

Lambay Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the coast of Co. Dublin

Area:

2.5km²

Wildlife:

grey seals, cattle, fallow deer
and wild red-necked wallabies

Interesting Fact:

The first Viking raid on Irish soil
took place on Lambay Island
in 795AD.

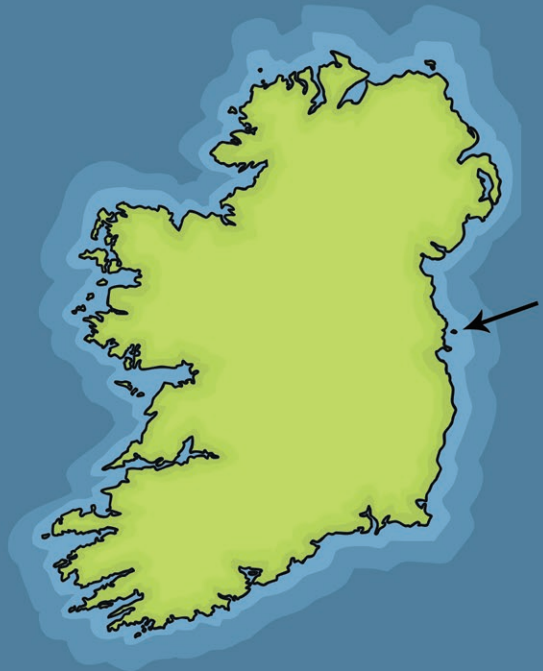


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Valentia Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the south-west coast of Co. Kerry

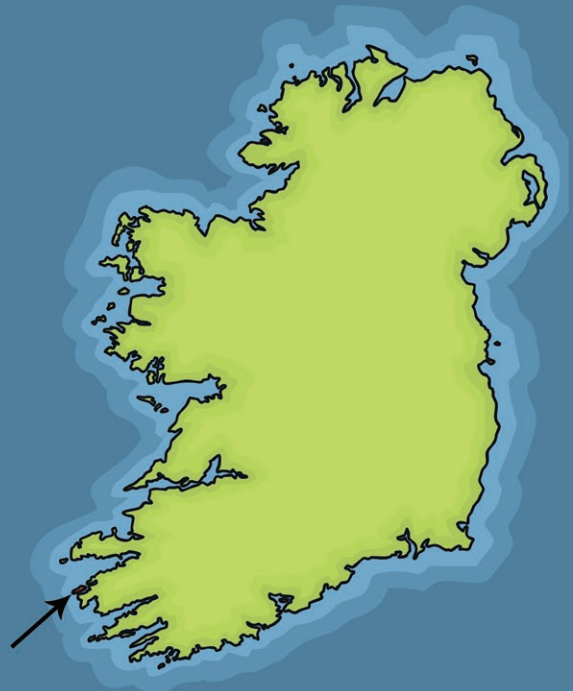
Area:

25.7km²

Interesting Facts:

- In 1866, the first permanent communications link between Europe and America was established on Valentia Island.
- There is a Met Éireann weather station on the island.

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Achill Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the coast of Co. Mayo

Area:

148km²

Interesting Facts:

- Achill Island is connected to the mainland by the Michael Davitt Bridge.
- A large percentage of the island is peat bog, nearly 86%!

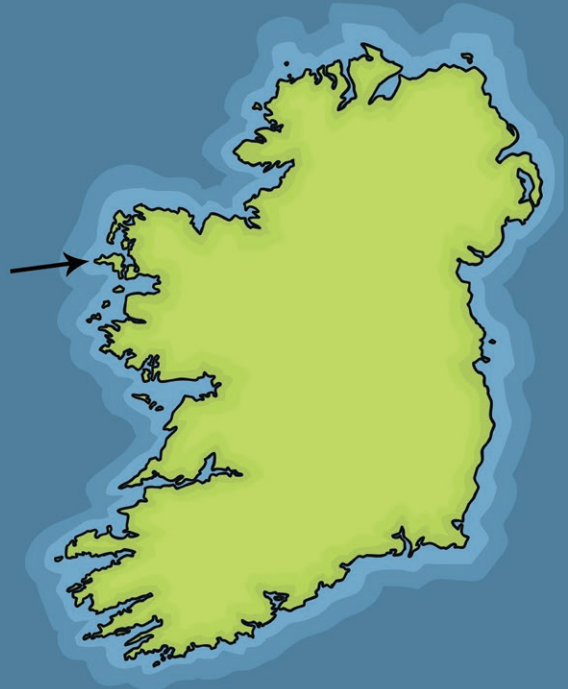


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Saltee Islands



Facts

Location:

Located off the coast of Co. Wexford

Area:

1.2km²

Interesting Facts:

- Two islands make up the Saltee Islands, Great Saltee and Little Saltee
- The islands are home to many wild birds including puffins.

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Aran Islands



Facts

Location:

Located at the mouth of Galway Bay

Three islands make up the Aran Islands:

1. Inis Mór (area 31km^2)
2. Inis Meáin (area 9km^2)
3. Inis Oirr (area 8km^2)

Interesting Fact:

The Aran Islands are a Gaeltacht area.

