



Glenveagh Nature Education Programme

Module Fact Sheet for Teachers: General Nature Explorer

Book this module if:

- Your children are in 1st to 6th class.
 - It's your children's first visit to Glenveagh National Park.
 - You want a broad introduction to Ireland's nature and National Parks
- (These are recommendations only - modules are open to all groups)

Learning Outcomes: what we hope the children in your class will gain from the module:

- A hands on child led exploration of a variety of Glenveagh's habitats.
- Seeing how nature co-exists; investigating the relationships between the local flora and fauna.
- An understanding of food chains and how all living things both need one another and compete for survival.
- Encouragement to develop a relationship with nature, the outdoors and living things.

Methods of teaching and activities: what children will experience:

- Nature walk and exploration.
- Questions and challenges encouraging children to think about habitats and biodiversity from a broad perspective
- Fun finding animal signs, trails and tracks.
- Hands on activities to meet and learn about some of Donegal's native trees.
- Discussion, games and sensory activities
- Nature art and craft designed to draw together the days learning

Suggested preparation activities to do in school:

- Discuss what biodiversity and habitats are.
- Cover what a National Park is and how many there are in Ireland/The world
- Learn some native trees.
- Explore the role of plants in nature.
- Cover Food chains and webs.

Suggested follow up activities to do after your Visit:

- Conduct your own survey. What nature do you have around your school? This could be a survey of different plants in a hedgerow, different bugs in the ground, different birds at your bird feeder etc.
- Start a nature table.
- Ask every child to bring in a leaf from a tree and identify them. Record the diversity of trees around the children's homes.

Useful links for further information:

<http://www.noticenature.ie/>

<http://www.ispynature.com/>

<http://www.treecouncil.ie/>

<http://primaryscience.ie/>

<http://www.biology.ie/>

<http://www.npws.ie/>



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