

Ard-Mhúsaem  
na hÉireann  
National Museum  
of Ireland

Turlough Park



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# Welcome to the National Museum of Ireland at Turlough Park

Set among the beautiful gardens of Turlough Park House in Co. Mayo, the Museum is home to Ireland's Folklife Collection. Immerse yourself in this rich collection of artefacts that celebrate the diversity of everyday life in Ireland, from country and village to town and city. Spread over four floors, the Museum at Turlough Park tells stories that are both familiar and surprising.



The National Museum at Turlough Park is set among 30 acres of lush woods, park and gardens. The Museum Collections and galleries are housed in contemporary buildings designed 2001, by the Office of Public Works. The site also features a Victorian Gothic house built in 1865 with outbuildings, ornamental glasshouses, terraces to a lake and a newly built playground. Enjoy the calmness of our Museum, a nature walk and afterwards a visit to our shop and cafe.

The Museum plays a vital role in collecting, curating, preserving, and showcasing some of the world's finest collections related to Ireland's rich heritage. Our work extends beyond our galleries, engaging with diverse communities near and far, as well as with schools, academics, and researchers.

We host events, workshops, and activities year-round that celebrate our Collections and culture. Whether exploring interactive displays, attending talks, or participating in workshops, there is something for everyone. Check out our website for upcoming events or visit the Museum Reception for more information.



Turlough Park is one of four National Museum of Ireland locations in Co. Mayo and Dublin. The Museum contributes to the collective memory and identity of people with Irish connections locally, nationally, and internationally.



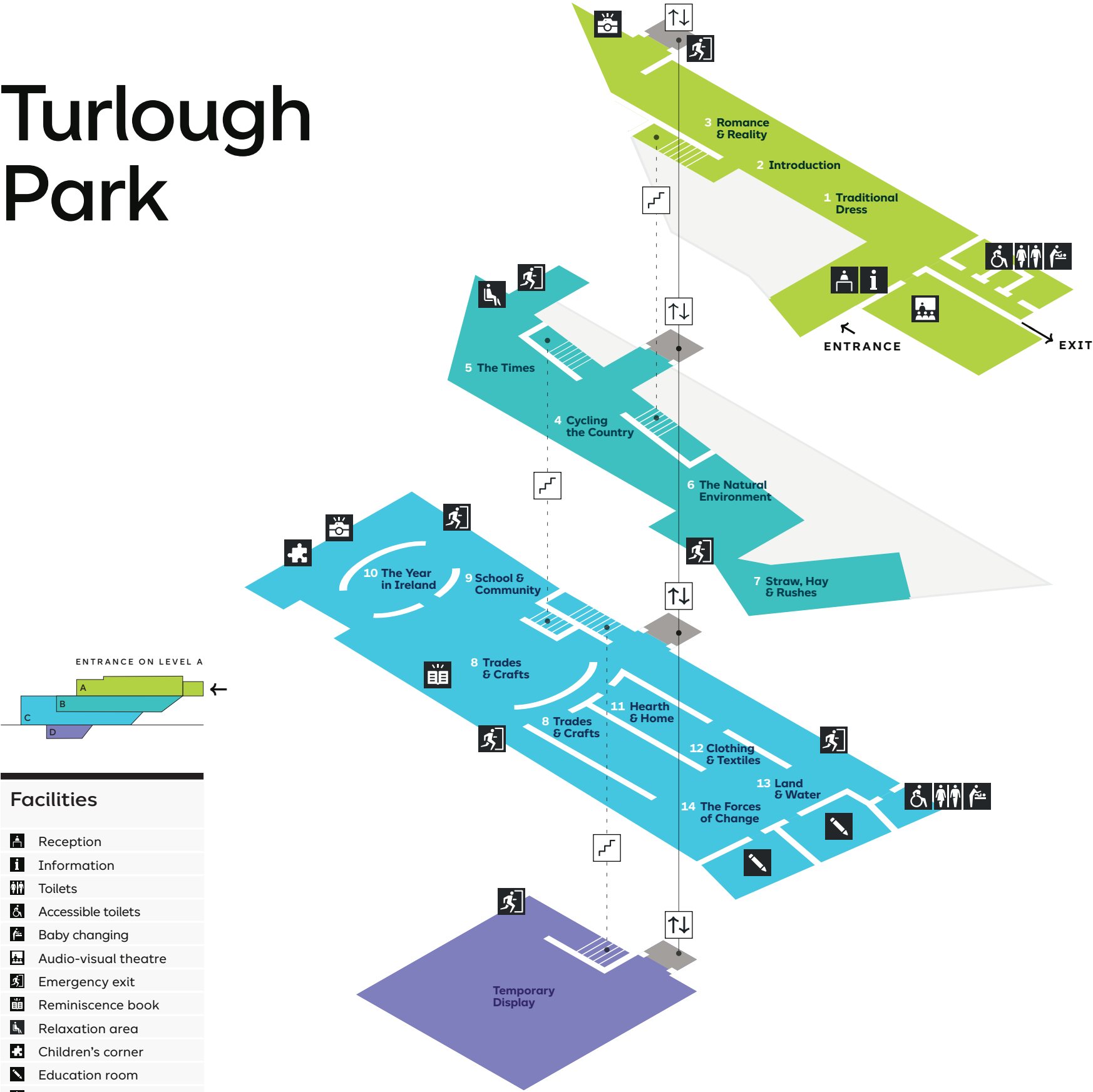
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### Traditional Dress & Introduction

