



# Social Story

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND – COUNTRY LIFE,  
 TURLOUGH PARK, CASTLEBAR, CO MAYO

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Country Life

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Museums keep and display objects that tell us about people's lives. The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life displays objects that were made and used in everyday life in the past.



The Museum is on the grounds of Turlough Park. This is the main entrance gate.



People come to Turlough Park to visit the Museum and to walk around the grounds.



Some people might bring a picnic to enjoy if the weather is fine.



There is also a playground onsite.



If you arrive by car to Turlough Park you will park in the car park.



It's a short walk to the Museum buildings.

On the way, you can see a sign that shows a map of the grounds.



The first building you will see is Turlough Park House. The Fitzgerald family lived in this house a long time ago.



There are Museum offices in the upstairs rooms now.

You can visit the downstairs area of the House by going in the front entrance with the brown door.



There are three rooms to see on the ground floor of the House.

This is a photo of the Entrance Hall.



To the right of the main House is the Museum Shop.



The archway will take you to the Museum Café. You can sit outside if the weather is fine. There are also tables inside.



There are public toilets in the courtyard on each side of the archway.



If you walk past the front of the House you will see the Museum Galleries at the back.



This is the main entrance to the Museum Galleries. You can push the door if it is not already open.



Throughout the Museum Galleries, there is background music with wildlife noises. It can seem noisy sometimes.

If you want, you can bring your ear defenders to wear inside, or maybe bring your fidget.

You will come in to the Museum on Level A. The Museum has four floors and lots of space but sometimes there can be crowds.



This is the Reception Desk where you will be welcomed to the Museum by one of the staff.

The Museum Galleries staff wear navy blue uniforms and a lanyard with their picture and name. The staff are very friendly and can help you find your way around the Museum.





To the right of the Reception Desk are double doors that lead to the public toilets.



There is also an Audio-Visual room where you can watch a video about the Museum. It is dark in this room and the video has a soundtrack, so you may decide not to go into this room.





The four floors of the Museum have objects on display. If one part of the Museum is busy you can easily go to a different floor where there are less people.

This is Level A, the same level where you walked in.

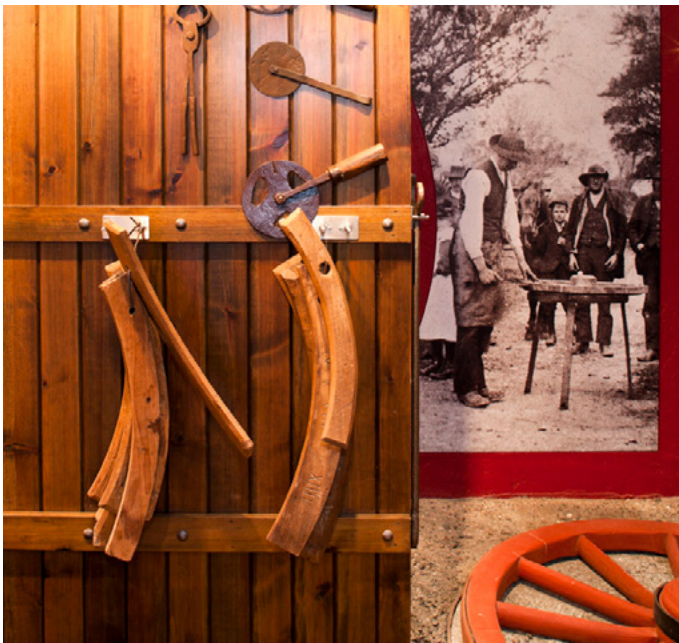


You can go down the stairs or take the lift to the lower levels. They are called Level B, Level C, and Level D.



This is Level B. Some of the objects on display are behind glass. Some other objects are on open display.

We ask everyone to not touch the objects. This is because we want to protect them, to make sure they are always here for everyone to see.



If you go down the stairs or lift again, you will get to Level C.

This is the largest floor in the Museum. There are lots of different areas and spaces, and lots of things to see.

Here are some of the things you can see on Level C.

