Easterhouse Cardowan Moss

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Water Voles and Iron Men

Explore this network of well-managed trails around Cardowan Moss and you’ll find more than beautiful woodland. You might even meet our iron man, a sculpture that is taking a breather by one of the paths.

The trees around Cardowan Moss are special. Many different types were planted here in the 1980s – if you fancy a family challenge, see how many sorts of leaf you can find. In autumn, their bright colours are spectacular. Look out the flowers too, from yellow iris and purple ragged robin to deep blue devil’s bit scabious and pink dog rose.

Wildlife loves this woodland. The ponds teem with frogs while the air above the water hums with dragonflies. You can watch swallows catching midges over the moss. The water voles who live around the burn keep out of sight but the half-eaten reeds let you know they’re around.

This is an ancient place – Cardowan was first described in 1124 as belonging to the bishops of Glasgow.

Enjoy Our Woodlands

It’s easier than you think to escape the city. Forestry Commission Scotland is making the woodlands of Easterhouse more welcoming and accessible so you can enjoy a walk and leave the rumble of the traffic behind you for a while. Watch for wildlife, take a picnic, ride your bike or just stretch your legs and take in the scenery.

A regular stroll through the woods could help you feel good, lose weight, reduce stress levels, improve your fitness and even lower the risk of heart disease, cancer and diabetes. You could join one of the friendly, volunteer-led health walks in the city – for details see:

www.glasgowlife.org.uk/healthwalks

Follow the Forest Code

Guard against all risks of fire
Protect and respect wildlife, plants and trees
Keep dogs under control
Take your litter home
Respect the quiet of the forest
Take only memories away

www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland
The Trails
You can explore the wooded hillside, the wide moss and the burnside fields on the many carefully-maintained trails. It's great for a family cycle ride or for joggers or horse-riders keen to get away from the roads.

Along the way, look for the stone bridges over the burn. There is a viewpoint over the treetops and the iron man standing by the side of the path. Through the wetlands, the trail is raised above the boggy ground. The slopes are gentle.

Map Key
- Road
- Trail
- Other Paths
- Car Park
- Information
- Ancient monument
- Play Area

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