

A large-scale replica of an Iron-Age logboat, carved from a single oak trunk, is shown on a construction site. A man is kneeling beside it, working on the interior. The boat is long and narrow, with a smooth, curved hull. The background shows a construction area with various materials and equipment.

Knockferry launch of a replica Iron-Age Boat

Mark Griffiths working on the full scale replica of the 2,400 year old logboat.

The replica of a 2,400-year-old log boat, which still lies on the bottom of Lough Corrib, was launched on Saturday the 6th of July, 2019.

The prehistoric log boat, built from a single oak timber and some 7.5m long, 0.61m wide, and 0.4m deep, has been radiocarbon-dated to 754-409 BCE (over 2,400 years ago; the Iron Age). It has been partially excavated and recorded by Karl Brady of Ireland's National Monuments Service's Underwater Archaeology Unit.

The replica has been crafted by Mark Griffiths, as part of the Pallasboy Project, an international collaborative study established at University College Cork, investigating the crafting of prehistoric wooden objects and involving archaeologists, woodworkers, and artists. Griffiths has carved the replica from a single oak trunk, over a period of 18 days, at the Meitheal Mara community boatyard in Cork City, using a combination of replica prehistoric and modern tools. ■





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Hazel Morrison (Moycullen Heritage), Minister Sean Kyne (TD), and Dr. Paul Naessens (Archaeologist), at the launch.



Stephen Evans trying out the replica dugout canoe at Knockferry pier.