

Geography Resource

Based on the landscapes of The Great Trossachs Forest

Introduction

The Great Trossachs Forest (TGTF) forms part of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The spectacular scenery in the area, including Loch Katrine and Glen Finglas, offers great examples of glaciated landscapes. It is also a fantastic case study to examine the range of different land use opportunities within the area, the potential conflicts that may arise and the management solutions employed.

TGTF is much nearer to schools in the Central Belt than the Cairngorms National Park so is an ideal case study area. One field trip to TGTF can cover multiple topics (glaciated landscapes, river fieldwork and early settlements), and can be supported by a ranger, free of charge. For more information and sources of support see the 'Bringing a Class to The Great Trossachs Forest' resource.

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Contents

- Curriculum links for National 3, 4 & 5's, skills for learning, life and work, and reference to Standard Grade, Intermediate 1 and 2
- 3 fact sheets on:
 - A Glaciated Landscape
 - Land Uses, Conflicts and Solutions
 - Glasgow's Water supply
- Suggested activities to accompany the fact sheets, based in the classroom or for a field trip to TGTF. Teacher notes and reproducible resources for pupil use are given for field sketches, interviewing tourists, surveying a river, slope profiling, organising a class debate and analysing visitor data. OS maps of the local area are also provided.
- A series of short films to give real life context for learning, showing some of the land uses in the area including:
 - The Lifeline of Glasgow (Glasgow's water supply)
 - The Deer Stalker
 - The Ranger
 - Trees
 - Wildlife
 - Planting for the Future