



## Discovery Tour (Guided or Self-Guided Options Available)

Suitable from 1<sup>st</sup> class and above

At Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre your class will enter a world of fun-filled exploration. There will be no time to be bored as they encounter rivers, waterfalls, a lake, a 17th century castle, the famous Great Telescope, the historic Science Centre, Ireland's Tallest Treehouse and an epic bouncy pillow. Take your little explorers on a journey like no other, through history, science and fun!

Our Discovery Tour is suitable for 1<sup>st</sup> class and above and teaches children about the history of Birr Castle and The Great Telescope.

The tour takes one hour excluding breaks and as such is designed to fit into your school day. The programme consists of:

- A self-guided or guided tour of the science galleries of Birr Castle Demesne including information on the great telescope and the Parsons family.
- A visit to the great telescope in the grounds which dates back to 1845
- A visit to the award-winning gardens
- Access to the treehouse adventure area and bouncy pillow

The cost of the visit is €5.00 Per child with all teachers free of charge. For a guided tour, there is an additional charge of €25.00 for the guide. Maximum 25 children per one guide. Additional guides can be booked for large groups. Pre booking is essential.

Activities will be guided by a member of staff, but teachers are responsible for the supervision and safety of children so please bring enough adults to ensure adequate supervision of your group at all times. There must be a minimum of two adults with each class group. Staff will not be present during the lunch break which will be taken outside in the playground area. School Tours must be covered by school's insurance. Coach Parking available along castle walls.

For bookings contact Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre at

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