

The Nine Daughters Hole-Ballybunion

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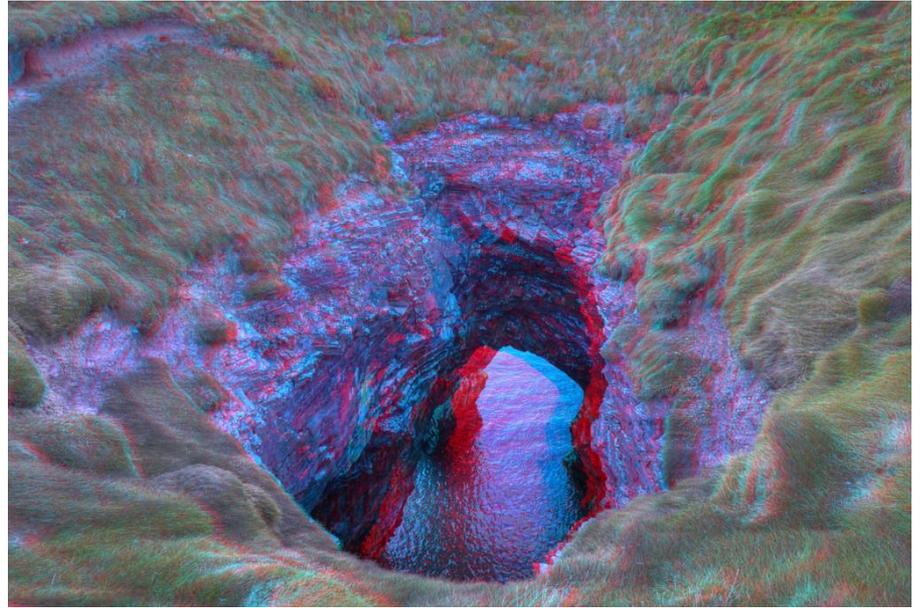
What is the Nine Daughters Hole?

The Nine Daughters Hole is a natural formation of a blowhole in the cliff around Ballybunion.



Where did it get its name?

The Nine Daughters' Hole got its name because of the vikings that sailed the coast of North Kerry , around the year 800 AD, and disembarked at InisLabrinde, at the mouth of the Cashen River, beside Ballybunion.



Who were the nine daughters?



According to a local legend a raiding party reached the old jail of Doon called Pookeenee Castle, where they came upon the nine daughters of the local Chieftain O'Connor. These are the nine Daughters that the rock formation in the Ballybunion cliff is named after.

Legends

There are two legends as to what happened to chieftain O'connor's daughters. The first one is that his daughters fell in love with the riving vikings and so he threw them in the blowhole one by one. It is said he threw Clara,Clare,Joanna and Lisa. Then he threw in Nicole,Sara and Rebecca who putup a struggle while crying. As his anger and sorrow grew in intensity, the chieftan looked at the last two daughters who were stood before him quivering and shaking, who were also his favourite daughters , he said “Live a life with Norsemen” “Never.Never.Never. I am the Chief of the tribes , you have given me no choice,no choice” and then he threw them to their deaths.

Why I chose this topic

I recently moved to west Limerick and I was interested in doing research on it's history. When i was looking for a historical topic i stumbled upon a page about a blowhole in Ballybunion called the Nine Daughters' Hole.

I wanted to talk about this topic because i was unaware of this magnificent rock formation and i was sure many others have not heard of it either. I always thought that there was nothing more to Ballybunion than the sea and sand and i was surprised when i found out about this formation that went unnoticed by most.