

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
Alexander Reid	Barrow mound	Alexander Reid	Meath	Ownership	ME025-034----	
Ardmulchan	Passage Tomb	Ardmulchan	Meath	Guardianship	ME025-006----	546
Ardmulchan	Ringfort	Ardmulchan	Meath	Guardianship	ME025-007----	496
Cannistown	Church	Ardsallagh	Meath	Ownership	ME031-002----	239
Athcarne Castle	Castle	Athcarne	Meath	Ownership	ME033-004----	539
Athlumney Castle	Castle	Athlumney	Meath	Guardianship	ME025-032001-	287
The Yellow Steeple & Nangle Castle (Trim)	Priory (Augustinian) & Castle	Blackfriary (2nd Division)	Meath	Ownership	ME036-048021-, ME036-048003-	186 & 468
Balrath	Cross	Balrath	Meath	Guardianship	ME032-010----	356
Bective Abbey	Abbey (Cistercian)	Bective	Meath	Guardianship	ME031-026----	187
Sheep Gate (Trim)	Town Defences	Blackfriary (2nd Division)	Meath	Ownership	ME036-028---	469
Calliaghstown	Holy Well	Calliaghstown	Meath	Guardianship	ME027-011002-	637

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Carrickdexter	Cross	Carrickdexter	Meath	Ownership	ME019-020----	544
Hill of Tara	Ritual & burial site, church & graveyard	Castleboy, Castletown Tara	Meath	Ownership	ME031-033001- to ME031-033050-, ME031-033053- to ME031-033080-	676 & 148
Castlekeeran	Crosses	Castlekeeran	Meath	Guardianship	ME016-006001-, ME016-006002-, ME016-006003-, ME016-006004-	107
St. Patrick's Church (Duleek)	Church	Commons	Meath	Ownership	ME027-038001-	199
Duleek	Church & Crosses	Commons	Meath	Ownership	ME027-038013-, ME027-038003-, ME027-038005-, ME027-038004-	179
Dowdall Cross (Duleek)	Cross	Commons	Meath	Guardianship	ME027-038010-	440
Loughcrew	Passage Tomb Cemetery & Other Monuments, Cairn & Standing Stone	Corstown, Newtown, Patrickstown	Meath	Guardianship & Ownership see below for details	ME015-003004-, ME015-009001-, ME015-010001-, ME015-010002-, ME015-011----, ME015-012001- to ME015-012007-, ME009-072----,	290 & 155
Cruicetown	Church & Cross	Cruicetown	Meath	Ownership	ME005-094----, ME005-094004-	264
Danestown	Ringfort/Ringwork	Danestown	Meath	Ownership	ME032-007----	309
Donaghmore	Church & Round Tower	Donaghmore	Meath	Ownership	ME025-015001-, ME025-015002-	106
Donore Castle	Castle	Donore	Meath	Ownership	ME041-008----	232

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Dowth	Mound, Standing Stone	Dowth	Meath	Ownership	ME020-012----	410
Dowth	Passage Tomb	Dowth	Meath	Ownership	ME020-017----	652
Dunmoe Castle	Castle	Dunmoe	Meath	Ownership	ME025-018002-	482
Dunsany	Church	Dunsany	Meath	Ownership	ME037-019----	489
Dunshaughlin	Church (Carved door lintel)	Dunshaughlin	Meath	Guardianship	ME044-003002-	400
Fourknocks	Passage Tomb	Fourknocks	Meath	Guardianship	ME033-028001-	472
Gaulstown	Barrow	Gaulstown	Meath	Ownership	ME032-012----	541
Killeen	Church	Killeen	Meath	Guardianship	ME038-013----	257
Knowth	Passage Tomb Cemetery	Knowth	Meath	Ownership	ME019-030001- to ME019-030063-	409
Knowth	Enclosure & Mound	Knowth	Meath	Ownership	ME019-073----, ME019-074----	549
Loughbracken	Mound	Loughbrackan	Meath	Ownership	ME006-027----	543

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Trim Castle	Castle	Manorland (1st Division)	Meath	Ownership	ME036-048004-	514
Mountfortescue	Ringditch, Tumulus & Hillfort	Mountfortescue	Meath	Ownership	ME013-012001-	651
Newgrange	Passage Tomb	Newgrange	Meath	Ownership	ME019-044003- to ME019-044005-, ME019-045----, ME019-045001- to ME019-045005-	147
Newtown Trim	Cathedral	Newtown	Meath	Ownership	ME036-049002-	110
Ninch	Barrow	Ninch	Meath	Guardianship	ME028-006----	551
Rathmeave	Ritual Enclosure (Henge)	Odder, Belpere	Meath	Ownership	ME037-008----	261
Rathmore	Church, Cross & Base	Rathmore	Meath	Guardianship	ME024-017001-, ME024-017002-	289
Realtogue	Ringfort	Realtoge	Meath	Guardianship	ME026-011----	495
Athcarne (White Cross)	Cross	Reask	Meath	Ownership	ME033-001----	322
Robertstown Castle	Castle	Robertstown	Meath	Ownership	ME011-004----	256
Robertstown	Ringfort	Robertstown	Meath	Ownership	ME011-009----	542

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Newtown Trim	St. John's Priory	Saint Johns	Meath	Ownership	ME036-049011-	553
Sarsfieldstown	Cross	Sarsfieldstown	Meath	Guardianship	ME028-015----	547
Skreen	Church & Crosses	Skreen	Meath	Ownership	ME032-047003-, ME032-047008-	109
Hill of Slane	Church & College	Slane, Slane Castle Demesne	Meath	Ownership	ME019-060002- to ME019-060015-	666 & 188
St. Columb's House (Kells)	Church	Townparks	Meath	Ownership	ME017-044011-	108
Kells	Round Tower & High Crosses	Townparks	Meath	Ownership & Guardianship	ME017-044013- to ME017-044017-	158
Porch Fields (Trim)	Town gate & medieval roadway	Townparks South	Meath	Ownership	ME036-048053-	679
Hill of Ward	Earthworks	Wardstown	Meath	Guardianship	ME030-001----	150

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