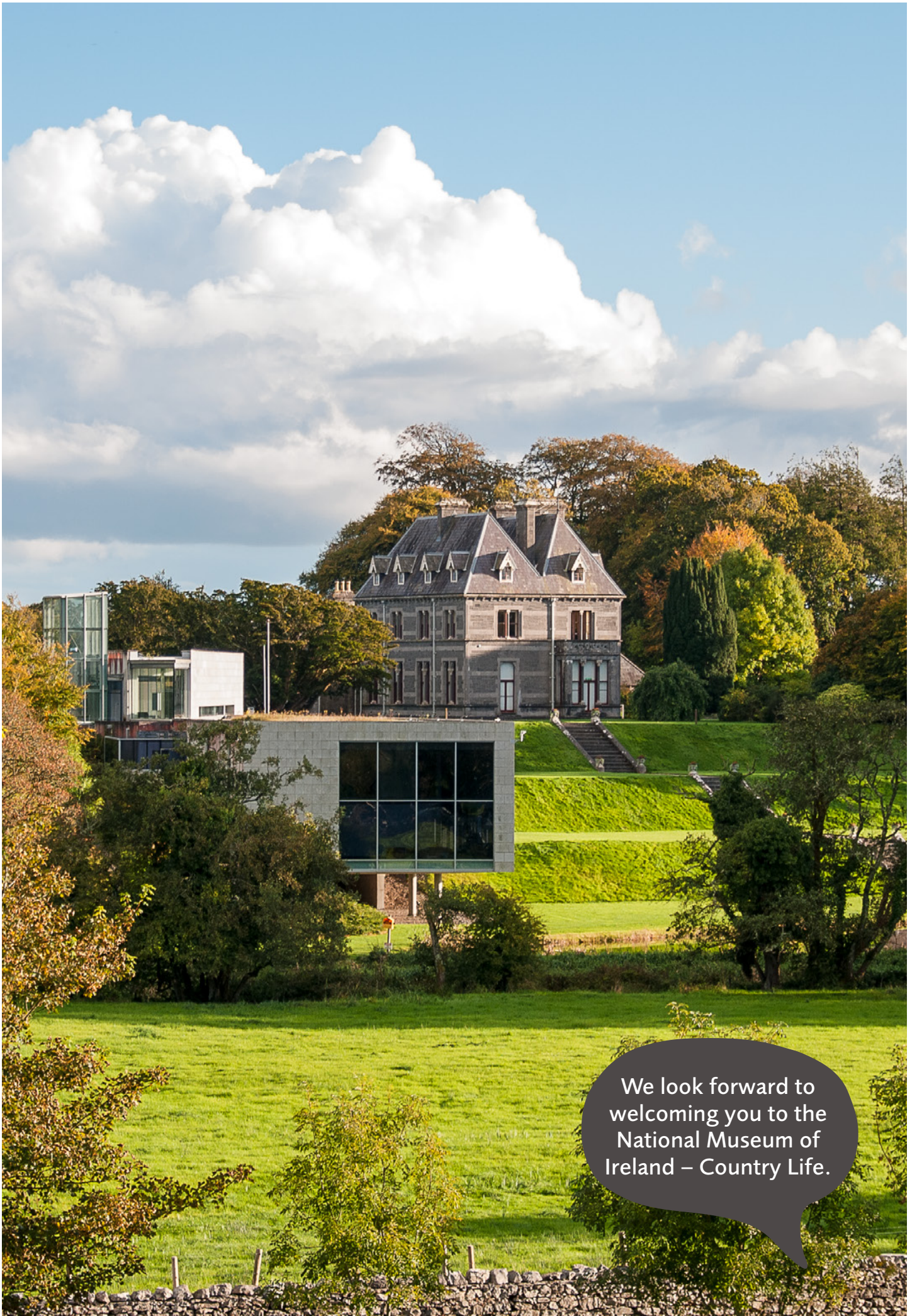


The next floor down is Level D.

This is our space for exhibitions that are on display for a short time. That means each time you visit there might be something new to see on this level.



To leave the Museum you go out the same doors that you came in. That means you need to take the stairs or the lift up to Level A.



We look forward to welcoming you to the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life.

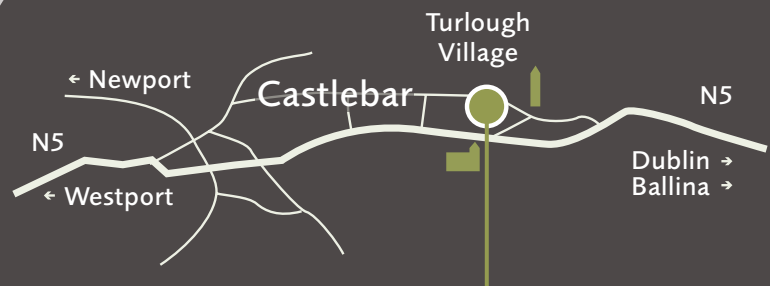
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NMI - Decorative Arts & History,  
Collins Barracks, Dublin 7

NMI - Natural History,  
Merrion Street, Dublin 2



### Opening Hours

Sunday & Monday 1pm - 5pm  
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Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day

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