

1. KILMACDUAGH



This Monastic site was founded by St. Colman, son of Duagh in the 7th century and has the highest Round Tower in Ireland. The tower is unusual in that it leans over half a metre from the vertical, similar to the Tower of Pisa. It consists of the ruins of seven churches and an abbot's house. Lady Gregory's ancestor, the Very Rev. Dudley Persse was Dean of Kilmacduagh between 1662 – 1700.

G.P.S. 53.048566,-8.897234

2. COOLE PARK

Once the home of Lady Gregory, dramatist, folklorist and co-founder of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. It is now a nature reserve, open daily all year with marked trails. Facilities include exhibition and audio visual show, tearooms, picnic area, natural trails and the famous "Autograph Tree".



Visitor Centre: Easter to Sept. Daily: 10.00 -17.00.

Tel: 091/631804 www.coolepark.ie

G.P.S. 53.080106,-8.830803

3. KILTARTAN GREGORY MUSEUM



A former schoolhouse built at the behest of Sir William Gregory of Coole Park. It contains rare memorabilia, first editions, artifacts from Coole House and a charming early 20th century classroom. Facilities- Picnic site and toilets

**Open daily June to September, other times please contact Rena 0868252164 or Sr. de Lourdes 083 3171228
G.P.S. 53.099113,-8.815309**

4. THOOR BALLYLEE

This 16th century fortified Norman castle with a cottage attached was acquired by W.B. Yeats and he lived here with his family until 1929. Due to flooding in 2009/2010, the tower is closed, but one can still wander around the grounds by the river and enjoy this tranquil place where W.B. Yeats wrote many of his poems.



G.P.S. 53.104949,-8.774498

5. KILLINANE GRAVEYARD



Located within the domain of the Old Roxborough Estate, in the parish of Kilchreest. Many of the Persse family including Lady's Gregory's parents are interred in this graveyard. Although signposted it is secluded. Please come with suitable footwear!

G.P.S. 53.151043,-8.696372

6. ROXBOROUGH GATES

Lady Augusta Gregory, formerly Augusta Persse was born at Roxborough on the 15th of March, 1852. This was the seat of the Persse family for 245 years. The sign at the restored gates outline the history of the Persse family.



G.P.S. 154130, 213677

7. WOODVILLE WALLED GARDEN



Once home to Lady Gregory's brother, Harry. The garden features espaliered fruit trees, herbaceous borders, Rose garden with fountain, dovecote and a woodland trail.

Other facilities – Museum, gift shop/plant sales and tearoom.

Open daily 11am to 5.30 pm Easter to September.

Other times please contact Margarita 087/9069191

www.woodvillewalledgarden.com

G.P.S. 53.18477,-8.671481

8. ST. BRENDANS CATHEDRAL

A treasure house of Celtic Revival Art. Stained glass artists include, Michael Healy, A.E Child, Sarah Purser and Evie Hone. Enjoy a 30 min audio tour of the Cathedral. The adjoining museum has banners/hangings created by the Dun Emer Guild, which included the Yeats sisters.



The Cathedral is opened all year round.

Clonfert Diocesan Museum Mon-Fri 9:30 -5:30.

(Closed 1-2) Contact the Presbytery 091 841212,

www.loughreacathedral.ie

G.P.S. 53.197061,-8.566731

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THE LADY GREGORY YEATS HERITAGE TRAIL

The Lady Gregory Yeats Trail incorporates historical sites between the towns of Gort and Loughrea associated with Lady Gregory and W.B. Yeats. These sites include Kilmacduagh, Coole Park, Kiltartan Gregory Museum, Thoor Ballylee, Killinane Graveyard, Roxborough Gates, Woodville Walled Gardens and St. Brendan's Cathedral. The unique landscape of South Galway and its people inspired both Lady Gregory and W.B. Yeats to create some of their greatest works. Writers, poets, historians, artists and musicians have long been attracted to the area. We invite you to follow in the footsteps of Lady Gregory and W.B. Yeats along this trail.

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