



Explore 6,000 years of Irish Heritage overlooking the Mystical Beauty of Lough Gur Lake

Guided Tours | Modern Interpretive Centre | Folklore | Irish Heritage | Mystical Landscape | Prehistoric Site

Dating back to Neolithic times, with over 6,000 years of history, Lough Gur is a prehistoric site of renowned international importance. It is the only site in Ireland where the unbroken history of humankind- from the very beginning to the modern day- can be experienced. Home to over 1,000 ancient monuments, Lough Gur spans a five-kilometre radius and is home to Ireland's oldest and largest stone circle. Moreover, Lough Gur is also a protected sanctuary for wildlife, located amidst the sheer beauty of the Lough Gur lake waters.

Highlights of this truly special visit include:

- ❖ **Life in Ancient Ireland** | insights into the daily routines of people living on Lough Gur shore since 4,000BCE
- ❖ **Oldest Stone Circle in Ireland** | contemplate Neolithic life standing in the Oldest Stone Circle in Ireland
- ❖ **Historic Highlights** | Megalithic Wedge Tomb | New Church | Carraig Aille Stone Forts | Early Christian Heritage
- ❖ **Landscape** | tranquil | mystical | a landscape that recharges and transform your mind
- ❖ **Community Initiative** | Lough Gur Development is a non- profit community organisation
- ❖ **Conservation** | Lough Gur promotes, preserves and protects history | archaeology | folklore | environment
- ❖ **Protected Sanctuary** | for wildlife | Lough Gur lake waters
- ❖ **Modern Interpretive Centre** | Interactive multimedia exhibition | 6,000 years of archaeology and history
- ❖ **Audio Guided Tour** | immerse yourself in history and folklore while enjoying scenic trails and views

Lough Gur | Schedule of Experiences

Experiences	Short Description	Min/Max	Duration	Public Price Per Person
Self-guided visit of the Heritage Centre Exhibition Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Enjoy this interactive multimedia exhibition that brings to life over 6,000 years of archaeology and history ❖ The exhibition is suitable for all ages and brings the visitor on a journey through the history of Lough Gur starting during the Mesolithic Era, and progressing until the 19th century. 	Min: 1 Max: 30	Approx. 40 mins	€ 5
	Inclusions: Audio Guide, Trail Map			
Guided Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This is an outdoor tour starting at The Great Grange Stone Circle. ❖ A guide will take you to a number of sites within Lough Gur including Tempall Nua (15th Century Church), Giants Grave (Megalith Wedge Tomb), Carraig Aillse (5th Century Ring Forts) the lake front Bouchiers Castle, Bolin Island (Cranóg), Hangmans Rock ❖ End in the Heritage Centre where you can enjoy the exhibition. 	Min: 5 Max: 30	Approx. 2.5 hours	€:60 for a group of 1-3
	<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The outdoor part of the tour is approx. 1-hour 50mins ❖ Allow approx. 40 minutes in the Heritage Centre. ❖ Suitable walking shoes and outdoor clothing is recommended. 			€17: 4-10 pax
				€12: 11-19 pax
				€8: 20+ pax

Lough Gur | Experience Descriptions

Heritage Centre Exhibition | Self-guided Visit

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Guided Tour, followed by a visit of the Heritage Centre Exhibition

Join this fascinating guided tour for insights into the globally important site of Lough Gur that dates back to Neolithic times, with over 6,000 years of history, including over 1,000 ancient monuments and Ireland's oldest and largest stone circle. This is the only site in Ireland where the unbroken history of humankind- from the very beginning to the modern day- can be experienced. Walk in the footsteps of Ireland's first inhabitants and marvel at multiple highlights including the Megalithic Wedge Tomb, New Church, Bolin Island Cranóg, Carraig Aille Stone Forts, Early Christian Field Settlement and the Lough Gur viewing point. End with a visit of the Heritage Centre Exhibition.



Lough Gur | General Information

❖ For Bookings:

- T: + 353 61 385 186 | E: info@loughgur.com

❖ Availability:

- **April to October:**
 - Monday to Friday – 10am to 5pm
 - Saturday and Sunday – 12pm to 6pm
- **November to March:**
 - Monday to Friday – 10am to 4pm
 - Saturday and Sunday – 12pm to 4pm
- **Closed December 25th**

❖ Additional Information

- The Heritage Centre is wheelchair accessible.
- The Outdoor Guided Tour is not wheelchair accessible.
- The tour is suitable for people with average fitness levels.
- Weatherproof clothing and footwear suitable for walking recommended
- **Parking:** Full coach car park for up to 20 large coaches and car park close to the Lough Gur Heritage Centre
- **Snacks and drinks:** Coffee Dock and retail area are located in the Heritage Centre.

Heritage Trails - Explore the ancient wonders of Lough Gur

Numbers 1-15 correspond to the Lough Gur
ACOUSTIC GUIDES. These are available from the Heritage Centre.



SHORT WALKING TRAIL AG

- 1 The Heritage Centre
- 2 & 3 The Spectacles
- 4 Top of 110 Stone Steps
- 5 Viewing Point

STORIES BEHIND THE LANDSCAPE AG

(Numbers 6 - 15 relate to track order on AG)

- 6 The legend of Gearoid Iarla
- 7 The Golden Comb
- 8 Teampall Nua
- 9 The Laundry Girl
- 10 Young Aine's Curse
- 11 The Lady of the Lake
- 12 The Bouchier's of Lough Gur
- 13 The Farm by Lough Gur
- 14 Fer Fi King of the Fairies
- 15 Knockfennell, the hollow hill

POINTS OF INTEREST BY THE LAKE

- A Sissy O'Brien and 'The Farm by Lough Gur'
- B The Wishing Seat
- C The Limekiln
- D Archaeologists' commemoration stone
- E Car park excavations
- F Bouchier's Castle and the Earls of Desmond
- G Contemporary Lough Gur
- H Bolin Island Crannóg
- I The Pigeon House
- J Ash Point - The 'Rebel' Earl and Countess Eleanor

DRIVING TRAIL

- 1 Carraig Aille Ring Fort I
- 2 Carraig Aille Ring Fort II
- 3 The 'Giant's Grave' Megalithic Tomb
- 4 Neolithic Houses of Knockadoon and Black Castle
- 5 New Church - 'Teampall Nua'
- 6 The Mass Rock
- 7 Grange Stone Circle

Please take great care when climbing the 110 steep steps to the viewing point. Walkers travel at their own risk. Lough Gur Development operates the Lough Gur Heritage Centre and can not take responsibility for slips, trips or falls on the grounds outside of this building.




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