

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
Moyne Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Abbeylands	Mayo	Ownership	MA022-024001-	103
Aghagower	Round Tower & Church	Aghagower	Mayo	Ownership	MA088-063003-, MA088-063001-	96
Aghalahard Castle	Castle	Aghalahard	Mayo	Ownership	MA120-024----	243
Balla	Round Tower	Balla	Mayo	Guardianship	MA090-024004-	403
Ballina	Portal Tomb	Ballina	Mayo	Guardianship	MA030-073----	145
Ballintober Abbey	Priory (Augustinian)	Ballintober	Mayo	Guardianship	MA089-058004-	501
Ballylahan Castle	Castle	Ballylahan	Mayo	Guardianship	MA061-145001-	325
Ballymacgibbon	Cairn	Ballymacgibbon North	Mayo	Ownership	MA121-090----	251
Barnacahoge	Cashel	Barnacahoge	Mayo	Ownership	MA072-092----	561
Boheh	Rock Art	Boheh	Mayo	Ownership	MA097-006001-	530
Breastagh	Ogham Stone	Breastagh	Mayo	Guardianship	MA015-018001-	415

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Caherduff Castle	Castle	Caherduff	Mayo	Ownership	MA121-088----	244
Carbad More	Ringfort	Carbad More	Mayo	Ownership	MA014-066----	631
Eochy's Cairn	Cairn	Carn	Mayo	Ownership	MA117-042001-	246
Carrickildavnet Castle	Castle	Carrickildavnet	Mayo	Guardianship	MA065-025001-	458
Carrowcastle	Wedge Tomb	Carrowcastle	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-094----	293
Carrowcrom	Megalithic Tomb	Carrowcrom	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-017----	293
Carrowcrom	Wedge Tomb	Carrowcrom	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-019----	293
Carrowcrom	Cairn	Carrowcrom	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-093001-	293
Carrowcrom	Standing Stone	Carrowcrom	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-091----	293
Carrowcrom	Standing Stone	Carrowcrom	Mayo	Ownership	MA040-014----	293
Murrisk Abbey	Friary (Augustinian)	Carrowkeel	Mayo	Ownership	MA087-031001-	196

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Burrishoole Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Carrowkeel	Mayo	Ownership	MA067-014001-	235
Cashel	Cairn	Cashel	Mayo	Guardianship	MA089-019----	483
Burriscarra Abbey	Friary (Carmelite) & Church	Castlecarra	Mayo	Ownership	MA100-040003-, MA100-040001-	222A
Castlecarra	Castle	Castlecarra	Mayo	Ownership	MA100-082001-	222B
Cong	Priory (Augustinian)	Cong South	Mayo	Ownership	MA120-053----	432
Templenagalliaghdoe	Church	Errew	Mayo	Ownership	MA038-129002-	308
Errew Abbey	Priory (Augustinian)	Errew	Mayo	Ownership	MA038-129001-	307
St. Dairbhile's Church	Church	Fallmore	Mayo	Ownership	MA033-001001-	99A
Glebe	Stone Circles	Glebe, Nymphstown, Tonaleeaun	Mayo	Guardianship	MA120-045----, MA120-046----, MA120-048----	146
Granuaile's Castle (Clare Island)	Castle	Glen	Mayo	Ownership	MA085-023001-	198
Inishglora	Early Medieval Ecclesiastical Site	Inishglora Island	Mayo	Ownership	MA016-003----	99

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Inishkea North Island	Early Medieval Ecclesiastical Sites	Inishkea North, Inishkea South	Mayo	Ownership	MA023-014----	379
Inishmaine Abbey	Priory (Augustinian)	Inishmaine	Mayo	Ownership	MA117-024001-	102
Kilcashel	Cashel	Kilcashel	Mayo	Guardianship	MA073-028----	619
Kildermot	Church	Kildermot	Mayo	Guardianship	MA040-074001-	402
Kildun	Standing Stones	Kildun	Mayo	Ownership	MA044-009001-, MA044-009002-, MA044-009003-	423
Kinlough	Castle and church	Kinlough	Mayo	Ownership	MA123-048----, MA123-047----	95A
Lankill	Standing Stone	Lankill	Mayo	Ownership	MA098-003007-	297
Meelick	Round Tower	Meelick	Mayo	Ownership	MA071-028003-	98
The Gods of the Neale	Monument	Neale Park	Mayo	Ownership	MA121-004001-	359
Kelly's Cave	Cave	Nymphsfield	Mayo	Ownership	MA120-050----	413
Bunnadober (Morans Mill)	Mill Complex	Rahard	Mayo	Ownership	116115E/262672N	664

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Rathfran Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Rathfran	Mayo	Ownership	MA015-031005-	269
Rathfran	Stone circle, mound, ringfort, souterrain & enclosure.	Rathfran	Mayo	Ownership	MA015-025001-, MA015-025002-, MA015-026001-, MA015-026002-, MA015-026003-, MA015-026004-	389
Rathfranpark	Wedge Tomb	Rathfranpark	Mayo	Ownership	MA015-027001-	633
Rockfleet Castle	Castle	Rockfleet	Mayo	Guardianship	MA067-025001-	454
Rosdoagh	Stone Circle	Rosdoagh	Mayo	Ownership	MA004-016001-	386
Rosserk Abbey	Friary (Franciscan)	Rosserk	Mayo	Ownership	MA022-082001-	104
Shrule Abbey	Church	Shrule	Mayo	Ownership	MA122A005001-	95
Strade Abbey	Friary (Dominican)	Strade	Mayo	Ownership	MA070-067001-	172
Clare Island Abbey	Church (Cistercian)	Strake	Mayo	Ownership	MA085-013001-	97
Killala	Round Tower	Townplots West	Mayo	Ownership	MA022-017001-	105
Turlough	Church & Round Tower	Turlough	Mayo	Ownership	MA070-144001-, MA070-144002-	100