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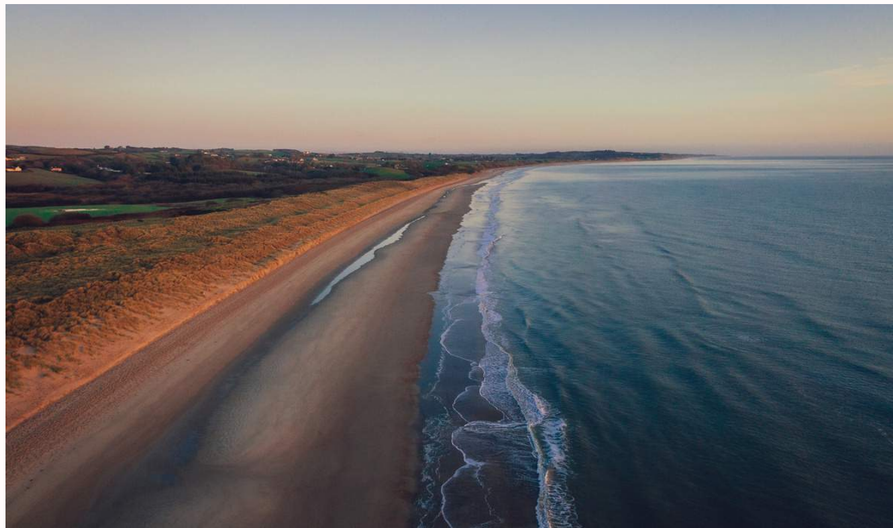

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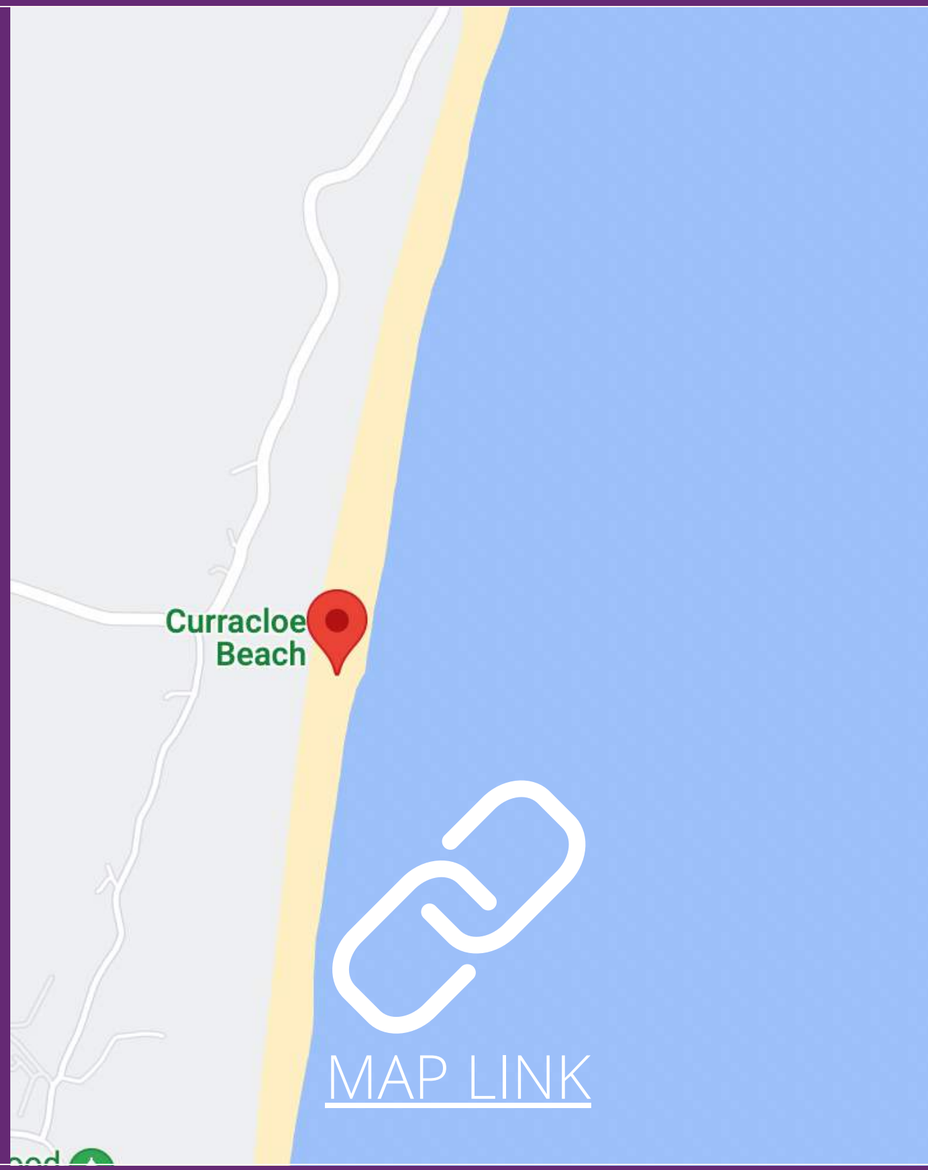
Features

