

NATIONAL PARK · ICELAND · BLÁSKÓGABYGGÐ

Þingvellir

at a glance

A rift valley between two tectonic plates, Iceland's oldest parliament and a fissure with 100 metres (328 ft) of visibility.

BEFORE YOU GO



Under the Alþing since 1930

The act of 1928 lays down that Þingvellir shall always be the property of the Icelandic nation under the protection of the Alþing.



240 km², 92.7 km² of it World Heritage

According to UNESCO the national park covers 24,000 hectares (93 sq mi), 9,270 of them a World Heritage Site since 2004.



49 km on Road 36

According to UNESCO the park lies 49 km (30 mi) east of Reykjavík. The Leirar service centre stands at the junction of roads 36, 361 and 52.



Camping from 1 June to 15 September

All four sites are open during this period. From 16 September to 31 May only Nyrðri-Leirar stays open.



Hidden fissures

Many fissures and cracks are hidden in the terrain. The park asks visitors to walk carefully and keep a close eye on children.



Never Silfra alone

Diving and snorkelling only in pairs, no deeper than 18 m (59 ft), no caves.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/iceland/thingvellir



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Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



THINGS TO DO

Through Almannagjá to Lögberg

From the Hakið visitor centre the path leads down into the gorge to Lögberg and on to Öxarárfoss.

Walks to abandoned farms

Away from the assembly site, most paths lead to the abandoned farms of Hrauntún, Skógarkot and Vatnskot.

Fishing for ISK 2,500 a day

On the northern shore of Þingvallavatn between Leirutá and Langitangi, from the shore only.

Three plates, not two

In Iceland the North American and Eurasian plates meet, together with the Hreppar microplate (Hreppafleki).

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Snorkelling in Silfra

According to the park, Silfra is one of the best dive sites in Iceland, with visibility of about 100 m (328 ...)

Riding on three old tracks

Riders may use the old bridle paths Langistígur, Skógarkotsvegur and Nýja-Hrauntúngata; all other paths are ...

Ranger walks in English

In summer the park offers guided walks with rangers in English; in 2026 they started at the end of May.

Four metres lower since 930

The ground at the assembly site has sunk by almost four metres (13 ft) since the Alþing was founded.

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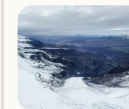
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