

Ireland's Lighthouses: Part 2



Clare Island, Co Mayo

A good run

In 1965, Clare Island lighthouse was decommissioned after a remarkable 169 years of service.



Loop Head, Co Clare

Light my fire

Records show that in 1627, the original light here was a fire on the roof of a stone cottage!



Valentia, Co Kerry

Fossil finds

Visible from the lighthouse are the 300 million-year old fossilised remains of a tetrapod, said to have stepped from water onto this very patch of land.



Ballycotton, Co Cork

A first & last

The first ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean completely under steam, the Sirius was wrecked at Ballycotton in 1847. The lighthouse was built as a result.



St John's, Co Down

Changing coats

Over time, St John's has been painted **three different ways**: all white, white with black stripes, and now yellow with black stripes.



Wicklow Head, Co Wicklow

A ghostly affair

The 109 steps to the kitchen are haunted by a headless woman, said to have been decapitated by a jealous boyfriend in the mid-19th century!

