

Glenveagh National Park
A Place to Learn

National School Learning Module

Woodland Discovery Day



Páirc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha
Glenveagh National Park



NPWS

An tSeirbhís Páircanna
Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra
National Parks and Wildlife
Service

This interactive session introduces your group to the history, ecology and conservation of our native Irish woodlands. Students will explore seasonal plants and animals that live in this habitat and the 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.
- Useful for groups who are already investigating the world of Irish woodlands 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 work underway in Glenveagh.
- Identify and get to know 4-6 Native Irish Trees on the woodland walk.
- Learn about 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.
- Investigate how a woodland is structured and what makes a woodland a healthy one.
- Discuss native and non-native trees, their differences and value for biodiversity.
- Leave with a greater knowledge and awareness of the role of National Parks, Nature Reserves and Protected Areas for native woodland restoration.



Before You Visit

- Watch our children's film about Native Irish woodlands in Glenveagh, available on our website.
- Find out which Native Irish tree Glenveagh gets its name from.
- Look at trees in your school area or ask pupils to find out about trees in their garden.
- Show your students what a food chain is and ask them to come up with one for a woodland.
- Investigate what trees and forests do for us and learn about how our woodlands are threatened here in Ireland.
- Ask the group to think about what they expect to see and find in Glenveagh National Park.

Follow Up Back in Class

- Ask the group to write to Glenveagh telling us what they enjoyed most about their visit to the woodlands.
- Do a woodland study of your own back at school. Record the diversity of trees and what insects and plants live near them.
- Draw a map of the area and get the class to come up with a plan on how they can increase the extent and health of woodlands for the future.
- Start a woodland nature table with changing seasonal displays.



Sensible footwear & waterproof clothing.



Healthy packed lunches.
It's an active day.



We provide all of the equipment necessary.