



North West Highlands Geopark Knockan Crag National Nature Reserve Visitor Centre

Knockan Crag National Nature Reserve Visitor Centre is located 21 km north of Ullapool in Scotland, and forms the gateway to the North West Highlands Geopark. The 'Rock Room' a unique open-sided visitor point, open all year, is set amidst a spectacular landscape. It is accessible for all abilities. The story of the rocks and landscape is told using poetry, sculpture, interactive demonstrations and cartoons.



The Rock Room in its natural setting



Knockan Puzzle: science and art.

Knockan Crag offers visitors the opportunity to discover the story of Scotland's turbulent past as it journeyed from "pole to pole". The plate tectonic processes that were first identified at Knockan Crag and that have shaped the unique landscape of this area are explained through interactive displays, cartoons and panels.

Two Victorian Geologists, Ben Peach and John Horne, explain the discovery of the Moine Thrust and a multilingual CD-ROM allows visitors to "fly" through the area and look at views that tell more of the story about the forming of the landscape. With cartoons and the hands-on 'Moine Machine' the Rock Room is attractive to all ages.

Knockan Crag is often used for school trips and a teachers pack in Gaelic or English is available from Scottish Natural Heritage.

A series of walking trails start from the car park and take the visitor around the site. There are options for walks, that lead you to some some fine pieces of rock art, as well as fragments of poetry set in stone. A path will take you up to a section of the site that shows an example of older rock lying over younger rock.

The art, poetry and natural geology all provide a unique and informative experience of this special place.

More information is available on

www.knockan-crag.co.uk.

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Local school children on a project



Rock spotting and plate tectonics panels

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