

Glenveagh National Park  
A Place to Learn

# National School Learning Module

Protecting Nature Activity Day



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A practical outdoor visit exploring the National Park and learning about what lives in it, why these living things are important, and how we can look after them.

This module aims to encourage and develop a positive relationship with the outdoors, and harness a respect for nature and biodiversity.



## Who is this Module For?

- Better suited to 1st to 6th class Primary School students
- For those would like a broad introduction to Ireland's nature, National Parks, and how National Parks work to Protect Nature
- This is a great trip for school groups who have never been in Glenveagh National Park before
- Can be delivered year round, in any season

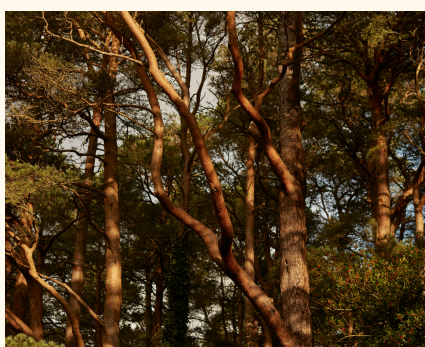


## Learning Outcomes: What Your Group Can Expect

This is a practical, experiential day where students will see first-hand how nature co-exists in a National Park.

While in the park, students can have the chance to:

- explore woodland, grassland, bog, and freshwater environments
- identify and learn about the park's plants and animals, the relationships between them, and how the seasons affect them
- learn about food chains, habitats, and biodiversity
- understand human impact on living things, and how we can reduce our own impact when we are enjoying the outdoors
- leave with an understanding of the importance of protected places for nature, such as National Parks and Nature Reserves



## Before You Visit

To get the most out of your visit, there are a few things we suggest school groups do in class before coming to Glenveagh:

- Have a class discussion on biodiversity, what students think it means, and how important it is
- Discover what types of habitat Ireland has and some of the birds, plants, and animals you might find in them
- Discuss what a National Park is and why they are important
- Look at a simple food chain
- Explore the role of plants in nature and how animals use them

## Follow Up Back in Class

Wondering what to do after your visit? Here are some suggestions.

- Find out what kind of habitats are in and around your school grounds, and find out what lives there
- Start a seasonal nature table that focuses on what flowers at certain times of the year
- Have a minibeast hunt on school ground
- Identify the trees that grow around school
- Build a bird nest box



Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Dress for the season!



Take a healthy packed lunch with you.



Plan ahead and prepare. We provide all necessary equipment and worksheets.