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Visual Guide

A Visit to Portumna Castle, Gardens and Tea Rooms



Introduction

WELCOME TO PORTUMNA CASTLE!

Portumna sits on the banks of the River Shannon and northern tip of Lough Derg. It is surrounded by Portumna Forest Park and lies close to the Galway/Tipperary border. Portumna is renowned for its famous Portumna Castle & Gardens.

The castle was built over 400 years ago by 1618 by Richard Burke, 4th Earl of Clanricarde and it was destroyed by an accidental fire in 1826. It fell to ruin, with only the four main walls standing destroyed by an accidental fire in 1826. It fell to ruin, with only the four main walls standing after 150 years.

Today we see a partially restored castle with wonderful gardens. We will learn about the castle and how to find our way around the grounds.

Portumna Castle Gate Lodge



As you come in from the street, on your left is The Gate Lodge.

This simple yet well designed gate lodge formerly controlled the main entrance gates leading to the farm courtyard and demense of Portumna Castle.

Main Entrance Gate



The main entrance gates are known as The Morrison Gates, built by a famous architect, Sir Richard Morrison.

Avenue to Main Reception



Enjoy the beautiful walk up to our Main Reception where tickets can be purchased to enter our fantastic grounds and Castle. Our guides are always ready to help you with information about the Castle, Kitchen Garden and grounds. If you wish you can have a guided tour.

Tuscan Gate



As you walk towards the Castle you will come to the Tuscan Gates. Look up to see the Burke family coat of arms.

Ladies Garden



As you pass through the Tuscan Gates, you enter the Ladies Garden. The flowers here are 17th century variety of roses.

Castle Interior



Inside the castle, there is information panels, some family portraits and a 8-minute DVD about the castle.

Fury the Dog



There is a story to tell you about Fury the dog.

17th Century Courtyard



In the Courtyard there is another reception area with a shop and art gallery upstairs. Next door are the the Tea rooms and toilet facilities.

Kitchen Garden



Finish off your visit to Portumna Castle with a lovely walk around the Walled Kitchen Garden

To exit Portumna Castle you can go through our Main Reception area or, you can go out through the Tea Rooms gate which will lead you down to the ruins of Portumna Priory, the Marina and Forest Park.

We hope you enjoy your visit.