

Glenveagh National Park  
A Place to Learn

# National School Learning Module

Little Nature Explorers



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Take part in a fun and creative nature walk and sort, match, describe and identify the natural wonders that you discover. This session provides a basic introduction to the natural world and our National Park. We use sensory experiences, hands-on activities, interactive discussion and nature-based art to begin connecting young children with their environment.



## Who is this Module For?

- Recommended for younger students from 4 to 7 years of age.
- Most suitable for groups who would like a fun introduction to the natural world and their National Park and to begin connecting with their local landscape.
- This session will include both indoor and outdoor elements.
- Schools can take part in this learning module throughout the school year, though module content will vary seasonally.

## Learning Outcomes: What Your Group Can Expect

- Learn about some of the important plants and animals that live in the Park.
- Have the space and time to identify, sort and match items that students will find on their guided nature walk.
- Gain a basic understanding of the seasons and how wildlife is affected by them.
- Observe and discover and discuss some of the wildlife that live in the Park.
- Talk, describe and make arts and crafts reflecting the days activities.
- Space and time to begin developing a relationship with nature and living things.



## Before You Visit

- Take your students on a walk around the school and observe the nature all around you. Record what you find: photograph, draw or collect dead/down material. Compare what you have found when you visit the Park.
- Learn a few native trees. Look at the shapes and sizes of trees with children. Get them to act out these shapes with their bodies
- Read stories to the class about Irish wildlife .
- Ask the children to talk about or draw an animal that lives in the Park.

## Follow Up Back in Class

- Make a giant collage on the wall with leaf shapes that the children have made.
- Plant a tree at school and watch it grow.
- Identify flowers around the school/at home and discuss them.
- Introduce the concept of nature as an important resource for us and animals in a simple way. "We need nature because..." Animals need trees because..."
- Put up a bird feeder and bird table and watch which birds visit the school.
- Start a nature table and bring in leaves, nuts , seeds and catkins.



Sensible footwear & waterproof clothing.



Healthy packed lunches. It's an active day.



We provide all of the equipment necessary.