

Expedition Ireland



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Introduction

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It's usually the shamrocks and leprechauns that children ask about when you start talking about Ireland. Then they fall in love with the Connemara ponies and the Irish setters, the language and the people. As we head off on our expedition to learn about Ireland, we will be studying these things and having a trip to remember!

With Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, ribbon, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning Expedition Ireland, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this country and all that it holds. Your child will learn about continents, the people and places of Ireland, the unique animals of Ireland, and even the legend of the Blarney Stone. Each day will be spent exploring and investigating, creating and adding more learning components to the Expedition Ireland lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

From developing an understanding of the Irish word “leabhar” to investigating the Giant’s Causeway, your child is about to begin a trip around the globe on a unique learning adventure. With this new title in the country theme of the Download N Go™ Series, your child will be developing a natural appreciation of all of God’s creation, one country at a time.

We will be investigating:

- Where on earth is Ireland?
- Some of the places in Ireland.
- Animals of Ireland.
- Cool things to know about Ireland.
- Fun and games in Ireland.

Welcome to our newest expedition; Ireland, here we come!

Daily Objectives

Day 1: Where on Earth Is Ireland?

1. Where is Ireland?
2. What is the capital of Ireland?
3. Investigate the Giant's Causeway.
4. Learn about the Connemara ponies.

Day 2: The Places of Ireland

1. What are the main regions of Ireland?
2. Let's take a look at The Burren.
3. Learn about the Irish stoat.
4. Investigate Waterford, Ireland.

Day 3: A Bit of History

1. Investigate the Blarney Stone.
2. Learn about the Irish setter.
3. Who settled Ireland?
4. Who was St. Patrick?

Day 4: Cool Things to Know About Ireland

1. Become familiar with the mountains of Ireland.
2. Investigate the two languages of Ireland.
3. Learn about Galway sheep.
4. What is the origin of St. Patrick's Day?

Day 5: Fun and Games in Ireland

1. Investigate the legend of the leprechaun.
2. Learn about River Shannon.
3. Become familiar with the Irish national anthem.
4. How does the sport of hurling work?

Day 1

Where on Earth Is Ireland?

Today you are going to learn about Ireland—where it is on the globe and about its animals and geography. First, we are going to start today with two video clips:

Video: [Flying Over Ireland](#)

Video: [The Land of Ireland](#)

Where is Ireland? *Find it on a world map or globe. Color Ireland **green** on the [world map](#).*

[World Atlas—Ireland](#)

What is the capital of Ireland? *Write your answer below.*

[Ireland](#)

[Ireland](#)

The capital of Ireland is

_____.

Mark the capital city on your [map of Ireland](#).

[Map of Ireland](#)



What is the name of the castle that holds the Blarney Stone? *Write your answer below.*

[The Castle](#)

[Castle](#)

Check out the castle diagram at this link, and then see if you can see some of these parts at Blarney Castle.

[Castle Diagram](#)

Video: [View From Top of Blarney Castle, Ireland](#)



You can also create the Blarney Stone mini book for your lapbook [here](#).