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# ABOUT *the* KINGDOM

## Introduction to County Kerry

The Kingdom of Kerry is one of the most significant tourist destinations in Ireland. It boasts magnificent mountain ranges, beautiful lakes, blue flag beaches and breathtaking coastal scenery. North Kerry encompasses an area from Tarbert to Tralee, an area renowned for golf with the world famous Ballybunion golf course, Kerry's capital, Tralee hosting the international Rose of Tralee Festival and Listowel, known as the literary capital of Kerry with its acclaimed annual Writers Week.

North Kerry is distinguished by its rugged coastline and miles of golden sandy Blue Flag beaches. Its landscape is richly patterned with ancient monuments which include ring forts, ogham stones, standing stones, stone crosses and holy wells, along with the ruins of early Churches, and ecclesiastical sites to include Abbeys, Cathedral and Monasteries, with numerous Castles, a Tower House and Great Houses, and many more historic monuments. All of these sites are part of our rich heritage with most town lands containing many monuments.

The history of the founding of the ancient Kingdom of Kerry dates back to the year 800ad when Queen Maeve of Connaught sent her son Ciar to this area to claim his inheritance. It was here that he established the ancient Kingdom of Ciar, which he ruled over in great peace and prosperity, and which over the ensuing centuries was to grow into what is today's Kingdom of Kerry. The descendants of Ciar, the O Connor Kerry was to rule this area for over one thousand years.

**Kerry County Museum** Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry  
Tel : +353 (0)66 712 7777 Email : info@kerrymuseum.ie



### Opening times

January – May: Tues – Sat, 9.30am to 5.00pm  
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# North Kerry Heritage Trails Road Map



## Historic Castle Trails

Ballyheigue Castle, Ballyheigue  
 Doon Promontory, Ballybunion  
 Ballybunion Castle, Ballybunion  
 Carrigafoyle Castle, Ballylongford  
 Listowel Castle, Listowel  
 Ballinruddery Tower House, Lixnaw  
 Old Court, Lixnaw

## Heritage & Culture

Kerry County Museum, Tralee  
 Siamsa Tire, Tralee  
 North Kerry Museum, Ballyduff  
 Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion  
 The Bridewell, Tarbert  
 Seanchaí, Listowel  
 Lartigue Centre, Listowel  
 Duagh Historical Society, Duagh  
 Old Forge, Abbeydorney

## Christianity & Spirituality

Saint John's Church, Tralee  
 Wethers Well, Ardfer  
 Ardfer Cathedral, Ardfer  
 Ardfer Friary, Ardfer  
 St. Mary's Holy Well, Ballyheigue.  
 St. Dailhinne's Well & Church, Ballyheigue  
 Raffoo Round Tower & Church, Ballyduff.  
 Raffoo Abbey, Ballyduff.  
 Derryco Church, Ballyduff.  
 Lisloughlin Abbey, Ballylongford.  
 St. Johns, Listowel.  
 Tonaknock Cross, Abbeydorney  
 Ciscertian Abbey, Abbeydorney

## Independence & Civil War

Ballyseedy Monument, Tralee  
 Casement Memorial, Banna + Ballyheigue  
 Clashmealcon Memorial, Causeway



## Self Guided Tours & Suggested Trails

Our self-drive tours allow you to take things at your own pace and provide you with the freedom to stay a little longer, veer off the track to visit a beautiful beach or just linger more over a handsome lunch. We have put together some suggested trails to cover a range of interests or mix and match them to create your own trail. Use the number key on the map combined with the guide to explore the many wonders of North Kerry. You'll also find GPS coordinates for each site in the guide for those with satellite navigation and our website contains comprehensive information

