

Heritage Sites of Ireland

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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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Available to all primary and second-level pupils following the national curriculum approved by the Department of Education and Skills. Visits must be during the school year and booked in advance at each site.

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Enjoy outstanding events, wide-ranging exhibitions of art and history, performances by world-class theatre companies and musicians of various genres, and special tours of our amazing locations.



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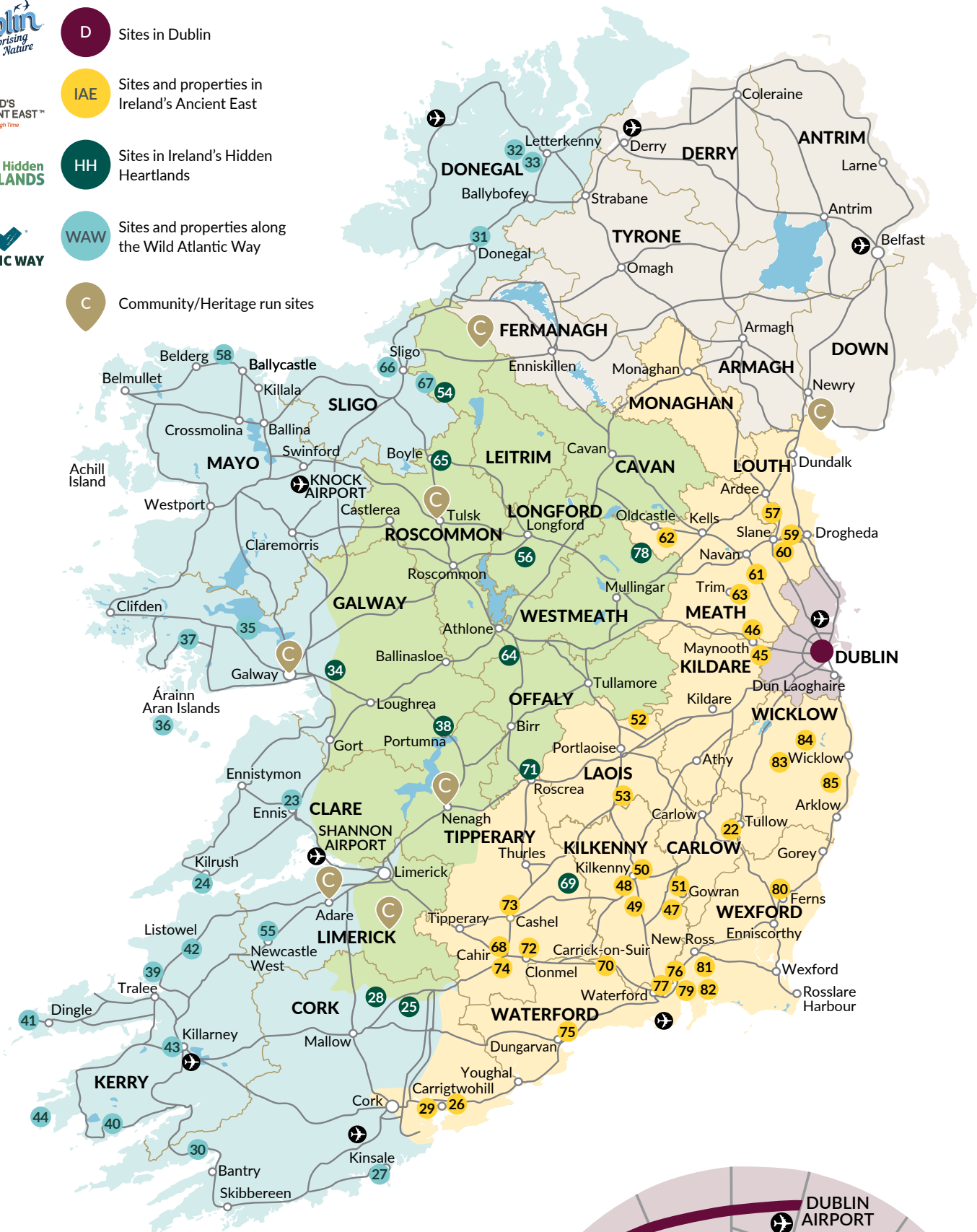


HH Sites in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands



WAW Sites and properties along the Wild Atlantic Way

C Community/Heritage run sites



2025 - fifth edition

- Guided Tour
- Exhibition/ Audio Visual
- Parking
- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Restricted Access
- Café
- Lift
- Playground
- Gallery
- Card accepted
- Challenging access
- Walking trails
- Picnic area

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. Visit heritageireland.ie for opening/closing dates, site listings and event and exhibition updates. Further information on accessibility is available www.heritageireland.ie/visit.

