

St. Patrick in Ireland

Antrim: where St. Patrick was brought to after being kidnapped at age 16. Forced to work as a Shepherd for 6 years.

Croagh Patrick: St. Patrick fasted 40 days then climbed mountain, cast out snakes from Ireland

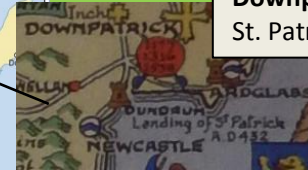
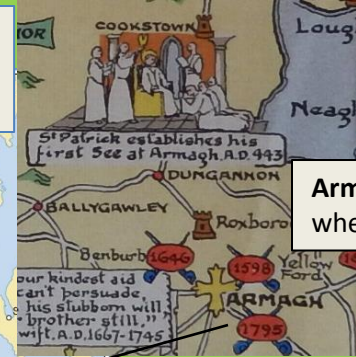
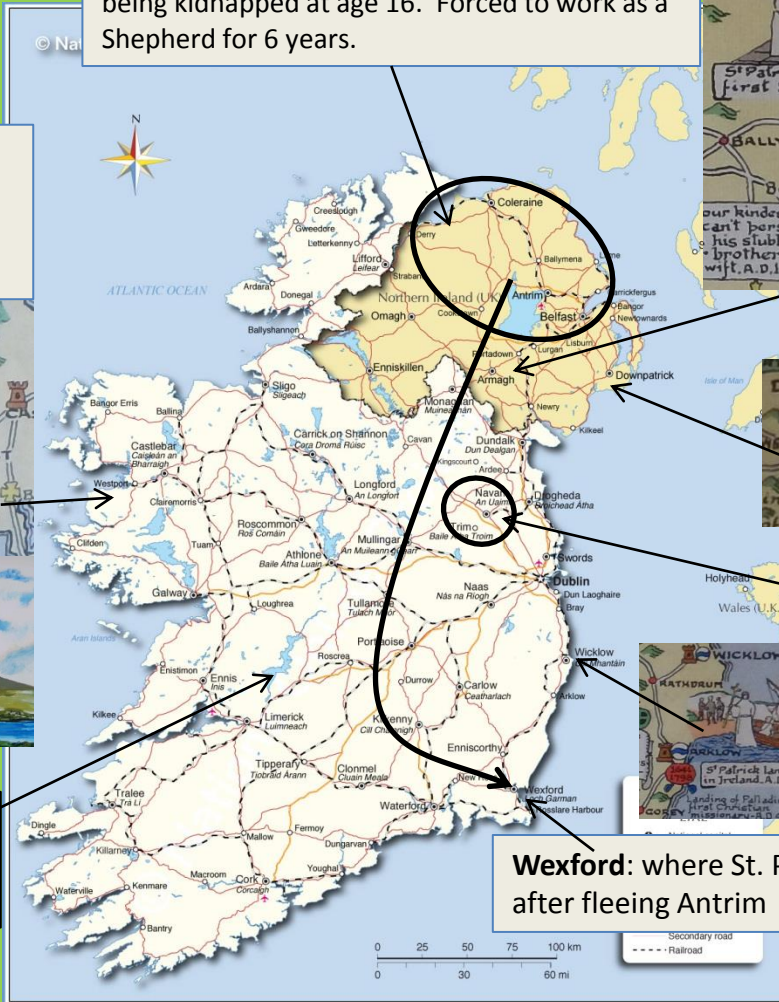
Armagh: where St. Patrick died

Downpatrick: where St. Patrick is buried

Hill of Tara / Slane: where St. Patrick first used 3 leaf clover to preach Christianity

Wexford: where St. Patrick left Ireland after fleeing Antrim

Lough Derg: St. Patrick kills monster water snake & water turns red



Long established tradition tells that St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire on this Hill of Slane in 433. In doing so, he unwittingly disobeyed King Laoghaire at nearby Tara.

The inevitable confrontation had a happy outcome: Laoghaire's druid, Erk, became a Christian (later, first Bishop of Slane) and the King was pacified.

The Easter Fire is still lighted, each year, on the Hill of Slane.

Saint Patrick in his own words:

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