Curracloe Beach is a long, white sandy beach and is one of County Wexford's best beaches.
Curracloe may be an ideal filming location for scenes that need a beautiful beach that adds scale and production value. It is arguably the best beach in County Wexford and among the best beaches in the whole of Ireland. The beach is long, wide, and has soft golden white sand. The rear of the beach is covered by extensive dune systems that cuts it off from the outside world and adds visual interest to the location.
The beach has been awarded a Blue Flag, meaning that the waters around the area follow the strictest standards for quality and environmental protection. It is part of one of the longest stretches of beach in Ireland. If Cullentons Gap and Ballinsker beach are included, the sand stretches for 11km, from Raven Point to Blackwater.
Because of its beauty, unobscured vistas, and great length, Curracloe beach makes an ideal film location. It's no suprise then that it has been used in large period films such as Saving Private Ryan and Brooklyn.

More Info
The beach faces east and slightly south-east.
The beach varies between 10-15 metres wide.
The dune system varies between 10-20 metres wide.
There are two car parks. Raven Point carpark which holds around 50 cars. And a beach carpark which holds around 150 cars.
Public toilets are avaiable in the carpark.
Nearest town: Wexford, 11km away



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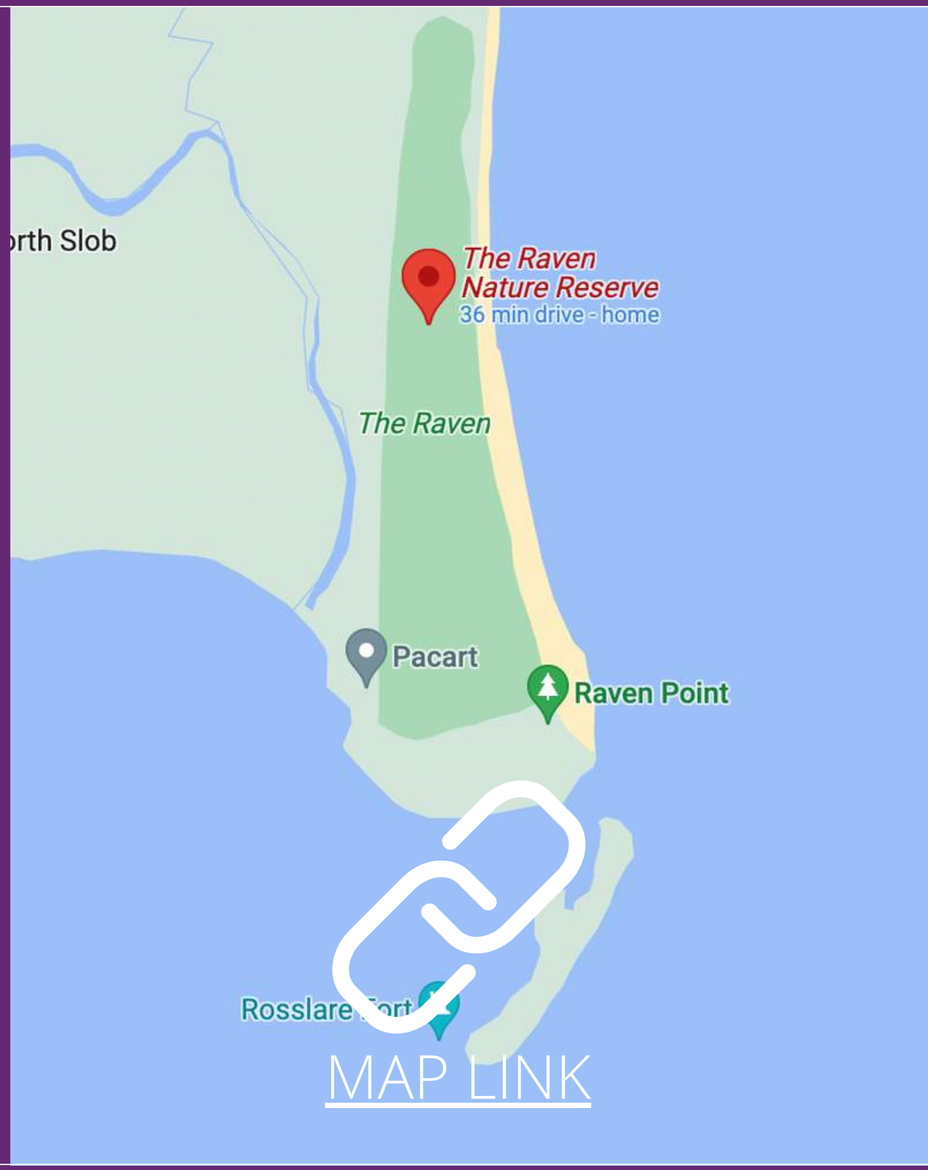
THE RAVEN

Features

The Raven Nature Reserve is a woodland wildlife reserve bordered by a beach in south west County Wexford, Ireland.
The large pine forest is lined by a golden beach on one side, and together the two features may make an ideal filming location for scenes that need an idyllic beach, an old forest, or that need a rich natural environment. Pine trees make up most of the forest's tree species, with Corsican pine being the most common. The woodland is by traversed by walking trails which make access fairly easy. There is a single main path that travels north to south. It splits into a loop at the south of the location. The area is popular with casual walkers. The trail is 6.8km long.
