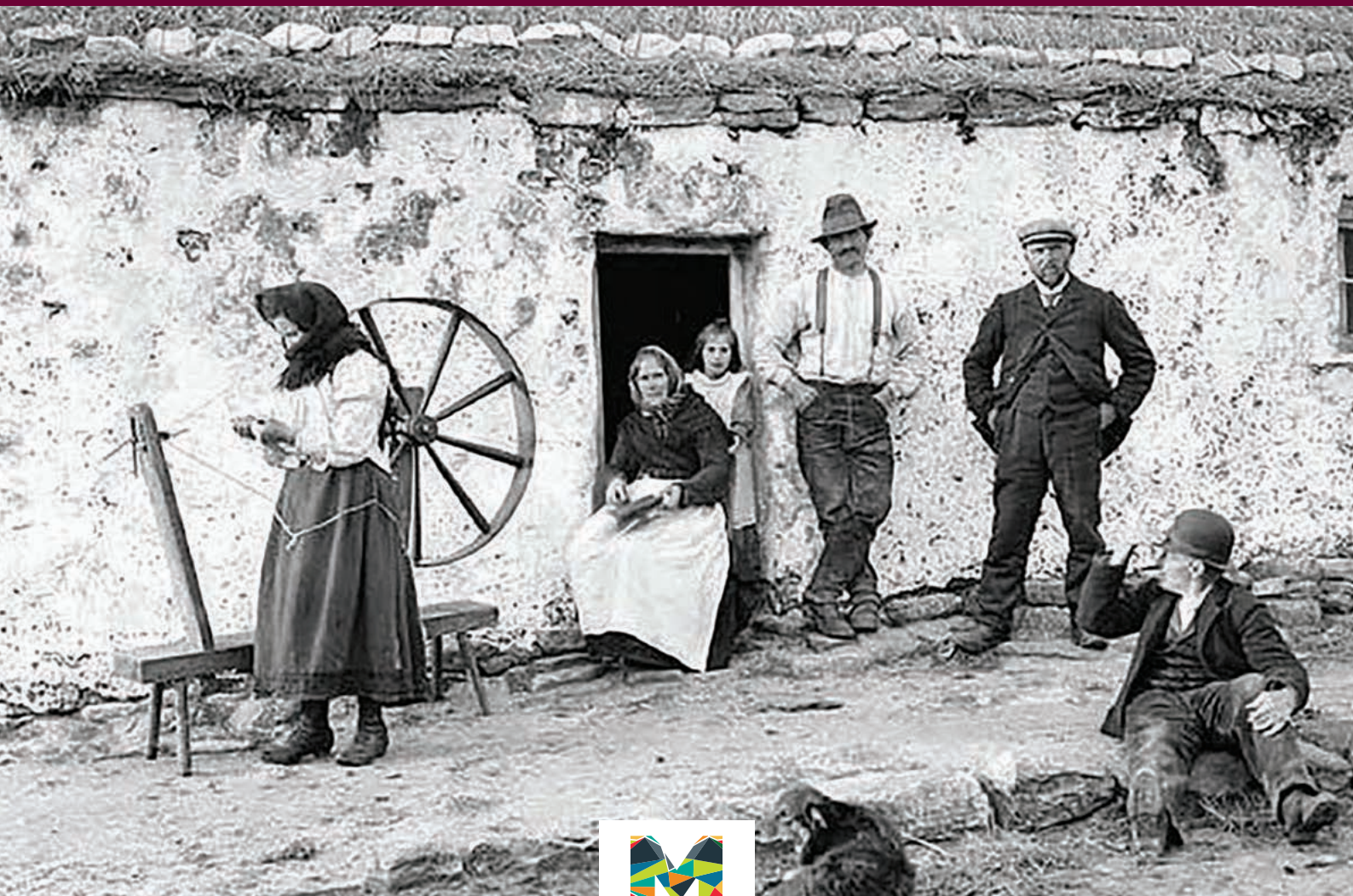


# Cultural & Heritage Sites of County Mayo, Ireland



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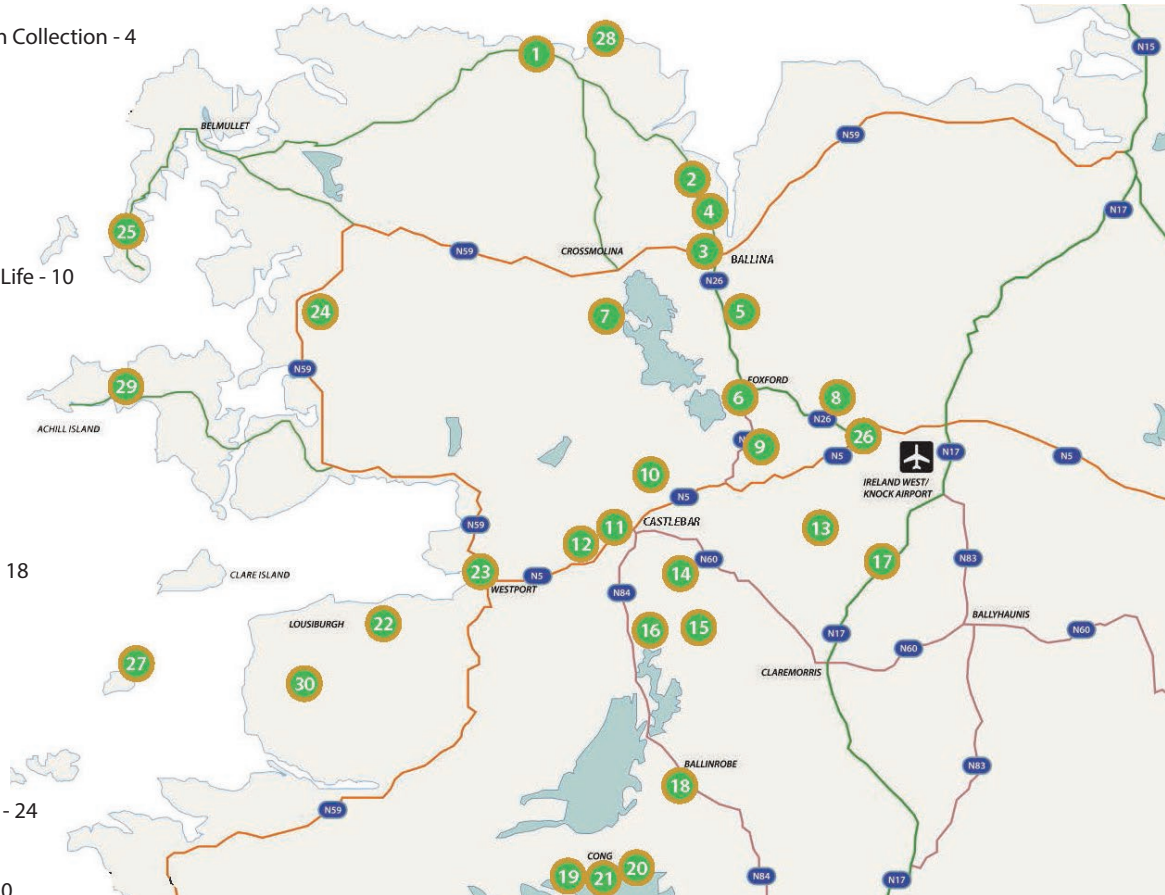
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## Céide Fields

Beneath the wild boglands of North Mayo lies the Céide Fields, the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world, consisting of field systems, dwelling areas and megalithic tombs. The stone walled fields, extending over thousands of acres are almost 6,000 years old, the oldest known in the world. They are covered by a natural blanket bog with its own unique vegetation and wildlife. It is located beside some of the most spectacular cliffs and rock formations in Ireland and a viewing platform is positioned on the edge of the 110m high cliff. Visitors are advised to wear weather protective clothing and footwear suitable for walking on uneven terrain.

**Adm :** Adult: €4 - Senior (over 60 years) / Group: €3  
Child / Student: €2 - Family: €10

**Open :** 2nd April - End of May : 10am - 5pm.

June - End of Sept : 10am - 6pm.

1st Oct - 28th Oct : 10am - 5pm.

Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 43325

**Email :** [ceidefields@opw.ie](mailto:ceidefields@opw.ie)

**Web :** [www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/ceidefields/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/ceidefields/)

**GPS :** 54.305166, -9.456988



## Monasteries of the Moy Greenway

The Monasteries of the Moy Greenway links three historical sites between Ballina and Killala. The route stretches roughly 12.5km and is ideal for cyclers and walkers. Enjoy the unrivalled peace and tranquillity at each of the three monastic sites, while taking in beautiful scenic views. This fascinating trail of monastic ruins includes the Augustinian Abbey in the centre of Ballina