

## Exploring is best when you use all your senses

Here are some ideas to help...



### Listen

- Stand still and listen
- What sounds do different birds make?
- What sounds do leaves and mud make when stood on?



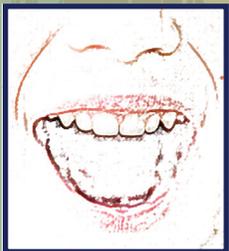
### Look

- So many colours
- Different shapes
- Spot patterns



### Smell

- The air
- Grass
- Seaweed
- Your picnic lunch



### Taste

- Brambles in the Autumn
- Nibble dandelion leaves in the spring (they can be eaten like salad leaves)
- Collect young nettle leaves and take home to make soup (wear gloves!)

## How to find us ...

Old Castle Lachlan is set on the shores of Loch Fyne about 6 miles south of Strachur on the B8000. It is 40 mins drive from Dunoon and 1.5 hours from Glasgow



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- Old Castle Lachlan
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# Lachlan Bay Explorer Trail

Take a short walk and explore the wild loch side and our ruined castle



Old Castle Lachlan, Lachlan Bay,  
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## Points to Explore



### Inver Cottage

This restaurant used to be a croft and a boat house. The crofters rented their home and land from the Clan Chief. They had to pay part of their rent by supplying fish to the new castle.

### Kilmorie Chapel

Kilmorie Chapel is the resting place for the Chiefs of Maclachlan. Throughout history there has only ever been one female Chieftain. Can you find her gravestone?



### Explore the trees

As you walk through the trees, take a good look at them because trees are amazing! They are different all through the year. Find some different shapes and colours of leaves, blossoms or nuts/seeds from under the trees as you go by.



**Why not**

Make a pattern or a picture with your finds. Take a photo to take home.



Make a grass trumpet! Get a long piece of broad grass and press it between your thumbs and putting the grass right to your lips, blow!

## Explore Lachlan Bay

The shoreline can wash up all sorts of amazing things to wonder at, and play and imagine with.

Can you find any of these shoreline treasures?



Mussel shells



Mermaid's Purse



Bladderwrack Seaweed



Driftwood

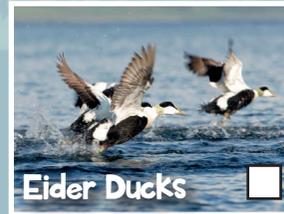
**Why not**

Make a sculpture or a seaweed picture. Take a photo to take home.

When the tide is out, there are lots of different kinds of birds to spot in the Bay. Look to the fields too! What birds can you see?



Grey Heron



Eider Ducks



Oyster Catcher



Pheasant

## Explore the Old Castle



**WATCH OUT!**  
The ruin is being repaired so please take care.

The old castle was the home of the Chief of Clan Maclachlan until he was killed fighting for Bonnie Prince Charlie at the battle of Culloden in 1746.

It was abandoned then and a new castle was built (the big white house at the end of the field) where the current Clan Chief lives today.

### Walk round the ruined castle

**Why not**

Imagine you are the clan Chief looking out over the Loch. How would you defend your castle from enemies?

What weapons would you use? How badly damaged would the castle be from the battle? Would you win the battle? How would you celebrate the victory?

