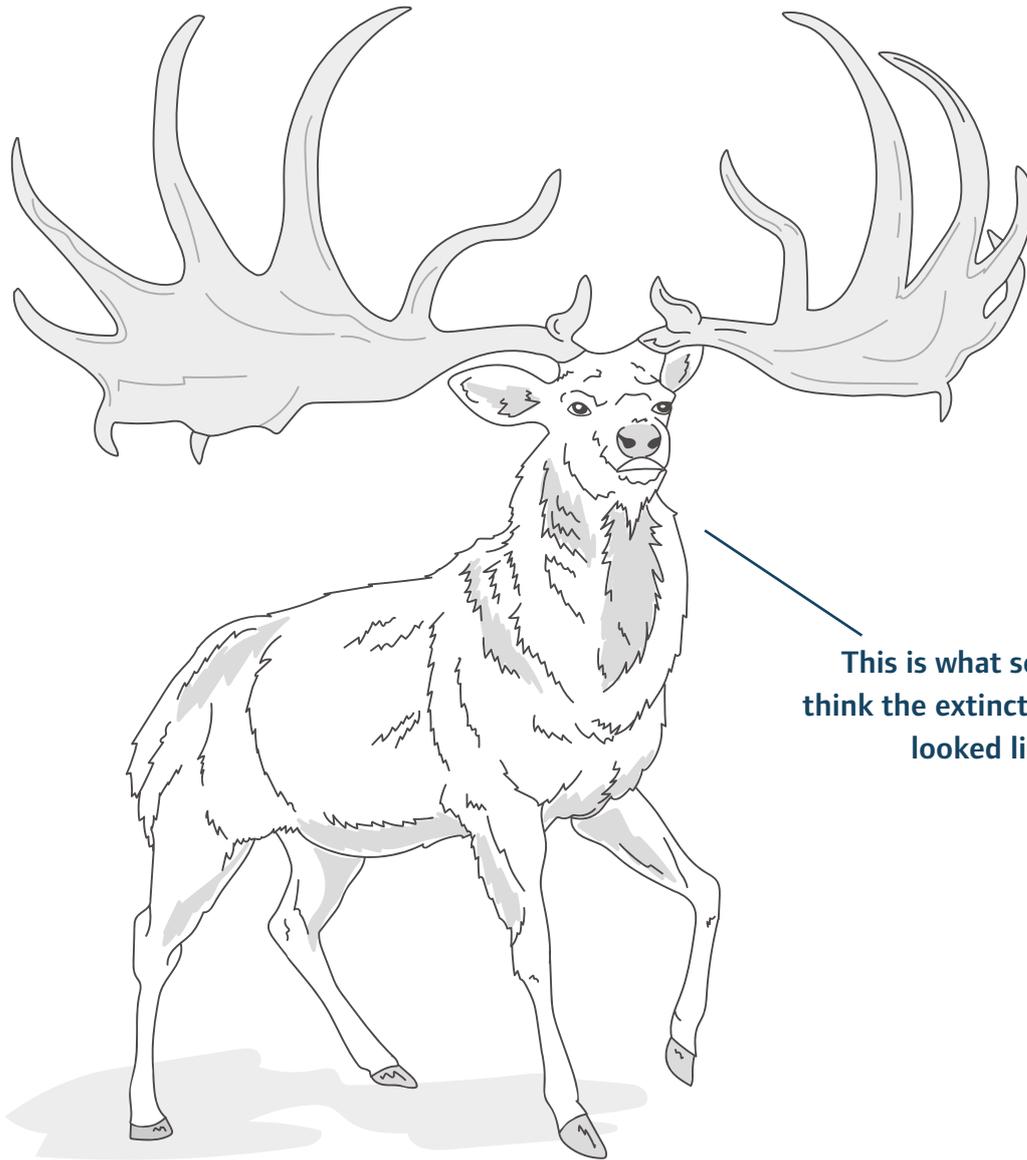


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What happened to the Giant Irish Deer?



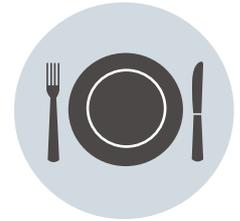
This is what scientists think the extinct giant deer looked like!

