



Bog of Allen Nature Centre What's it all about?

Set in the heart of the Bog of Allen the nature centre offers hands on active learning for primary, secondary, third level Irish and international students. The nature centre is owned and managed by the Irish Peatland Conservation Council.

Our programmes of study allow students to explore and discover the diversity of wildlife and habitats in Ireland with a special emphasis on peatland habitats and wildlife.

Home to the largest public display of insect eating plants in Ireland and the UK the centre will bring peatlands and wildlife alive for you and your students during your visit.



"Thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the visit - in fact didn't notice the day passing" Dysart N.S.

Contact Us

Education bookings and enquiries

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The Bog of Allen Nature Centre is constantly evolving and changing. News of the latest developments and projects from the centre can be found at www.ipcc.ie. You can also watch a virtual tour of the centre at www.ipcc.ie.

Facilities



Our Education Work is Recognised by



Bog of Allen Nature Centre
Schools



Discover & Learn

Learning Outside the Classroom

We offer education programmes that breathe excitement and discovery into learning



Bogtastic Guided Tours for Groups

International and Irish groups are always welcome to the centre. Booking in advance is essential to ensure a member of our team is available to guide you on your visit. A two hour bogtastic tour includes the peatland museum, nature centre gardens and a walk over Lodge Bog.

Cost: €10/adult or €8/student.
Booking essential



"All students had a great day and we learned a lot about Irish bogs and how important they are to us. All students and teachers would like to thank you for the wonderful day out"
4th year students, Moyle Park College, Dublin



Primary Science (on site)

A 3 hour programme for your students. Group Leaders choose three activities from the following list:

- Peatland exhibition centre and quiz
- Pond Dipping: Most popular activity
- Woodland Quest: Creepy Crawlies Safari
- Frog & Newt Search: Amphibians of Ireland
- Multi-sensory Earth Walk: Look, listen & learn
- Flytraps House: Insect eating plants
- Nature Craft: Working with natural objects
- Traditional Irish Cottage: Ways of Old
- Bog Habitat Study: Exploring Lodge Bog

Cost: €6.50/student. Booking Essential

Discover Primary Science & Maths

Choose from "Walk on Water Ecology of Bogs" or "Walk on Water Creepy Crawlies Safari" Discover Primary Science and Maths workshops. These programmes link with the DPSM Surface Tension and Bubbles activity sheet and extend them to a field study investigation of a bogland habitat or an invertebrate investigation.

Cost: €6.50/student. Booking Essential



Primary Science (outreach)

It's not always possible to organise a field trip. IPCC's Education Officer can bring the natural world to your classroom as part of the Heritage in Schools Scheme. Tel 045-860133 to arrange.

Secondary School Field Studies

Junior and Leaving Certificate field studies in Biology and Geography are catered for. All investigations are curriculum linked and study options include but are not limited to (please contact us to arrange a bespoke programme):

- Animal tracks and signs
- Animal and plant adaptations to the bog
- Pond dipping/pitfall traps: food chains & webs
- Bog formation
- Qualitative quadrat study of wet and dry bog
- Quantitative transect study of plant zonation
- Stevenson screen: recording abiotic factors
- Comparison of intact and cutover bog landscapes

Cost: €15-€18/student. Booking essential

BioBog

A biodiversity management field study. Students taking this field study can choose from a range of management activities on a local nature reserve:



- Recording biodiversity: skills based session learning a variety of sampling techniques
- Practical management activities on a nature reserve such as invasive species removal, drain profiling, drain blocking, *Sphagnum* moss restoration or maintaining butterfly habitat.

Cost: €10/student. Booking essential