

SM7 / DOWN 36:16

MONEYCARRAGH

"SAVAGE'S FORT": ENCLOSURE

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RATH

200 ft. + OD

CS 36; IG 240

Savage's Fort

J 3830 3944

On the top of a small drumlin to the W. of the county road with ground sloping steeply down to the W. and N. Set in pasture fields bounded by dry-stone walls hedged with quickthorn and whin. This is an oval platform rath divided by a S.W.-N.E. barbed wire fence that continues from either side of the platform as a stone wall field boundary. The interior is grass covered and slopes gently up to the N.E. to a small, low platform standing against the perimeter suggesting the possible presence of a building. There is a 5.0 m. wide, ramped entrance at the S.E which may be an enlarged original. The entrance is badly trampled by cattle which have also churned much of the interior S. of the fence. There is no perimeter bank and a tumbled, modern drystone wall, 0.7 m. wide by 0.7 m. high internally, runs from the E.-N.-S.W. The height of the platform above the field ranges from 2.0 m at the S. to 1.5 m at the N.E. The side of the platform is faced with a stone revetment which is probably modern and survives best at the E, while elsewhere it is much tumbled.

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SMR DOWN 36:16	Td MONEYCARRAGH	Type Enclosure	
A.No. 16 240.	Site Name SAVAGE'S FORT	Parish KILMEGAN	Alt 200'
IG	GR J 3830 3944	Barony	DC
OS			
NB			
Condition Substantial 02 remains	Threat 03 livestock	Check/Action	Schedule
Land use 36 Pasture.	Field boundaries Dry stone walls + 9 thorn + whin.		
Site description	Photos?		
<p>Oval interior quartered by barbed wire fence running E-S & continuing beyond the site as a stone wall field boundary. Grass covered pasture, slopes up NE to possible small & low platform. Ground fairly level. Surface to SE trampled mud. Wide, ramped entrance at SE does not look original. Hem of mature b'thorns. Tumbled low perimeter dry stone wall, highest at N, absent at S.E., modern.</p> <p>Exterior platform face revetted probably modern. Survives best at E, much tumbled elsewhere.</p> <p>On small, flat topped drumlin with ground sloping down steeply to W & N. Fair views of surrounding drumlins</p>			
OVER			
Visited by DH	Date of visit 14/12/92	SM.2	Input

WATERLOO

MONTECARLLO

DOWN ROAD

KILMAGUIR

SWANSEA FORT

Interior 38.5 m SE-NW

42.0 m NE-SW.

Perimeter wall 0.7 m at highest at N.

Platform

~~0.7~~ 0.7 m wide

2.0 m high at S

1.5 m high at E

Entrance at SE - 5.0 m wide

TD MONEYCARRAGH

CO DOWN

PARISH KILMEGAN

O.S. 36:16

Enclosure
Savage's Fort

200' +
A241'

1st Savage's Fort + double dot
Circle
2nd Savage's Fort + irregular plan
3rd }
4th }

Field Visits			Files
			Plans
Scheduled	Listed	State Care	Photos

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