The hill fort is located in Glen Ding Wood via Naas Road. There is a designated walk leading through deciduous and coniferous forest to the hill top. The hill fort is named Rath Turtle Moat. In 1778 the estate was inherited by Wills Hill, Earl of Hillsborough, later the Marquis of Downshire. The house was never rebuilt.

A passage tomb, constructed over 2,000 years before their occupation.

This building was built around 1730 and used as offices of Blessington House. In the construction of this building.

The church was enlarged around 1800 and used by the landlord's agent who collected rents and looked after his affairs in the area.

The steam tram began operating in 1888.

This building dates from 1810. From here, tolls were collected for the main road which had been significantly improved by the third Marquis of Downshire. There is a view edge to the left of the building.

This building dates from 1830. The journey from Blessington to Terenure took 1 hour 30 mins.

This house dates from 1673 and belonged to Archbishop Boyle. The house was never rebuilt.

Welcome to Blessington, gateway to the valleys and mountains of West Wicklow. Blessington owes its origins to Michael Boyle, Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In 1667 he acquired a vast estate of over 17,000 acres and soon after founded the town of Blessington.

The first farmers in Ireland, known as noblefolk people (new stone age), left their mark on the area. A passage tomb on Scrut Mountain, near the town, was built over 5,000 years ago. Unfortunately it is not known where these people built their houses.

A hill fort, Rath Turtle Moat, in Glen Ding Wood just west of the town, testifies to early habitation and the area’s strategic importance. The fort was last used by the Vikings in the 11th century, but may have been constructed over 2,000 years before their occupation.

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