AREA 1 & 2

An introduction to the Folk-life collection with a display of clothing worn in 1937, on the Aran Islands, off the coast of Co. Galway.




Thatching bobbins.  
F:1968.332

### Romance & Reality

AREA 3

We sometimes imagine the past as a simpler and romantic time, but the reality was very different. The harshness of the living conditions, poverty and hunger were also part of our past.




Burden rope.  
F:1955.103

### Cycling the Country

AREA 4

Trace the history and development of the modern bicycle as it became the main mode of transport in Ireland until motor cars became affordable.



Bicycle.  
F:2011.3

### The Times

AREA 5

See how political movements and sweeping social changes transformed the country between 1850 and 1950.




Clay smoking pipe.  
F:1954.31

### The Natural Environment

AREA 6

For many, life in rural Ireland was determined by the natural resources in the local landscape. Abundancy and scarcity dictated what you used to build and furnish your home.




Wicker crib.  
F:1957.100

### Straw, Hay & Rushes

AREA 7

Discover the ingenuity and craftsmanship of people who used these natural materials to create everyday items for use in the home and on the farm. Straw and rushes were a cheaper substitute for hardwoods and leather.



Rush hat.  
F:1964.68

### Trades & Crafts

AREA 8

Many of the everyday objects were made in the home by men and women but every community still relied on the specialist knowledge of local craftspeople. Explore their tools and skills.

### School & Community

AREA 9

Compare your schooldays and listen to some of the school lessons of old.

### The Year in Ireland

AREA 10

Divided into the four seasons, explore how Irish communities celebrated the festivals and customs of the calendar year with a special focus on the start of each season.




St Brigid's cross.  
F:1942.183

### Hearth & Home

AREA 11

Step inside a traditional Irish home and listen to traditional music at the fireside. See the objects used for cooking, cleaning, washing and the household furniture.




Paraffin lamp.  
F:1942.154

### Clothing & Textiles

AREA 12

View some of the clothes, usually made by women for themselves and their families from the sheep fleece to finished garments.



Aran jumper.  
F:1942.1899

### Land & Water

AREA 13

See how farmers and fishermen toiled the land and fished our coastal and inland waters to feed and sustain themselves and their families.



Sheep feeder.  
F:1964.32


### The Forces of Change

AREA 14

Money, industry, machines and a move away from farming the land. Listen to interviews about how life changed in 1950s Ireland.

### Visitor Information

For information on current and upcoming exhibitions, scan this code.





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## Opening hours

Sunday & Monday: 13:00 – 17:00

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 – 17:00

Everyone is welcome and admission  
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