Dublin



Arbour Hill Military Cemetery

Arbour Hill, Dublin 7, D07 YRR2

The final resting place of the leaders of 1916.

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Áras an Uachtaráin

Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, D08 E1W3

Built in 1751, the first president of Ireland, Douglas Hyde, took up residence here in 1938. It has been home to every president since then.

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Casino Marino

Cherrymount Crescent, Marino, Dublin 3, D03 HH70

Ireland's miniature architectural masterpiece – a unique and intriguing garden temple.

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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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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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Farmleigh House and Gardens

Phoenix Park, Dublin 15, D15 TD50

Formerly owned by the Guinness family and set in beautiful gardens, Farmleigh is the Irish State guest house.

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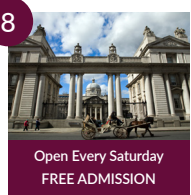
Garden of Remembrance

Parnell Square East, Dublin 1, D01 AOF8

A tranquil memorial in the heart of Dublin city.

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Government Buildings

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2, D02 R583

A working hub for the business of the state. Tours each Saturday, subject to government business.

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Grangegorman Military Cemetery

Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7, D07 PK13

The largest military cemetery in Ireland.

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Irish National War Memorial Gardens

Islandbridge, Dublin 8, D08 T2oW

Relax and reflect in this beautiful garden monument.

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Iveagh Gardens

Clonmel Street, Dublin 2, D02 YD96

Experience a sense of wonder in Dublin's 'secret garden'.

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Kilmainham Gaol Museum

Inchicore Road, Dublin, D08 RK28

A monument to more than a century of Irish Nationalism.

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E kilmainhamgaol@opw.ie

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National Botanic Gardens 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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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.

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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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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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Rathfarnham Castle

Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14 K3T6

An Elizabethan fortified house, remodelled in the 18th century, it has fine Georgian interiors.

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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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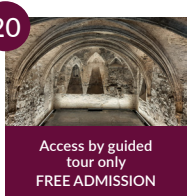
St Audoen's Church and Visitor Centre

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.

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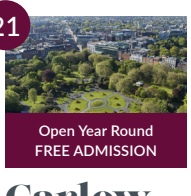
St Mary's Abbey – Chapter House

4 Meetinghouse Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 VY06

The ruins of St Mary's Abbey, founded in 1139, was one of the largest and most important medieval monasteries in medieval Ireland.

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St Stephen's Green

St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 DX88

A Victorian civic gem in Dublin's greatest garden square.

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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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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.

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Scatterry 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



Annes Grove Gardens

Castletownroche, Cork, P51 Ko64

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.

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E annesgrove.gardens@opw.ie

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Barryscourt Castle

Carrigtwohill, County Cork, T45 Y290

Barryscourt Castle, located in County Cork, Ireland, is a remarkable example of a restored Irish Tower House. Dating back to the late 14th or early 15th century, the castle was the seat of the Anglo-Norman Barry family.

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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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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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Fota Arboretum & Gardens

Fota Estate, Carrigtwohill, Cork, T45 K656

Explore an island oasis of rare and exotic flora.

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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



Donegal Castle

Castle Street, Donegal, F94 P996

The Seat of the Kings of Tir Chonail.

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Glebe Gallery and Garden – Derek Hill House

Churchill, Donegal, F92 WP70

Experience a unique insight into the life and collection of the artist Derek Hill.