which dates from 1427. Rosserk Abbey, built for the 3rd Order of the Franciscans in 1440, is preserved to the extent that it still has the feel of ancient hospitality, while majestic Moyne Abbey has the marking of ships carved into its wall from when it was a centre of learning for scholars from home and abroad.

Moy Valley

Rosserk Friary - Moyne Abbey - Augustinian Abbey Ballina

**Adm :** Free admission

**Open :** Daily

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 72800

**Email :** [ballinatouristoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ballinatouristoffice@gmail.com)

**Web :** [occabor.esequia.voluptata](http://occabor.esequia.voluptata)

**GPS :** 54.114528, -9.153849





## Jackie Clarke Collection

The Jackie Clarke Collection, based in Ballina, Co Mayo, is the most important private collection in Europe of Irish historical material in public hands. Comprising over 100,000 items spanning 400 years, it includes artefacts associated with some of the most influential figures of Ireland's history including, Theobald Wolfe Tone, Michael Collins, Dr. Douglas Hyde, Michael Davitt and O'Donovan Rossa.

Take a journey through time like you have never experienced before. Its magnificently renovated and refurbished building is home to rare books, proclamations and refurbished posters, political cartoons, pamphlets, handbills, photographs, maps, hunger strike material and personal items from the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Situated in the heart of Ballina town, the Jackie Clarke Collection offers free admission to all visitors. The entire building is wheelchair accessible and bus parking is located right outside. Relax in the Collection's stunning walled heritage garden where you will find a wide selection of plants, herbs and flowers from Mayo. Tea and coffee facilities are also available.

