

# Torridon for schools

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Torridon is a 16,100 acre estate which includes some of Scotland's finest mountain scenery. There is an interesting variety of fauna, ranging from red deer to pygmy shrew, from buzzard to golden eagle. While wild mountain flowers abound, the once great forests of Scots pine are preserved as stumps, exposed after years of erosion from the peat bogs. The estate's southwestern boundary is formed by the coastline of Upper Loch Torridon where seals and water birds can be seen.

East of the Trust boundary is the Beinn Eighe Reserve, the first National Nature Reserve to be declared in Britain. It is of international importance.

## ● education programme

Torridon is 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 further discuss 5-14 National Guidelines links.

### a site visit offers

- guided walks to explore the area
- Ranger-lead activities
- a Deer Museum describing the life and management of red deer
- small displays in countryside centre on geology and animal tracks
- an audio-visual programme on wildlife and scenery

### classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)

## ● practical information

### before your visit

- open for school visits: year round access to the estate, deer park and Deer Museum (unstaffed) - please notify the Ranger of your visit. The Countryside Centre is open from May to September
- we suggest 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 strongly recommend a preparatory visit by the teacher

### your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to Torridon Countryside Centre
- picnic facilities: there are no indoor facilities
- shop: The Centre sells maps, books and a small selection of gifts
- toilets: public toilets available about 50m from the Countryside Centre

## ● for more information contact

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