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Newmills Corn and Flaxmills
Churchill Road, Letterkenny, Donegal, F92 F205
Delve into Ulster's industrial heritage.
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Athenry Castle
Athenry, Galway, H65 WP93
An emblem of Norman lordship.
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Aughnanure Castle
Aughnanure, Oughterard, Galway, H91 PX20
A historical gem in the heart of Connemara.
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Dún Aonghasa – Ancient Stone Fort
Cill Mhuirbhígh, Árainn, Galway, H91 YT20
One of western Europe's most magnificent stone forts.
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Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarasaigh agus Teach an Phiarasaigh – Pearse's Cottage and Visitor Centre
Ros Muc, Galway, H91 DW9A
The home of a 1916 rebel in the heart of Gaelic Ireland.
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Portumna Castle and Gardens
Portumna, Galway, H53 YK27
17th century splendour on the shores of Lough Derg.
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E portumnacastle@opw.ie

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Ardfert Cathedral
Ardfert, Tralee, Kerry, V92 KR7P
A trio of medieval churches devoted to St Brendan.
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E ardfertcathedral@opw.ie

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Daniel O'Connell House – Derrynane House
Caherdaniel, Killarney, Kerry, V23 FX65
Immerse yourself in Derrynane; breathtaking coastal retreat of Daniel O'Connell 'The Liberator'.
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Ionad an Bhlascaoid – The Blasket Centre
Dunquin, Dingle, Kerry, V92 TH73
The story of a remarkable island community.
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Listowel Castle
The Square, Listowel, Kerry, V31 RD93
The last bastion of the Fitzmaurices.
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Ross Castle
Killarney, Kerry, V93 V304
A lakeside citadel steeped in legend.
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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
The largest and earliest great house in Ireland, set in magnificent parkland on the banks of the Liffey.
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Maynooth Castle
Parson Street, Maynooth, Kildare, W23 F2D5
The majestic stone castle was founded in the early 13th century and was a nerve centre of political power and culture.
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Kilkenny

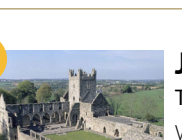
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Dunmore Cave
Castlecómer Road, Mohill, Kilkenny, R95 A972
Dunmore Cave is a series of limestone chambers formed over millions of years.
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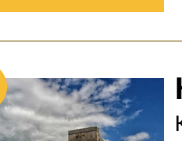
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Jerpoint Abbey
Thomastown, Kilkenny, R95 P523
Where Irish medieval sculpture reached new heights.
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Kells Priory
Kells, Kilkenny, R95 V184
Visit Ireland's largest enclosed ecclesiastical site.
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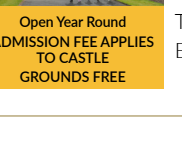
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Kilkenny Castle
The Parade, Kilkenny, R95 YRK1
Kilkenny Castle, the jewel in the crown of an enchanting medieval city.
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E bookingskilkennycastle@opw.ie

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St Mary's Church, Gowran
Gowran, Kilkenny, R95 CVoY2
Records written in stone in the heart of Gowran.
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Laois


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Emo Court and Estate
Emo Court, Emo, Laois, R32 C44V
Emo, where art and nature meet.
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Heywood Gardens
Ballinakill, Laois, R32 K4V6
Discover a tranquil and romantic hillside landscape.
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Leitrim

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Parke's Castle
Kilmore, Fivemilebourne, Leitrim, F91 FP71
A tranquil setting with a turbulent past.
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Limerick

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Desmond Castle, Newcastle West
The Square, Newcastle West, Limerick, V42 YD76
Where sounds of medieval revelry echo around the walls.
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Longford

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Corlea Iron Age Roadway and Visitor Centre
2 Cartron Road, Cloonbreany, Keenagh, Longford, N39 XT18
A pathway into the past.
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Old Mellifont Abbey Monastic Site
Tullyallen, Drogheda, Louth, A92 K682
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Céide Fields Neolithic Site and Visitor Centre
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A Stone Age farmed countryside from 6,000 years ago.
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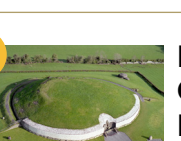
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Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre – Oldbridge Estate
Oldbridge House, Oldbridge, Drogheda, Meath, A92 CY68
1690: the largest battle ever fought on Irish soil.
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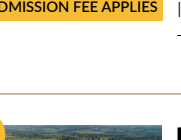
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Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre: Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth
Donore, Drogheda, Meath, A92 EH5C
Step into Ireland's richest archaeological landscape.
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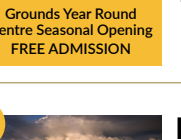
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Hill of Tara
Dunsany, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 P44W
Experience the legacy of the high kings.
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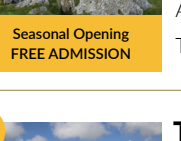
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Loughcrew Megalithic Cemetery
Corstown, Oldcastle, Meath
A high point of Neolithic art and design.
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Trim Castle
Castle Street, Trim, Meath, C15 HN90
The ultimate symbol of Norman glory.
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Clonmacnoise Monastic Site
Clonmacnoise, Shannonbridge, Athlone, Offaly, N37 V292
A spectacular monastery on the banks of the River Shannon.
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Roscommon

