

HISTORY

Loughcrew is timeless. From the ancient Cairns dating back over 5,500 years the landscape here has held people spellbound. As the years passed marked by the annual Spring and Autumn Equinox captured in Cairn T the people changed too, from Pagan to Christian and new arrivals came.

Loughcrew Estate was originally home to the Plunkett Family of Norman descent and the Tower House attached to the Church was the birthplace of Ireland's last Saint, St Oliver Plunkett born on All Saints Day 1st November 1625 and canonised in 1975 after his death as a martyr at Tyburn on the 1st of July 1681.

After Cromwell's invasion the Plunkett family were dispossessed and a land grant of 180,000 acres was made to the well-connected Naper Family. In 1821 William Naper commissioned the English Neo-Classical Architect Charles Robert Cockrell to build a new stately home at Loughcrew, pictured below with the striking Ionic Portico.

Cursed to burn three times and not return, the last fire in 1964 completed the sequence when the main house burnt down. The remaining buildings were restored by Charles and Emily Naper in 1982 from the Orangery, Azalea House, Palm House and the Furnace Rooms and the Ionic Portico was re-erected, where it once stood proudly, now under a new name The Temple of the Rains.

Today Emily still owns Loughcrew and it is through the efforts of her and her late husband Charlie that the estate thrives today. Emily a descendent of Sir Francis Dashwood the founder of the original Hellfire Club displays the same creativity as her ancestors, from Gilding Schools to Opera and Adventure Centres to Music Festivals Loughcrew is always busy and Loughcrew House is the perfect setting for your special day.





WEDDINGS

Loughcrew House is a unique venue for your most memorable day. Our Wedding Co-ordinator and events team will work with you to deliver exactly what you want for your day.

We pride ourselves on attention to detail in designing and planning our bespoke events and in particular our Weddings. Our approved suppliers provide only the highest quality from menus to service and importantly this gives you more choice on style and price than a traditional Hotel Wedding.

This historic venue surrounded by 18th Century parkland provides an intimate and private experience like no other.

St Oliver Plunkett's Family Church proves very popular as a venue for Civil Ceremonies as do the many settings in the Gardens. The Stables Bar provides a beautiful setting for a drinks reception with the cairn topped hills of Loughcrew as a dramatic background.

The Livery Rooms in the Courtyard can seat up to 140 pax for Wedding Banquets.

We have space to add Marquees onto the Courtyard for larger capacities.

19th Century Bridal Suite in the main house.

Accommodations in the House and apartments for up to 30 guests.

Activities available on site for all age groups from Historical Tours to Adventure Centre and for the little ones the Loughcrew Fairy Trail.







WEDDINGS PACKAGES

CIVIL CEREMONIES

St Oliver Plunkett's Church is an approved venue for hosting Civil Ceremonies and can seat 140 pax. Getting married in the Saint's Church is said to give you a great start to married life...

WELCOME RECEPTIONS

The Courtyard hosts Welcome Receptions both indoors and outdoors where your guests can sip champagne on arrival.

WEDDING BANQUETS

Our approved catering specialists offer a great range of menus from formal dining to rustic themes to suit your tastes and budget.

BAR FACILITIES

Again a range of options we can assist you with from supplying your own to full cash bar our Wedding Co-ordinator will find the right combination for you.

EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATION

As well as the Bridal Suite the Courtyard can sleep up to 30 guests and staying over the day before your Wedding with your closest family and friends adds greatly to the occasion.

BESPOKE

We can source and supply a range of little extras to make your day that little bit different from Fire Eaters to Live Dove Releases, just let us know what tickles your fancy and we will get it for you.

Wedding Package prices available upon request.



ACCOMMODATION

EXCLUSIVE WHOLE HOUSE RENTAL.

Loughcrew House can sleep up to 17 guests with 4 double rooms, 4 twin rooms and 1 single room. The interior has been decorated with owner Emily Naper's great artistic flair with an emphasis on comfort and relaxation for all guests. There are many beautiful walks on the grounds including over to Lough Craobh the lake of branches where the area takes its name from, private garden and private tennis court. Digital TV and wireless internet are included.

THE STABLE LODGE.

Decorated for personal use by the owner this beautifully restored lodge sleeps 6 guests with 3

THE COURTYARD APARTMENT.

Modern open gallery self-contained apartment with two double bedrooms sleeps 4 guests.

And Finally.....

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Follow the Loughcrew Fairy Trail in the gardens and find the little people of Loughcrew you won't be the only guests that stay the night at Loughcrew!









