

National Monuments in State Care: Ownership & Guardianship

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN STATE CARE

What is a National Monument?

The term 'national monument' as defined in Section 2 of the National Monuments Act (1930) means a monument 'the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of the historical, architectural, traditional, artistic or archaeological interest attaching thereto...'

What is a National Monument in State Care?

National monuments in State care include those which are in the ownership or guardianship of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG). Other owners of national monuments are empowered under Section 5 of the National Monuments Act (1930) to appoint the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government as guardian of such monuments. This means in effect that while the property of such a monument remains vested in the owner, its maintenance and upkeep are the responsibility of the State.

Monuments which may be defined as national monuments are also in the ownership or guardianship of Local Authorities which have similar responsibilities under the National Monuments Acts (1930-2004) to DEHLG. These monuments are not included in the data sets presented here.

How many National Monuments are in State Care?

In October 1874 the first group of monuments, those on the Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary, was taken into State care. Since then, over 1,000 individual monuments at 760 locations, have been taken into ownership or guardianship. These range from megalithic tombs of the neolithic period to medieval churches and castles, industrial mills and historic buildings of more recent times. One of the core functions of the National Monuments Service is to ensure the preservation of the monuments in its care for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. To view a list of monuments in state care go to www.archaeology.ie.

Who looks after National Monuments in State Care?

A partnership of the National Monument Services of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Office of Public Works, looks after the national monuments in State care. The conservation and presentation of these monuments is project-managed by the OPW with responsibility for the archaeological aspects of projects resting with DEHLG. The consent of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is required for any works at or in proximity to national monuments in State care.

The country is divided into six works districts, each with a team of specialist craftsmen and general operatives reporting to a district works manager, under the general direction of a senior conservation architect. www.opw.ie.

Which National Monuments can I visit?

Not all monuments in State care are open or accessible to the public. To view those which provide visitor facilities go to www.heritageireland.ie.



National Monuments in State Care Database

This list of National Monuments in State care includes those which are in the ownership and guardianship of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Over 1,000 individual monuments at 760 locations are represented. In most cases, each entry on the list represents an individual monument however, where a group of monuments form a discreet entity e.g. Lough Crew passage tomb cemetery, Glendalough monastic settlement, these are treated as one entry.

Format of the database

The database contains the following fields:

1. **NAME:** This is the common or popular name of the monument or group of monuments. In the absence of a commonly known name the townland name is used.
2. **DESCRIPTION:** This identifies the type of monument e.g. castle, church, passage tomb cemetery, etc. The terminology used does not strictly follow the classification of the Archaeological Survey of Ireland (ASI) e.g. the term 'ringfort' is used for earthen forts and 'cashel' is used for stone forts.
3. **TOWNLAND:** The townland names used are in accordance with those used by the Ordnance Survey. If a monument extends over more than one townland, all townlands will be listed.
4. **COUNTY:** The county in which the monument is situated.
5. **LEGAL STATUS:** This indicates whether the site is in the ownership or guardianship of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
6. **RMP NUMBER:** Each monument is entered in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) as established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994. A unique identifying number is assigned to each monument and place in the record. The RMP number provides the link to the records of the Archaeological Survey of Ireland (ASI) which contains further information on the monument in question.
7. **NATIONAL MONUMENT NUMBER:** When a monument is taken into State ownership or guardianship its details are added to a National Monuments Register. In the earlier years, when a number of monuments were taken in State care at the same time, they were all given the same register number e.g. the monuments on the Dingle peninsula are all registered under number 221. Similarly, groups of monument such as the passage tombs at Lough Crew will have the same registration number. The register is not entirely up-to-date with the result that some of the more recent acquisitions have yet to be assigned numbers.



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NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOWNLAND	COUNTY	LEG_STATUS	RMP NUMBER	Nat_Mon_No
Altar	Wedge Tomb	Altar	Cork	Ownership	CO148-005----	645
Ardskeagh	Church	Ardskeagh	Cork	Guardianship	CO003-014002-	314
Ballybeg	Dovecote	Ballybeg East	Cork	Guardianship	CO017-059003-	301
Ballybeg	Tower	Ballybeg West	Cork	Guardianship	CO017-059002-	301
Ballybeg Abbey	Friary (Augustinian)	Ballybeg West	Cork	Guardianship	CO017-059001-	301
Templekieran, Clear Island	Church & Cross inscribed pillar	Ballyieragh North	Cork	Ownership	CO153-017002-, CO153-018001-	22
Ballynacarriga Castle	Castle	Ballynacarriga	Cork	Guardianship	CO108-051003-	425
Barryscourt Castle	Castle	Barryscourt	Cork	Ownership	CO075-018001-	641
Blossomfort	Ringfort	Blossomfort	Cork	Ownership	CO024-129----	594
Glanworth	Medieval tower	Boherash	Cork	Ownership	CO027-041003-	558
Glanworth Castle	Castle	Boherash	Cork	Ownership	CO027-042001-	558