|    | Description / Site                  | Location / Area           |    |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1  | Ballyseedy Memorial                 | Tralee                    | Orange   |
| 2  | St Johns Church                     | Tralee                    |  |
| 3  | County Museum                       | Tralee                    |  |
| 4  | Siamsa Tire                         | Tralee                    |  |
| 5  | Rose of Tralee                      | Tralee                    |  |
| 6  | Ardfert Cathedral                   | Ardfert                   | Pink   |
| 7  | Ardfert Friary                      | Ardfert                   |  |
| 8  | Wether's Well                       | Ardfert                   |  |
| 9  | Casement Memorial                   | Banna Beach & Ballyheigue | Light Blue   |
| 10 | Lady's Well                         | Ballyheigue               |  |
| 11 | St. Daithlinne's Holy Well & Church | Ballyheigue               |  |
| 12 | Ballyheigue Castle                  | Ballyheigue               |  |
| 13 | Clashmealcon Memorial               | Clashmealcon, Causeway    | Grey   |
| 14 | North Kerry Museum                  | Ballyduff                 | Light Green  |
| 15 | Rattoo Round Tower                  | Ballyduff                 |  |
| 16 | Rattoo Abbey                        | Ballyduff                 |  |
| 17 | Derryco Church & Cemetary           | Ballyduff                 |  |
| 18 | Doon Promontory                     | Ballybunion               | Light Purple   |
| 19 | Ballybunion Castle                  | Ballybunion               |  |
| 20 | Tintean Theatre                     | Ballybunion               |  |
| 21 | Lislaughtin Abbey                   | Ballylongford             | Light Pink   |
| 22 | Carrigafoyle Castle                 | Ballylongford             |  |
| 23 | The Bridewell                       | Tarbet                    | Grey   |
| 24 | Lartigue                            | Listowel                  | Light Cyan   |
| 25 | St. John's                          | Listowel                  |  |
| 26 | Seanchai                            | Listowel                  |  |
| 27 | Listowel Castle                     | Listowel                  |  |
| 28 | Duagh Historical Society            | Duagh                     | Grey   |
| 29 | Old Court                           | Lixnaw                    | Light Orange   |
| 30 | Ballinruddery Tower House           | Lixnaw                    |  |
| 31 | Tonaknock Cross                     | Abbeydorney               | Light Purple   |
| 32 | Cistercian Abbey                    | Abbeydorney               |  |
| 33 | Old Forge                           | Abbeydorney               |  |

# HISTORIC *Castle* TRAILS



## Historic Castle & Tower Houses

Prior to the arrival of the Normans in 1169, castles were built in Ireland of timber. The new invaders began the erection of stone and mortar castles in the late 12th and early 13th century and most of the military style castles were built before the mid 14th century. Tower houses appeared in the 15th, 16th and early 17th centuries, and were seen as the fortified residences of the Anglo Irish and Irish gentry.

### Carrigafoyle Castle Ballylongford



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52.569895,-9.494033



Carrigafoyle Castle - built by Conor Liath O'Connor-Kerry in the 1490s, and considered one of the strongest of Irish fortresses - was a large tower house, of the type particularly common across the north of the province of Munster. It stood on a rock in a small bay off the Shannon estuary, and its name is an anglicisation of the Irish, Carraig an Phoill "rock of the hole".

### Listowel Castle Listowel



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52.444482,-9.486984



Listowel Castle was built in the 15th century and was the last fortress of the Geraldines to be subdued. It fell after 28 days siege to Sir Charles Wilmot on 5 November 1600, who had the castle's garrison executed in the following days. One of the best examples of Anglo-Norman architecture in Kerry, the castle has now been restored to some of its former glory. The castle is open to the public for tours on a daily basis.



## Ballinruddery Tower House Lixnaw

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52.403178,-9.633486

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The Tower House at Ballinruddery was constructed at the end of the fifteenth, or possibly the beginning of the 16th. century by the Knights of Kerry on their two hundred and thirty acre estate, located on the banks of the Feale. Today, only the ruins of this once impressive building remain with the west wall completely destroyed. In 1742, the Fitzgeralds regained possession of Ballinruddery Tower House but shortly after ceased to reside there, moving instead to their residence at Valentia.

## Old Court Lixnaw

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The old castle at Lixnaw in North Kerry was formerly the site of the residence of Raymond le Gross. The town-land of Ballincrossig in the parish of Causeway is named after this Norman lord. Fitzmaurice was now no longer a family name but a hereditary title, created by patent of King Richard II. There were two main branches of this family with the heads of both bearing titles of nobility, being created earls of Desmond and Kildare, conferred on them by the king of England.

## Ballyheigue Castle Ballyheigue

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52.393084,-9.839855

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Built by Colonel James Crosbie in 1810, it has been burned on two occasions, first in 1840 and again in 1921. It is now the centrepiece of the surrounding golf course. The Cantillons built the first castle in Ballyheigue (not in the same place as the present one) and gave Ballyheigue (Baile Uí Thaidhg) its name. In the sixteenth century their lands were confiscated by Queen Elizabeth 1st and 'planted' by the Crosbies.

## Doon Promontory Ballybunion

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52.529969,-9.681112

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In 873 A.D. when Bariath and his Viking hordes attacked Ciarraige, he suffered a humiliating defeat with great loss of life. The O Connor Kerry, guardian of the monasteries of Ciarraidhe Luachra who ruled from his stronghold on Doon Promontory, Ballybunion, aided by allies, defeated the Danes in many fierce battles. In 1014 the Battle of Clontarf destroyed the Viking power in Ireland.