At the edge of the forest, the paths lead out onto Raven Point Beach. This beach is long, wide, has golden sand, and is fairly isolated. The beach and the forest together elevate each other and add to the visual character of the other. Seen from the beach, the old pine forest has a mysterious and dark atmosphere, while viewed from the forest, the beach seems to have a rich, unspoiled elegance. In addition to the sandy beach, to the south end of the forest, there is a fairly large area of grassy sand dunes.
As an area of conservation, the beach and woodland is home to many species of rare fauna and flora. 35% of the world's population of Greenland and White-fronted Geese spend winter at the site. Native red squirrels also populate the woods. Just off the coast from the beach is an unstable sandbar that is often home to rare migrating birds. Visitors are asked to stay a good distance from wild animals and birds, and to especially avoid the fields to the west so as not to disturb nesting birds.
As with the nearby Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, the National Parks and Wildlife Service operates the woods. The beach is an extension of Curracloe Beach. The Raven Point demarcates the north edge of Wexford Harbour. The location's name doesn't refer to living ravens, but rather comes from an Irish word which referenced the shape of the sand spit.

More Info

Also known locally as Raven's Point Woods and Curracloe Woods.
Dimensions: Forest area: 5.9km2. Beach: ~4km long, 140m at its widest, 30m at its thinnest. Dunes: a triangle, 250m x 250m x 300m.
Parking: A car park at the trail headhead at the north of the forest which fits ~50 cars.
Nearest town: Wexford, 12km away.



