SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MENTRIM LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001587

Mentrim Lough lies approximately 3km south-east of Drumcondra in Co. Meath. The site, which consists of low hills, ridges and marshy depressions, is part of the margin of the drumlin belt, the drumlins terminating to the south at the Kells moraine. The pattern of the drumlins reflects the course of the main glacial currents during the maximum glaciation.

In the north of the site is Mentrim Lough itself, by which grows Marsh Fern (*Thelypteris palustris*), a rare plant in Ireland and apparently becoming rarer.

The area is of regional importance as one of the best examples of the margin on the drumlin belt. The occurrence of Marsh Fern is of local botanical interest.

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