

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Carra

TOWN OR VILLAGE NONE PARISH Burriscarra & Ballintober COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

The parish's northern boundary runs within 5 miles to the south of Castlerea. In area the district is large - it stretches from 3 miles east of Lough Carra to the western slope of Bohann mountain. The parish's greatest length is from Cooaghreim on the west side of Bohann, to Ballyglass - a direct distance of 13 miles - approx. S.W. to N.E. Average N. to S. length is about 6 miles.

Three districts make up the parish in local knowledge. Killavally (previously Kilwalla) to the west; Ballintober (bale an tobair) in the middle, and Burriscarra (or Carracunnacra) to the east. There is no town or village.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

Veitch's Geological map shows that the western end of this parish adjoining Bohann mountain is mainly comprised of lower Silurian iron limestone - in the Palaeozoic division. A small isolated belt of Devonian - igneous rock, is situated on the western side of Bohann. On its eastern side is a belt of igneous formation - felsite and syenite.

Elsewhere the area is of limestone - a good part of it is peat-capped.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

None.

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proper, although at Ballyglass are a few shops and a Garda Barracks.

Scenically the area has attractive features. The north-west, north, and much of the eastern shore of Lough Carrig is in the parish and there is much tree growth along the lake ~~shores~~ which, with its small islets - Church Island, Castle Island etc. and older castles overlooking the water, makes a very pleasing local scene which may be viewed from any point of the shore but which can be fully enjoyed from the top of Castlebunke.

The woods of Carrigrohane, Clophra, and Gwentil also provide pleasant contrast to the undulating fields in the east and north east of the area.

The west of the parish is attractively rugged. Boham mountain (highest point 1294) runs through the parish here from N. to S. In the valley below it lie the smallish lakes Macoralea and Nageltia, and the Aille River. The main Ballinacorney/Westport runs through this valley and from its high points the scene may be enjoyed. A good view is had from the Yamine Graves at Tawnaghy just off above the main road at "Goat Hotel." From the graves the whole valley along Boham and the Partry mountains stretches into fine view. Lough Carrig and its western mountains, Lough Carrig and its wooded shores show to the south. Beneath is Lough Macoralea and Boham peak is directly opposite. To the north is Keptin more and its companion mountains, and north west is the Ose range. In new view east are the slopes of Slieve Hoew - elsewhere the view goes to the horizon.

"Goat Hotel" the best known name in the district on those around it - is the peculiar title of the fork in the road made by the junction of the Ballinacorney road with the main Ballinacorney/Westport route. The title is derived from the fact that goats found excellent feeding on the ^{scrub} ~~roof~~ of a tumbledown house at the road-fork.

Views of the Keek are obtainable whenever Boham does not block the goaf. A splendid view of the Holy mountain can be had from the road at Cuffertan. The pilgrims' path can be clearly seen.