

Norway



In this section you will find a teacher's introduction to where the beavers used in the Scottish Beaver Trial came from and an activity sheet to help your students find out more about this country.

Norway Teacher Introduction

Norway Fact File Worksheet

Norway Fact File Completed

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The beavers used in the Scottish Beaver Trial have been brought over from Norway as it was decided that this population is the closest to the beavers that used to live in Scotland and the area that the beavers have been released into is similar to where they were caught by the team from Telemark University College.

Norway is like Scotland in many ways but is also very different. The Scottish Beaver Trial provides us with an excellent chance to learn more about a country that many people overlook. With its mythology, history, geography, flora and fauna it is a country well worth a closer look, especially when you consider the close links throughout the past with people like the Vikings and how close we are geographically.

Suggested session:

- The students are given the chance to research Norway and create a project about an aspect of Norway. This could be its language, culture, history, wildlife, people, whatever they want to.
- The students can be divided into groups or can work individually to create a report which can be written or in the form of a presentation.
- The students can be given the fact file worksheet to help them to direct their research or as an end of topic quiz to find out how much they have each learned from the experience.

Additional activities:

- Students can make a tourist information leaflet and advertisement (film or poster).
- Students could go on to research other areas linked by beavers eg. USA and Canada or just other parts of the world.
- Using atlases and maps the students can track the movements of the beaver families from Telemark to Knapdale, via Devon where the beavers underwent their quarantine period.

Resources:

- Norway fact file worksheet
- Research material
- For mapping - Telemark 59°17'5"N 9°7'26"E
Heathrow 51°28'0"N 0°-27'0"W (OS TQ074754)
Devon 50°41'N 4°15'W (OS SX3938695320)
Knapdale 56°2'11"N 5°35'9"W (OS NR766884)

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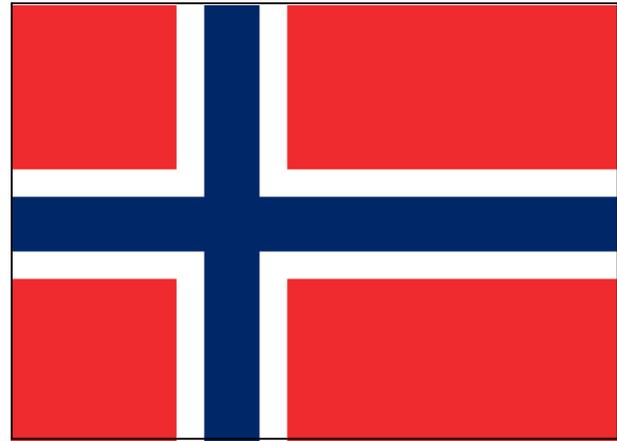
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Amazing Facts

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Capital city	Oslo
Population	4.8 million
Currency	Norwegian Kroner
Language	Bokmal, Nynorsk, Sami
Original people	Sami
Head of State	King Harald V
Area	385,155 km ²
Highest point	Galdhopiggen 2469m
National day	17th May
National flower	Bergfrue (Pyramidal Saxifrage)

Amazing Facts

- Norway has 5 of the world's highest waterfalls.
- Norway's largest land animal is the moose (elk)
- The Vikings were from Norway
- Norway invented the sport of skiing.
- The paper clip was invented by a Norwegian inventor called Johan Vaaler in 1899.
- A Norwegian called Roald Amundsen was the first person to reach the South Pole (on December 14th 1911).
- Wednesday is named after the chief Norse god Odin and Thursday is named after the god of thunder Thor.
- Shetland's fire festival Up Helly Aa is based on the traditions of Norse settlers from over 1000 years ago.