**Adm :** Free admission

**Open :** Tues - Sat (10am - 5pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 73508

**Email :** [clarkecollection@mayococo.ie](mailto:clarkecollection@mayococo.ie)

**Web :** [www.clarkecollection.ie](http://www.clarkecollection.ie)

**GPS :** 54.114686, -9.153321



## Belleek Castle and the Marshall Doran Collection

The Belleek Castle Tour includes an explanation of the origins of the Castle and the history of its former owners, the Knox-Gore family, the Earls of Arran. You will see private dining rooms, decorated in opulent romantic style, as well as the Medieval Banquet Hall, the Spanish Armada Bar and the Tween Deck. The highlight of the tour will be the Marshall Doran Collection, which is one of the finest collections of arms and armour, fossils and antiques in Ireland. You will also see the Grace O' Malley room and the last wolf shot in Connaught.

**Adm :** Adults €10 - Children €7.50 - Family ticket €30  
Group discounts available on request

**Open :** May - Sept (11am - 5pm), Oct - April (2pm - 5pm)

Tours scheduled for 11am & 2pm or by appointment

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 22400

**Email :** [curator@belleekcastle.com](mailto:curator@belleekcastle.com)

**Web :** [www.belleekcastle.com/history.html](http://www.belleekcastle.com/history.html)

**GPS :** 54.133399, -9.145538



## Fr. Peyton Centre

The Father Peyton Memorial Centre in Attymass is dedicated to the memory of Father Patrick Peyton C.S.C. The Centre is a place of respite, prayer and peace. The Centre is a popular attraction in the North Mayo Region especially in the field of religious and historical tourism.

Located at the foot of the Ox Mountains and by the beautiful Ballymore Lake, make the scenery as well as world famous scenes part of your experience.

**Adm :** €4

**Open :** Mon - Fri (9:30am - 5:30pm), Sun (2:00pm - 5:30pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 45374

**Email :** frpeytoncentre@gmail.com

**Web :** www.fatherpeytoncentre.ie

**GPS :** 54.050193, -9.083574



## Foxford Woollen Mills

The Foxford Woollen Mills welcomes tens of thousands of guests every year, where if people wish, they can enjoy an interactive journey through the past, finishing with a tour of the working mill and an opportunity to watch master craftspeople at work.

With ample parking, full wheelchair facilities and the award winning cafe and restaurant it is an experience to remember.

**Adm :** Admission is free

**Open :** Mon - Sat (10am - 6pm). Sunday (12pm - 6pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9256104

**Email :** sales@fwm.ie

**Web :** www.foxfordwoollenmills.com

**GPS :** 53.981919, -9.113480





## Mayo North Heritage Centre

Visit the Mayo North Heritage Centre to trace your family history or to browse in the museum, go fishing for brown trout on Lough Conn, or just relax and switch off from the outside world. The centre is one of North Mayo's main attractions, incorporating:

- Family history research centre, affiliated to the Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF), offering a genealogical service to people tracing their ancestry in North Mayo;
- Museum displaying an impressive array of local farm and household artefacts;
- Forge and craft training centre dedicated to developing skills in ancient and traditional crafts;
- Tearoom serving beverages, light lunches and snacks;
- Shop, selling antique and contemporary collectables;

**Adm :** €6 admission. €30 for genealogical service

**Open :** *Genealogy* - All year - Mon to Fri (9:30am - 4pm)  
*All other attractions*

April to Oct 31st - Mon to Fri (11am - 5pm)

Weekends and Bank Holidays (1:30pm - 5pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)96 31809

**Email :** northmayo@gmail.com

**Web :** www.northmayogenealogy.com

**GPS :** 54.070482, -9.311686



## Hennigan's Heritage Centre

Hennigan's Heritage Centre showcases Mayo's rural past with a series of engaging exhibits of how families lived and worked in days gone by. Located in acres of unspoiled countryside, at the heart of the centre is a thatched cottage built in the 1870s, where the Hennigan family lived until 1970. Here, tourists can experience first-hand how ordinary families survived on less than 10 acres of poor land for almost 200 years.

Tours are available and they last around an hour, followed by complementary tea and homemade scones. All tours are guided by the owner, Tom, so booking is essential.

**Adm :** €10 per adult

Special Groups Tours & Activities can be arranged

**Open :** Conducted tours at 2:00pm

**Tel :** +353 (0)87 2491402

**Email :** tomhennigan@hennigansheritage.com

**Web :** http://hennigansheritage.com

**GPS :** 53.974648, -8.987378



## Michael Davitt Museum

The Michael Davitt Museum in Straide, contains an extensive collection of historical artefacts including original documents, photos, Land Acts, letters, postcards, posters, rosary beads and other items connected with Michael Davitt's life and his campaign work within the National Land League. Davitt was a social reformer, Member of Parliament, author, GAA Patron, labour leader and international humanitarian. He is Mayo's most famous son and Ireland's greatest Patriot. Donations accepted.

