



## Tullamore Urban Fossil Trail

Ireland's Fossil Heritage has created a series of urban fossil trails that guide you to fossils in the buildings, paving stones and walls in several towns and cities across Ireland.

The Tullamore urban fossil trail begins at the Tullamore Court Office on Cormac Street and finishes at the Church of the Assumption on Harbour Street.

### Leave No Trace

We encourage all visitors to the outdoors, including fossil sites, to follow the principles of the Leave No Trace campaign. We strongly discourage hammering and removal of fresh rock samples! Many fossil sites, including sites in Ireland, have been irrevocably impacted by irresponsible fossil collection, resulting in the destruction and loss of our natural heritage. Instead "Leave What You Find" – aim to minimise your mark on the natural environment and leave the fossils there for the next visitor to enjoy.

### Find Out More

You can learn more about the fossils found on this trail and other Irish fossils on our website:

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**1. Tullamore Court Office**

- Starting at the Court Office, explore the paving stones beneath the sculpture to the back of the building. The grey limestone blocks contain crinoid fossils, individual ossicles and stem sections, and also brachiopod fossils. Crinoid ossicles are small circular plates shaped like polo mints (10 mm across or less). The brachiopod fossils can be recognised as white circles or semicircles.

**2. Offaly County Council Building**

- Walk north along Cormac Street to the County Council Building. The pillars along the footpath outside the building contain crinoids and brachiopods.

**3. O'Connor Square**

- Continue walking from here down High Street to O'Connor Square. The paving stones in the square are made of a dark grey limestone with white brachiopods, solitary and large colonial corals.

#### 4. Shopping Mall

- From the square continue along High Street onto Bridge Street and cross over to Columcille Street. The shopping mall on the right hand side of the street contains many fossils in it's façade mostly brachiopods.

#### 5. Church of the Assumption

- Continue along Columcille street and turn right onto Harbour Street. Stop at the Church of the Assumption and explore the building stones of the walls and pillars outside the church and the building stones of the church itself. There are some amazing brachiopod fossils exposed on the church building. There are also lots of crinoids fossils here.



Brachiopod on the walls of the Church



Colonial coral in O'Connor Square



Brachiopods and corals outside the Court Office



Crinoid fossils outside the county council building