

Glenveagh Nature Education Programme

MODULE FACT SHEET FOR TEACHERS

Glenveagh Time Line

WHO IS THIS MODULE IDEAL FOR?

- Your students are in 5th-6th class or up to Junior Cert age who want a real outdoor adventure.
- The walk is longer and based on the historical creation of Glenveagh up to 500 million years ago.
- Excellent choice if you are doing a history or geography project in class.
- This module requires the full 4 hours visit time.

Note: These are recommendations only - modules are open to all groups.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Learn the story of the landscape of Glenveagh and much of the landscape in Donegal!
- Understand how the people and the flora and fauna came to Glenveagh and how they are interconnected.
- Learn about the first settlers to Glenveagh and how their lives changed over history.
- Develop an appreciation of the plants and animals here and how they competed for survival and learn about the animals that did not make it beyond Glaciation.
- A greater knowledge of human and natural environments up to the present day. This uses Glenveagh as an example of how people and society has made a lasting impact on the landscape.



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HOW THE EDUCATION TEAM WILL DELIVER THIS PROGRAMME AND WHAT STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE:

- A guided walk with a series of stops, covering the geology of the landscape, the last ice age, the arrival and changes in flora and fauna and the various people and communities that have lived here.
- A 'hunter-gatherer' activity where children will have a go at building a den or shelter (weather and season dependent).
- Learn to use and read a map and compass
- Draw and/or illustrate their own timeline or create a craft that relates to the theme of the day.

WHAT CAN YOU DO BEFORE YOUR VISIT TO GLENVEAGH?

- Cover topics such as the ice age and learn some facts about glaciers and what a u-shaped valley is.
- Take out a map of Glenveagh, ask your students to find it and look for any other valleys in Donegal.
- Do a bit of preparation work on some native trees or animals
- Explore the history of humans of Ulster and Ireland as a whole



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SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES TO DO AFTER YOUR VISIT:

- We always welcome any artwork or poetry based on your visit.
- Choose an aspect of the days visit, such as glaciers or an extinct animal and do a research project with your students based on it.
- 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 MORE INFORMATION

- https://www.wesleyjohnston.com/users/ireland/past/pre_norman_history/iceage.html
- <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/narrative-notes/the-ice-age-in-ireland/index.xml>
- 'Flora Hibernica' by Pincher & Hall, Collins Press.
- 'Reading The Irish Landscape' by Mitchell & Ryan, Town House.
- Ask us for the 'Green Glenveagh Guide Book' - we can send you copy!