**Open :** Mon to Sat (10am - 4:30pm) Sun (2pm - 5pm)  
Open all year, excluding 23rd Dec - 2nd Jan  
**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9031022 / +353 (0)94 9031942  
**Email :** [davittmuseum@eircom.net](mailto:davittmuseum@eircom.net)  
**Web :** [www.museumsofmayo.com/davitt.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/davitt.htm)  
**GPS :** 53.921554, -9.129836

## National Museum of Ireland Country Life

The award-winning Museum of Country Life, located at Turlough House, Castlebar (pictured right), is home to the National Folklife Collection. On display in state-of-the-art galleries are the everyday objects that were part of the culture of traditional life in Ireland in the period between the end of the Great Famine and the mid-20th century. Find out how ordinary people lived their daily lives through the objects they left behind. Follow their lives through the rhythm of the seasons - at work and at home, from life on the land to life at sea, in craft and in clothing, in religion and belief. From the complete horse-harness made of straw to the raft made of rushes, from clothing to the hearth, fascinating objects bring us up close to the lives of our ancestors.

**Adm :** Admission is free  
**Open :** Tues to Sat (10am - 5pm) Sun (2pm - 5pm)  
Closed Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.  
**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9031755  
**Web :** [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)  
**GPS :** 53.883986, -9.212476







## Mayo Peace Park

The Mayo Peace Park is a unique memorial that remembers all those who gave their lives for world peace including those who died in the world wars, other foreign wars and on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. The names of over 1,170 local Mayo soldiers who died are etched on the World War 1 memorial while other memorials are erected to commemorate those who died in World War 2, Korea, Vietnam and the Lebanon. It is a place of solace and prayerful reflection for all.

**Adm :** Free admission

**Open :** Daily

**Email :** [info@mayopeacepark.ie](mailto:info@mayopeacepark.ie)

**Web :** <http://www.mayo-ireland.ie/en/towns-villages/castlebar/visitors-guide/mayo-peace-park.html>

**GPS :** 53.853221, -9.306346



## Jack's Old Cottage

Nestled in the heart of Islandeady, this pain-stakingly restored cottage takes us back to a time when the pace of life was much slower. Visit this homestead that was built nearly two centuries ago and experience what life was like in an age gone by. Come sit by the inviting open fire, or walk through the refurbished rooms and ask questions about the many old objects you'll find all around you. Imagine you are in the cailleach at night and pretending to sleep whilst your family and neighbours swap songs and ghost stories.

**Adm :** Donations accepted

**Open :** 9:00am to late evening  
Appointment should be scheduled

**Tel :** +353 (0)87 9443626

**Email :** [jacksoldcottage@gmail.com](mailto:jacksoldcottage@gmail.com)

**Web :** Doluptas incti id quas de re

**GPS :** 53.837391, -9.416996



## Kiltimagh Railway Museum

The very building which houses the collection can be classed as an artefact, as in the past, the flow of goods and people through the station was the fulcrum of the economic and social identity of the area. Two restored antiquated railway carriages are now in situ on the old tracks and can be boarded as part of the museum experience much to the delight of children. The museums artefacts depicting aspects of urban and rural lifestyles, now mostly consigned to memory, are also captured in an interesting range of photographs illuminating moments in the area's past. Some features stand out visually. Foremost among these is a beautifully restored pony trap from the early 20th century and a banner that was created amidst the fervour of the land struggle of the 1870's. This banner was carried by Kiltimagh people to the 1879 meetings in Irishtown and Westport, out of which the Land League was born.

**Adm :** Donations accepted

**Open :** By appointment only

**Tel :** +353 (0)87 1480529 , +353 (0)85 1660103,  
+353 (0)86 3910850, +353 (0)86 1011388

**Email :** trishameenaghan2015@gmail.com

**Web :** [www.museumsofmayo.com/kiltimagh.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/kiltimagh.htm)

**GPS :** 53.848316, -8.993780



## Belcarra Eviction Cottage

This 19th century eviction cottage at Elmhall, once the home of the Walshe family, who were evicted by the landlord's agents, has been restored and refurbished as a Heritage Centre, by Belcarra Community Co-Op. The cottage was the scene of the last eviction in Belcarra, where a family of nine were evicted by the Landlord's agents, the infamous Gardiner, Pringle and Cuffe on Saturday October 2nd 1886.

**Adm :** Donations Accepted

**Open :** By appointment only

**Tel :** +353 (0)87 9090046

**Email :** prendergastmaryb@gmail.com

**Web :** [www.museumsofmayo.com/belcarra.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/belcarra.htm)

**GPS :** 53.812985, -9.219003





## Clogher Heritage Complex

The Clogher Heritage Centre consists of a restored 19th Century thatched cottage & blacksmith's forge. The Cottage is a typical one bedroomed thatched labourer's cottage, which includes a Cailleach or Hag (a bed built into alcove) and loft. There is a Cottage Garden with a display of vintage farm machinery, a water feature and a picnic area. The Heritage Complex is also the Trailhead for the Clogher Bog Walk, a Nationally Acclaimed Loop walk of 8km. The walk takes in some Fen, blanket bog and hedgerows which are home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. The biodiversity of these habitats host many common and rare protected species. There are many archaeological features worth viewing on the walk and in the locality. A visit to Clogher Heritage Centre includes some stories from the local history & folklore.

