



Inside the Visitor Centre Building - Cliffs Exhibition

The Cliffs Exhibition can be reached from the Ground Floor. The entrance is to the right as you enter the building between the toilet corridor and the small official merchandise gift shop. You enter via a ramp that runs from the Ground Floor to the First Floor and provides access to the exhibition area which include the dome floor, the caving corridor and the Ledge cinema theatre. The exhibition area is fully wheelchair accessible.

Inside the dome floor you will find lots of different things like touch screen panels, story boards and a kids play area with a submarine & mermaid game. The exhibits give information about how the Cliffs were formed, the geology, the seabirds and other wildlife and the story of humans at the Cliffs over the years. There is also a movie called the Clare Journey which lasts just over 10 minutes that shows an aerial tour of County Clare set to music. There is no spoken part of this movie. There are some wooden steps that act as seating in front the large Clare Journey screen if you want to stop and enjoy the movie. It runs on a continuous loop.



The Ledge

If you following ramp you will find a corridor to the left that leads through the cave area to the Ledge Theatre. The cave area has images of cave systems around North Clare and sometimes art or photography exhibitions. The Ledge Theatre is through the door at the end of this section. It is a large audiovisual theatre. There is room for wheelchair users to come to the front and many visitors also like to stand near the front to get the full impact of the movie. There is a drop from the front of the theatre down onto the floor screen so be careful as you approach. There is also some benches for people who prefer to sit. The movie is a virtual reality adventure and follows different creatures on their journey all over the cliff face and below the water. Some people find the motion of the screen makes them feel a little dizzy and if this is the case it is better to move further away from the screens as this will reduce the overall effect. Lighting in the theatre are low so allow time when you enter for your eyes to adjust. The exit is on the other side of the back wall from the entrance. Hearing aid loops (induction loops) are in operation in the Ledge theatre. The Ledge is just over 4 minutes long and it is on a continuous loop. Watch it as many times as you like. When you exit the theatre you return to the ramp and can continue to the top to exit the Cliffs Exhibition. This will bring you to the first floor of the visitor centre building.

