

National Institute of Ecology



The National Insitute of Ecology

An establishment specializing in ecology, taking the initiative to spread the ecological values through research, preservation of the natural environment, exhibits and education



Ecological Research

- Ecological survey research and evaluation
- Policy support for natural environment
- Ecosystem service research, safe management of invasive alien species



Ecological Exhibition

- Flora and fauna ecological exhibition
- Develop and manage ecological exhibition contents



Ecology Education

- Develop and manage ecology education programs
- Develop and distribute ecological knowledge contents



International and Local Exchange and Cooperation

- Cooperate with ecological research institutes
- Establish an ecosystem information network
- Identify ecological tourist attractions
- Cooperate with local communities for a mutually beneficial relationship



Endangered Species Recovery

- Establish and operate an endangered wildlife shelter
- Recover, captive-breed and conserve endangered wildlife

Tropical Biome

- A reproduction of the tropical rainforest, a repository of global biodiversity
- 700 species of tropical plants, 130 aquatic plants that live in fresh or seawater, 13 species of amphibians and reptiles exhibited



Desert Biome

- A reproduction of an arid and barren desert environment
- 300 species of cacti and succulents, six reptile species and two mammal species exhibited



Visitor Center / Medirium

The Visitor Center is a multipurpose space where the ecological media experience hall, observatory and the Seocheon Tourism Promotion Hall are located. The 'Medirium,' an ecological media experience hall, utilizes digital technology such as augmented reality (AR) and motion recognition for ecology-related topics, allowing the visitors to readily experience and enjoy.



Restrooms



Elevator

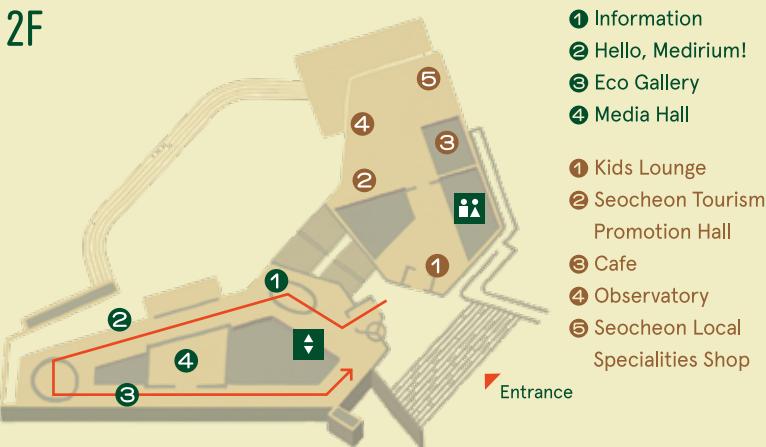


Medirium

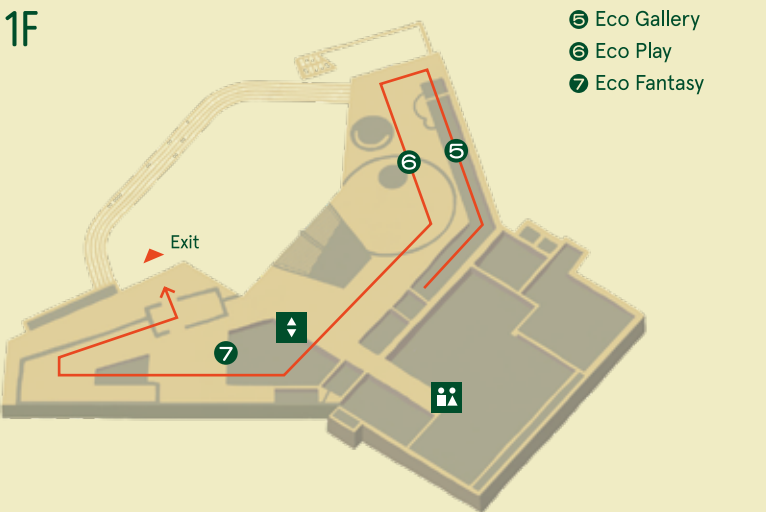


Facilities

2F



1F



Mediterranean Biome

- A reproduction of the Mediterranean climate characterized by dry summers and mild, wet winters
- 300 Mediterranean plant species and seven amphibian species exhibited