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Rock Abbey, Glanworth	Friary (Franciscan)	Boherash	Cork	Ownership	CO027-040----	558
Breeny More	Stone Circle & boulder burials	Breeny More	Cork	Ownership	CO106-005001-, CO106-005002-, CO106-005003-, CO106-005004-, CO106-005005-	450
Buttevant Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Buttevant	Cork	Ownership	CO017-053004-	202
Cahervagliar	Ringfort	Cappeen West	Cork	Ownership	CO094-060001-	233
Carrigagulla	Stone Circle	Carrigagulla	Cork	Ownership	CO049-007----	660
Carrigaphooca Castle	Castle	Carrigaphooca	Cork	Ownership	CO070-034----	255
Carrigaphooca	Stone Circle	Carrigaphooca	Cork	Ownership	CO070-035----	255
Castledonovan Castle	Castle	Castledonovan	Cork	Guardianship	CO119-017002-	656
Mallow Castle	Castle	Castlelands	Cork	Guardianship	CO033-009001-	281
Clodagh	Standing Stones - Pair	Clodagh	Cork	Ownership	CO107-040----	536
Conna Castle	Castle	Conna	Cork	Ownership	CO046-001----	240

NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOWNLAND	COUNTY	LEG_STATUS	RMP NUMBER	Nat_Mon_No
Carntierna	Hillfort & Cairn	Coolcarron, Corrin	Cork	Ownership	CO035-049002-, CO035-049001-	592
Coolcoulaghta	Standing Stones - Pair	Coolcoulaghta	Cork	Guardianship	CO130-032001-, CO130-032002-	565
Coole Upper	Two Churches	Coole Upper	Cork	Guardianship	CO036-019002-, CO036-019004-	395
Derryarkane	Stone Circle & Standing Stone	Derryarkane	Cork	Ownership	CO106-019----, CO106-057----	600
Drishane Castle	Castle	Drishane More	Cork	Ownership	CO039-078001-	296
Dromaneen Castle	Castle	Dromaneen	Cork	Guardianship	CO032-097002-	339
Drombeg	Stone Circle, Hut Site & Fulacht Fiadh	Drombeg	Cork	Guardianship	CO143-051002-, CO143-051001-, CO153-051003-	381
Sherkin Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Farranacoush	Cork	Ownership	CO149-019002-	169
Farranahineeny	Stone Row	Farranahineeny	Cork	Ownership	CO093-043----	374
Knockdrum Stone Fort	Cashel	Farrandau	Cork	Ownership	CO142-070001-	284
Ballycrovane	Ogham Stone	Faunkill and the Woods	Cork	Guardianship	CO102-013----	426

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Charles Fort	Star-Shaped-Fort	Forthill	Cork	Guardianship	CO125-007----	535
Greenhill	Ogham Stones	Greenhill	Cork	Ownership	CO042-049001-, CO042-049002-	552
Island	Wedge Tomb	Island	Cork	Guardianship	CO042-056001-	502
Kilbolane Castle	Castle	Kilbolane	Cork	Guardianship	CO001-021----	490
Kilcrea Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Kilcrea	Cork	Ownership	CO084-024002-	182
Kileenemer	Church	Killeenemer	Cork	Guardianship	CO019-092002-	316
Kilnaruane/Bantry Pillar Ston	Shaft of High Cross	Kilnaruane	Cork	Guardianship	CO118-031003-	436
Knocknakilla	Stone Circle	Knocknakilla	Cork	Guardianship	CO048-095002-	420
Labbacallee	Wedge Tomb	Labbacallee	Cork	Guardianship	CO027-086----	318
Labbamolaga	Church & Grave slabs	Labbamolaga	Cork	Ownership	CO010-003003-	18
Liscarroll Castle	Castle	Liscarroll	Cork	Guardianship	CO016-015001-	333

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Lissacresig	Stone Circle	Lissacresig	Cork	Ownership	CO070-016----	571
Lissacresig	Ringfort	Lissacresig	Cork	Ownership	CO070-017----	571
Maughanasilly	Stone Row	Maughanasilly	Cork	Ownership	CO092-019----	
Castlelyons Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Mohera	Cork	Guardianship	CO045-003----	411
James Fort	Star-Shaped-Fort & Blockhouse	Old-Fort	Cork	Guardianship	CO112-036----, CO112-083----	525
Kanturk Castle	Castle	Paal East	Cork	Guardianship	CO023-120----	517
Skeagh	Ring barrow & Cairn	Skeagh	Cork	Ownership	CO041-013001-, CO141-013002-	580
Mount Gabriel	Prehistoric Mines	Skeagh	Cork	Ownership	CO139-026001-	
Kinneigh Round Tower	Round Tower	Sleenoge	Cork	Ownership	CO094-104002-	618
Timoleague Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Timoleague	Cork	Ownership	CO123-050002-	21
Desmond Castle or The French Prison, Kinsale	Tower House	Townplots	Cork	Ownership	CO112-034006-	360

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Tullylease	Church & Grave Slabs	Tullylease	Cork	Ownership	CO006-006006-, CO006-006008-, CO006-006009-, CO006-006007-	299
Michael Collins birth place	Site with historic associations	Woodfield	Cork	Ownership	CO134-118----	634
North Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Youghal Lands	Cork	Guardianship	CO067-029010-	286