**Adm :** Donations accepted

**Open :** Mon to Fri (10am - 4pm), weekends by arrangement

**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9030687

**Email :** [info@clogherheritage.com](mailto:info@clogherheritage.com)

**Web :** [www.clogherheritage.com](http://www.clogherheritage.com)

**GPS :** 53.764873, -9.249029



## Ballintubber Abbey

Ballintubber Abbey serves as a parish church and Mass is celebrated here each day. Its walls that once echoed to the sound of burnings now echo to the joys of the many, many marriages that take place each year and the other sacraments celebrated here. Confirmation, Baptism, and Penance - bring joy to the Abbey and community. The ambience of the Abbey fosters an atmosphere of prayer and silence which makes it an ideal place for holding retreats for both young and old.

**Adm :** Free admission

**Open :** Daily

**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9030934

**Email :** [info@ballintubberabbey.ie](mailto:info@ballintubberabbey.ie)

**Web :** [www.ballintubberabbey.ie](http://www.ballintubberabbey.ie)

**GPS :** 53.756324, -9.284467



## Knock Museum

Knock Museum captures the unique and compelling story of the Knock Apparition of 1879 and tells of the fifteen ordinary people who witnessed this extraordinary event. Visitors can read original hand-written letters by people cured at Knock and listen to pilgrims sharing stories and memories of Knock. The Apparition is also set in the context of life at that time, from living in the thatched house to working in the forge. At Knock Museum, visitors can read through the amazing stories of ordinary pilgrims in the 'Diary of Cures', a collection of original letters written to Archdeacon Cavanagh from 1879-1880. Visitors are invited to step back in time to 1879, the year of the Apparition and explore life at this time.

**Adm :** Adult €4 - Child/Senior €3  
U-5 Free of charge - Family Rate €12.50

**Open :** Group: €2 per person  
Daily (10am - 6pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9375034

**Email :** [museum@knockshrine.ie](mailto:museum@knockshrine.ie)

**Web :** [www.knockshrine.ie/museum/](http://www.knockshrine.ie/museum/)

**GPS :** 53.79391, -8.91387

## South Mayo Family Research Centre

Emigration has generated a Mayo Diaspora which has resulted in millions of people world-wide who can trace their ancestry back to County Mayo. In recent years there have been an increasing number of people eager to discover more about their Mayo Roots. To facilitate the amount of ancestral enquiries and to ensure the highest possible standard of service, capturing vital local knowledge, the South Mayo Family Heritage Centre was founded by the Irish Genealogical Project to provide the official family history research facility for South Mayo. The centre is among the busiest of the Irish Family History Foundation's network of centres, because of the high volume of emigration from South Mayo since the time of the Great Famine and the resultant high volume of enquiries. The centre has computerised over one million records.

**Adm :** €95 initial consultation

**Open :** Mon to Thurs (9:30am-12pm) and (2pm-4pm)  
Fri (9:30am - 12pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)94 9541214

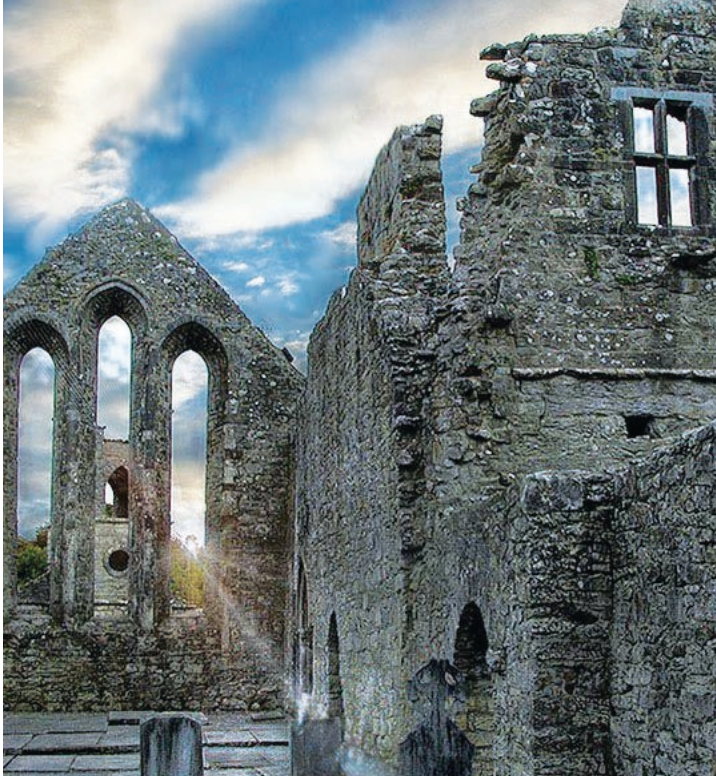
**Email :** [soumayo@iol.ie](mailto:soumayo@iol.ie)

**Web :** <http://www.discoverireland.ie/Arts-Culture-Heritage/south-mayo-family-research-centre/594>

**GPS :** 53.623421, -9.222586







## Cong - Inchagoill Island

Inchagoill Island is home to ancient Christian and ecclesiastical ruins, including two churches and a graveyard, which are dated from as far back as the 5th century. The island is situated in the middle of Lough Corrib.

