



The Geography of Glendalough: Soils

Take a walk up the steps beside Poulanass Waterfall. Stop here and take a moment to observe your surroundings. This is a good place to consider the soils in the valley.

Can you identify the major vegetation type in this area?

What kind of soil might you expect to find in this area? List some characteristics.

How does the vegetation affect the soil?

Higher up, on exposed mountain slopes, a different soil type can be found. What kind of soil might you find up on Lugduff for example?

Mass Movement

In mountainous areas, mass movement is a common occurrence- why?

Two types of mass movement are commonly seen in Glendalough, although you may not see one of them until you walk a bit further. Complete the following table.

Type of Mass Movement		
Fast or Slow?		
Evidence		