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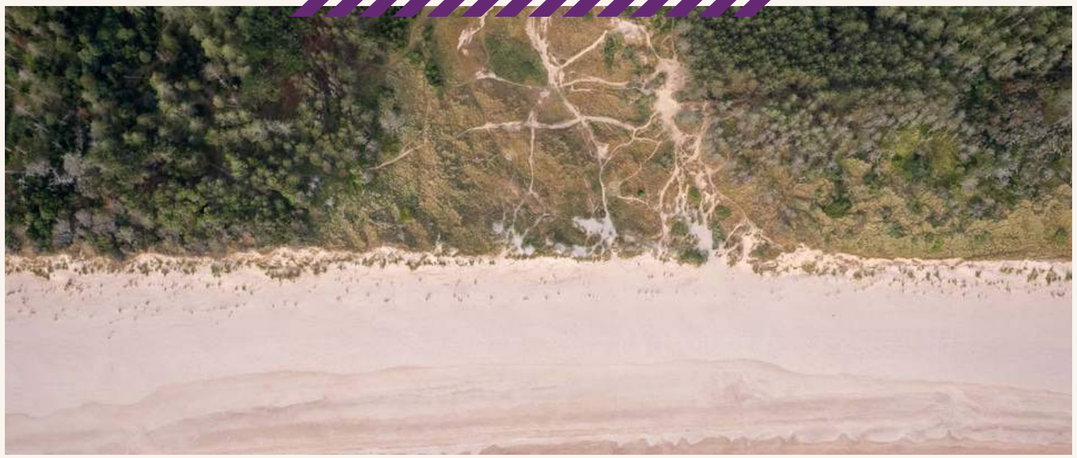

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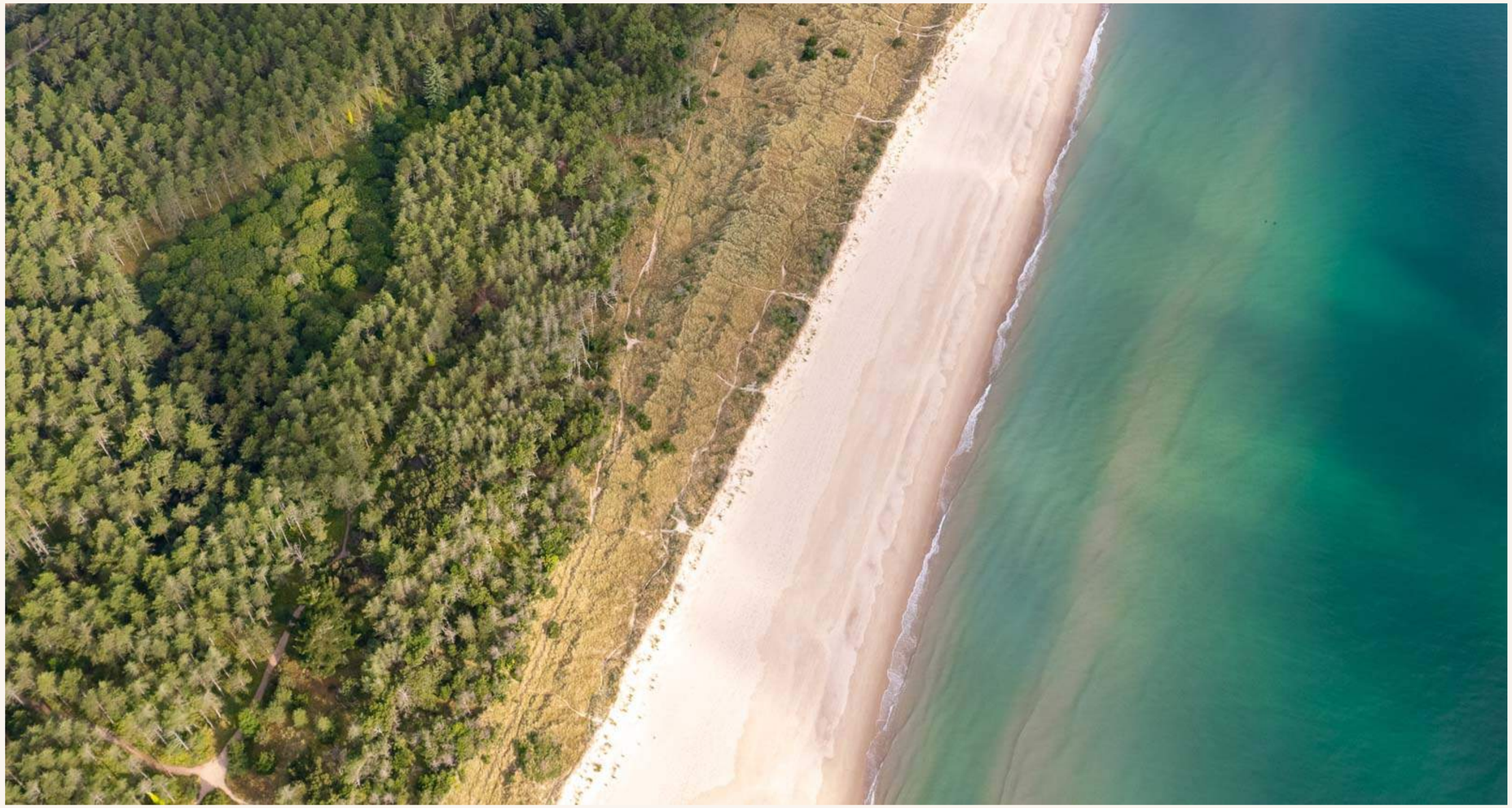

