

Wicklow Mountains National Park

Secondary School Programme 2020



Knowledgeable National Park guides well-versed in all aspects of ecology, geography & the nature of Glendalough.

Small group size (10 or less) - all students get involved.

Worksheets tailor made to comply with the requirements of the curriculum.

Free service.

How To Book

We only take bookings by phone. (0404-45656).

Our service is free of charge. (However, there may be a charge for parking.)

We insist that groups bring at least one adult leader for every 10 students. These leaders are responsible for the supervision of the group.

The school must photocopy one worksheet for each student.

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Subject List





Ecology Fieldwork

Available
March to October only.

L.C. Ecology Study of a Habitat

Designed to suit the fieldwork requirement of the leaving cert.

Teachers may choose their habitat: woodland, grassland or bog.

We shall explore the mammals, birds, invertebrates & plants in the habitat, shall do both a frequency vegetation survey and a percentage cover survey, and shall examine the climatic, edaphic, abiotic & biotic factors.

J.C. Ecology: Deer, Goats, Wolves & the Ecology of Glendalough

This study looks at all aspects of Glendalough's woodland ecology, with a focus on the importance of a top predator in a landscape. When we eradicated the wolf, we unbalanced the finely tuned web of life, with consequences for the ecology and the habitat.

Geography Fieldwork

Available
November to February only.

J.C. Geography of Glendalough

This general study of Glendalough's geography looks at weather, geology, mining, settlement, tourism, rivers and glaciation.

Teachers are also welcome to do this as a self-guided option. The worksheet is downloadable from our website, www.wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie

L.C. River Study: An Investigation into the Impact of Human Activity on Geomorphic Processes in a Fluvial Environment

Designed to suit the fieldwork requirement of the leaving cert. Our study this season looks at the canalisation of the Lugduff Brook to prevent recurring flooding.

J.C. Human Geography Hike

The day involves a hike around Glendalough exploring how Man has shaped the landscape.

Topics examined include mining, settlement, farming, hydro-electric power, tourism, forestry, the monastic ruins, recreation, and the National Park.

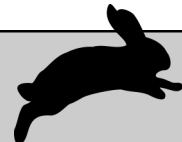


Self-Guided River Study

Teachers are welcome to bring their class down to do their own river study in Glendalough. However, schools must book their date, to ensure that no other school is using the river on the day. Failure to do so may result in you being moved on.

Please Note: We shall no longer be offering River Studies after Feb 2020.

Transition Year



T.Y. Challenge

Teams compete at a variety of small challenges. Includes a treasure hunt, bird watching, orienteering, a clinometer challenge, a blindfold challenge and a quiz.

Conservation Day

Students examine the conservation issues that face the National Park. Includes a treasure hunt, a hike and a debate.

Suitable for all ages.

T.Y. Outreach

If you would like our staff to visit your school in the winter (Nov.—Feb.), we have a new TY Outreach programme. Please phone 0404 45656 for more details.