Imagine travelling back in time to 11,000 years ago! Back then, there were giant deer roaming all over Ireland. They died out in Ireland around 10,500 years ago when the cold returned and caused their food to vanish.

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Did Giant Deer Clash in Cavan?

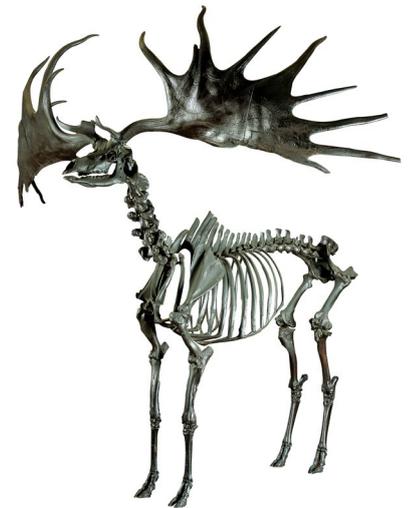
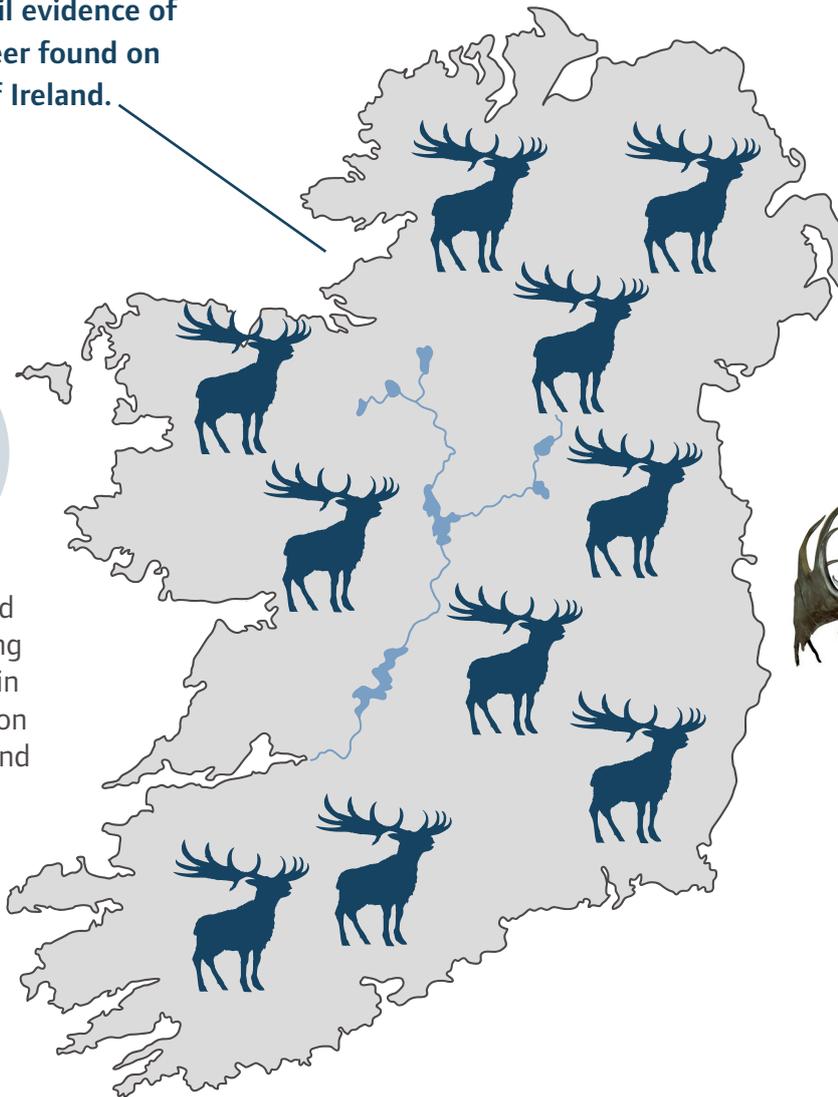
Locations of fossil evidence of Ice Age giant deer found on the island of Ireland.



The giant deer were herbivores meaning they only eat plants. They ate the grass and shrubs that grew across Ireland in the past.



