

# WELCOME TO BLACKROCK CASTLE OBSERVATORY

## Before Your Visit

- To pre-book your tickets, you can book online, call us at 021-4326120, or email [info@bco.ie](mailto:info@bco.ie)
- If you're getting a "walk-in" ticket, you can get this at reception.
- On some days, there may be no walk-in tickets available.
- You must collect either kind of ticket from our reception

## Getting Here

- The Eircode for the Castle is T12 YW52. There is more information for all routes on our website, [tinyurl.com/BCOGettingHere](http://tinyurl.com/BCOGettingHere)
- If you are coming by car, we have a car park directly outside the front gate of the Observatory for drivers with disabilities. There is another bigger car park down the hill to the East.
- If you're coming by bus, the route that stops closest to the castle is the 212. You will need to get off at Ferney Rd, Stop 234041. After that, it's 500 meters or a walk for approximately 5 minutes to the observatory.



**Reception**



**BCO Entrance and  
Car Park**



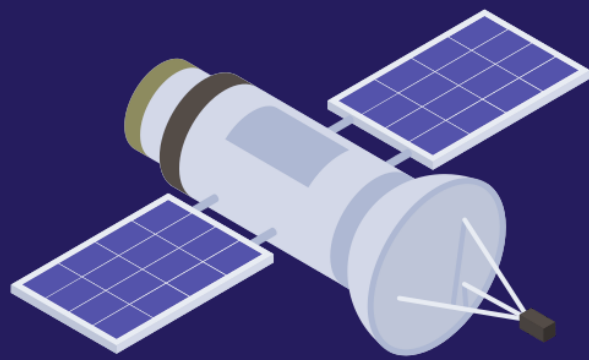
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## During Your Visit

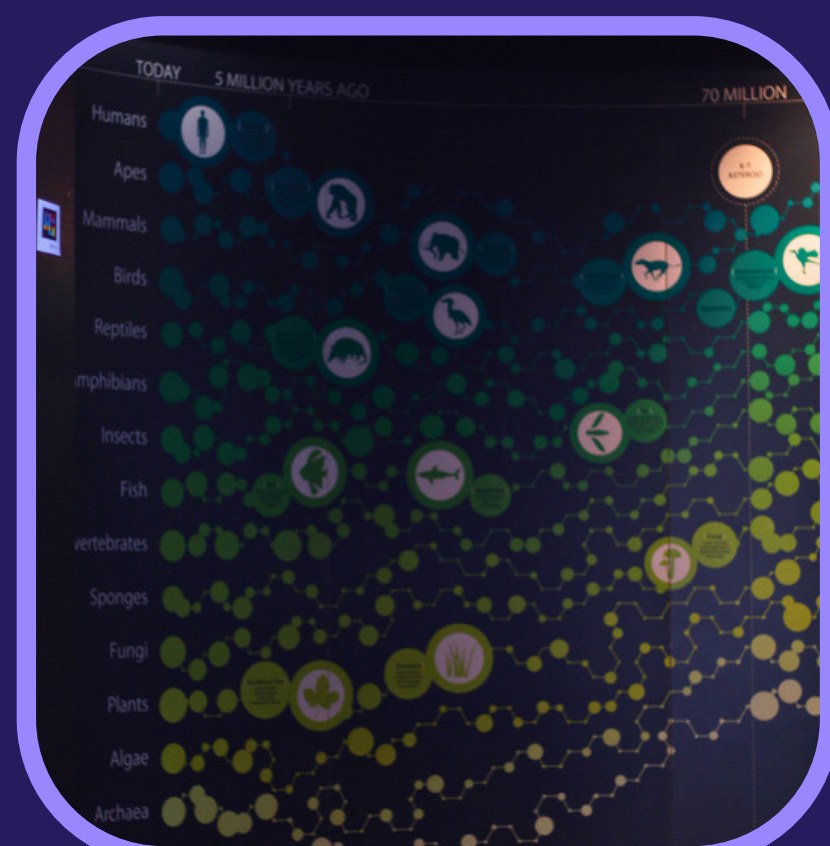
- Sometimes the tour won't start straight away. If that happens, you can walk around the exhibit until the start time.
- To get in, you will need to get someone to open the door. To get out of that same door, there is a sensor that you can wave at to open the door.
- The toilets are just inside the exhibit entrance. We have a disabled toilet as well as men's and women's toilets.
- The exhibition includes many different elements:
  - Written information,
  - Videos,
  - Audio,
  - Tactile Models,
  - Interactive Screens,
  - ★ ◦ Photographs, illustrations, and other visuals
- Due to the nature of the building, sometimes there is a significant amount of audio spill. If you have audio processing issues, we recommend bringing earplugs, headphones, or defenders to make your visit more comfortable. ★



**The Front Door**



**The Toilets**



**The Start of the Exhibit**



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## The Tour

- Our tours run at:
  - 2pm, and 4pm during weekdays
  - 11am, 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm during weekends and bank holidays.
- Our tour guide will take you through the exhibit, as well as up to the tower and down to the gunnery. The tour can start with either the star tour or the guided tour.
- ★ The history tour starts by the fireplace, the star tour starts at the end of the exhibition.
- The stairs to the tower and dungeon are very narrow and uneven. There are 100 steps to climb and the roof is low.
- If you have any questions for your tour guide, you will have a chance to ask.
- If part of the tour seems like it could be too much for you, please let your guide know! They will not mind.
- ★ If the weather is bad, the top of the tour remains open. Prepare for bad weather appropriately. That part of the tour is only cancelled in extreme weather.



**Interactive Screen**



**Star Show**



**Tower and Dungeon Entrance**





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## The Gift Shop and Café

- The Gift Shop is in the Reception Area, you can visit before or after your tour.
- The café is completely separate from the castle. It is also closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, so if you want to tie a visit in with lunch, please keep that in mind. You can contact the café at +35321 435 7911
- There are picnic benches outside the Observatory that you are welcome to use on the days the café is closed, but only on the observatory side. Those tables are only for the café when the café is open.



Gift Shop



Café



Benches