## Ballybunion Castle Ballybunion

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52.512114,-9.677678

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Ballybunion Castle was built by the Geraldines in the 14th Century. It stands on the Castle Green site of an old promontory coastal fort of the "Clann Conaire." In 1583 William Og Bonyon lost the castle and lands due to his part in the Desmond Rebellion. In 1612 the castle and lands were granted to Thomas Fitzmaurice 16th Lord of Kerry and Lixnaw by the English King James 6th. From 1923 onwards the castle has been under the care of the Office of Public Works.

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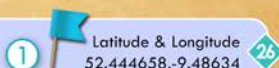
# HERITAGE & CULTURE



## Heritage & Culture

The Celtic love of arts and song is alive in modern Ireland, where a taste for theatre, music, literature and history are key to our national identity. Enjoy the endless opportunities to explore our cultural history.

### Seanchaí - Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre Listowel




The Seanchaí is a visitor attraction in the Heritage Town of Listowel which presents the works of the great Kerry writers in a unique audio-visual experience. Located in a 19th century Georgian residence in Listowel's magnificent Square, the Centre features five of the County Kerry's most esteemed writers – John B. Keane, Bryan MacMahon, George Fitzmaurice, Brendan Kennelly and Maurice Walsh.

### The Bridewell Tarbert



In 1987, the Tarbert Bridewell (formerly a small local prison) was a derelict building which was listed to be demolished. However the Tarbert community realizing its historical and architectural importance were determined not to let this important building be destroyed. With that end in mind, the Tarbert Bridewell Project was formed. There followed a successful intense fundraising campaign enabling the building to be purchased. As the building work continued the fundraising continued. Today the people of Tarbert can be proud of their delightful visitor centre.


## The Old Forge Abbeydorney

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More than any other town or village in Kerry, Abbeydorney is steeped in ploughing history and tradition, with no less than 16 All-Ireland titles being won by natives of the area between 1941 and 1977. To mark the millennium and the memory of all the ploughmen & women who brought many All Ireland medals to the village, the old forge was restored and a plaque layed in 2000.


## Lartigue Centre Listowel

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On March 1st 1888, a unique railway, the world's first monorail named the Lartigue opened. It ran for ten miles between Ballybunion and Listowel. The Lartigue railway sadly closed in 1924. Around 1995, a Lartigue Restoration Committee was set up. In November 2000 work commenced on the building of a new Lartigue site on the John B Keane Road which today attracts a large number of visitors from home and abroad.

## Tinteán Theatre Ballybunion

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The Tinteán Theatre Mission is to operate a purpose built performance venue with contemporary Irish dance as its core and tourism as its primary audience market. The Theatre is famous for its Arts, Cultural and Heritage Society which tours nationally and internationally with its traditional Irish dance productions


## North Kerry Museum Ballyduff

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The North Kerry Museum which is the Interpretive Museum of North Kerry is located overlooking the historic Cashen River, approximately one mile north of the village of Ballyduff. Artifacts from the Mesoolithic, Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages, Christian Era, Viking times, past industries, now archaic farming methods, smuggling and piracy, landlords and land wars, are all displayed in the museum in an exciting and original way. The new picture gallery is now open.

## Kerry County Museum Tralee

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The Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee, is named in memory of Thomas Ashe, a member of the Irish Volunteers who died while on hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail, Dublin, in 1917. In 2002 the museum won the Best Exhibition award at the Museum of the Year awards for the 'Antarctica' exhibition, displaying the life of Tom Crean. In 2009 Kerry County Museum won the overall Museum of the Year award.



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Burial Place of the Rose of Tralee Tralee



Clogherbrien Cemetary is the burial place of Mary O'Connor, the Rose of Tralee. A beautiful plaque marks her resting place in this quiet and peaceful place. William Mulchinock a 19th century wealthy merchant was broken hearted when Mary died of tuberculosis. He expressed his love for her in the words of the famous song "The Rose of Tralee" which became the basis for the internationally renowned Rose of Tralee annual Festival.

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## Christianity & Spirituality

Monastic foundations appear in Ireland from the 6th century onwards. Ecclesiastic sites in the early Christian period ranged from great monastic cities to small isolated hermitages with a range of lesser monasteries and church sites with some affiliated to the monasteries. Holy wells were venerated and in some instances cross slabs were erected near wells with crosses inscribed on some of the ogham stones. With the coming of the Normans to Kerry in 1177, new religious orders were introduced. It was only after the Norman conquest that the territorial, diocesan, and parochial system on which the church in medieval and post medieval Ireland was organized, fully took shape.

