

# Inverewe Garden and Estate for schools

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Inverewe Garden is impressively set on a peninsula on the shores of Loch Ewe. Exotic plants from many countries flourish here on a latitude more northerly than Moscow's. One explanation for this profusion is that the North Atlantic Drift or Gulf Stream brings warm seawater currents to the shores of the sea-loch.

The Garden sits within the wider Inverewe Estate which comprises over 2000 acres of open moorland and woodland and lies within the Wester Ross National Scenic Area. The wider estate offers opportunities to discover the natural history of Wester Ross.

## ● education programme

Inverewe Garden and Estate are an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum.

Please contact the Regional Education Officer (information given below) to discuss 5-14 National Guidelines links further.

### a site visit offers

- Visitor Centre with display panels about the garden
- Audio-wand self-guided tours or, if pre-booked, guided tours around the Garden
- The Property Ranger Service is available to offer guided walks and school visits to the wider estate. There are many habitats including shoreline, woodland, pond & wetland that can be used for activities.

### classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge  
Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher. A discussion with the Garden Office or the Ranger over the phone can highlight the opportunities available to visiting schools.

### during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- picnic facilities: lunches may be eaten on grassed areas
- refreshments: a self-service restaurant is available offering a wide variety of food and drinks
- shop: open all day - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: available at the property during open hours for Visitor Centre or Restaurant

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### ● for more information contact

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