

Main Attractions

The main area of the park offers a 3-4 km path (marked in red on the map) that takes around 1-2 hours to explore, depending on how far you walk.

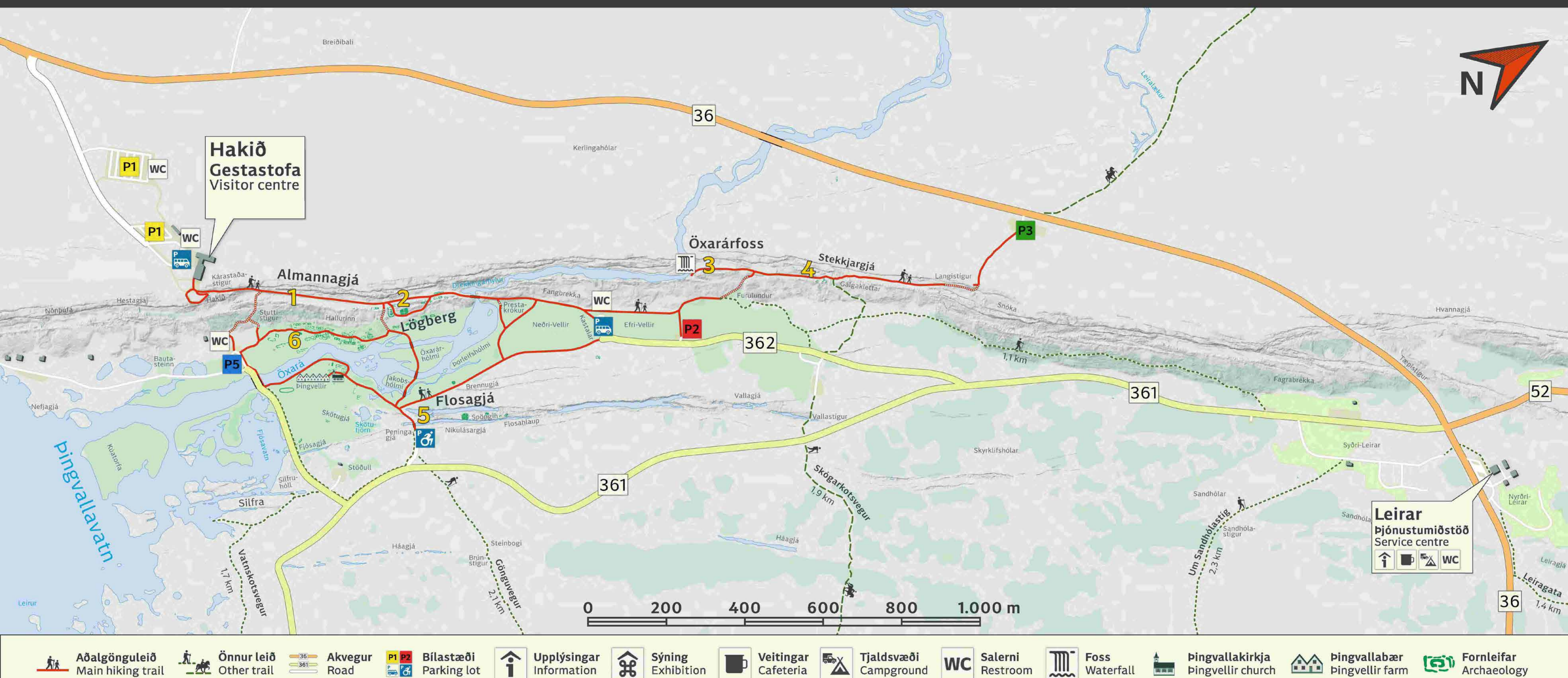
The path begins near a viewpoint outside the visitor center and leads down into Almannagjá (1), a large rift that marks the boundary of the North American tectonic plate. The other plate boundary,

Hrafnagjá, is located about 5 km to the east, and the area in between is a rift valley.

After a short walk on the path, you will come across Lögberg (2), a large slope with an ancient circular podium that served as the focal point of the old assembly area (Alþingi) between 930-1262 AD. Here, laws were recited and announcements made.

Continuing past the P2 parking lot, you will reach Öxarárfoss (3), a waterfall located in a rift called Stekkjargjá (4), named after a sheep-milking pen that was built in it. The rift was also a site for hanging convicted thieves in later centuries, and one of the main roads to the assembly went through it.

If you backtrack to the P2 parking lot, you can cross the Öxará river and explore the other side, where you will find Flosagjá (5), a water-filled rift, and the old Þingvellir farm and church buildings. Crossing the river again, past the P5 parking lot, takes you past dozens of booth ruins (6), which were temporary shelter buildings used during the ancient open air assembly sessions that took place all around the river.



1 Almannagjá

100 m / 2 mín

A large, 7 kilometer long rift that marks the eastern boundary of the North-American tectonic plate.



2 Lögberg

550 m / 6 mín

Focal point of the Alþingi assembly site in its early days where laws were recited under open air.



3 Öxarárfoss

1600 m / 20 mín

About 13 m high waterfall, which is believed to have been diverted to its current location in ancient times.



4 Stekkjargjá

1800 m / 22 mín

A section of Almannagjá where sheep were milked and convicted thieves hanged.



5 Flosagjá

850 m / 10 mín

A deep fissure with cold, crystal clear groundwater originating from Langjökull glacier 45 km away.



6 Þingbúðir

400 m / 5 mín

Overgrown remains of rectangular foundations, used as temporary shelters during the old assembly sessions.