

## Booking Arrangements

Schools wanting to make a booking to use the ranger service should contact the Estate Office by phone or email. *On confirmation of a date for your visit, please ensure that a booking form is then completed and returned as soon as possible.* Booking forms are available on our website (see below). Teachers planning and supervising their own activities which require access to forests and estate trails are asked to contact the Estate Office to provide details of their plans.

### Important—Please note:

1. The meeting point with ranger staff is the Estate Office and Information centre at the south end of Tomintoul.
2. Depending on arrangements, ranger-led walks can start from a variety of locations, so please ensure that transport continues to be available during a visit.
3. Outdoor clothing and stout footwear is always recommended, as paths can sometimes be wet and muddy. Wellingtons are particularly useful for pond dipping and woodland walks.
4. Groups are advised to bring their own packed lunches although there are restaurants and shops in and near Tomintoul if required.
5. Teachers are asked to ensure that children are aware of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code prior to a visit and that pupils are fully aware of their responsibility regarding litter. Teachers are also asked to read the health and safety information provided by the Estate (available on the Estate website and from the Estate Office) and ensure that all necessary precautions are taken. Please also ensure that all pupils, staff and parent helpers are aware of their responsibilities in respect of health and safety.
6. Toilets (including a disabled facility) are provided at the Estate Office in Tomintoul.



For further information contact: Glenlivet Estate Office, Main Street, Tomintoul, Banffshire,  
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# Glenlivet Estate



## Opportunities for Primary School Visits

I liked all the different part  
Of Wood.  
I liked the flys  
One of the flys  
Crawled up my arm.  
I never realised a drey  
is a Squirrels home.

**THE CROWN  
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## Explore Glenlivet...

The largest agricultural property owned by the Crown Estate, Glenlivet Estate encompasses an area of nearly 90 square miles. It is a landscape of upland glens and heather covered hills interspersed with farms, forests and woodlands, lying at the north eastern fringe of the Cairngorm National Park.



A wide variety of schools and other groups enjoy visits to the Estate each year and a number of visitor and educational facilities are available. These include walking and cycling trails, a nature trail and forest hide, an adventure playground, picnic areas, information boards, an information/education centre and an Estate Ranger Service. The character of the countryside within Glenlivet, coupled with the facilities that are available, means the estate is able to offer excellent opportunities for schools in the field of environmental education.

## Services for Schools

The education programme for visiting schools has been developed in consultation with teachers and a number of activities can be organised for schools wishing to carry out fieldwork and outdoor activities relating to classroom work. These activities are designed to give children an opportunity to enjoy, explore and discover the countryside and develop a better understanding of our natural heritage. Participation will help improve children's knowledge of the countryside, while aiding the development of various skills including observation, recording, and identification.

The Estate Information Centre houses displays, collections and resource material and can be used for slide shows, follow up work and for use as an indoor base in poor weather. Equipment for collecting and identifying plants and animals is supplied, along with resources for investigations and project work if required.

## Possible Activities

Depending on requirements a number of activities can be organised as part of a day visit. These include:

- *Introductory slide talk about the countryside, wildlife and land use in the Information Centre*
- *Ranger led guided walk with/ without follow-up work in Information Centre (see topic list below)*
- *Using the Tomintoul Adventure Playground adjacent to the Estate Office .*
- *Visit to see Cairngorm reindeer herd*
- *Visit to Tomintoul Museum*
- *Visit to the ruins of the 14th Century Drumin Castle in Glenlivet*
- *Visit to Glenmullach Forest Nature Trail and Forest Hide (most ranger led walks take place in this woodland area)*
- *Other teacher-led activities using estate facilities.*

## Ranger-led Guided Walks Environmental Education Subjects

Any of the following topics can form part of the subject matter of the ranger led walk and other topics relevant to classroom work can also be included.

- *Woods and wildlife - a look at trees, woodland wildlife and forest management.*
- *Life underground - moles and earthworms, exploring the world of the soil.*
- *Birds and mammals - of woods, moors and farmland.*
- *Ponds and streams - discover the fascinating environment of underwater life.*
- *Bugs and beasties - the world of minibeasts and cycles of growth and decay.*
- *Tracks trails and signs - looking for evidence of wildlife activity.*
- *Heath and heather - a look at moorlands and their wildlife.*
- *Farms and forests - how a Highland estate is managed*



Equipment, including nets, bug boxes and a microscope is provided for activities that involve observing, collecting, recording and identifying animals and plants.

## Availability of Ranger Service

During the months of May and June the Ranger Service is available for up to ½ a day to assist with school visits. Teachers are welcome to plan other activities to fill in any remaining time and can use the forest trails, adventure playground, picnic areas and other facilities provided on the Estate.

### Costs for use of Ranger Services

**£2.00 per pupil.**

**Minimum charge £30.00 per group**

All prices include VAT. No charge is made for groups organising their own activities that involve use of Estate trails and picnic areas. Separate charges are made for group visits to see the Cairngorm reindeer. Please contact ranger staff for details.

