

**RUV 2007**  
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**OUR TRIP**  
**Thingvellir**

10:00:11:08  
Lake Thingvellir

10:00:14:00

**Boy 1:**

The trip from Reykjavik to Thingvellir is only 50 km and from here it's a relatively short trip to Hveragerdi.

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**Boy 2:**

Well... we finally made it here.

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**Boy 1:**

Wow, this is a really big lake!

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**Boy 2:**

Hand me the binoculars...

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Look!

10:01:12:19

**Boy 1:**

This must be the largest lake in Iceland. It's gigantic.

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**Boy 2:**

Let's ask the computer. It should know.

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**Computer:**

Oh, hello, is it you, guys? It looks to me like you're at Lake Thingvellir and you're wondering if it is the biggest lake in Iceland. I can tell you, you are right. Lake Thingvellir happens to be the biggest lake in Iceland.

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So there you have it!

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But most remarkable is that in the middle of Thingvellir there is a canyon which has formed because Iceland sits on two tectonic plates, the European and the North American ones.

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The two move away from each other, forming this canyon. And these are Thingvellir.

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That's why the lake is called Lake Thingvellir.

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Here is also the National Park, which was established in 1928.  
The environment is different from other places in Iceland.

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The lava is covered with shrubbery, there are deep canyons and graceful  
palagonite mountains which give the area a distinctive look.  
This was also the site of the world's oldest parliament and where  
Christianity was adopted in Iceland.