

Corrib Connect

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Geographical Information relating to Lough Corrib

Turloughs, Springs and Lakes

Various **turloughs** also provide water to the lake. The principle ones are Turloch Mór and Turloch Corr on the eastern side of the lake.

Springs to the west and southern sides of Lough Corrib carry surplus water down hills from Moycullen by Carn Suí Finn to Leac Aimhréi "which shadows the upper lake opposite the romantic basin in which rest the island castle of Caisleán na Circe" (Hens' Castle) see wilde pg 5.

Lakes: Loch na Fuathaí empties into Lough Mask and produces picturesque cascades of water and is located behind and to the north-west of Mám. Ballyquirke lake (Baile Uí Chuiric) feeds water to Lough Corrib through underground passages and via a man-made canal.

General Layout of the Lake

In his book on the subject, William R Wilde suggests that Lough Corrib may be broadly divided into four portions.

(1) The upper or Conamara and Joyce Country portion from Mám to Dún (Wilde described it as 'placid and untenanted by islands save the bare rock on which the ancient Hen's Castle of the O'Conors and O'Flahertys stands').

(2) The narrow portion along Dubhros and Ceann Eibhir

(3) The middle portion made up of the broad "old lake" crowded with islands including a rocky narrow passage that starts below Inis Uí Chuinn (Inchaquin) that turns south by Knockferry and Coill Beag landing and opens opposite Port Darach.

(4) The fourth part is the free lower lake through which the lake's waters flow into the Rivers Corrib and Menlo and from there to Friar's Cut into Galway City. From there it flows along by the Spanish Arch out into Galway Bay (the Atlantic Ocean).