

Castle Carra

Castle Carra is found on the shore of Lough Carra on the edge of Black Hole, the deepest part of the lake. It is located close to the Doon Peninsula.



It is a Norman Castle built in 13th Century by Adam De Staundun, an Anglo-Norman from Warwickshire who was allowed to build the castle by the then Chief of Connaught, De Burgo. The castle was held by the De Staundun family until the end of the 16th century.

A detailed description of the building can be found in the “Description of antiquities in Burriscarra and Ballintober from Irish Tourist Association Survey, 1945” which is available on the Mayo Library website:

<http://www.mayolibrary.ie/en/LocalStudies/IrishTouristAssociationSurvey/BurriscarraBallintober/Antiquities/PDFDocument,10535,en.pdf>

Also, information on the current condition of the castle can be found on this website in Muirne Lyons thesis titled “Tower Houses in the Carra Barony of County Mayo – A Condition Review”:

http://www.loughcarra.org/subject_content/archaeology/tower_houses_carra_barony.pdf