Temperate Biome

- A reproduction of warm temperate or temperate climate in which the four seasons are distinct and summers are hot and humid
- 120 Korean plant species, 40 fish species, seven amphibian and reptile species along with otters and birds of prey outdoors



Polar Biome

- A reproduction of the Gaema Plateau, one of the coldest areas of Korean Peninsula, taiga, tundra, polar regions and the King Sejong Station
- A display of the polar ecosystem with two species of penguins in the Antarctic - the Chinstrap penguin and the Gentoo penguin



Admission & Information

Operating Hours and Seasons	Spring, summer and fall seasons (Mar.-Oct.)	9:30~18:00
	Winter season (Nov.-Feb.)	9:30~17:00
Admission Charge	○ Last entry One hour before closing	
	○ Closures Every Monday (Closed on the next weekday if Monday is a holiday)	
	○ Free admission Child under four, seniors 65 +, person of national merit, Basic Livelihood Security Program benefit recipients	
Adult (19~64)	Youth (13~18)	Child (5~12)
	KRW 5,000	KRW 3,000
○ Discount cards Green Card (Ecomoney), Multi-child card		

Etiquette and Rules	Please adhere to the following rules for a safe and pleasant visit.	
	The following items are prohibited in the park	
○ Pets (guide dogs allowed), tents, shades, alcoholic beverages, balls, micromobility devices (bikes, inline skates, scooter, electric ride-ons, etc.)	Please refrain from doing the following	
	○ Smoking, drinking, cooking, using bullhorns, etc.	
○ Flash photography of animals or feeding animals	○ Going into and damaging the botanical garden or collecting plants	
	○ Outside Food Consumption Area Hadaram Shelter, Ecorium Rooftop Garden	
Other Information	Lost and Found 041-950-5902 (Ecorium reception desk)	
	Stroller Rental Ecorium reception desk	
Ecology Exploration Program	Wheelchair Rental Main and West Gate ticket office, Ecorium reception desk	
	Emergency 041-950-5911	

Other Information	A program that enriches your visit to the NIE with a lively interpretation provided by our Eco-Interpreter	
	○ Venue Ecorium	
Ecology Exploration Program	Registration Make a reservation on our website or walk-in reservations available on a first-come-first-served basis at the Ecorium Children's Eco Library (up to 20 per group)	
	Lodging for visitors who take part in the ecology education program	

Visitor Accommodations Use	Type	Up to 4 pax (15 py)	Up to 6 pax (21 py)
	Prices	KRW 60,000	KRW 100,000
Ecology Exploration Program	○ Register for an ecology education program by accessing the reservation system on the NIE website (www.nie.re.kr) and make a reservation and payment for the Visitor Accommodations		
	○ Contact 041-950-5960-1 (Visitor Accommodations office)		

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Exhibition Halls 1, 2

- Easy-to-understand contents on the basic concept of ecology, definitions of ecosystem and biome, the meaning of ecosystem service and preservation of ecological resources displayed
- ※ Exhibition Hall 2 currently under renewal



Children's Ecology Library

- A children's library where ecological books are available for reading
- Programs for children such as ecological story read-aloud sessions and book concerts offered



4D Theater

- A 4D theater with 100 seats where viewers can feel vibration and air while watching 3D videos
- Ticket reservation: Ecorium 4D Theater ticket office (ticket price: KRW 1,000)



