



## Schools Programme: Natural History

At Kilmartin Museum we offer educational experiences for pre-school, primary and secondary school pupils. We provide interactive, hands-on activities aimed at giving pupils a greater understanding of Argyll's place within the wider world.

Our cultural programme ranges from prehistory through to the Highland Clearances, and our natural history programme interprets the National Nature Reserves at Mòine Mhór and Taynish.

We are keen to work with all nurseries and schools in Argyll, therefore if you have a specific project in mind, contact us to see how we can develop activities with you.

### Early Years/Primary Schools

#### Site Visits

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##### **Mòine Mhór National Nature Reserve**

Explore this amazing lowland raised bog, one of Europe's rarest and most threatened wildlife habitats. Take part in interactive activities which will enable pupils to gain a greater understanding of the biodiversity of the area, and give them an opportunity to explore the flora, fauna and wildlife.

##### **Taynish National Nature Reserve**

Taynish is one of the finest examples of ancient Atlantic oak woodland in Europe. Take part in interactive activities which will enable pupils to gain a greater understanding of the biodiversity of the area, and give them an opportunity to explore the flora, fauna and wildlife.



#### Interactive Activities

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##### **Pre-5s**

###### **Bog Safari**

Explore the peat bog, record your findings and discover more about the wildlife that makes the Mòine Mhór.

###### **Hungry Caterpillar**

Take part in a storytelling tour of the Mòine Mhór and discover more about the lifecycle of the rare Marsh Fritillary Butterfly.

### **Create your own Bog Landscape**

Discover how the unique landscape of Mòine Mhór was formed, take part in a scavenger hunt and create your own miniature bog!

### **Primary**

#### **Bog Habitats**

Explore the different habitats of the rare species that make the reserves their home and create a habitat diorama using natural materials.

#### **Bog Safari**

Explore the peat bog, record your findings and discover more about the wildlife that makes the Mòine Mhór.

#### **Bug Hunt**

Leave no stone unturned, as we explore the nooks and crannies of the reserve to discover what mini beasts are living there, and find out why they are so important to the area's biodiversity.

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#### **Dragonfly hunt**

Discover why the Mòine Mhór is home to 11 species of dragonfly. Learn about the lifecycle of the dragonfly, and take part in pond dipping to find dragonfly nymphs.

#### **Tree Survey**

Learn about the different species of trees growing in the reserves, how to identify them and discover how to survey the woodland.

All interactive activities have been developed to meet the experiences and outcomes of the Curriculum for Excellence and can be adapted for Early, First and Second Level.

There is **no charge** for the workshops listed above.

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