



Glenveagh Nature Education Programme

Module Fact Sheet for Teachers:

Glenveagh Time Line

Book this module if:

Your children are in 5th-6th class or up to Junior Cert Age and who want a real outdoor adventure day. The walk on this day is longer and the content will really stretch the imagination as we step back in time from 500 million years ago to the present day. A great choice if you are doing a history or geography project in class or if you want the group to experience the story of the landscape in Ireland through the ages. This module requires the full 4 hour visit time.

(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:

1. An understanding of the story of the landscape, the people and of the flora and fauna in Glenveagh Valley and how they are interconnected.
2. A sense of place - becoming more aware of how Glenveagh and Donegal are connected through the past to other parts of the world.
3. An appreciation of early people, their lifestyles and needs for survival.
4. An appreciation of the plants and animals here and how they too have competed for survival
5. A greater knowledge of human and natural environments up to the present day using Glenveagh as an example where people have made a lasting impact on the landscape.

Methods of teaching and activities: what children will experience:

1. A guided walk with a series of stops, covering the geology of the landscape here, the last ice age, the arrival and changes in flora and fauna and the various people and communities that have lived here.
2. A fun 'hunter-gatherer' activity where children will have a go at building a den or shelter using only natural materials.
3. The opportunity to use maps and compasses
4. The challenge of drawing and illustrating their own timeline or piece of art work related to the day.

Suggested preparation activities to do in school:

- Covering topics such as the ice age and facts about glaciers and u-shape valleys would be useful.
- Supporting the class to look at a map and understand where Glenveagh is, and to explore its position on the map compared to other valleys running in a similar direction may be helpful.
- Any preparation work on native trees or mammals would also be a beneficial thing to do.
- Explore the history of humans in Ulster and Ireland as a whole.

Suggested follow up activities to do after your visit:

- We always welcome any artwork or poetry based on your visit. If there isn't time to finish your art work with us on the day it could be taken away and sent back to us for displays.
- We are aware that this day contains a lot of facts and information, so choosing one aspect of the day, such as the plants or animals, and doing a research project on them may help the class to build on what we've covered.
- Other related strands of the curriculum include physical features of Europe, rocks and soils, weather, climate change and atmosphere, maps and graphical skills, time and chronology and human use of natural resources.

Useful references for further information:

'Flora Hibernica' by Picher & Hall, Collins Press, ISBN 190346403x

'Reading The Irish Landscape' by Mitchell & Ryan, Town House, ISBN 1860590551

Ask us for the Green Glenveagh Guide Book - we can send you a copy.



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