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Housed in the former Friars Minor convent, which was completely rebuilt in the Meuse Valley style during the 17th century, the Municipal museum covers all the activities of the Huy population from prehistoric times to the present-day.

Focused in particular on the fine arts and the decorative arts, the Museum also features items related to archaeology, ethnography and industrial archaeology.

municipal museum

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The Museum comprises 10 refurbished rooms. Visitors are first of all offered information about the well-known charter of privileges, suppressed after the Battle of Othée in 1408. They then move on to a room dedicated to the decorative arts: earthenware from Andenne and Huy, pewter from workshops in Huy, Namur and Liège and silverware from Huy and

All the local activities from Prehistory to the present-day.

Liège, before exploring the city of Huy down the ages via a series of paintings, drawings and engravings. The next room shows the main archaeological

discoveries in Huy, focusing in particular on the Merovingian period (Saint-Victor cemetery and glass workshops). Next are objects and documents relating to winegrowing in Huy, followed by accounts of local and regional folklore and items about the metalworking industry in Huy. Visitors are then treated to a taste of the lifestyles of people living in Huy and the surrounding region down the centuries, via replica reconstructions of indoor settings. Lastly, the final room showcases three Huy painters, Émile Delpérée, Isidore Lecrenier and Victor Thise.

The Beau Dieu of Huy or Beau Christ (literally “Handsome Christ”), according to the title attributed a few decades ago by Count Joseph de Borchgrave d’Altena, is a seminal wood carving work from the 13th century. Produced towards 1240 by an unknown Meuse Valley region artist, this Christ on the cross is made to look very realistic, as underscored by the bending and swaying of the body, the feet nailed together, the tensed rib cage and arm muscles, the open wound under the right breast...

Built by the Dutch between 1818 and 1823 on the site of the former castle, the Citadel was turned into a detention camp by the German army from May 1940 to 5 September 1944. Over 7,000 prisoners were held there.

citadel & memorial

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The Citadel has now become a memorial to the Second World War, and an unaltered testimony to the Nazi prisons, with their prison cells, interrogation rooms, detention rooms and basic washhouse facilities.

The museum area tells visitors about the prisoners' living conditions in the Citadel during the Second World War and people's day-to-day lives under the Occupation.

The Citadel, a memorial to the Second World War.

The tour is rounded off with a 15-minutes video. Eyewitnesses of this difficult time share their experiences.

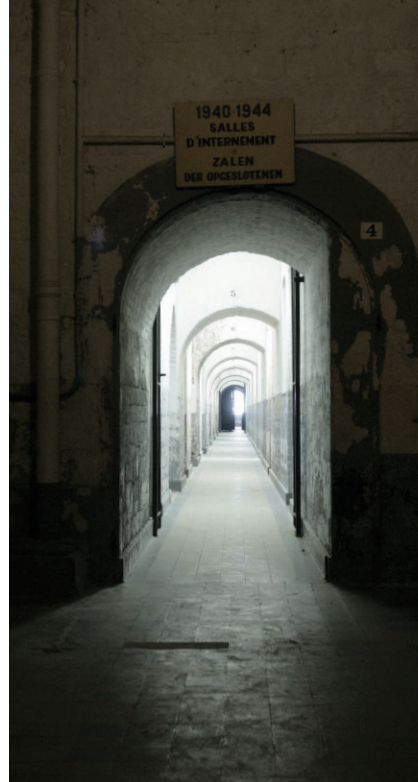
Also waiting to be discovered: the panoramic view (the entire city of Huy and its immediate surroundings) and the 16th century well, a remnant of the former castle.

For schools, educational activities focused on insights into the two world wars and citizenship-building are organised, provided they are booked in advance (visitors' book and educational kit available on request).

Temporary exhibitions, activities and shows are organised for all sections of the public on a regular basis (see the programme for this year at www.musees.huy.be).

Indoor and outdoor picnic areas.

Conference hall.





The Eco-museum is located at the foot of the Beaufort Castle ruins and right next to the RAVeL N° 1 greenway.

eco-museum ben-ahin

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On the basis of the ups and downs of a primarily rural and, at times, industrial area, the museum invites you to retrace the major historical eras and explore the relationship human beings have had with the environment from prehistoric times to the present-day. Archaeological artefacts found in the area, and replica constructions are used for illustrative

*Human beings and their
environment through history.*

purposes. Must-see : woolly rhinoceroses' bones and the tooth of a cave hyena found in the Solières Valley, inlaid fibulae from the Merovingian cemetery

in La Sarte-à-Ben, and the blade of a medieval sword from Beaufort Castle.

Nature and heritage-related activities are organised for groups, schools and individuals at regular intervals in our premises or in the Solières Valley nearby in order to bring alive the approach of these two areas.

Visitors may picnic here (room indoors and garden).

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collegial church & treasury

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A masterpiece of Gothic architecture (14th-16th century) the collegial church of Notre Dame and St. Domitian houses an impressive treasury. Beautifully restored and on display in the 1066 crypt, it boasts several recently listed works. Four Meuse Valley reliquaries (12th and 13th centuries), two precious textile objects from Bukhara (9th-10th century) and Iraq (12th century), a set of medieval and Baroque sculptures, splendid gold/silversmith wares from Huy and Liège are key to its exceptional assets.

Splendid gold and silversmith wares from Huy and Liège.

The treasury obviously owes its international fame to the Tree of Life medallion, also known as the “Fabri Medallion”, after the name of its donor. The medallion is acknowledged throughout the world as one of the finest examples of Meuse Valley enamels (c. 1160) to have survived.





tihange museum

— *Huy museum* —

The museum is housed in the building that used to accommodate the Tihange municipal administration. It currently has six rooms that are evocative of the kitchens of our grandparents, a primary school class in the early part of the 20th century or a bell foundry.

*Rediscover the life of our
grandparents.*

Works by the village's artists and writers, tools, artefacts and scale models are offered to visitors, who have the opportunity to discover or re-discover life as it used to be.

Rare and/or curious items are on display during the temporary exhibitions.



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Welcome



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Eco-museum Ben-Ahin, avenue de Beaufort, 65 Ben-Ahin. Tel. 085.21 13 78

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