



Lullymore
Heritage and Discovery Park



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**Just Transition Fund
Extension to Peatland
Biodiversity Boardwalk
4th and Final Phase.**

December 2021 Update.



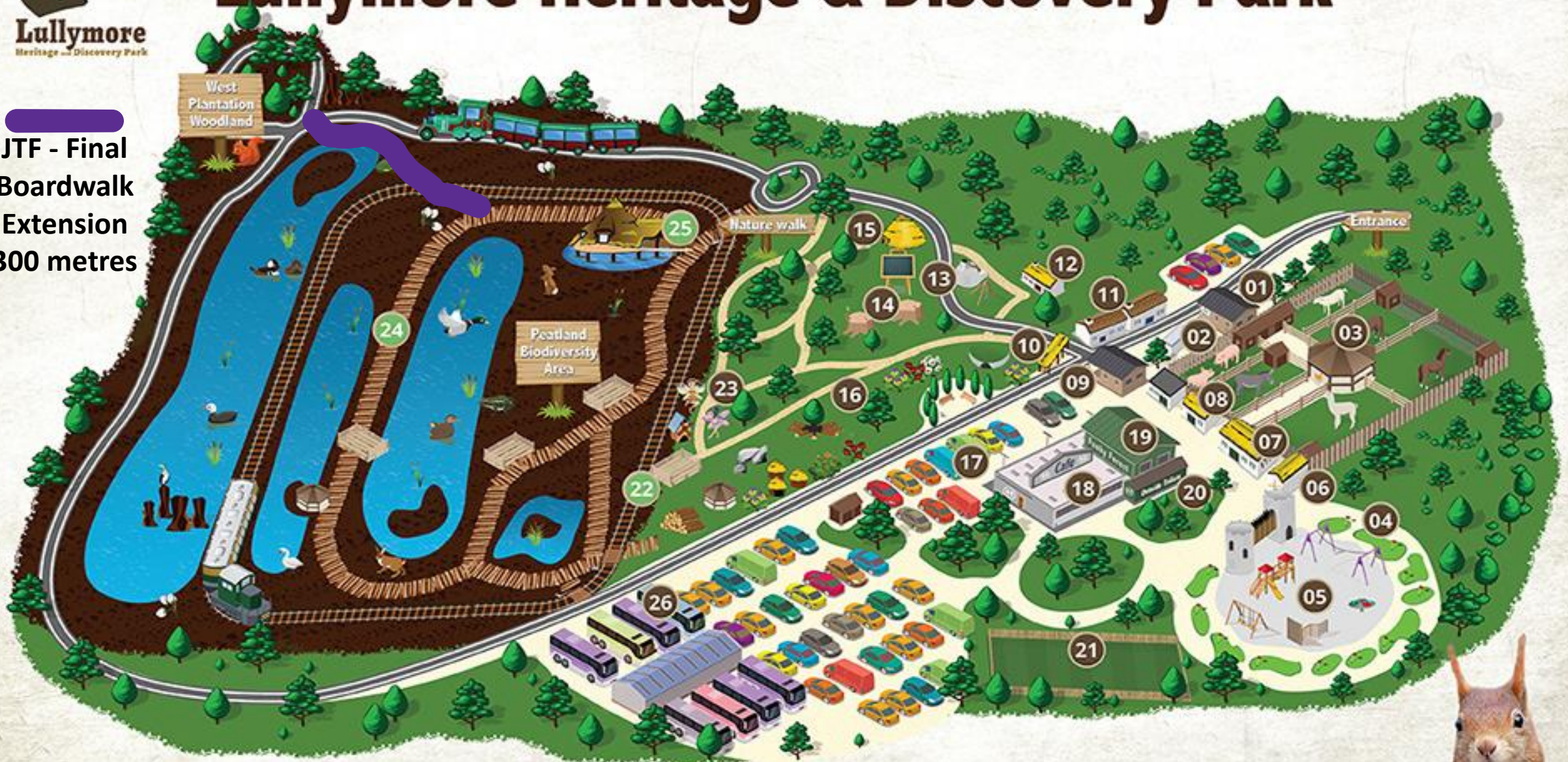
*Escape, explore and discover Ireland's
hidden gem – the wild Peatlands.*

