

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.



NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOWNLAND	COUNTY	LEG_STATUS	RMP NUMBER	Nat_Mon_No
Kilmallock Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Abbeyfarm	Limerick	Ownership	LI047-022018-	212
Desmond Castle (Adare)	Castle	Adare	Limerick	Ownership	LI021-032003-	622
Askeaton Castle	Castle	Aghalacka (Askeaton)	Limerick	Ownership	LI011-092003-	201
Ballylanders	Ringfort	Ballylanders	Limerick	Ownership	LI049-177----	625
Lough Gur	Enclosure	Ballynagallagh	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-042----	247
Lough Gur	Megalithic Tomb unclassified	Ballynagallagh	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-046----	247
Mungret Churches	Three Churches	Ballynash	Limerick	Ownership	LI009-013001-, LI009-013002-	85
Hospital Church	Church (Knights Hospitallers)	Barrysfarm	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-147002-	194
Disert Oenghusa (Carrigeen)	Early Medieval Ecclesiastical Site	Carrigeen	Limerick	Ownership	LI030-018002-, LI030-018004-	83
Desmond Hall & Great Hall	Medieval Castle Complex	Castle Demesne (Newcastlewest)	Limerick	Ownership	LI036-067002-	636 & 582
Clonkeen	Church	Clonkeen-Barrington	Limerick	Ownership	LI014-007001-	84

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Killeen Cowpark	Church	Cowpark	Limerick	Guardianship	LI011-065001-	345
Cush	Earthworks	Cush	Limerick	Ownership	LI048-034006-	663
Duntryleague (Deerpark)	Passage Tomb	Deerpark	Limerick	Guardianship	LI049-077----	315
Rathard (Garryheakin)	Ringfort	Garryheakin	Limerick	Ownership	LI033-043----	555
Killulta Church	Church	Glennnameade	Limerick	Guardianship	LI012-025001-	341
Glenquin Castle	Castle	Glenquin	Limerick	Ownership	LI044-035----	268
Lough Gur	Stone Circle (potential)	Grange	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-002----	247
Lough Gur	Standing Stone	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-010002-	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-006----	247
Grange Stone Circle (Lough Gur)	Embanked Stone Circle	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-004001-	247
The Spectacles (Lough Gur)	House sites & field system	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-014012-	247

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Crock Island (Lough Gur)	Crannóg	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-012----	247
Lough Gur	Megalithic Structure	Grange	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-003----	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle	Grange	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-005----	247
Kilmallock	Medieval House	Killmallock	Limerick	Ownership	LI047-022019-	680
Collegiate Church of SS Peter & Paul	Church	Killmallock Town	Limerick	Guardianship	LI047-022009-	408
King's Castle/John's Gate, Kilmallock	Castle	Kilmallock	Limerick	Ownership	LI047-022008-	173
Kilmihill	Ringfort	Kilmihill	Limerick	Ownership	LI037-042----	538
Lough Gur	Cemetery Cairn	Knockfennell	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-014009-	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle	Knockfennell	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-014002-	247
Lough Gur	Ringfort	Knockfennell	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-014003-	247
De Valera's Cottage	House with historic associations	Knockmore	Limerick	Ownership	LI039-193----	576

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Killaliathan Church	Church	Lacka Lower	Limerick	Ownership	LI054-033001-	86
Kilrush Church	Church	Limerick City	Limerick	Guardianship	LI005-009----	366
King John's Castle	Castle	Limerick City	Limerick	Guardianship	LI005-017014-	288
Fanning's Castle	Castle	Limerick City	Limerick	Ownership	LI005-017004-	383
Lough Gur	Standing Stone	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-032----	247
Lough Gur	Prehistoric House Site	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022020-	247
Lough Gur	Prehistoric House Site	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022028-	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle (possible)	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022031-	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle (possible)	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-026001-	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle (possible)	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-026002-	247
Lough Gur	Wedge Tomb	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-029----	247

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Knockadoon (Lough Gur)	Prehistoric Habitation	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022009-	247
Lough Gur	Standing Stone	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-034----	247
Carraig Aille (Lough Gur)	Enclosure	Lough Gur	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-052----	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle (possible)	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-026003-	247
Lough Gur	Prehistoric House Site	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022011-	247
Lough Gur	Standing Stone (site of)	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-064----	247
Lough Gur	Stone Circle	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-060----	247
Lough Gur	Cemetery Mound	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-059----	247
Carraig Aille (Lough Gur)	Settlement deserted	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-053004-	247
Carraig Aille (Lough Gur)	Enclosure	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-053003-	247
Carraig Aille (Lough Gur)	Enclosure	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-053002-	247

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Carraig Aille (Lough Gur)	Earthworks	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-053001-	247
Leagun (Lough Gur)	Standing Stone	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-048----	247
Lough Gur	Standing Stone	Lough Gur	Limerick	Ownership	LI032-022021-	247
Knockadoon (Lough Gur)	Prehistoric Habitation	Lough Gur	Limerick	Guardianship	LI032-022012-	247
Askeaton Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Moig South	Limerick	Guardianship	LI011-092006-	185
Monasteranenagh Abbey	Abbey (Cistercian)	Monaster South	Limerick	Ownership	LI031-050004-	171
Ardagh	Ringfort	Reerasta South	Limerick	Ownership	LI028-102----	459