



Sir Frank Crisp's rock garden at Friar Park, built from 1896

The garden at **Carrablagh House** lies on the cliffs of the Fanad peninsular. Established in the mid 19th century by the Hart family it became the home of the botanist Sir Henry Chichester Hart, author of the *Flora of County Donegal*. Mainly a woodland garden, paths meander between a thriving under-storey of shrubs. It also contains an extensive collection of southern hemisphere plants. The Kitchen Garden is fully maintained and the herbaceous borders are a feature.

Glenveagh Castle is set among rugged Donegal highlands, overlooking Lough Veagh. The gardens are laid out in many differing compartments, each lavishly filled with plants that enjoy the special climate, benefiting from the rhododendron and Scots pine shelter. Begun in the 1870s by Mrs Adair and lovingly expanded from 1937 by Henry McIlhenny, it is fully maintained as a haven for garden visitors. The colourful formal Walled Garden beside the castle provides a striking contrast to the informal planting elsewhere.



Pope in his grotto, early 18th century sketch by Kent

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