

**The National Parks and Wildlife  
Service**  
(North Midlands Region)  
**Primary Schools Education Programmes**  
Provided in association with



The Education Programmes are provided free of charge to primary school students as a means of:

1. Promoting (a) **awareness**, (b) **knowledge** and (c) **appreciation** of our native flora, fauna and their habitats.
2. Fostering individual and collective **responsibility** for the welfare and conservation of our natural heritage.
3. Providing **information** and **advice** on environmental issues.

The programmes are available to Primary School students in the North Midlands Region, including: [South Leitrim](#), [Roscommon](#), [Longford](#), [Cavan](#), [Monaghan](#) and [Westmeath](#).

A visit to the NPWS Education Centre (North Midlands region) can be used as part of an application for [DPS Award of Science Excellence](#) by a registered school. Each

programme is offered at two levels:  
**Junior:** Suits the needs, interests and abilities of Junior Infant to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class students.

**Senior:** Is designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Class - 6<sup>th</sup> Class students.

A teacher can select any of the programmes listed below for their class:

- A. Growing Wild**
- B. Woodland Wonderland**
- C. Mini Beast Safari**
- D. Pond Life**
- E. Bird Life**

The programmes reflect the central themes, objectives and methodologies of Discover Primary Science and the **SESE** curriculum.

The general format of each programme at each level is as follows:

1. An introductory power point presentation
2. A related activity that will include fieldwork if conditions allow
3. And / or one or more related experimental activity /art/ craft/games, etc.
4. Review / evaluation

In order to make your school groups visit to our Education Centre as safe, worthwhile and enjoyable as possible please note the following:

- Teachers are responsible for the health, welfare and behaviour of their pupils while they are visiting the centre.
- A minimum of **two** teachers (or one teacher and one supervising adult) must accompany pupils when visiting the centre.
- Teachers and accompanying supervising adults must stay with their pupils at all times. Teachers are encouraged to actively participate in the delivery of the programmes.
- Please insure that your pupils are dressed appropriately as visits include outdoor fieldwork activities. Items such as warm clothing, rainwear and Wellington boots may be required.
- Tea / Coffee making and dining facilities are available for teachers and pupils who bring their own packed lunches. Alternatively you can arrange to have a hot lunch or sandwiches at the Community of Lough Arrow Community Project (CLASP) catering facility at the other end of the premises. At least 2 days advance notice is required. We can give you their contact details on request.

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- A. Growing Wild
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Facilities include:

Nature Education Classroom

5 outdoor habitat areas in one location

Tea / coffee / dining facilities

Ample Coach parking area

Contact the NPWS (North Midland Region)

for further details and booking forms:

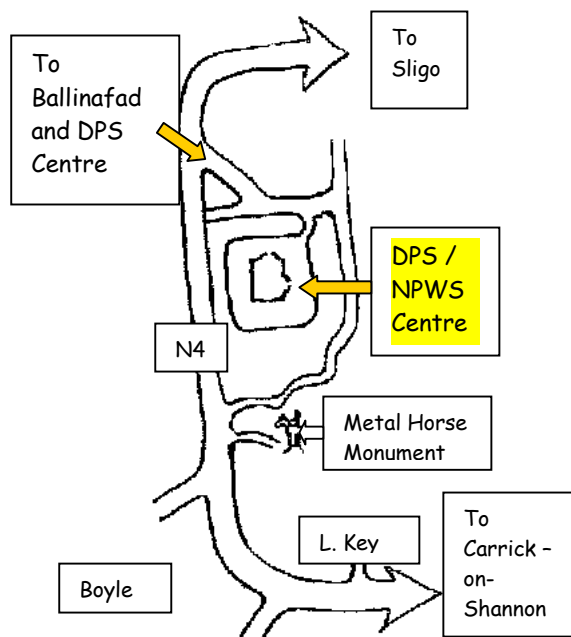
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