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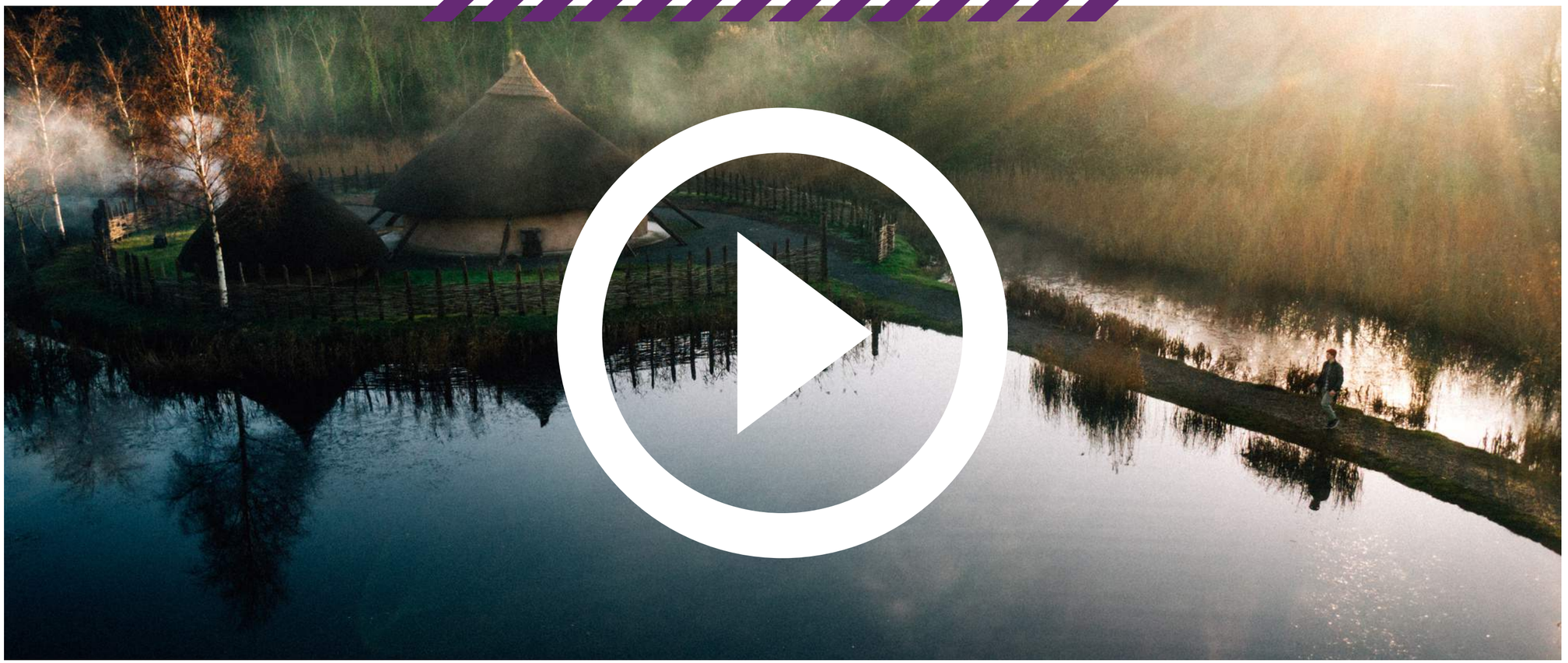

