Ardboe Cross and Abbey

Ardboe Rd, County Tyrone, BT80 0HU

Welcome to Ardboe Cross, one of the tallest and oldest crosses in Ireland! It stands at about 18.5 feet high, overlooking the beautiful Lough Neagh. This special cross was made around the 10th century.

The Cross tells stories from both the Old and New Testaments in its carvings. You can see scenes like Adam and Eve, Daniel in the lions' den, along with stories about Jesus like his baptism. Even though it's very old and a little weather beaten, it is the only cross like this in Northern Ireland that's still in its original form.

This cross marks the spot where St. Colman built a monastery back in 590 and legend says this place got its name, which means "hill of the cow," from a magical cow that could make lots of milk!

When you visit, you can explore the old ruins and imagine the monks who lived here long ago. You can also take in the wonder of Lough Neagh and the beauty of God's creation. This is a perfect place for adventure and learning!

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