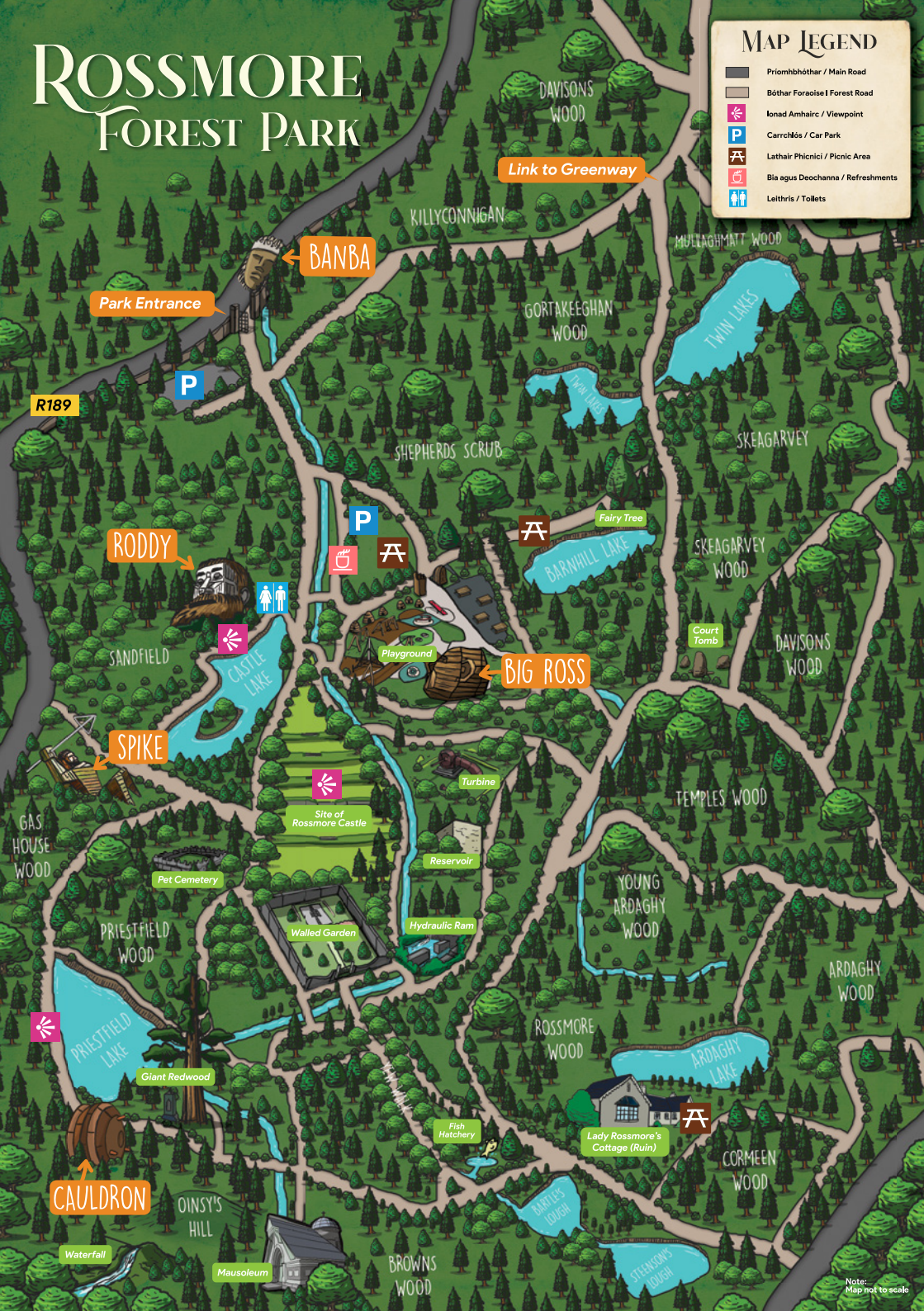


ROSSMORE FOREST PARK

MAP LEGEND

-  Priomhbhóthar / Main Road
-  Bóthar Faoise / Forest Road
-  Ionad Amhairc / Viewpoint
-  Carrchíos / Car Park
-  Lathair Phionice / Picnic Area
-  Bia agus Deochanna / Refreshments
-  Leithris / Toilets



Park Entrance

BANBA

Link to Greenway

R189

RODDY

BIG ROSS

SPIKE

CAULDRON

Note: Map not to scale

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WELCOME TO ROSSMORE FOREST PARK

Enjoy way-marked walks through lush parklands, a natural playpark, towering giant sculptures and remnants of Rossmore's past life as an historic estate.



HISTORY

The beginnings of Rossmore Park date as far back as the 1760s, when Robert Cunningham, an MP for Monaghan, became the first Baron in 1769.

Successions of the Westenra family developed and maintained the estate up until the late 1950s, when the castle unfortunately fell into ruin. Only the buttresses to the castle walls and the entrance stairway now remain, providing a scenic viewing point of the surrounding countryside.

Other remnants of the old estate include the walled garden and the nearby Yew avenue, and some architectural and historical engineering features associated with the former castle.

