UNESCO Global Geopark

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2001- The first Geopark in the United Kingdom

2007- Geopark expanded into West Fermanagh

2008 - Cavan/Fermanagh Partnership
This created the world’s first cross border Geopark

2015 - UNESCO Global Geopark title created
GEOPARK AREA – 2,333KM²
WHAT IS A GEOPARK?

The four features that are fundamental:

- Geological heritage of international value
- Management
- Visibility
- Networking
140 Geoparks
38 Nations
4 Cross-border
WHAT THIS MEANS…..

- An area of exceptional geology
- Sites of archaeological, ecological, historical and cultural significance
- A commitment to:
  a) sustainable development;
  b) benefiting the local economy;
  c) Education
- An accolade which is recognised and affiliated to UNESCO
- Status is reviewed every 4 years
WHAT THE GEOPARK DOES

• Tourism
• Sustainable Development
• Conservation
• Community Engagement
• Education & Training
• Geopark Networking
Cross – Border Collaboration

Joint Operational Committee
Councillors from both local authorities
Directors of Service
Geopark Manager

Oversight of Geopark

Geopark Management Team
Geopark staff
Area Engineer
Cavan & Fermanagh Tourism Officers
GSNI
Heritage Officers
MARBLE ARCH CAVES
CUILCAGH BOARDWALK
THE CALF-HOUSE DOLMEN
AMENITY AREAS

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AMENITY AREAS
Cycle Trails

Castle Archdale Forest
GEOLOGICAL SITES

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HERITAGE, CULTURE AND HISTORY