**Web:** [www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong](http://www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong)

## Augustinian Abbey

The Augustinian Abbey, Cong, is an example of some of the earliest architecture in Ireland. The abbey was built in the 12th century and has a rich monastic history. Located in a beautifully picturesque area, this awe inspiring building displays unique stone carvings.

**Web:** [www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong](http://www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong)



## Quiet Man Cottage Museum

Quiet Man Cottage Museum is a novel concept which will give the visitor a total Quiet Man experience as if they were actually 'on-set'. Located by the river at Circular Road, Cong, between actual locations used for the filming, the ground floor of the cottage has been designed as an exact replica of 'White-o-Mornin' Cottage'. Painstaking effort has ensured that all the furnishings, artefacts and costumes are authentic reproductions.

**Adm:** Adult €5. Child €4. Group/seniors €4. Family €15  
Guided Tour & Entrance to Museum.

**Open:** 10am - 4pm  
Guided tours of film locations & Cong Ghost tours daily from 11am from Easter to October inclusive.

**Tel:** +353 (0)94 9546089

**Email:** [info@quietman-cong.com](mailto:info@quietman-cong.com)

**Web:** [www.quietman-cong.com/cong-museum/](http://www.quietman-cong.com/cong-museum/)

**GPS:** 53.540775, -9.286976



## Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre

The Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre is situated in Murrisk, at the base of the 762 metre high Croagh Patrick. The distinctive cone shaped Croagh Patrick towers majestically above the surrounding countryside and provides magnificent views of Clew Bay, Connemara, Clare Island, Achill Island and south Mayo. A video and photo gallery of Croagh Patrick and its ever changing landscapes can be seen at the visitor centre, which is opposite the National Famine Monument. The Information Centre is a half stop on the archaeological trail from Westport to Louisburgh.

**Adm :** Admission is free

**Open :** April to May (10am - 6pm)

June to Aug (10am - 7pm)

Sept to Oct (11am - 5pm)

Nov to Mar (Limited opening hours, please e-mail

[info@croagh-patrick.com](mailto:info@croagh-patrick.com))

**Tel :** +353 (0)98 64114

**Email :** [info@croagh-patrick.com](mailto:info@croagh-patrick.com)

**Web :** [www.croagh-patrick.com](http://www.croagh-patrick.com)

**GPS :** 53.778582, -9.639934



## Clew Bay Heritage Centre

Situated in a 19th Century building at The Quay, the Clew Bay Heritage Centre traces the history of Westport and the Clew Bay area from pre-Christian times to the present. Using a scale model of Westport, our guide will take you on a virtual walking tour of the town. Hear the story of how Grainne Uaile got her name and how she divorced her second husband. View the portrait of the beautiful Maud Gonne MacBride, inspiration of Yeats' love poetry, and her connection with Westport.

Guided Walking tours of the town of Westport every Wed. at 11.00a.m. starting point: The Clock, for the months of June, July and August. Full genealogical research service provided.

**Adm :** Adult €3. Child (accompanied) free of charge.  
Senior/student €2

**Open :** Oct to May - Mon to Fri (10:30am - 2pm)

June to Sept - Mon to Fri (10am - 5pm)

Also open Sun (3pm - 5pm) for July and August

**Tel :** +353 (0)98 26852

**Email :** [westportheritage@eircom.net](mailto:westportheritage@eircom.net)

**Web :** <http://www.westportheritage.com/>

**GPS :** 53.801943, -9.554929





## Ballycroy National Park & Visitor Centre

Ballycroy National Park comprises 11,000 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and mountainous terrain, covering a vast uninhabited and unspoilt wilderness. It is dominated by the Nephin Beg mountain range and the Owenduff bog. This is one of the last intact active blanket bog systems in Ireland and Western Europe. The Visitor Centre, located in Ballycroy village between Mulranny and Bangor, houses an interpretative exhibition of the landscape, Tóchar Daithí Bán Nature Trail, information on the surrounding area and Ginger & Wild Café. At Claggan Mountain, between Mulranny and the Visitor Centre, a boardwalk/trail winds through the bog and along the Wild Atlantic Way shoreline for approximately 2 km.

**Adm :** Admission is free

**Open :** April to Sept - Daily (10am - 5:30pm)  
Oct - Sun to Thurs (10am - 5:30pm)

**Tel :** +353 (0)98 49888

**Email :** ballycroyvisitorcentre@ahg.gov.ie

**Web :** www.ballycroynationalpark.ie

**GPS :** 54.024505, -9.823505



## Ionad Deirbhile

In 1883-84, 3,300 people emigrated from North West Mayo, from Blacksod Bay bound for Boston & Quebec. The memorial garden at Ionad Deirbhile in Eachléim, Blacksod consists of a granite boat sculpture, divided into fifteen sections, with the names of the passengers who left.

