

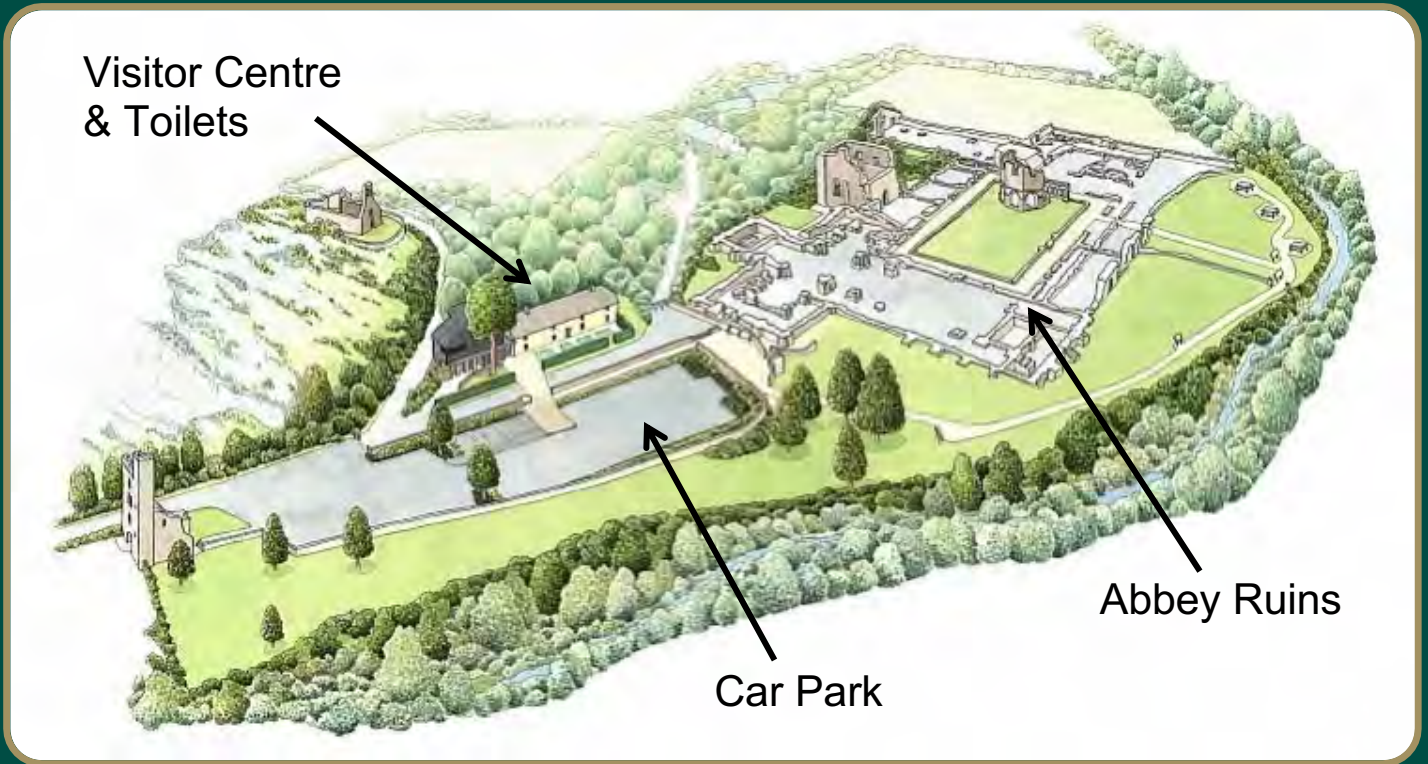


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Old
Mellifont
Abbey



Welcome to Old Mellifont Abbey

As you drive in the entrance, you will pass the ruined tower of the gate house to the abbey on your right.



Once you pass the entrance sign, the carpark is on the right.



Our visitor centre is in the yellow building beside the car park.



The toilets are in the building beside the Visitor Centre



A friendly guide will meet you at the reception inside the Visitor Centre.

You can get a ticket and information leaflet here.

We have an exhibition in the building which is about the carved stones from the monastery site.



There will be music playing. It is the sound of monks chanting.

At the end of the exhibition, we have a model of what the monastery of Mellifont looked like in the Middle Ages.



When the time comes to start the tour of the site, the guide will meet you at the top of the steps overlooking the site.

We have information panels here and you can see most of the site.



The guide speaks to the group here for about 10 minutes and then you follow the guide down the steps or by the path to go down on the site.



The guide will bring you around and show you all the interesting things to see.



When you are finished the tour, you can look around by yourself.

There are plenty of information panels with drawings on the site.



As part of the tour, you will go inside a room called the Chapter House.

This room is quite dark and sometimes we can see swallows flying about. They nest inside and the adult birds have to keep busy to feed their chicks. They don't like visitors very much so they can be noisy as they fly around.



You cannot run or climb and you have to be very careful beside the river in case you fall in and get very wet!

We hope you enjoy your visit to Old Mellifont Abbey

If you have any questions before your visit:

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