

Glenveagh National Park
A Place to Learn



National School Learning Module

Woodland Discovery Day



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Take part in a guided Nature walk through a Woodland Habitat. Our interactive session introduces your group to the history, ecology and conservation of our woodlands. Your students will identify woodland species and discover woodland minibeasts. Your visit will often include a woodland focused nature-based art activity.

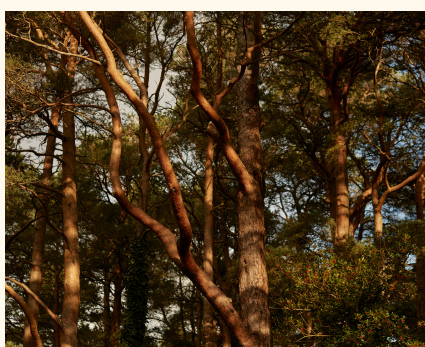


Who is this Module For?

- This module is most suitable for students from 2nd class upwards.
- Most suitable for groups who are already investigating the world of woodland ecology or would like a broad introduction to Donegal's trees and woodland habitats.
- 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

- Explore a woodland habitat and find out about the vital role of trees and woodland conservation.
- Identify key woodland flora and fauna . Investigate woodland food chains and the interactions between different species in the woods.
- Discover woodland specific species on a mini-beast hunt and by bird watching.
- Learn about how a woodland is structured and name the parts of a tree.
- Discuss native and non-native trees, their differences and how they live.
- Develop a relationship with nature, the outdoors and living things.
- Leave with a greater knowledge and awareness of the role of National Parks, Nature Reserves and Protected Areas.



Before You Visit

- Discuss what a woodland is and what it looks like. Use nature books and online resources to find out what species live in the woods.
- Learn some native Donegal trees such as Rowan and Birch
- Learn the 4 layers of the forest - Ground, Field, Shrub and Canopy.
- Show your students what a food chain is and ask them to come up with one for a woodland/forest.
- Investigate what trees and forests do for us and learn about how our woodlands are threatened.

Follow Up Back in Class

- Record the diversity of trees around your school. What types of trees do you have and what insects and plants live near them? Can the trees tell you what season it is?
- Explore the differences between native and non-native trees.
- Ask each student to bring a leaf in from a tree near their home. Identify them and start a woodland nature table.



Sensible footwear & waterproof clothing.



Healthy packed lunches.
It's an active day.



We provide all of the equipment necessary.