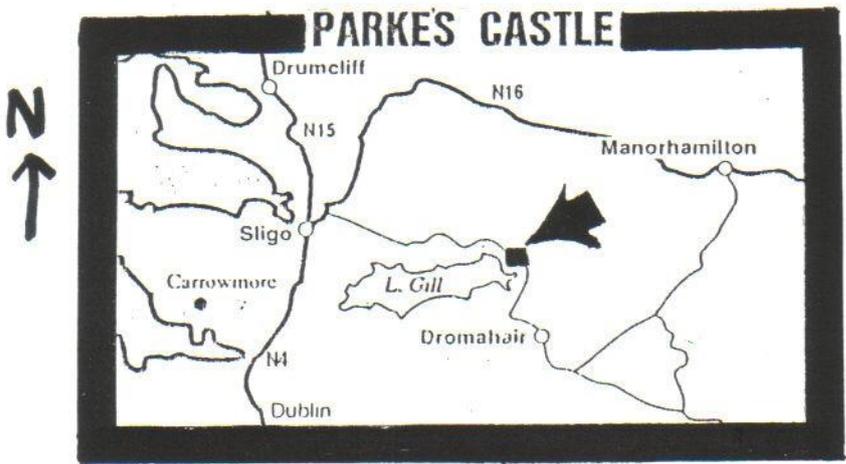


Parke's Castle



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.

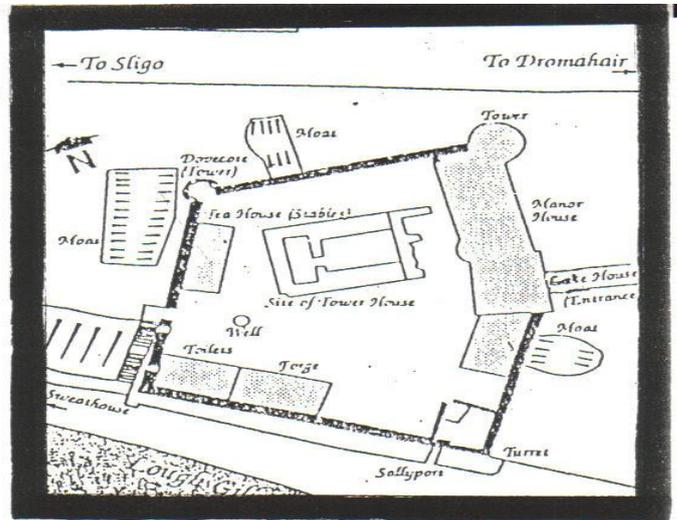
Is this a good location for a castle?

Advantages: 1. _____
 2. _____

Are there any disadvantages? _____



On your map, mark the main entrance with an X.



Parke's or Newtown Castle is a fine example of a fortified Manor House of the Plantation period.

Find out: 1. Who lived in a Manor House?



2. What does "fortified" mean?

3. When and what was the Plantation period?

You will now enter the *stair hall*. In the early 17th century large staircases were rare, but Parke's had one.

1. What is the staircase made from? _____
2. Why do you think it is spiral shaped? _____

Beyond this hall were the kitchen and stores.

Find out:

1. What food was eaten in the 17th 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? _____



Now go to the Blacksmith's Forge:

1. What work did the blacksmith do? _____

2. Name some of the tools he used:

3. What kind of roof is on the forge? _____

4. From what materials is the roof made? _____





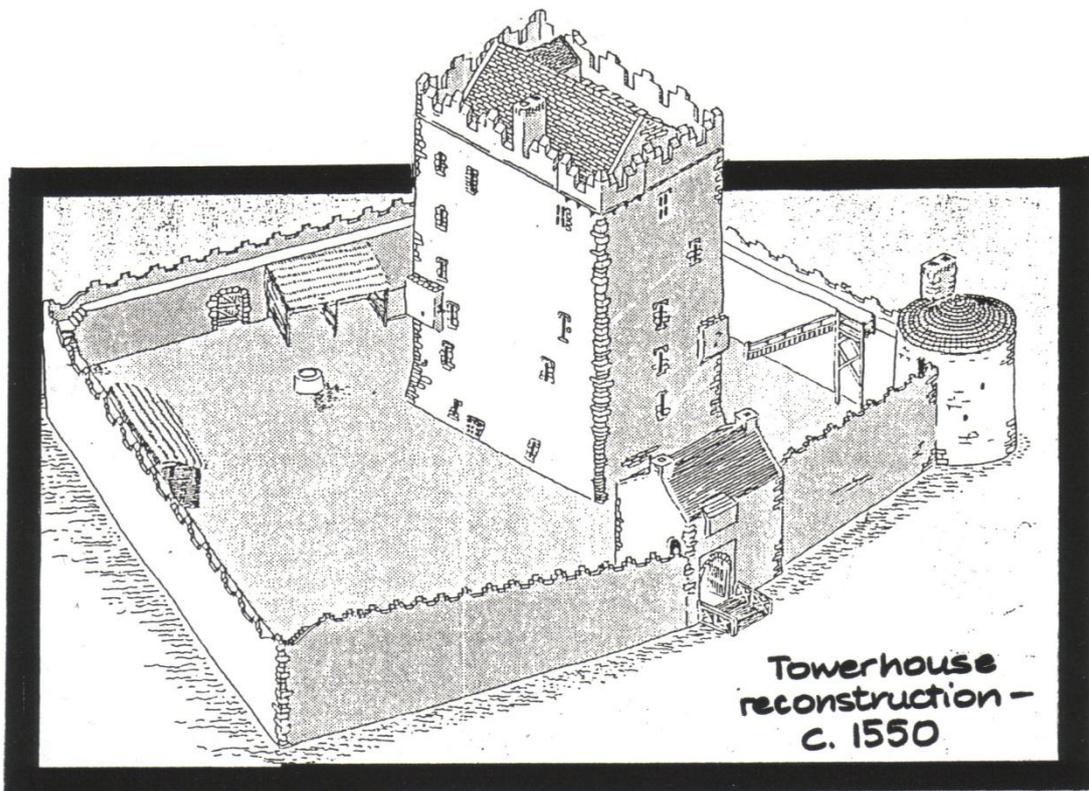
Go back out into the courtyard and look at the well:

1. How deep is the well now?

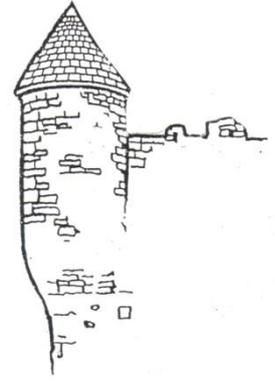
2. How does it operate? _____

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 16th 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? _____



The Sweathouse

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



What was the sweathouse used for?

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

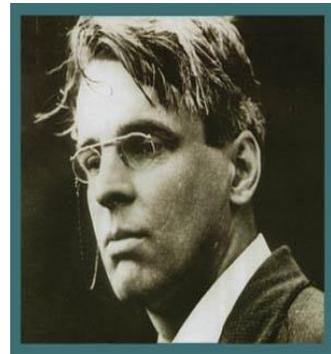


VIDEO:

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? _____



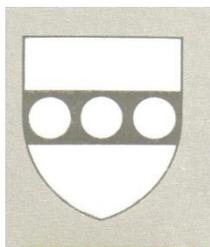
We call this his epitaph.

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.