



# *Rock Of Dunamase*

THE ROCK OF DUNAMAISE HAS SEEN IT  
ALL. VIKINGS, NORMANS, NATIVE TRIBES,  
AND EVEN CROMWELL HIMSELF HAVE  
FOUGHT OVER THIS COMMANDING SITE TO  
SEIZE CONTROL.



# *Emo Court & Gardens*

WITH PARKLANDS OPEN 365 DAYS A YEAR, THIS FESTIVE SEASON IS THE PERFECT TIME TO TAKE A WINTER WALK AT EMO. ENJOY THE MILE-LONG WELLINGTONIA AVENUE, FLANKED BY GIANT SEQUOIA TREES PLANTED IN 1853, WANDER AMONG THE ELEGANT YEWS AND STATUARY OF THE FORMAL LAWNS, AND RARE BIRDS INCLUDING BUZZARDS AND EGRETS.





# *Heywood Gardens*

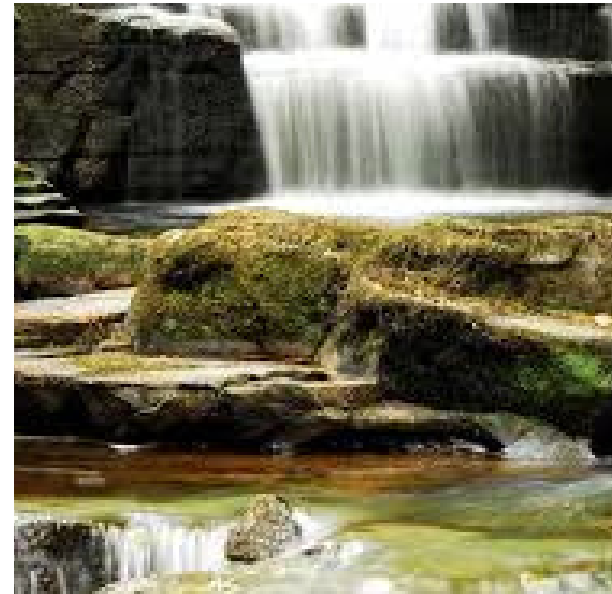
THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ROMANTIC  
LANDSCAPE CONSISTS OF GARDENS,  
LAKES, WOODLAND AND ARCHITECTURAL  
FEATURES. IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO  
STATE OWNERSHIP IN NOVEMBER 1993  
FROM THE SALESIAN FATHERS WHO HAD  
TAKEN CARE OF IT SINCE 1941.





# *Slieve Bloom Mountains*

THE SLIEVE BLOOMS IS ONE OF EUROPE'S OLDEST  
MOUNTAIN RANGES IN IRELAND'S HIDDEN  
HEARTLANDS. NOTED FOR BREATHTAKING  
SCENERY, OUTDOOR ACTIVITY BREAKS, HILL  
WALKING, ECO TRAILS & A WEALTH OF HERITAGE  
ATTRACTIONS





# *The Electric Picnic*

IRELANDS ANSWER TO GLASTONBURY. IRELANDS LONGEST STANDING MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL IS HOSTED IN STRADBALLY ESTATE. IF YOU ARE FREE AT THE END OF AUGUST IT'S WELL WORTH A VISIT





# *Timahoe Round Tower*

12TH CENTURY ROUND TOWER WITH EXCEPTIONAL  
STONE CARVING. THE SURROUNDING PARKLANDS  
ARE THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR A FAMILY  
PICNIC.





# Morriseys Pub Abbeyleix

DATING FROM 1775 WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY A GROCERY STORE. THIS TREASURE OF A PUB HAS WITHSTOOD THE ONSLAUGHT OF MODERNISATION. BULLS EYES AND CLOVE ROCKS IN JARS LINE THE SHELVES ABOVE THE PEW SEATS .



# *Mountmellick museum*

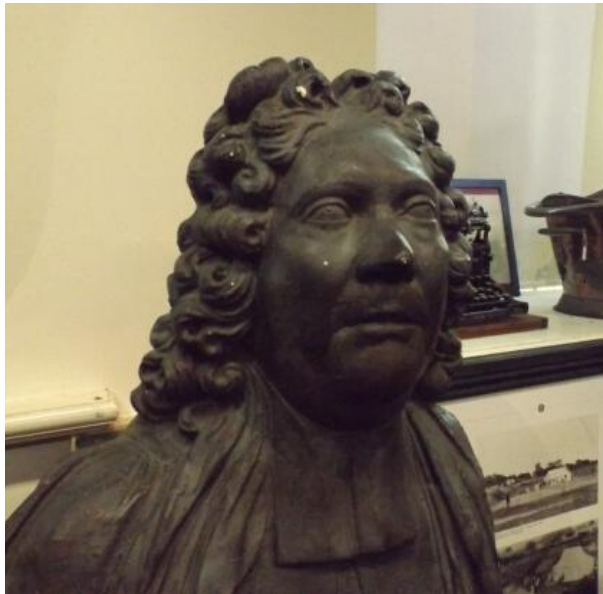
THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE MUSEUM IS TO CONSERVE  
AND DISPLAY ORIGINAL PIECES OF MOUNTMELICK  
WORK (EMBROIDERY) AND TO PROTECT THE  
MEMORY OF MOUNTMELICK'S RICH QUAKER  
INDUSTRIAL PAST.





# *Abbeyleix Heritage House and museum*

AN OLD 19TH-CENTURY SCHOOL BUILDING HOUSES  
THIS MUSEUM DETAILING ABBEYLEIX' RICH HISTORY.  
ONE ROOM LOOKS AT THE TOWN'S CARPET-MAKING  
LEGACY - THE TURKISH-INFLUENCED CARPETS ONCE  
MADE HERE WERE CHOSEN TO GRACE THE FLOORS OF  
THE TITANIC



# *Donaghmore Workhouse Durrow*

THE UNADORNED STONE DONAGHMORE  
WORKHOUSE, WEST OF DURROW, WAS A LAST  
RESORT FOR THE DESTITUTE IN THE 1850S - ONE OF  
130 WORKHOUSES IN THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME.





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