### Lislaughtin Abbey Ballylongford

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52.545774,-9.460044



In 1470, John O Connor, the chief of the O Connor Kerry Clan, received permission from Pope Sixtus IV to establish an abbey for Friars Minors of Saint Francis of Assisi at Ballylongford in North Kerry. The site chosen for Lislaughtin Abbey Church was originally the site of an ancient primitive church dedicated to Saint Lachtin of Bealachabra in County Cork. He was born in the seventh century and is said to have been an abbot or bishop in Freshford, County Kilkenny.

### St. John's Listowel

2 Latitude & Longitude  
52.444932,-9.485964



In 1819, the Protestant Church of St. Johns was built in the Square in Listowel. The architect was James Pain of Cork. The sacred vessels were a gift from the Trent Stoughton family of Ballyhorgan House, Ballyduff. In 1988 a local voluntary committee began the transformation of the then Church of Ireland building into what is now St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre. The restoration project was completed in 1990.

## Rattoo Round Tower Rattoo, Ballyduff

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52.442526,-9.650245

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Of the sixty five round towers remaining in Ireland, Rattoo is listed one of the thirteen perfectly preserved of these towers, and is the last remaining of the Kerry round towers. The tower of Rattoo is over one thousand years old and has two unique features, a carving over the doorway and a Sheila Na Gig on the inside jamb of the north facing window.

## Rattoo Abbey Rattoo, Ballyduff

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52.443089,-9.646082

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In 1205, the Normans granted lands in North Kerry to the Augustinian monks of Connell Abbey of Connellmore, Newbridge, County Kildare, including Rattoo Abbey, which now became the monastery of Saint's Peter and Paul. From the thirteenth century until the reformation, the abbots of Rattoo were also the rectors of Listowel parish and a number of other parishes in North Kerry. The abbots of Rattoo were Lords of Parliament.

## Tonaknock Cross Abbeydorney

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Latitude & Longitude  
52.347112,-9.68801

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This sandstone cross known as the Tonaknock Cross, dating from the seventh century, was found buried in a nearby field and re-erected in its present location by the Office of Public Works. This ancient stone cross marks an early stage in the development of the Irish High Cross and is the only one of its kind in Kerry. The back of the cross faces the road and sadly the left arm is missing. One of the theories put forward for the missing arm is, that it was blown off by a cannon ball during the siege of nearby Ballymacquin Castle by the forces of the Earl of Desmond.

## Cistercian Abbey Abbeydorney

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52.353413,-9.68734

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In 1154, the Cistercians founded the Abbey of Saint Mary De Kyrie Eleison, at Abbeydorney. It was to be their only foundation in Kerry. In 1819, Father Owen MacCarthy began building a church in the village of Abbeydorney. Regretfully he knocked down part of the old Cistercian Abbey to provide material for the new church. The Crosbie family owned the abbey ruins at this time. The abbey was further destroyed, when stones were removed to build some of the family tombs in the cemetery.

## Lady's Well Ballyheigue

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Latitude & Longitude  
52.392331,-9.826536

10



Dirtane blessed well, Ballyheigue, is marked in the 1916 map as Lady's Well. This well is enclosed in a rectangular area and is landscaped with ornamental shrubs. A statue of Our Lady has been erected there and Mass is celebrated at the blessed well each year on September 8th. which is attended by a large congregation.

## St. Daithlinne's Holy Well & Church Ballyheigue

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Latitude & Longitude  
52.424273,-9.860224

11



Tobar Daitleann, St. Daithleann's well, is located at Glendahalín East, Ballyheigue. It is a clear spring which is visited on the Saturdays before May Day, Midsummer and Michaelmas. The waters of the well are known as a cure for eye ailments. North east of this well which is also referred to as St. Bridgid's well, is located, the ruin of St. Daithleann's church.

## Wethers Well Ardfert

9

Latitude & Longitude  
52.327524,-9.780493

8



Brendan the Navigator, of Ardfert and Clonfert, was born, in 484 AD at Rand Bera, which still retains its ancient name of Barrow and is located close to the little promontory of Fenit, north of the bay of Tralee and five miles due west of Ardfert. Shortly after his birth, Brendan was then baptised by Erc, who was the spiritual father of all the Kerry saints, and given the name Brendan, at Tobar na Molt (Wethers Well) which has given its name to Tubrid, a townland near Ardfert.