Ionad Deirbhile gives the visitor a valuable insight into the lifestyle of this area in times past. In addition to an exhibition area, facilities include a coffee shop and toilets to cater for visitors and the building is wheelchair friendly. The centre houses a wealth of information relating to local folklore, archaeology, local history and an account of a former way of life.

**Adm :** Admission is free

**Open :** Daily - all year  
Coach parties and groups catered for all year round by prior appointment

**Tel :** +353 (0)097 85727

**Email :** eolas@ionaddeirbhile.ie

**Web :** www.ionaddeirbhile.ie

**GPS :** 54.120820, -10.101305



## Deserted Village

The Deserted Village at Slievemore consists of some 80 - 100 stone cottages located along a mile long stretch of road on the southern slopes of Slievemore mountain. The Deserted Village at Slievemore is a haunting reminder of times past. An hour spent meandering from cottage to neighbouring cottage, along the ancient track and through adjacent fields with their lazybed ridges and furrows is a journey back in time.

**Adm :** Admission is free

**Tel :** +353 (0)98 20400

**Email :** [info@achilltourism.com](mailto:info@achilltourism.com)

**Web :** [www.achilltourism.com](http://www.achilltourism.com)

## Glen Keen Farm & Visitor Centre

Glen Keen Farm is one of Ireland's largest working sheep farms. Over 1,400 acres in size, this family-owned sheep farm, with a commonage footprint that extends to over 5,500 acres, is larger than some national parks. Glen Keen is located on the Wild Atlantic Way, 6 miles from Louisburgh on the Leenane road (R335); Mayo's front door to the Delphi Valley, Killary Harbour and the gateway to the Connemara region. The farm is stunning with waterfalls and breathtaking valleys of the Carrowniskey River, which forges, through the centre of the property and is bound by the Sheeffry and Mweelrea mountain ranges to the south. All demonstrations must be reserved in advance. Minimum no. persons 10 or more. Please contact for prices and availability. Group bookings of 20+ accepted during the winter/closed season.

The visitor centre has traditional tearooms, a craft shop stocked with Irish handmade art and crafts and an historic photographic exhibition. Traditional Irish menu also available daily.

**Open :** Wednesday – Sunday (10.30am - 5.30pm)  
(Closed Mon & Tues excluding bank holiday Mondays).  
For Groups of 12+ and Coach Tours wishing to visit on Mondays or Tuesdays please contact Catherine at the number below.

**Tel :** +353 (0)87 616 7396

**Email :** [glenkeenfarm@gmail.com](mailto:glenkeenfarm@gmail.com)

**Web :** [www.glenkeenfarm.com](http://www.glenkeenfarm.com)

**GPS :** 53.688363, -9.787337







## Westport House, Westport

Westport House is undoubtedly one of Ireland's best loved heritage attractions – and is rightly called the most beautiful house in Ireland. With over 30 rooms on show, visitors can immerse themselves in life as far back as the 16th century when Grace O'Malley the Pirate Queen of Connacht ruled the land and seas around the estate. Built upon the foundations of one of her many castles which can still be toured in the dungeons today, the original Westport House was built in 1650 by Colonel John Browne and his wife Maud Burke, Grace O'Malley's great-great-granddaughter.

**Adm :** Admission: Adult €13, Senior (over 65s) €10, Student (with student ID) €10, Children €6.50, Child (2 years and under) Free

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**GPS :** 53.800270, -9.546854

# Other Places of Interest

## Spirit of Place Trail

Procession of the Souls, Swinford Procession of the Souls commemorates Swinford's Great Famine history and recognises the unsung heroes of that period. The installation, located at the entrance of the Paupers' Graveyard in Swinford, is a processional, exemplifying the struggle through a tragic and turbulent passage, emerging to a light-filled structure overlooking the graveyard and the burial site of Dr Henry, a local doctor of the time whose dedication to his patients played a significant role in assisting Swinford and its people overcome the great tragedy of the Famine.

**Web:** [www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-spirit-of-design\\_26.html](http://www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-spirit-of-design_26.html)

**GPS:** 53.945188, -8.945261

## The Tale of the Tongs The Gathering, Inishturk

The home fires are always burning on the island outpost of Inishturk and now a sculpture titled, 'The Tale of the Tongs', commemorating the past and present culture and community of the island. Part of The Gathering Ireland 2013, the 'Spirit of Place' evokes the centuries of cultural gatherings on this spectacular island, which is renowned for its warm welcome and great sessions of music. The eight-foot high sculpture, - visible from many vantage points en route to the island, - encapsulates the sense of welcome from the home-fires set in this unspoiled landscape. The island's six family names are highlighted on the sculpture, - Heanue, Heaney, O'Toole, Concannon, Faherty and Prendergast.

