Welcome to Argyll Forest Park
Where great forests meet Atlantic shores

Discover this beautiful, tree-cloaked corner of Scotland to walk, ride and relax in Britain’s oldest forest park. Trobadh is cuir eòlas air cuairtean-coille a’ cheàrnaidh àlainn den Ghàidhealtachd. Air chois thris air a thoir a thoghteann an t- fhàirceagachd ga fhìnx a’ chinn-eagaidh agus fhìnx a’ phrìomh-bhàidheachd.

Today, you can explore Cowal’s most inspiring woodlands on a network of well-managed trails. In this Highland landscape of mountain and glen, forest and water, you can discover breathtaking views, picnics by peaceful lochs, reflect on unique Gaelic heritage and find exhilarating challenges on your bike.

You will encounter some of the biggest trees in Britain here. Conifers especially love Cowal, with its cool, moist climate and long summer days. There are also many native woods, rich with oak, birch, alder and willow.

Iconic Highland wildlife thrives here. Red squirrels are common while red and roe deer roam among the trees. If you’re lucky, you might glimpse others playing or golden eagles flying overhead.

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### Glenranter
Discover spectacular waterfalls in the lush Allt Robuic gorge, towering conifers and views over Loch Eck in this stunning woodland. The estate was once owned by music hall star Sir Harry Lauder, who sold it to the Forestry Commission in 1921.

**Big Tree Trail**
- Take the bike the 9 miles (14.6km) along the undulating West Big Tree Trail between Glenranter and Glen Eck.

#### Glen Eck Trail
- A charming walking route through native oak, birch and hazel woodland, and a fine avenue of cypresses and beech that was planted for the Glenranter Estate.
  - Firm but uneven gravel surface throughout. Includes some steep slopes and a flight of steps.

#### Broadleaves Trail
- Towering conifers and views over Loch Eck in this stunning woodland. The estate was once owned by music hall star Sir Harry Lauder, who sold it to the Forestry Commission in 1921.
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#### Glen Eck Trail
- The stiff but rewarding ascent below Creag Bhragh reveals wonderful views across Glen Eck to Beinn Bheula and Beinn Mòr.
  - Long steep slopes for up to 500m. Firm and gravelly surface throughout. Includes some short flights of steps.

#### Waterfall Trail
- A dramatic route up the Allt Robuic gorge where native oakwoods cloak a series of spectacular waterfalls.
  - Uneven gravel paths with exposed tree roots and narrow or muddy sections. Includes a number of steep slopes with flights of uneven steps. Several bridges.

### Kilfinan
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- Black Gates Trail

#### Conifer Trail
- A brief introduction to the exotic species of the arboretum, taking in ornamental maples, Japanese cedars and Himalayan spruces.
  - Firm gravel surface throughout with some slightly uneven sections. First section is wide and easy-going, the return includes short steep slopes and one bridge 0.9m wide.

#### Eucalyptus Trail
- Visit some guests from Down Under on this breathtaking circuit of the arboretum. On a warm day, the wonderful aroma will transport you to the Australian bush.
  - Uneven gravel paths with some grassy sections.

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#### Black Gates Trail
- A magical path that winds along a Victorian walkway up the dramatic rocky gorge that is said to be home to mischievous spirits. Pass several waterfalls beneath the towering Douglas firs. During your visit, keep a sharp eye out and you might just spot the mystical Glenbeigh Dhu!
  - Firm but uneven gravel paths, with some rough, rocky and steep sections. Includes several steep slopes and long flights of rough steps. Includes numerous bridges and some wet sections after rain.

### Benmore
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#### Puck’s Glen Gorge Trail
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#### Conifer Trail
- The hillside to encounter redwoods and sequoias from California and monkey puzzles from South America, as well as great views over Holy Loch and the mountains of Cowal.
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### Chinese Ponds Trail
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- Amid bright geese and rhododendrons, discover these fabulous ponds and arched bridges built to mimic a Japanese garden.
  - Mostly firm gravel surface, with some muddy sections. Includes some muddy patches and steep slopes.

### Argyll
- Broadleaves Trail
- Black Gates Trail

#### Black Gates Trail
- A full tour of Benmore Forest that combines the giant conifers of Benmore with the spectacular gorge of Puck’s Glen and provides great views in to the valley.
  - Narrow and rough rocky sections in Puck’s Glen that may be wet. Several steep slopes with long flights of uneven steps. Includes a number of bridges.

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