

OSI 1867, courtesy: TCD



The OPW

# PARADISE LOST

## LORD CHARLEMONT'S GARDEN AT MARINO



Paul Mellon Collection, Yale University

**12** The hobbit-like hermitage, sketched in 1816.

**Group visit:** groups wishing to follow the trail and visit Marino Institute of Education, must get permission in advance from MIE, see: [www.mie.ie](http://www.mie.ie)

**Visit the Casino:** for details about visiting the Casino, including opening hours, see the Casino's page on [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

**Disclaimer:** The OPW and Ingenious Ireland have made every effort to ensure that the information for this trail is correct, but we assume no responsibility for any errors or any hazards along the route. Users of the trail and audio guide are responsible for their own safety at all times.

**Credits:** Trail developed by Ingenious Ireland and Pat Liddy Walking Tours to accompany the Paradise Lost exhibition at the Casino in Marino · Exhibition curated by Dr Rose Anne White and Mary Heffernan · Audio guide produced by Ingenious Ireland · With thanks to Marino Institute of Education.

**Free audio guide and app**  
Download the MP3 audio guide and get the smartphone app, from [www.paradiselostexhibition.com](http://www.paradiselostexhibition.com)



National Library of Ireland

### OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST, NOT IN THE AUDIO

- 16** Former site of Marino House, Brian Road (above) In this photo, from around 1890, a Christian Brother stands in front of the house.
- 17** Marino Crescent – 'Spite Crescent' built in 1792, it blocked Charlemont's view of the sea.
- 18** Original site of the Dragon gates



[www.ingeniousireland.ie](http://www.ingeniousireland.ie)



[www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)

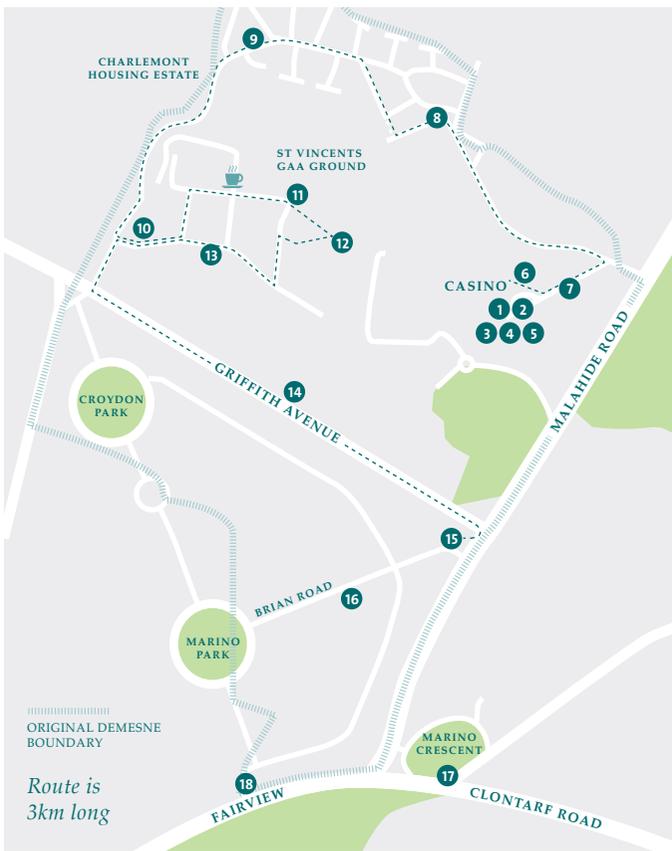
## Discover Paradise Lost!

In the 1750s, James Caulfeild, the 1st Earl of Charlemont, began creating a garden paradise at Marino. All that survives today is his beautiful Casino temple, and some tantalising traces of the original landscape. With this trail and audio guide, you can explore Charlemont's vanished demesne – you'll discover hidden tunnels, fantastic dragons, a rustic hermitage and even a walled garden where pineapples once grew in abundance.

### WALKING TRAIL AND AUDIO TOUR



[www.ParadiseLostExhibition.com](http://www.ParadiseLostExhibition.com)



**X** Points of interest, and corresponding audio tracks

## Paradise Found

Follow this trail to walk in Lord Charlemont's footsteps, and explore some of his original garden demesne at Marino.

This leaflet can be used on its own, and the trail takes about 40 minutes to walk. You can also download the accompanying MP3 audio guide, or the smartphone app (which comes with maps and images); allow about 90 minutes for the tour with the audio guide.

The café at Marino Institute of Education is open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.



**1 Introduction, the Casino**  
Welcome to Marino, which has its origins in an 18th-century miniature garden demesne.

**2 The Little House on the Hill, Casino front door**  
This temple, built in the 1760s by architect Sir William Chambers, is one of Europe's finest neoclassical buildings.



**3 Venus and the Apple, rear of the Casino**  
Statues of four gods adorn the Casino. In Cipriani's original design, Venus held the apple close.



**4 Secret Tunnels, the lawn to the southwest**  
Spot the gratings in the lawn – could this tunnel have gone 500 metres to Marino House?



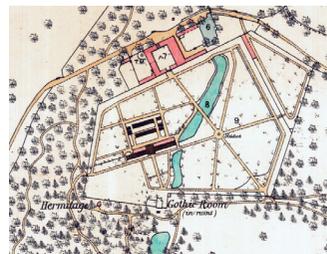
**5 Byron and Poor Nep, by the path to the gates**  
This poetic memorial may have been for a family pet, a dog called Neptune.



**6 Peacocks on the Lawn, at the line of trees**  
In 1782, Francis Wheatley painted this view here, complete with ornamental sheep.



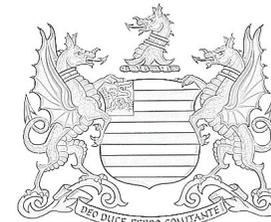
**7 The Law of the Garden, at the gate**  
Charlemont let people visit his garden... but probably only if they had a carriage!



**8 Plenty of Pineapples, St Vincent's GAA club**  
This was originally a large walled formal and kitchen garden, with hot house and accommodation.



**9 Charlemont: the man and the name, Charlemont housing estate**  
This modern estate was built in the 1990s on part of Charlemont's demesne.



**10 Mythical Dragons, entrance to Marino Institute of Education (MIE)**  
The wonderful dragon gates here carry the Caulfeild family crest in stone.



**11 Venerable Oak Trees, MIE, rear car park**  
Two 'rings of trees' here are in fact the remains of two individual oak trees from Charlemont's time.



**12 The Gothic Room and Hermitage, MIE by the graveyard**  
The ornamental Gothic room and rustic wooden hermitage were near here.



**13 A New Era at Marino, St Mary's, MIE**  
The Christian Brothers built their college here in 1900. It's said, the statue could be seen from Dublin Bay.



**14 Ireland's First Garden Suburb, Griffith Avenue**  
Marino housing estate was built around 1930 to relieve Dublin city's housing crisis.



**15 Milestones in History, Malahide Road**  
For nearly 70 years, from 1786, this was a toll road. A one-horse carriage had to pay 3d (three old pence).