

The Hermitage for schools

The Hermitage, by Dunkeld, is a particularly interesting mixed conifer and deciduous woodland with very tall Douglas fir trees, including good views of one of the tallest in Britain. Animals of note include red squirrel, otter and roe deer as well as pipistrelle and Daubenton's bats. The woodland covers 33 acres, and includes a picturesque folly (Ossian's Hall) built in 1758 above the wooded gorge of the River Braan. It is a part of the River Tay landscape recognised as a National Scenic Area (NSA). The property is considered outstanding for its historical, architectural value, arboricultural and nature conservation value.

The Hermitage was given to the National Trust for Scotland in 1944 by the wish of the 8th Duke, for a number of years The Trust's President. The Hermitage was first laid out in 1758 by John Murray, nephew and heir to the 2nd Duke of Atholl.

● education programme

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

a site visit offers

- advice and guidance from the Ranger Service
- ranger-led educational programmes covering woodland, river or other environmental topics as requested
- woodland and riverside trails

classroom resources

- illustrated trail booklet (£1 available on site, from the EII Shop in Dunkeld or on request)
- *Young Person's Guide to The Hermitage* (£1.50 available from the EII Shop in Dunkeld or on request)

● practical information

planning your visit

- open for school visits: all year
- cost for school parties: ranger-led activities £1 per child or free to NTS educational members. Please book on 01350 728641

during your visit

- please note: teachers are responsible for discipline
- parking: available for coaches in the upper car park (£1)
- picnic facilities: limited picnic tables at The Hermitage, ample space in Stanley Park, Dunkeld
- toilets: none on site, nearest available at Dunkeld

complementary visits

NTS properties

- Dunkeld
- The Pass of Killiecrankie
- Linn of Tummel
- Craigower

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