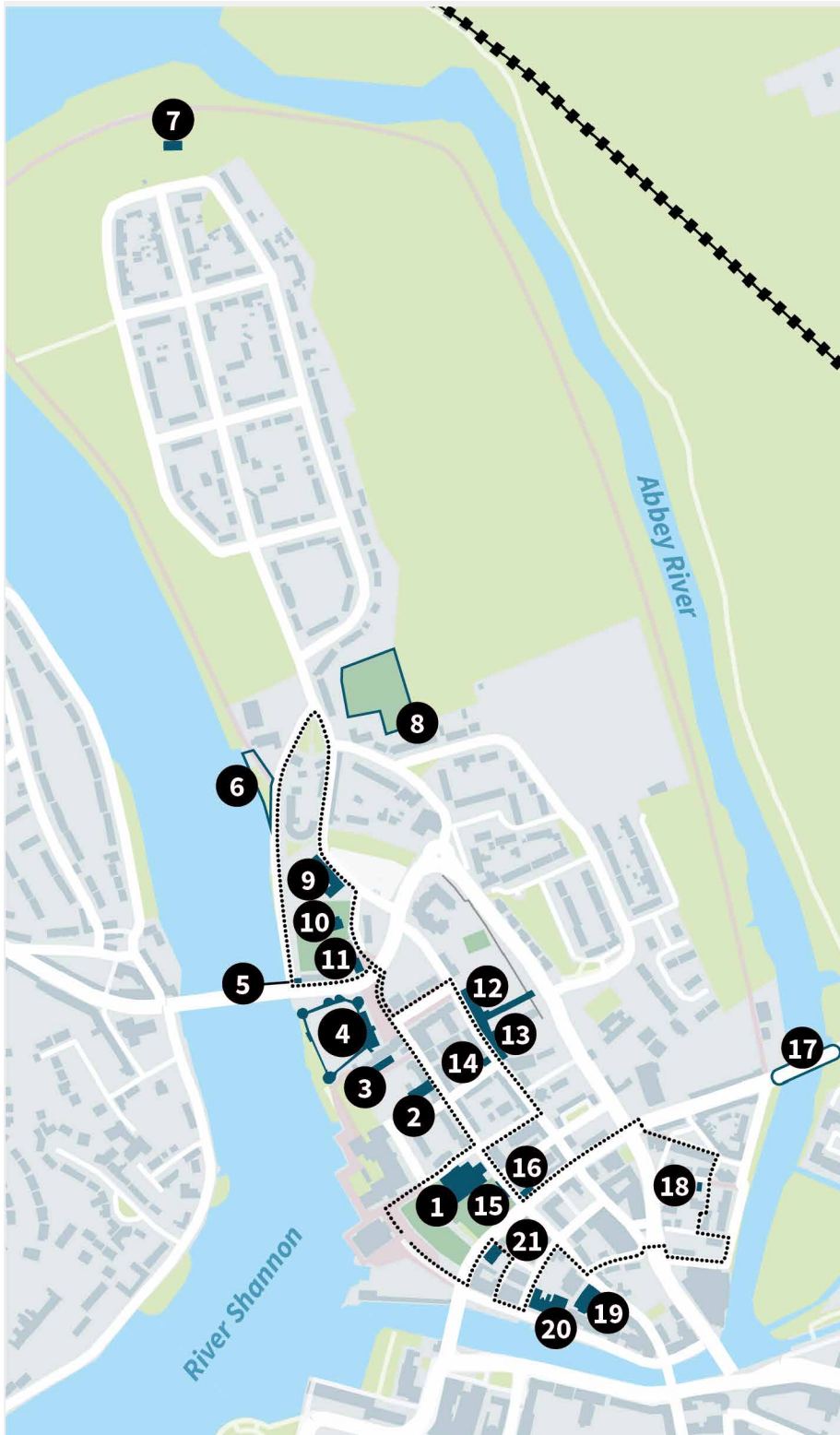




King's Island looped walking tour



If a place can be more than the sum of its parts, then King's Island is that place. Home to soldiers and citizens since 922; it has seen war, plague, expansion, trade and success. Medieval houses sit with Modernist schools, a cathedral built by a King sits with a hall built by fishermen. Fortifications and tourist centres, the one to keep visitors out the other to welcome them, in now sit in harmony. The increasing threats of flooding necessitate heightened river walls. But these same walls offer respite as well as protection; a break out plaza for people to greet the river during the longer days and calmer waters of summer.

Island residents build houses for pigeons showing love, care, imagination and craftsmanship. They linger in the time old fashion at their neighbours gate to catch up on 'the news' while the younger ones drive too fast and play music too loud; as it always was and always will be.

On Friday's, local brass bands practice in the cathedral yard. The ghosts of local all Ireland handball champions linger in the now forlorn handball alley.

1. Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street
2. Stix Leisure Centre, Nicholas Street
3. The Widows Alms Houses
4. King John's Castle, King's Island
5. The Toll House, Castle Street
6. Verdant Plaza, King's Island
7. Saint Mary's Park Handball Alley
8. King's Island Military Cemetery, Saint Ita's St.
9. Villiers Alms Houses, Old Dominick Street
10. Saint Munchin's Church (Church of Ireland), Church Street
11. The Bishop's Lady's House, Church Street
12. Saint Mary's National Schools, Bishop Street
13. Saint Mary's Girls National School
14. Corner Saint Francis Place and Bishop's St.
15. The Exchange, Nicholas Street, King's Island
16. Bourke House, Athlunkard Street
17. O'Dwyer's Bridge, Athlunkard Street
18. Clancy's Hut, Glue Yard Lane, King's Island
19. Saint Mary's Prize Band Hall, Mary Street
20. Limerick School of Art & Design, George's Quay
21. Old City Courthouse, Junction of Bridge Street and Courthouse Lane

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