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Welcome To Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park

JTF - Final
Boardwalk
Extension
300 metres



*Discover ...
a new relationship with nature.*

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park is a social enterprise day visitor attraction offering over 60 acres of serene woodland / peatland trails and several exhibitions, in Ireland's most famous peatland, the Bog of Allen in West Kildare. The Park is a key resource in the region, providing local employment/training and a range of experiences such as education on peatland biodiversity and history, as well as leisure and play.

The facility caters for visitors of all ages, school tours at primary, secondary and third level, language schools, families, corporate events, and international tour groups. Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park is a key destination in Ireland's Ancient East and a national award-winning enterprise (Irish Tourism Industry Confederation Best Environmental Tourism Innovation Winner 2017) and attracts over 50,000 fee paying visitors annually.



*Ned Dempsey and Jim Jacob standing beside ditcher
which was used for draining bogs around Lullymore - 1954.*

Project Overview



The boardwalk extension is the final phase of a project which started in 2011. The 300 metre boardwalk extension will provide visitor access to all areas of the Park (60 acres) including a 200 year old woodland which is at present not accessible. Information signage throughout extension will celebrate the history and culture of the locality, the wonders of the peatland ecosystem and it's crucial role as a carbon store.





Lullymore is an ancient place - a fertile green Island surrounded by a sea of peat - home to a Pagan settlement, Christian Monks, 1798 Rebels & an Industrial Revolution.

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park aims to share this heritage and a new sustainable greener relationship with our peatlands with all visitors.

DRAINS BLOCKED 04/08/2011

09/08/2011



17/08/2011



25/08/2011



31/08/2011



15/09/2011



09/10/2011



2011 – Lullymore Heritage Park Peatland Biodiversity Area begins.



2012 Construction starts on Peatlands Exhibition & Biodiversity Boardwalk



Project Milestones



New Extension 2021 can be seen on middle right of aerial picture.



Construction in progress Autumn 2021



PROJECT MILESTONES:

- January 2021: 1st of 2 deliveries of recycled plastic boardwalk and fixings delivered.**
- March 2021: Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park employees commence boardwalk extension.**
- November 2021: Almost half of new boardwalk extension constructed.**
- 28/03/2022: Second and final delivery of recycled plastic boardwalk to be delivered.**
- 31/12/2022: Final design and content for new signage completed and sent for manufacture.**
- 31/03/2023: Boardwalk extension completed and information signage erected.**
- April 2023: Boardwalk extension open to the public.**



Projected Outcomes



Peatlands Exhibition (2013) and the Boardwalk Extension 2021 pictured top right will help us tell the story of the Peatlands and the people who have lived around them for millennia. We will endeavour to increase visitor numbers by 10% per annum and reach 100,000 fee paying visitors by 2028. This would create an estimated 6 FT additional positions in the Park or 18 seasonal positions. The potential benefits of tourism and rewilding the bogs for surrounding communities, the local economy and the peatland environment are vast.



Since it's opening in 1993 Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park has helped alleviate local isolation, increase employment/training opportunities and significantly boosted tourism numbers along peatland communities in West Kildare and East Offaly. We thank the Just Transition fund for supporting our efforts to maximise all of the potential social, environmental and economic benefits which rural tourism can deliver for our region.

2019 – Sunset on Lullymore Biodiversity Boardwalk

Thank you



"Experience the wild bogland - walk out across the bogs - you will soon leave all but the adventurous behind and enter a world eerily quiet and mysterious - you can easily imagine you are in the midst of Game of Thrones...probably my favourite spot on this trip"
Review by Malcolm R (UK) August 2017

"Fantastic, this has to be one of the most informative, relaxed and hidden gems in the country"
Review by Kayla 9 (IRL) MAY 2019



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