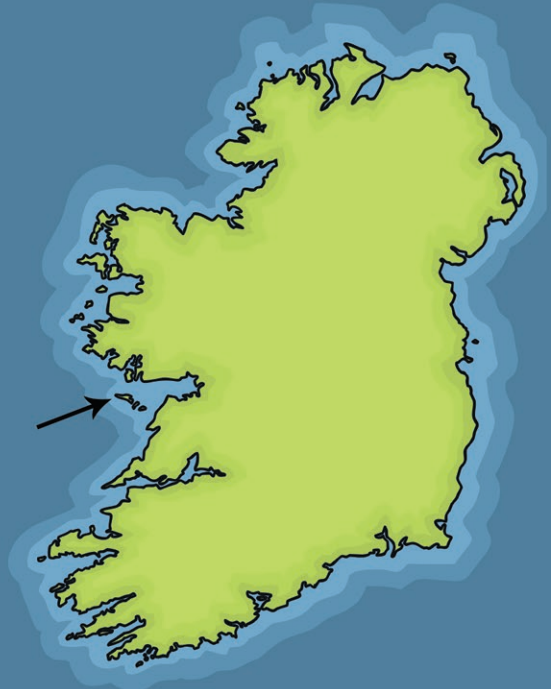


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Tory Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the coast of Co. Donegal

Area:

5km²

Interesting Facts:

- Tory Island is a Gaeltacht area.
- St. Colmcille founded a monastery on Tory Island in the 6th century.



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Blasket Islands



Facts

Location:

Located off the coast of Co. Kerry

Area:

5km²

Interesting Facts:

- In 1953, the last of the population of the islands left to live on the mainland.
- The northern island, Inis Tuasiceart, is known as the sleeping giant from its appearance from the east. Can you spot the sleeping giant in the photo?

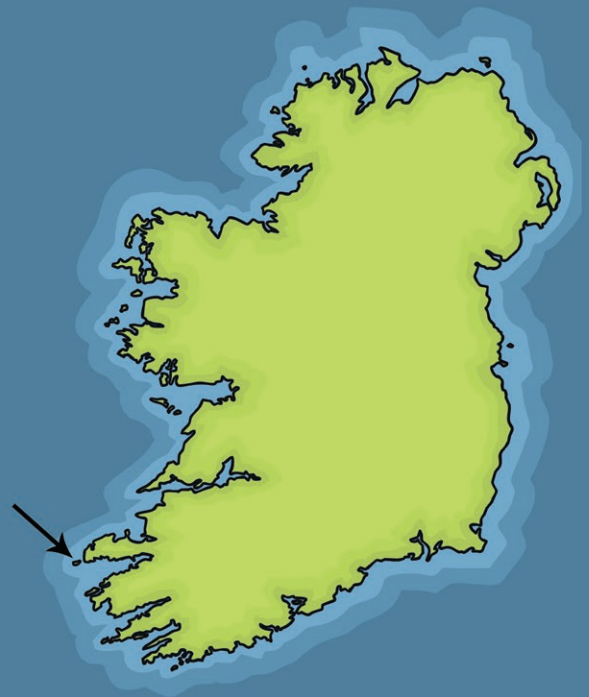


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Rathlin Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the coast of Co. Antrim

Population:

The population is slowly increasing on the island (approximately 140 people live there).

Interesting Facts:

- It is the most northerly point of Northern Ireland.
- There is a bird sanctuary on the island.

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Arranmore Island



Facts

Location:

Lies off the coast of Co. Donegal.

Area: 22 km²

Population: 529

Interesting Facts:

- There are seven lakes on the island and Arranmore's lakes are some of the only in Europe where rainbow trout breed naturally.
- Arranmore Island is twinned with Beaver Island, USA.

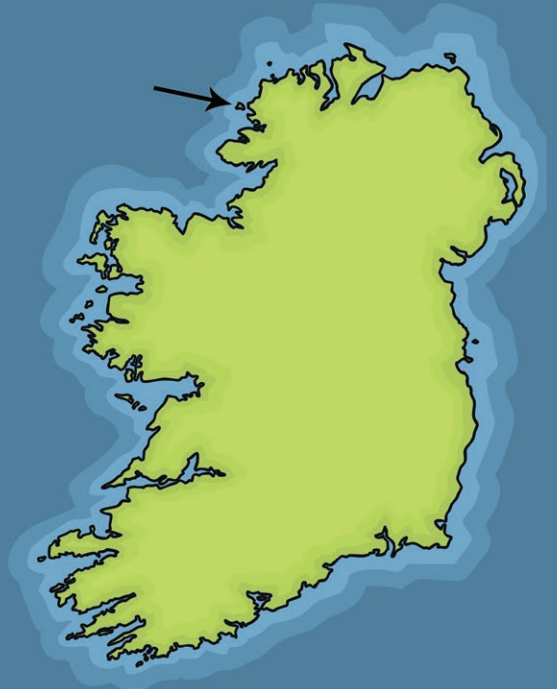


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