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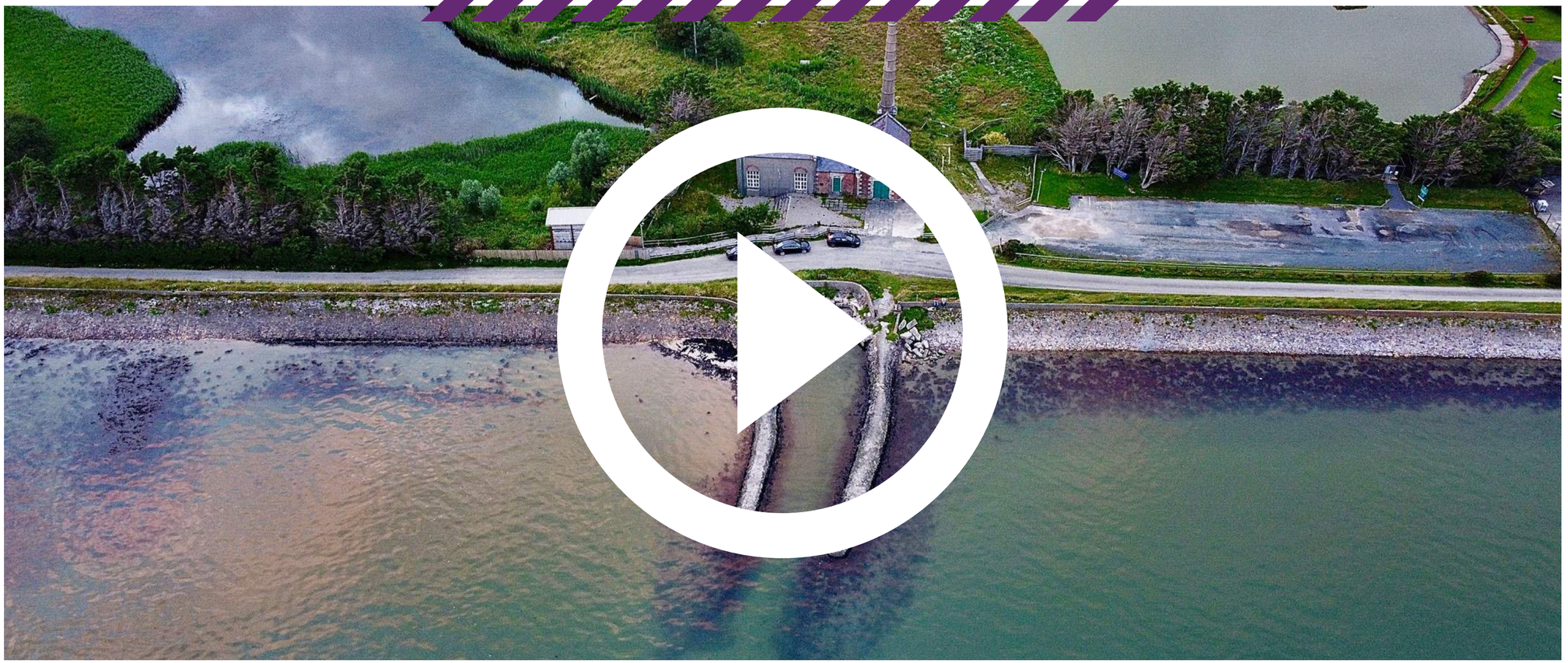

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