Glenveagh National Park
A Place to Learn

National School Learning Module

Life in Our Bogs

Páirc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha
Glenveagh National Park

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Take part in a guided Nature walk through a Peatland Habitat. This interactive session introduces your group to peatland formation, ecology and conservation. Your students will identify key bogland species and discover minibeasts during a bug hunt. Your visit will often conclude with a peatland focused nature-based art activity.

Who is this Module For?

- Recommended for students from 2nd class upwards.
- Most suitable for groups who are already investigating the world of peatland ecology or would like a broad introduction to Ireland's blanket bog habitat.
- If your school is located near the bog or you have previously visited the Park this module provides a more in-depth experience and the opportunity to learn more.

Learning Outcomes: What Your Group Can Expect

- Explore the blanket bog of Glenveagh and find out about bog formation. Identify some of the key flora and fauna of a peatland habitat and investigate bogland food chains.
- Find out about the vital role of bogs as an ecoservice.
- Discover threats that face the bog and hear about our efforts to conserve our boglands.
- Develop your group's 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

- Use nature books and online resources to investigate bogs. Identify species of plants and animals that use or live in the bog.
- Discuss how different bogland habitats are compared to gardens or agricultural land. What makes bogs special? Why is the land used differently in different habitats?
- Learn how the bog is formed - this will link well with the history curriculum.
- Investigate what bogs do for us and how a changing climate could endanger them.

Follow Up Back in Class

- Design your own bog with all the appropriate layers in 3D from recycled materials.
- Create posters of all the different creatures that live in the bog.
- Explore who lived in the bogs in the past, what remains have been preserved by bogs and how pollen records from bogs help us map out the natural history of Ireland.

Sensible footwear & waterproof clothing. (Wellies recommended!)

Healthy packed lunches. It's an active day.

We provide all of the equipment necessary.

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