## Ardfert Cathedral Ardfert

10

Latitude & Longitude  
52.328744,-9.781673

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In 1190, Pope Clement III canonized Saint Malachy setting his feast day as November 3rd. Bishop Donald had begun preparation for the building of the new Cathedral to Saint Brendan at Ardfert, which would be carried out by his successor who was Bishop David O Duibhditribh who incorporated some characteristic relics of the remains of the previous churches into the new building including its western gable, the fine doorway and ornate arcade that graced the Hiberno/Romanesque church of O Ronan. It is one of the earliest examples of that style remaining in Ireland today.

## Ardfert Friary Ardfert

11

Latitude & Longitude  
52.330291,-9.773927

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Ardfert Friary was founded by Thomas Fitzmaurice around 1253 for the Franciscans. The Friary has a rectangular church with a south transept and south aisle. there are five lancet windows in the east wall with the cloister to the north side of the church. At the west end is a six story Tower house.

## Saint John's Church Tralee

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Latitude & Longitude  
52.268197,-9.702913

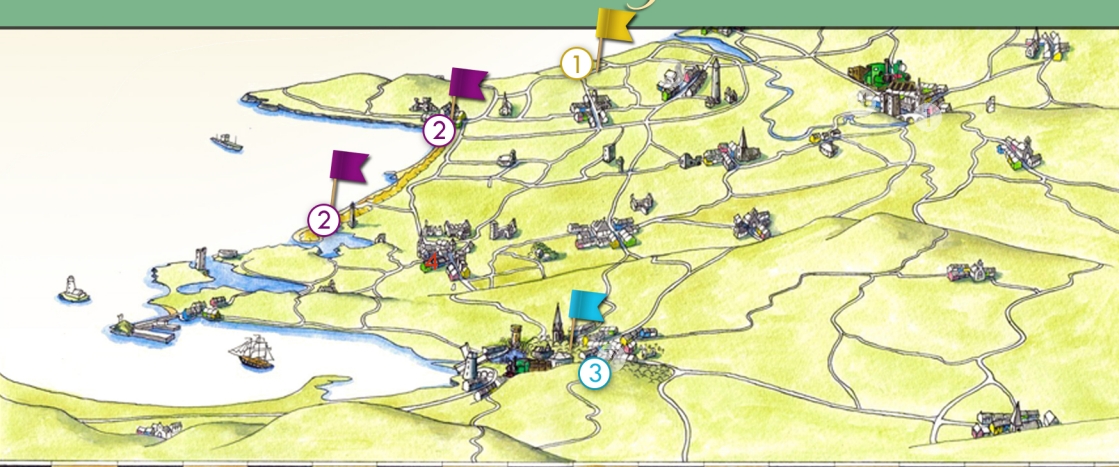
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In October 1854, during the Pontificate of Pope Pius 9th. David Moriarty, coadjutor Bishop of Kerry and Parish Priest of Tralee laid the foundation stone of the Church of St. John the Baptist on the site of a previous chapel which dated back to 1780 which faced in an east west direction. The building was completed under the direction of the architect and designer J. J. McCarthy with the erection of the Great Sanctuary window. Ten years later on October 23rd 1864 with the tower and spire completed, the church was opened for divine service by Bishop David Moriarty.



# INDEPENDENCE & CIVIL WAR



## Clashmealcon Memorial Clashmealcon

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Latitude & Longitude  
52.467972,-9.740303

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The story of Aero Lyons and his five comrades and how they stood siege for three nights and three days in Clashmealcon Caves captures the determination of Kerry republicans and barbarity of the Free State forces.

Surrounded in Drumfort's Cave, named after a Fenian who hid there in 1867, seven Volunteers held off a huge Free State contingent. Two of the Volunteers, Tommy McGrath and Patrick O'Shea died when they fell into the sea as they were trying to get reinforcements.

## Casement Memorial Banna & Ballyheigue

2

Latitude & Longitude  
52.331737,-9.833037

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In 1916, a boat named the Aud with a cargo of munitions was due to rendezvous with a U19 German Submarine and when it failed to do so the captain of the U19, informed Roger Casement, who was aboard the submarine, that he was abandoning the venture and that he (Casement) would have to attempt to land on the shore in a small boat. As dawn broke over Banna Strand, Ardfer, the trio struggled ashore, Robert Monteith and Daniel Bailey headed for Tralee but Casement was arrested and taken to Tralee R.I.C. barracks. He was then taken to London and executed.

## Ballyseedy Memorial Tralee

3

Latitude & Longitude  
52.257651,-9.641895

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A wooden memorial cross at Ballyseedy was in 1959 replaced by the present "Ballyseedy Monument", created by architect Uinseann Mac Eoin.

The monument was placed near Ballyseedy Cross in 1959 to commemorate eight IRA prisoners executed at this place by Irish Free State government troops during the civil war, in the early morning of 7th March 1923

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