

Ben Lomond for schools

Ben Lomond, situated on the east shore of Loch Lomond, is probably Scotland's most famous mountain and, at 3,194 ft, is its most southerly Munro. Over 30,000 people climb the mountain every year, and an important aspect of The National Trust for Scotland's work has been repairing the path erosion caused by visitor pressure. A wide range of upland habitats are present, and the lower slopes hold remnants of native woodland and scrub. Sheep grazing has depleted these habitats in the past, and The Trust and tenant farmer are now working to find a balance in grazing numbers, which will allow habitats to regenerate.

● education programme

Ben Lomond is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- a ranger/naturalist to guide parties in activities
- a low level way-marked trail, which gives easy access and interpretation to various medieval farming archaeological sites, as well as woodland regeneration areas
- good viewpoints over the surrounding Loch Lomond landscape

classroom resources

- a visit by the Ranger to nearby schools at all times of year on request.

● practical information

planning your visit

- open for school visits: all year
- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: donations to The Trust are gratefully accepted, with a suggested minimum donation per group of £10
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we strongly recommend a (free) preparatory visit by the teacher

during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: the Ranger will meet you, at a pre-arranged time, in the Forestry Commission car park at Rowardennan
- picnic facilities: packed lunches are advised - if necessary indoor facilities can be made available
- shop: it should be noted that the nearest shop is 12 miles away in Drymen
- toilets: available at Rowardennan car park and the Ranger Base

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