Special Exhibition Hall

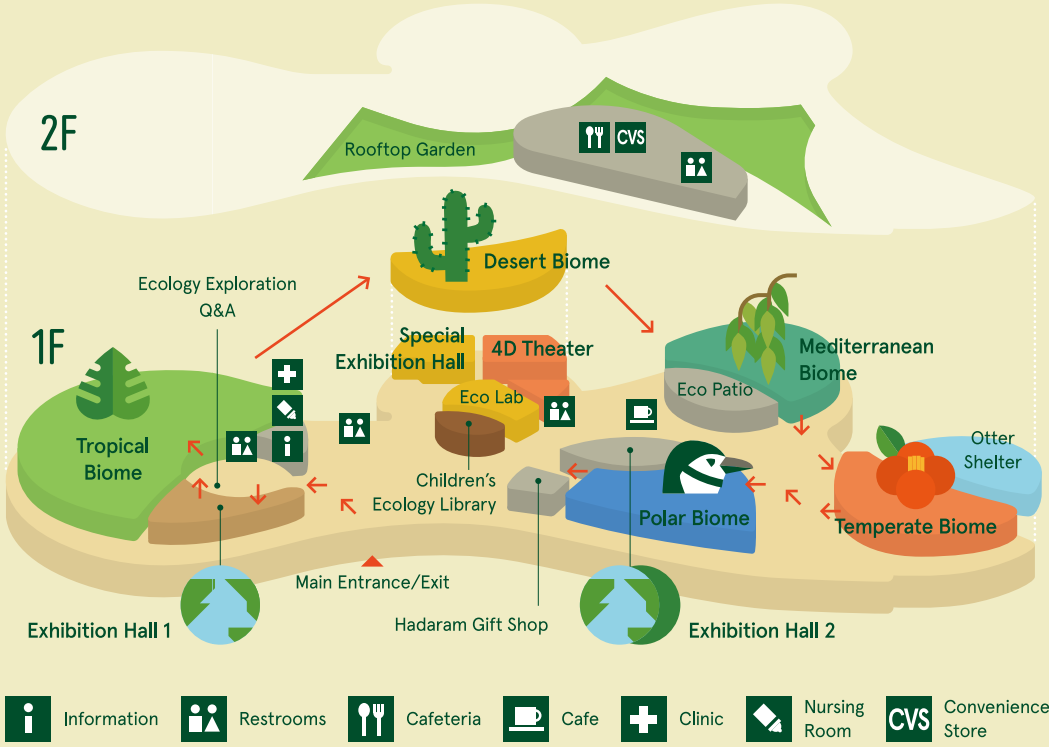
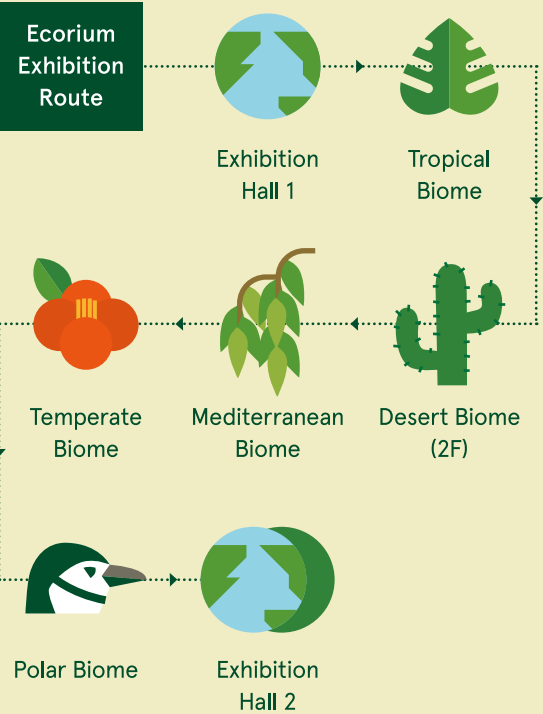
- A space that offers new experiences and knowledge through various themes that highlight the characteristics of NIE

Eco Lab & Edutain Hall

- Classrooms for ecology education and an open lecture hall to hold talks with bigger audience or orientations

Ecorium

A realistic experience of the ecosystem is provided through the five main climate zones – tropical, arid, Mediterranean, temperate, polar – exhibiting 1,600 species (1,400 plant species and 200 animal species) that represent each climate. Exhibition Halls 1 and 2 provide the basic concept of the ecosystem, Special Exhibition Hall offers exhibits on diverse themes and Eco Lab gives ecological education catered to different levels. There is also a Children's Eco Library and a 4D Theater at the Ecorium.