**Web:** [www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-inishturk-county.html](http://www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-inishturk-county.html)

**GPS:** 53.707424, -10.106040

## The Crossing Downpatrick Head

The Crossing, is a quiet restoration project with a thunderous architectural and landscape installation to commemorate the natural power and richly-layered historical tales of this site. The metaphor of The Crossing evokes the struggle and the sublime slipstream between the mystical and the material, the "crossing", between cultural history and the eternal sacred; contradiction and paradox at its best. It is the border where folklore and spoken tradition reflect on the lion's den of lives past and lives to come. It is the unspeakable moment when two totally divergent realities collide - the despair of losses at last transcends into the celebration of joy over what has become of the Irish Heritage over the past fifteen hundred years: a culture that in its hidden hours saved the history of humanity when the dark ages swept the globe, ...the diaspora of the famine that ironically spread this uniquely Irish character further.



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# Contact information for listed attractions

**Ceide Fields**, Ballycastle: +353 (0) 9643325 [www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/ceidefields/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/ceidefields/)

**Monasteries of the Moy Greenway**, Moy Valley: +353 (0) 96 72800 No website

**Jackie Clarke Collection**, Ballina: +353 (0)96 73508 [www.clarkecollection.ie](http://www.clarkecollection.ie)

**Belleek Castle** and the Marshall Doran Collection, Ballina: +353 (0) 96 22400  
[www.belleekcastle.com/history.html](http://www.belleekcastle.com/history.html)

**Fr. Peyton Centre**, Attymass: +353 (0)96 45374 [www.fatherpeytoncentre.ie/](http://www.fatherpeytoncentre.ie/)

**Foxford Woollen Mills**, Foxford: +353 (0)94 9256104 [www.foxfordwoollenmills.com/](http://www.foxfordwoollenmills.com/)

**Mayo North Heritage Centre**, Castlehill: +353 (0) 96 31809 [www.northmayogenealogy.com/](http://www.northmayogenealogy.com/)

**Hennigan's Heritage Centre**: +353 (0) 87 2491402 <http://hennigansheritage.com/>

**Michael Davitt Museum**, Straide: +353 (0) 94 9031022 / +353 (0) 94 9031942  
[www.museumsofmayo.com/davitt.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/davitt.htm)

**National Museum of Country Life**, Turlough: +353 (0) 94 9031755 [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)

**Mayo Peace Park**, Castlebar:<http://www.mayo-ireland.ie/en/towns-villages/castlebar/visitors-guide/mayo-peace-park.html>

**Jack's Old Cottage**, Islandeady: +353 (0) 87 9443626 No website

**Kiltimagh Railway Museum**, Kiltimagh: +353 (0) 87 1480529 / +353 (0) 85 1660103 / +353 (0) 86 3910850 / +353 (0) 86 1011388  
[www.museumsofmayo.com/kiltimagh.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/kiltimagh.htm)

**Belcarra Eviction Cottage**: +353 (0) 87 9090046 [www.museumsofmayo.com/belcarra.htm](http://www.museumsofmayo.com/belcarra.htm)

**Clogher Heritage Complex**: +353 (0) 94 9030687 [www.clogherheritage.com/](http://www.clogherheritage.com/)

**Ballintubber Abbey**, Ballintubber: +353 (0) 94 9030934 [www.ballintubberabbey.ie/](http://www.ballintubberabbey.ie/)

**Knock Museum**, Knock: +353 (0) 94 9375034  
[www.knockshrine.ie/museum/](http://www.knockshrine.ie/museum/)

**South Mayo Family Research Centre**, Ballinrobe: +353 (0) 9541214

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/Arts-Culture-Heritage/south-mayo-family-research-centre/594>

**Inchagoill Island**, Cong: [www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong](http://www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong)

**Augustinian Abbey**, Cong: [www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong](http://www.mayo.ie/visit/culture/cong)

**Quiet Man Museum**, Cong: +353 (0) 9546089 [www.quietman-cong.com/cong-museum/](http://www.quietman-cong.com/cong-museum/)

**Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre**: +353 (0) 98 64114 [www.croagh-patrick.com/](http://www.croagh-patrick.com/)

**Clew Bay Heritage Centre**, Westport: +353 (0) 98 26852  
<http://www.westportheritage.com/>

**Ballycroy National Park & Visitor Centre**, Ballycroy: +353 (0) 98 49888  
[www.ballycroynationalpark.ie](http://www.ballycroynationalpark.ie)

**Ionad Deirbhile**, Blacksod: +353 (0) 97 85727 [www.ionaddeirbhile.ie](http://www.ionaddeirbhile.ie)

**Procession of the Souls**, Swinford: [www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-spirit-of-design\\_26.html](http://www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-spirit-of-design_26.html)

**The Tale of the Tongs**, Inishturk: [www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-inishturk-county.html](http://www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-inishturk-county.html)

**The Crossing**, Downpatrick Head: [www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-county-mayo.html](http://www.spiritofplace-design.blogspot.ie/p/about-spirit-of-place-county-mayo.html)

**Glen Keen Farm** and Visitor Centre, Louisburgh: +353 (0) 87 616 7396 [www.glenkeenfarm.com](http://www.glenkeenfarm.com)



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