



Killarney National Park

My name is Svetlana and I am from Russia. I am a student at Killarney School of English. Several months ago, I decided to improve my English and chose to study in Ireland. Why? The answer is simple. I have visited the Emerald Island as a tourist four times in the last four years and I was amazed by this beautiful country and its people, always welcoming and friendly. When I started to look for a school I did some online research and I was impressed by KSOE's web page and Killarney town itself. After living here for five months I can say I am happy to have made this decision. This place has a lot of attractions that I can enjoy.

Killarney National park is within walking distance of the school. It covers an area of 10 000 hectares.



There is something quite unique about this park that makes me go there again and again. Whether it is just the scenery or a feeling of delight when I see these magnificent lakes, woods and mountains, I am not sure.

I recommend doing some walking at first. Start your adventure from the main entrance to the park near the St.Mary's Cathedral and walk up the hill. You will see a spectacular view of the mountains in the distance. Then continue on this path with plenty of stunning lake scenes along the river towards Ross Castle. All these pathways are in great condition and clearly marked. However, if you want to discover the park by yourself be sure to get onto the paths

and away from the main roads. You will find the nicest hidden spots, where you will be able to see the wildlife and incredible old giant pine and yew trees. This forest is one of the only three remaining yew tree forests in Europe. The mild Atlantic climate also provides the perfect environment for mosses and ferns. That is why these woodlands look so enchanting just like in Tolkien's books.

Other walkers in the park are friendly and say "Hello". If you are alone, security concerns are not an issue.



The National park is home to wild red deer, which are one of the highlights and unique in Ireland. You will see these beautiful animals within the surrounding hills and woodlands. Now the herd's number is approximately 600. If you want to study the deer in details it is good to have a pair of binoculars.



In conclusion, the range of outdoor activities in Killarney is endless. I wholeheartedly recommend this place for studying and living.