National Institute of Ecology Guide Map

The beauty of the ecosystem can be experienced through 5,300 species of living flora and fauna that inhabit Korean forests and wetlands to diverse ecosystems in different climate zones around the world



Ecorium Zone ●

- Ecorium

A landmark of NIE with a greenhouse that has a reproduction of the five main climate types on Earth
- EcoCare Center

A center for preventing infectious diseases of wild animals and protecting globally endangered species



Guemguri Zone ●

- Yonghwasil Pond

The largest pond at NIE, a source of water supply to the entire institute as well as a habitat for many species
- Wetlands Garden

A place to explore the characteristics of Korea's wetlands ecosystem through the Korean Peninsula Wetlands, Aquatic Botanical Garden, Amphibian Wetlands
- Agricultural Garden

A place to learn the value and importance of the agricultural ecosystem by observing the main crops that are relevant to our lives
- Wetland Learning Site

A place to observe and learn about the plants and animals in wetlands
- Geumguri Pond

A reproduction of Korea's pond ecosystem
- Visitor Center / Medirium

A multipurpose space with the ecological media experience hall, Observatory and Seocheon Tourism Promotion Hall
- CITES Animal Shelter

A government-run facility to protect the globally endangered animals that are smuggled and trafficked



Godaeryuk Zone ●

- Deer Park

A space to encounter roe deer, elks and mountain goats that inhabit the Korean Peninsula
- Northeast Asian Forest Animal Sanctuary

Northeast Asian Forest Animal Recovery and Conservation Shelter



Hadaram Zone ●

- Alpine Rock Garden

A reproduction of habitats unique to the Korean Peninsula, such as the barren sub-alpine zone and Mount Halla formed from pyroclastic flows
- Forests of the Korean Peninsula

A reproduction of 13 major colonies from the Korean climate from evergreen broad-leaved forests to subarctic evergreen coniferous forests
- Hadaram Square

A space for family and children with a playground, Shelter and a convenience store

○ Hadaram Playground (for kids 6-12) | A children's playground consisting of the Forest Playground, Little Friend Playground and Water Playground

○ Hadaram Shelter | An indoor space that is equipped with tables, chairs and water fountain to consume outside food



Najeo-eo Zone ●

- Najeo-eo Pond

The first pond that greets the NIE visitors, a habitat for aquatic life

Research and Education Zone ●

- Main Building

A place in which research on ecological surveys, restoration, climate change is conducted along with the administrative work at NIE
- Ecological Restoration Building

A place that studies restoration of habitats including ecosystem species to abiotic environment
- Ecological Education Building

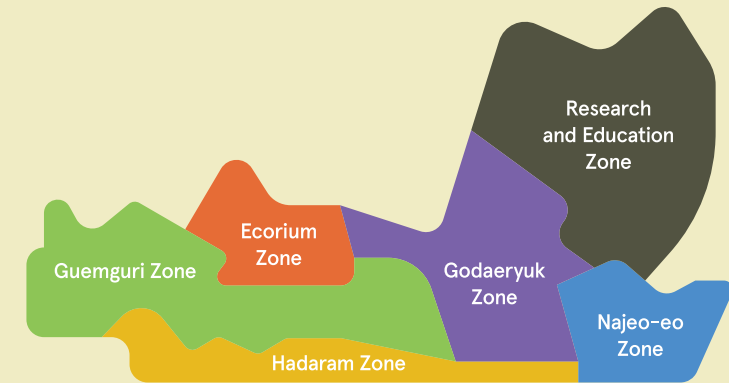
A specialized venue in which hands-on ecological education is provided
- Visitor Accommodations


Lodging for ecological education participants and family visitors


Sandeul Baram (Gentle Breeze) Trail Tour


Sandeul Trail | Ecorium → DMZ Exhibition Garden → Northeast Asian Forest Animal Sanctuary → Visitor Center / Medirium → Forests of the Korean Peninsula → Ecorium



Baram Trail | Ecorium → Ecorium Pond → Alpine Rock Garden → Sand Dune Plant Garden → Thoreau's Trail → Aquatic Botanical Garden → Ecorium





-  Restrooms



 Clinic


 Electric Vehicle Station



 Sandeul Trail
-  Cafeteria


 Nursing Room


 Gift Shop

 Baram Trail
-  Cafe

 Designated Food Consumption Area

 Convenience Store
-  Drinking Fountain

 Parking Lot

 Electric Vehicle Charging Station