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Boyle Abbey
Boyle, Roscommon, F52 XE16
An important site with history from monastic to military.
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Sligo

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Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
Sligo, F91 E638
Ireland's largest cemetery of megalithic monuments.
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Sligo Abbey
Abbey Street, Sligo, F91 K796
Where friars' prayers echo among the ruins.
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Tipperary


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Cahir Castle
Castle Street, Cahir, Tipperary, E21 P652
A defensive powerhouse of the 13th century.
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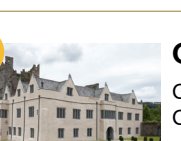
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Famine Warhouse 1848
Ballingarry, Tipperary, E41 XK23
The unlikely site of a bloody skirmish.
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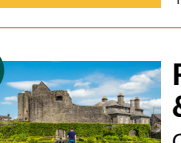
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Ormond Castle
Castle Park (off Castle Street), Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary, E32 CX59
Discover a Tudor gem – Ireland's finest Tudor manor house.
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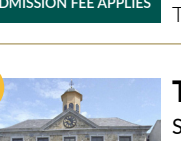
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Roscrea Castle, Gardens & Damer House/Black Mills
Castle Street, Roscrea, Tipperary, E53 F652
A magnificent castle and pre-Paladian Damer House.
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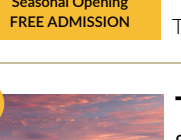
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The Main Guard
Sarsfield Street, Clonmel, Tipperary, E91 PY78
A courthouse with centuries of history under its arches.
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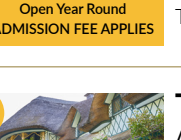
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The Rock of Cashel
St Patrick's Rock of Cashel, Cashel, Tipperary, E25 KX44
Royal and religious history intermingled.
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The Swiss Cottage
Ardfinnan Road, Cahir, Tipperary, E21 DX07
An idyllic fantasy of country life.
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Dungarvan Castle
Castle Street, Dungarvan, Waterford, X35 DV58
Journey back to the dawn of Anglo-Norman rule in Ireland.
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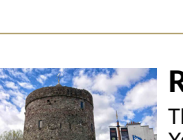
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Greyfriars/French Church
Greyfriars Street, Waterford City, Waterford, X91 Y880
Ruins of a Franciscan Friary in the heart of the Viking Triangle.
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Reginald's Tower
The Quay, Waterford City, Waterford, X91 Y880
The massive hinge of stone guarding Ireland's oldest city.
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Fore Abbey
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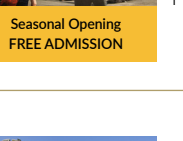
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Ballyhack Castle
Arthurstown, Wexford, Y34 TN56
Savour a sense of the Middle Ages.
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Ferns Castle
The Square, Ferns, Wexford, Y21 D892
Two nations, two cultures and one shared heritage.
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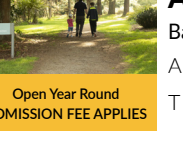
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The John F Kennedy Arboretum
Ballysop, New Ross, Wexford, Y34 KA48
A garden of presidential proportions.
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Tintern Abbey
Saltmills, Wexford, Y34 KR64
Where monks toiled and legacies were created.
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Dwyer McAllister Cottage
Derrynamuck, Knockanarrigan, Wicklow, W91 D273
An unlikely battle-site of the 1798 Rebellion.
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Wicklow

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Glendalough Monastic Site and Visitor Centre
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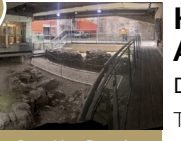
National Botanic Gardens of Ireland – Kilmacurragh
Kilmacurragh West, Westaston Demesne, Kilbride, Wicklow, A67 YR12
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