

## Information

Teachers should contact the Education staff to discuss their requirements and to check availability of dates and times and to request a booking form.

Teachers remain responsible for their pupils/students at all times. At least one adult is required for every fifteen children. This is a strict safety requirement.

Ideally group sizes should be no larger than 30 so the programme can be delivered properly. However larger groups can be accommodated, but education officers time with children will be reduced.

Please ensure children wear weather proof clothing and stout footwear. Wellies are ideal in wet weather and for participation in river studies.

All of our programmes undergo a 'risk assessment' and health and safety considerations are a top priority to us. **Teachers are reminded however that the class remains their responsibility at all times.** Any accidents should be reported immediately to the education officer or other park staff. A first aid box will be available at all times for minor injuries.

**Packed lunches can be eaten at the centre.**

The Colin Glen Forest Park is opened all year round. For information on educational visits to Colin Glen Forest Park please contact:

### Education staff

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### Sessions

Morning: 9.30-12.30

Afternoon: 12.30-3.30

Full Day: 9.30-3.30



**Payments can be accepted at the centre or the school can be invoiced.**

The park is situated on the Stewartstown Road just 15 minutes from Belfast or Lisburn Town centres. The brown tourist signs show the way from the Dunmurry turn of the M1 and also coming in from Lisburn City Centre.

# Colin Glen Forest Park

Education programme



Colin Glen Forest Park is an unrivalled educational resource. It is one of the largest outdoor educational field study sites in Ireland and UK. The site consists of 200 acres of woodland, rivers, ponds and meadows to explore.



In 2008, Colin Glen Forest Park became the first forest park in Northern Ireland to be awarded the Green Flag Award. This prestigious award is the national benchmark for quality parks and green spaces, and follows on from another 'first' - that of the CCEA (Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment) endorsement in 2005, the first of its kind in the Belfast/Lisburn area. Colin Glen also continues to be a main provider for SCRP (Schools Community Relations Programme) for the Personal Development and Mutual Understanding Area of Learning.

Colin Glen provides curriculum linked environmental activities and classes for all educational stages from Foundation Stage, Key Stages 1-4, A-levels and third level education.

Our educational programme is hugely successful. During 2008 we taught more than 3,000 students on site from over 100 schools. One of the key attributes of the Colin Glen Forest Park Educational Team is our ability to be flexible and meet the individual group's requirements for their visit. This includes incorporating Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into any subject.

## Environmental programme links to the 'Big Picture' of the Curriculum

### Key Stages 1 & 2

#### **The World Around us:**

- Connections to Science, Technology, Geography and History through activities
- Interdependence of human kind, plants, animals, and the environment
- Change over time to the Colin Glen Forest Park environment

#### **Mathematics and Numeracy:**

- Measures
- Shape and Space
- Operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

#### **Language and literacy:**

- reading, writing, talking and listening
- expressing thoughts and feelings
- rhymes and rhythms through word play and poetry

**For information on programmes relating to Physical Education, The Arts or Personal Development and Mutual Understanding, please contact: [education2@colinglenrust.org](mailto:education2@colinglenrust.org)**

### Key Stage 3

#### **Science:**

- obtaining evidence and safe use of scientific equipment through River Studies
- Learn about organisms, the environment and human influences
- biodiversity: habitat study, life cycles, adaptation, pollution and/or conservation

#### **Environment and Society (Geography):**

- map-work skills and field study skills
- develop geographical understanding of weather, climate and ecosystems (especially rivers and forests)
- impact of social and environmental needs on Colin River and Glen

#### **Learning for Life and Work:**

- Employability
- Citizenship through community relations and volunteering

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