

KILDARE - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	Rathcore Spring		
Other names used for site			
TOWNLAND(S)	Herbertstown		
NEAREST TOWN	Newbridge (An Droichead Nua)		
SIX INCH MAP NUMBER	23		
NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE	284360 213750 = E 844 138		
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Outline Site Description

A spring that feeds the part of the Grand Canal known as the Naas and Corbally Branch.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

N/A

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

This spring is situated approximately 3.5km east of Newbridge town at the terminus of the Naas and Corbally Branch of the Grand Canal. The source of the spring cannot be seen due to high levels of vegetation but the constant flow of water from this spring can be heard from the banks of the canal.

Site Importance

A significant spring site worthy of CGS status in the context of Kildare.

Management/promotion issues

This land is owned by CIE. Access is through two large locked gates. This is an aesthetically pleasing site with ruined harbour buildings along the east bank of the canal. The area around the canal and spring appears to be reasonably managed with no dumping observed. This site is also the beginning of a canal walkway, which extends as far as Naas town to the northeast.



Above: Panorama view of the terminus of the Naas and Corbally Branch of the Grand Canal with ruined harbour buildings in the background.
Left: Looking down the banks of the canal towards the location of Rathcore Spring.

Rathcore Spring

