

GALWAY - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	Lough Oorid Quarry
Other names used for site	Oorid Lough
IGH THEME	IGH6 Mineralogy
TOWNLAND(S)	Shannakeela
NEAREST TOWN/VILLAGE	Maam Cross
SIX INCH MAP NUMBER	58
ITM CO-ORDINATES	493255E 746317N
1:50,000 O.S. SHEET NO. 45	GSI BEDROCK 1:100,000 SHEET NO. 10

Outline Site Description

This is a small, abandoned, roadside quarry, on the northern side of Lough Oorid.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

The rock is part of the Streamstown Schist Formation within the Dalradian succession of Connemara.

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

Pegmatitic veins of quartz and cordierite with biotite and muscovite occur here. Crystals up to 2cm long of waxy green pinitised cordierite are noteworthy. They occur within the Streamstown schist Formation (Middle Dalradian) - part of the Connemara Metamorphic Complex.

Site Importance – County Geological Site; may be recommended for Geological NHA

The site is worthy of County Geological Site status but may be considered for NHA designation under the IGH6 Mineralogy theme.

Management/promotion issues

Vegetation is beginning to obscure faces and the minerals are far less obvious now than in the past.



The quarry at Lough Oorid, from the old road cut-off.



The quarry at Lough Oorid, looking southwest to the lough itself.

