

GUIDE TO ARCHAEOLOGY SOURCES FOR COUNTY WICKLOW

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The following is a list of books, articles, guides, brochures and websites relating to the archaeology of County Wicklow. The aim of this guide is to provide an overview of resources available to those carrying out research about the archaeological finds, sites and monuments of the county.

The list has been compiled mainly from material available in the Wicklow County Council Library Local Studies Collection and resources produced by the Heritage Office.

The listings are by no means exhaustive. A range of local journals remain to be examined. If you feel we have missed something and wish to make a suggestion for inclusion, please contact the Local Studies Librarian at wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

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Co. Wicklow Heritage Trails, Guides & Maps:

Archaeology Ireland have produced Heritage Guides for a number of monuments and sites around Co.Wicklow. These include:

- Heritage Guide No. 13: The stone circle at Castleruddery Lower: A prehistoric ceremonial enclosure in south-west Wicklow (2001)
- Heritage Guide No. 51: Rathgall, Co.Wicklow (2010)
- Heritage Guide No. 54: Aghowle Church, Co. Wicklow (2011)

- Heritage Guide No. 72: Glendalough and its churches, Co Wicklow (2016)
- Heritage Guide No. 92: Glendalough: the Upper Lake (2021). Available for download from the UCD repository file:///C:/Users/emmanuel/Downloads/Heritage_Guide_92-%20Glendalough_Upper_Lake%20-%20Amended.pdf

Wicklow County Council Heritage Office have produced a number of heritage trails for the county. These are available for download from the Heritage Office webpage:

- Blessington Lakeside Heritage Trail
https://www.wicklow.ie/Portals/0/Documents/Arts%20Heritage%20&%20Archives/Heritage/Exploring%20Wicklow/Heritage%20Sites%20to%20Visit/2017Lakeside_Heritage_Trail_Blessington_Proof.pdf
- West Wicklow Heritage Trail
https://www.wicklow.ie/Portals/0/Documents/Arts%20Heritage%20&%20Archives/Heritage/Exploring%20Wicklow/Heritage%20Sites%20to%20Visit/West_Wicklow_Heritage_Trail_25_July.pdf
- South Wicklow Heritage Trail
https://www.wicklow.ie/Portals/0/Documents/Arts%20Heritage%20&%20Archives/Heritage/Exploring%20Wicklow/Heritage%20Sites%20to%20Visit/South_West_Wicklow_Heritage_Trail.pdf

A GIS interactive map of some of the county sites and monuments can be accessed on the Heritage Office webpage at:

<https://wicklow.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=68aeff70748940309299c60dd256a008>

Useful Websites:

www.excavations.ie A database containing summary accounts of all the excavations carried out in Ireland from 1970 to 2021.

<https://repository.dri.ie/catalog/v6936m966> Digital repository of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It is a searchable repository of archaeological and geophysical reports, archaeology audio guides, books, excavation reports, videos, research papers and much more.

<https://www.heritagemaps.ie/> A web-based spatial data viewer which includes datasets on the built, cultural and natural heritage of Ireland.

<https://www.archaeology.ie/> Website of the National Monuments Service. Contains a wealth of information regarding archaeology legislation, planning and monument protection. The

Record of Monument and Places (RMP) contains files on all archaeological monuments and sites identified and recorded during the Archaeological Survey of Ireland. Each file contains site details, documentary sources, photographs, map references, OS data, field notes and details of relevant publications. Historic Environment Viewer provides a spatial data viewer of these recorded monuments and sites.

<https://wicklowheritage.org/about/about-wicklow-heritage> The award winning community archive for County Wicklow. The website contains a number of articles and images relating to archaeological sites and monuments around the county.