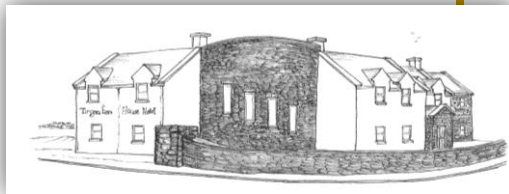


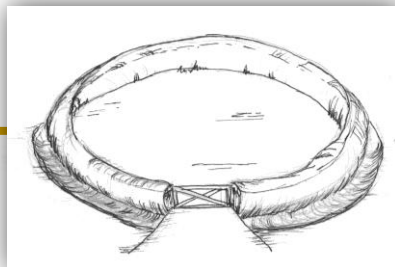
8 Tir Gan Ean House



Access the main road with Fisherstreet to the left and Roadford to the right.

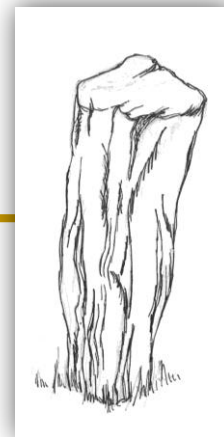
7 Ring Fort

Ringforts are small and usually circular enclosures formed by digging one or more fosses and piling the extracted earth to form a bank inside. Each structure would have been the homestead of just one family or group. The size and number of the banks area is a good indication of the status of the former inhabitants when compared with other local sites. Most of them date from the late Bronze Age or the early Christian period.



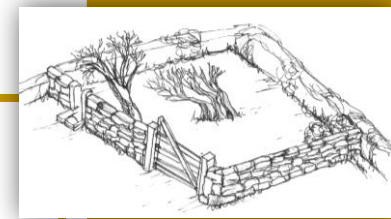
6 Standing Stone

Standing stones, also called menhirs or monoliths, are the most simple of megalithic monuments. Recent research into the age of the megaliths strongly suggest an origin of perhaps six to seven thousand years ago. Some standing stones were placed to mark burials, others were erected to mark boundaries or travel routes, but it may well have been ritual. While these are all uncertain, research has shown it is also likely that many uses involved fertility rites and seasonal cycles.



5 The Hay Haggard

When harvest time came, the hay had to be brought in from the fields to the hay haggard and stored by forming it into a hay-rike.

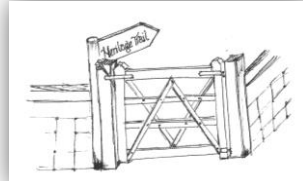


1 Ballyvara House

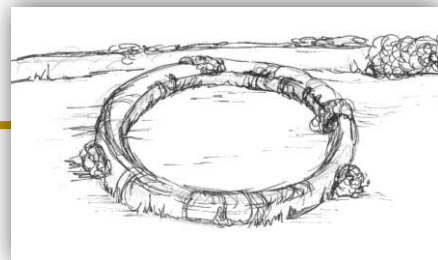


Ballyvara House is the original Flanagan Family home, once a 100+ year old thatched cottage, which has been transformed into present day Ballyvara House.

2 Heritage Trail

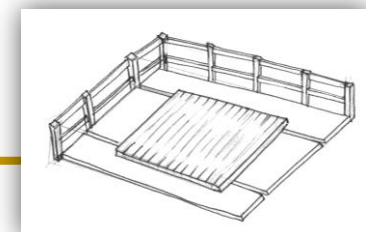


From Ballyvara House, the Heritage trail begins here. Doolin plays host to many historical landmarks and many of which are right here on our doorstep.



3 Ring Barrow

A Ring Barrow is essentially a mound of earth over one or more burials. They are more usually dated to the Bronze Age. There are many forms of barrow including ring, bowl, long and bell barrows. Ring barrows are formed by digging a circular trench or fosse around a central burial, with no mound.



4 Doolin Phosphate Mines

The Doolin Phosphate Mines were one of the largest mining operations ever undertaken in the history of the State. At the height of its operation in the mid 1940's almost 700 people were employed at these mines. It is said some 40,000 tons of phosphate was excavated through this mine shaft.



Ballyvara House Heritage Trail

HERITAGE TRAIL WALKING LOOP

Ballyvara House to Doolin Village via Heritage Trail & Return via Main Road 1.6km