The giant deer hold the record for having the largest antlers in the world! They sit on top of their heads and can reach nearly 4 meters wide!



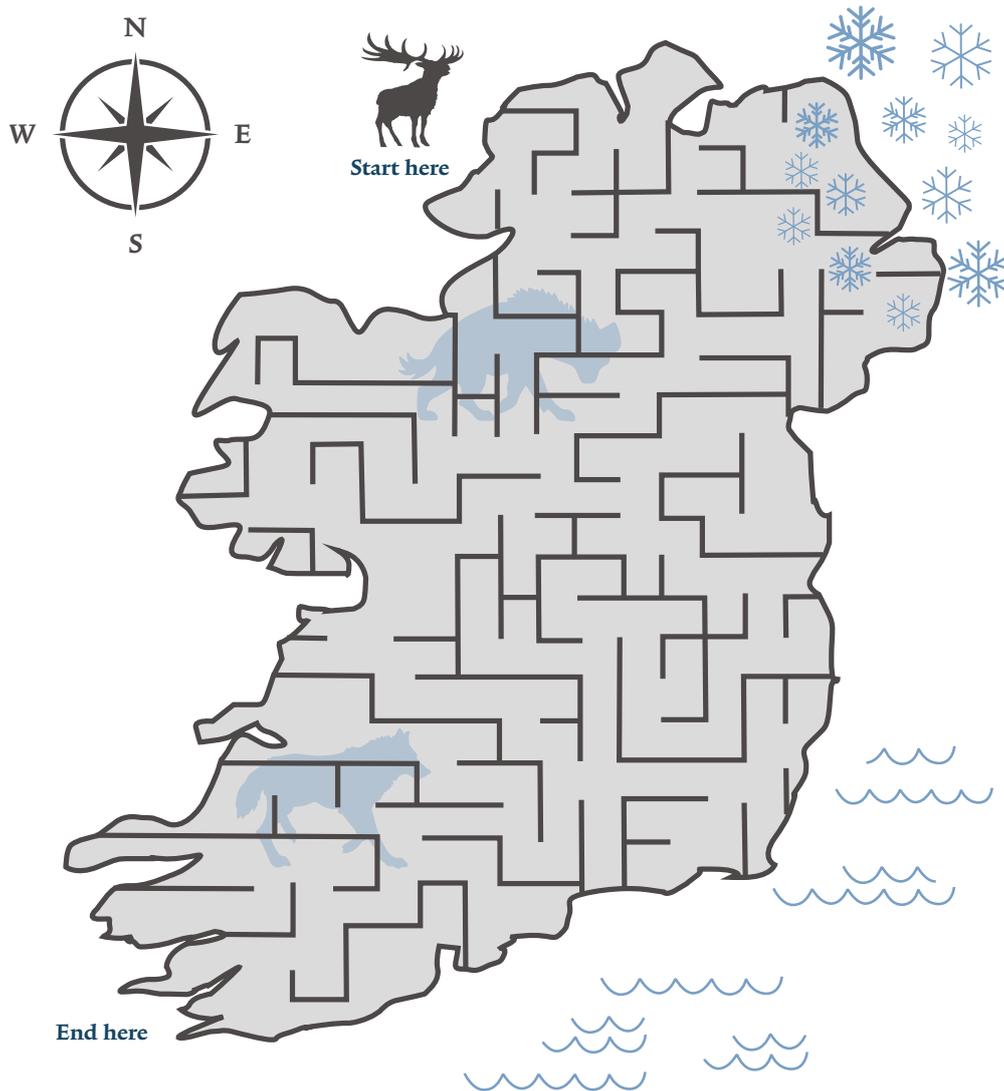
The National Museum of Ireland – Natural History has fossil skeletons, skulls and antlers from over 200 giant deer.

They have found giant deer fossils in all 32 counties of Ireland! Maybe even close to where you live. Some of these fossils are 37,000 years old!

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Help the Giant Deer Escape the Ice!

Maze Puzzle



Dear oh dear! Can you help? The giant deer in this picture is trying to escape from the ice sheet that is making its way across Ireland. It needs your help to travel safely across from the north to the south of the country. Use a pen or pencil to find the safest path through the maze, making sure he doesn't run into any hungry predators along the way.