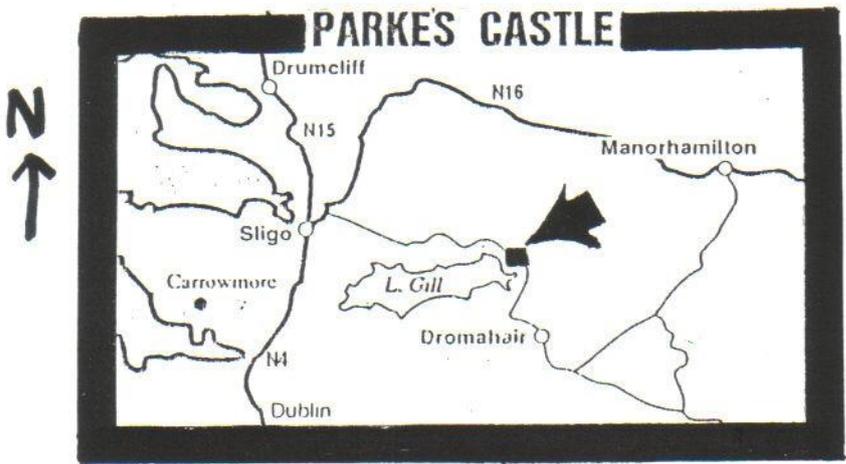


# Parke's Castle



## Co. Leitrim

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The arrow on the map shows the location of Parke's Castle.

**Fill the blanks:**

Parke's Castle is located on the \_\_\_\_\_ road on the shores of \_\_\_\_\_ . It is in County \_\_\_\_\_ .



**Stand in the car park.**

Describe what you see around you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a good location for a castle?

Advantages: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any disadvantages? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



**Beyond this hall were the kitchen and stores.**

Find out:

1. What food was eaten in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What cooking utensils would you expect to find in the kitchen of a Manor House? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**In the Courtyard:**

1. What kind of surface is on the courtyard? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is unusual about it? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. In what way was this surface useful? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the *Sallyport*? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What was it used for? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Name its advantages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Between the sallyport and the forge, you will see a circle of stone on the ground.



For what purpose was this stone used? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Now go to the Blacksmith's Forge:**

1. What work did the blacksmith do? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name some of the tools he used:

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3. What kind of roof is on the forge? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. From what materials is the roof made? \_\_\_\_\_

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Go back out into the courtyard and look at the well:

1. How deep is the well now?

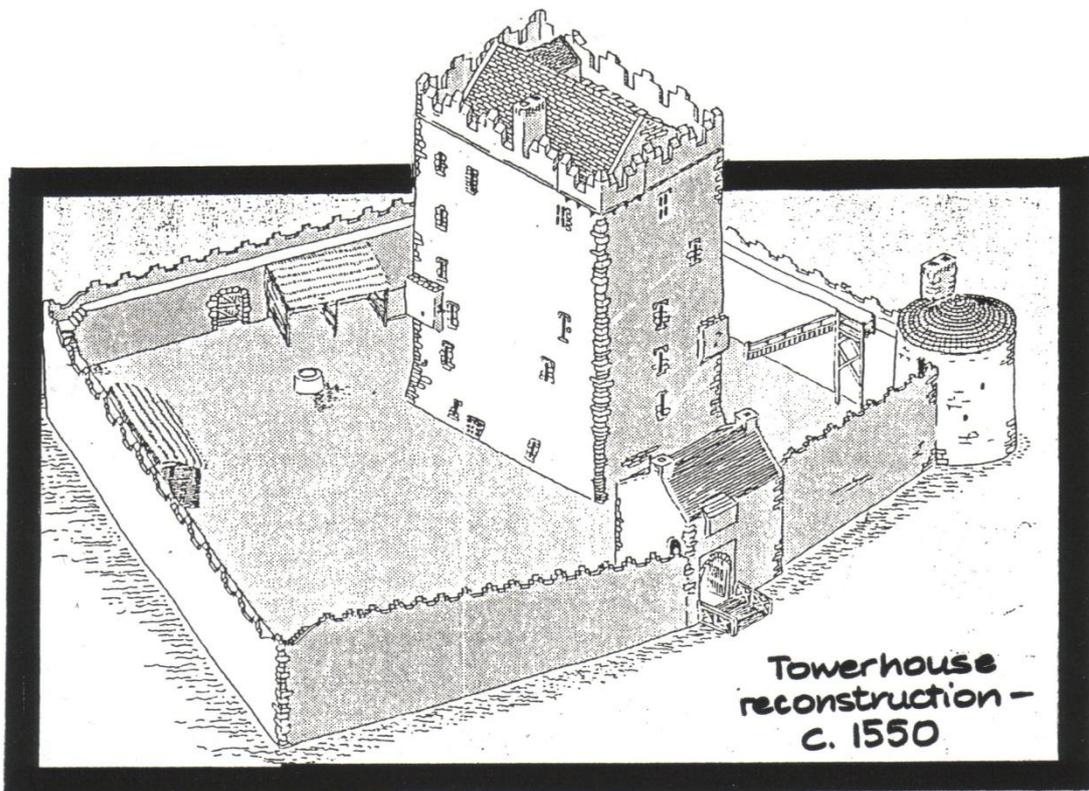
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2. How does it operate? \_\_\_\_\_

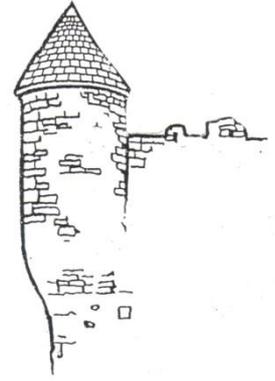
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3. Where did the water in this well come from? \_\_\_\_\_

Under the courtyard cobbling was found the base of O'Rourke's Tower House. (rulers of Breffny) This dates to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.



This is called a *Turret*.



How many a) towers b) turrets did the castle have originally?

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the difference between a tower and a turret? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Sweathouse

Use your plan to find the remains of the *sweathouse*.



What was the sweathouse used for?

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Where in Sligo would you go to find a modern sweathouse? \_\_\_\_\_

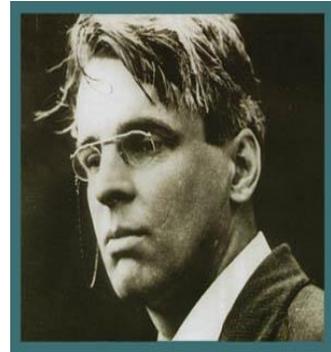


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Sligo and its surroundings.

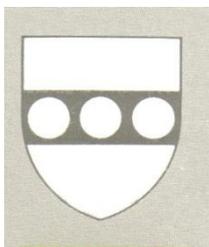
*"I will arise and go now, and go to Inisfree"*

1. Who wrote this poem? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did he die? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where is he buried? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is written on his tombstone? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



We call this his epitaph.

5. Name two islands on Lough Gill:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name two other poems written by this famous poet:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_



This is the Parke Coat of arms. See can you find it on your way back to the carpark..... WELL DONE



I hope you enjoyed your visit to Parke's Castle.