## Clare

- 22** **Ennis Friary**  
Abbey Street, Ennis, Clare, V95 AN28  
Founded by the O'Briens of Thomond, this medieval Franciscan friary grew quickly into a huge foundation, by 1375. It contains an exceptional wealth of 15th and 16th century sculptures carved in the local limestone.  
T 065 682 9100 E [ennisfriary@opw.ie](mailto:ennisfriary@opw.ie)

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- 23** **Scattery Island and Visitor Centre**  
Kilrush, Clare  
The site of an early Christian settlement founded by St Senan in the early 6th century. There are five churches, a cathedral, a round tower, Napoleonic war artillery battery and a working lighthouse.  
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## Cork

- 24** **Annes Grove Gardens**  
Castletownroche, Cork, P51 K064  
A horticultural paradise in north County Cork. The landscape was designed in the Robinsonian style in the early 1900's, it contains an exotic collection of plants.  
T 046 942 2997 M 087 349 7972 E [annesgrove.gardens@opw.ie](mailto:annesgrove.gardens@opw.ie)

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- 25** **Charles Fort Military Fortress**  
Summer Cove, Kinsale, Cork, P17 AY18  
A star-shaped military fortress that has stood firm for centuries.  
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- 26** **Doneraile Court and Estate**  
Doneraile, Cork, P51 XR66  
Built by the St Leger family around 1645, refurbished in the mid 18th century, with links to the famous St Leger Stakes in horse racing and literature, with famous Irish writers such as Elizabeth Bowen.  
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- 27** **Fota Arboretum & Gardens**  
Fota Estate, Carrigtwohill, Cork, T45 K656  
Explore an island oasis of rare and exotic flora.  
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- 28** **Innacullin - Garinish Island**  
Glengarriff, Bantry, Cork, P75 X567  
Nestled in Bantry Bay, this island garden is a 20th century collaboration between its owners the Bryce family and Harold Peto, an architect and garden designer.  
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## Donegal

- 29** **Donegal Castle**  
Castle Street, Donegal, F94 P996  
The Seat of the Kings of Tir Chonaill.  
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- 30** **Glebe Gallery and Garden - Derek Hill House**  
Churchill, Donegal, F92 WP70  
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**Newmills Corn and Flaxmills**  
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Delve into Ulster's industrial heritage.  
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**Athenry Castle**  
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**Aughnanure Castle**  
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**Dún Aonghasa – Ancient Stone Fort**  
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**Portumna Castle and Gardens**  
Portumna, Galway, H53 YK27  
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**Ardfert Cathedral**  
Ardfert, Tralee, Kerry, V92 KR7P  
A trio of medieval churches devoted to St Brendan.  
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**Daniel O'Connell House – Derrynane House**  
Caherdaniel, Killarney, Kerry, V23 FX65  
Immerse yourself in Derrynane; breathing coastal retreat of Daniel O'Connell 'The Liberator'.  
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**Listowel Castle**  
The Square, Listowel, Kerry, V31 RD93  
The last bastion of the Fitzmaurices.  
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**Ross Castle**  
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**Sceilg Mhichíl UNESCO World Heritage Property**  
Portmagee, Kerry  
An island monastery towering over the sea.  
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**Castletown House and Parklands**  
Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 V9H3  
Palladian mansion on the banks of the Liffey.  
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**Maynooth Castle**  
Parson Street, Maynooth, Kildare, W23 F2D5  
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**Dunmore Cave**  
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**Jerpoint Abbey**  
Thomastown, Kilkenny, R95 P523  
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**Kells Priory**  
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**Kilkenny Castle**  
The Parade, Kilkenny, R95 YRK1  
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**St Mary's Church, Gowran**  
Gowran, Kilkenny, R95 CV0Y2  
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**Emo Court and Estate**  
Emo Court, Emo, Laois, R32 C44V  
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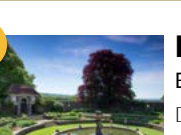










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**Heywood Gardens**  
Ballinakill, Laois, R32 K4V6  
Discover a tranquil and romantic hillside landscape.  
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**Parke's Castle**  
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A tranquil setting with a turbulent past.  
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**Desmond Castle, Newcastle West**  
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Where sounds of medieval revelry echo around the walls.  
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**Corlea Iron Age Roadway and Visitor Centre**  
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**Old Mellifont Abbey Monastic Site**  
Tullyallen, Drogheda, Louth, A92 K682  
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A Stone Age farmed countryside from 6,000 years ago.  
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**Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre – Oldbridge Estate**  
Oldbridge House, Oldbridge, Drogheda, Meath, A92 CY68  
1690: the largest battle ever fought on Irish soil.  
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**Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre: Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth**  
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**Hill of Tara**  
Dunsany, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 P44W  
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**Trim Castle**  
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**Clonmacnoise Monastic Site**  
Clonmacnoise, Shannonbridge, Athlone, Offaly, N37 V292  
A spectacular monastery on the banks of the River Shannon.  
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
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**Boyle Abbey**  
Boyle, Roscommon, F52 XE16  
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**Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery**  
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**Sligo Abbey**  
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**Cahir Castle**  
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A defensive powerhouse of the 13th century.  
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



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**Famine Warhouse 1848**  
Ballingarry, Tipperary, E41 XK23  
The unlikely site of a bloody skirmish.  
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**Ormond Castle**  
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A courthouse with centuries of history under its arches.  
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**The Rock of Cashel**  
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Royal and religious history intermingled.  
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