Some examples of megalithic tombs dating to Ireland's late Neolithic era from about 3000–1800 BC can also be found in the park, and a gold 'lunula' or collar, dating from 1800 BC, was discovered in Rossmore around 1930 and is now held in the National Museum of Ireland.



NATURE

Many of the original estate trees still remain, notably Scots pine, cedars, monkey puzzles, and giant redwoods, and a special feature of the park is the rhododendron and azalea display, which is at its colourful best in early summer. The park is abundant in wildlife, and five of Ireland's seven species of bat are to be found in the locality. Birdlife, both native and migratory, can also be observed throughout the park.

TRAILS

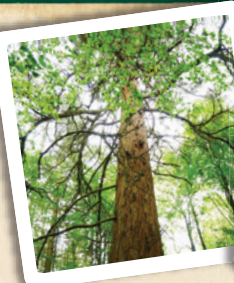
There are several colour-coded forest and lakeside walking trails to suit all abilities within the park, as well as a family friendly 2.5 km off-road cycle track (Sept 2021). The park is linked to the existing Ulster Canal Greenway, which is suitable for walking or cycling and provides connectivity to nearby Monaghan town.

FACILITIES

A wonderful, natural Play-Park for children and Giant Sculptures are some of the newest additions to the park. Visitor facilities including picnic areas, ample car parking and arrival area with coffee dock providing on-site refreshments are also available. For more information on Rossmore Forest Park visit www.coillte.ie or www.monaghantourism.com

FÁILTE GO PAIRC FÓRAOISE ROS MÓR

Bain sult as na siúlóidí marcáilte trí thailte méithe, faiche nádúrtha súgartha, dealbhóireacht mhór ghroí agus iarsmaí an tsaoil i Ros Mór mar a bhíodh fadó san eastát stairiúil seo.



STAIR

Cuireadh tús le Páirc Ros Mór chomh fada siar leis na 1760idí, nuair a bhí Robert Cunningham, MP do Mhuineachán, mar an chéad Barún sa bhliain 1769. D'fhorbair agus choimeád muintir Westenra an Eastát go leanúnach go dtí deireadh na 1950idí deireanacha nuair a chuaigh an caisleán chun raice. Níl ann anois ach na tacai go dtí fallaí an chaisleáin agus an staighre ag dul isteach, rud a ligeann don bhféachaint ar radharc álainn na dúthai mórtíhipeall.

Ar na hiarsmaí eile a bhaineann leis an gcaisleán tá an gairdín faoi bhallaí, an t-aibhinne crann lúir agus roinnt gnéithe idir ailtireacht agus innealtóireacht stairiúil a bhaineann leis an gcaisleán.

Is féidir freisin teacht ar shamplaí sa pháirc de thuamaí Meigilíotacha ar a bhfuil dáta chomh fada siar le tréimhse deiridh Neoilíotach na hÉireann idir thart ar 3000–1800 BC, thángthas ar 'lunula' nó bóna óir ón mbliain 1800 BC i Ros Mór thart ar 1930 agus é sin anois in Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann.



AN DÚLRA

Tá an-chuid crainn fagtha fós san eastát, go háirithe péine Albanach, céadair, crainn arócair agus an mhórghíuís dhúdach. Gné faoi leith sa pháirc seo is ea an taispeántas breá ródaidéandrainn agus asáilia a bhíonn faoi lán seol go luath sa tsamhradh. Bíonn an fiadhúlra go flúirseach, féadfáir teacht ar chúig cinn de na seacht gnéithe den sciathán leathair atá sa tír seo. Ar fud na háite ar fad bíonn teacht ar mhórán éin idir dhúchasach agus imirceach.

BEALÁI SIÚLÓIDE

Tá scata maith bealaí siúlóide laistigh den pháirc sa bhforaois nó in aice an locha agus dathanna á marcáil chun iad a aithint, iad oiriúnach do gach leibhéal cumais. Anuas orthusan tá raon rothar thiar ón mbóthar, é 2.5 Cm ar fhad is é oiriúnach do theaghligh (Meán Fómhair 2021). Tá an faiche ceangailte le Bealach Glas Canáil Uladh, é sin oiriúnach leis don siúlóid nó rothaíocht agus níl ear ró-fhada ó bhaile Mhuineacháin.

ÁISEANNA

Tá clós súgartha iontach, nádúrtha do leanaí agus Dealbhóireacht Mhór Ghroí sa pháirc le déanaí. Ar na háiseanna do chuariteoirí tá láithreacha picnic, dóthain spas páircéala agus bealach isteach mar a mbíonn sóláistí ar fáil sa chaife. Gheobhaidh tú breis eolais ar Páirc Fóraoise Ros Mór ag www.coillte.ie nó www.monaghtantourism.com

ROSSMORE FOREST PARK

Located 3.5km south west of Monaghan town, Rossmore Forest Park can be reached by following the N54 Cavan/Clones Road from Monaghan and turning left onto the R189 signposted for Newbliss.

Download the Rossmore Forest Park App for further details on walking and cycling trails to enjoy in the park, as well as more information on the history of the former Rossmore Estate.

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