

# Glencoe for schools

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Glencoe is well known for its breathtaking landscape, but there's much more to be discovered hidden in its unknown corners. Four hundred million years ago the Glen was a seething cauldron of volcanic lava. For the last one million years, glaciers have come and gone, shaping the landscape that we see today. For the last 5,000 years people have lived in and changed the Glen, but wildlife abounds in its meadows, bogs, lochs, rivers and mountains. It is an ideal place to discover the richness of Highland history, archaeology, nature and environmental issues.

## ● education programme

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

### a site visit offers

- environmental activities led by the Ranger Service, designed to match school projects and the curriculum
- a wide range of habitats to study – rivers, lochs, meadows, woodland, bogs, moorland and a farm.
- the new award-winning visitor centre houses displays on geology, plant and animal life, mountaineering, the people of the glen, Glencoe and the Indians, and conservation management.
- an audio-visual presentation on the Massacre of Glencoe
- an education room which can accommodate up to 25 children

### classroom resources

- Ranger visits to schools to lead activities
- educational events
- advice on how to self-guide activities and access to environmental literature such as identification materials, projects and games
- an illustrated guidebook (available on request)
- the education room can be used as a base for field studies visits.
- information is available for groups wishing to undertake Duke of Edinburgh's Award explorations or expeditions in the area

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- access to the property available all year round
- Visitor Centre is open all year round - please phone for details.
- the Ranger Service is available to discuss plans for a visit in advance
- we suggest a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 8 children
- cost for school parties: entrance to the Visitor Centre free of charge to parties booked in advance
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties. For specially organised events we charge £1 per pupil for schools with Educational Membership, otherwise £2 per child.
- preparation: for self-guided tours we strongly recommend a free preparatory visit by the teacher

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## ● for more information contact

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during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please meet at the Visitor Centre entrance
- picnic facilities: lunches may be eaten in the Visitor Centre car park area - alternative arrangements may be available in bad weather
- shop: open during the Visitor Centre opening hours - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: situated in the Visitor Centre

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