Welcome to Drumchapel

Escape from the city

Why not leave the daily grind behind to escape to the woodland and meadows beyond Drumchapel? You’ll find space, fresh air and peace and quiet among the trees. The much-loved woods that ring the Drum are carefully managed with a well-maintained network of trails to help you explore the countryside on your doorstep. Bring your friends and family to enjoy these beautiful places with you.

The living forest

You can do much more than just walk through the woods. Pedal your bike, go for a run or ride a horse along the trails. Tread quietly and you might spot grey squirrels and roe deer among the trees or buzzards and song thrushes in the sky above.

Sporting legacy

Drumchapel Woods are part of a network of 14 woodlands in and around Glasgow known as the Commonwealth Woods, a legacy of the 2014 games. www.commonwoods.org.uk

Steps to good health

Woodland walking is a gentle, low-impact exercise that is free and suitable for people of all ages, all year round. www.pathsforall.org.uk

Reclaiming the trees

The woods help make the Drum a special place. They are cherished by locals as welcoming, fun places to explore and enjoy.
Garscadden Wood

**West**

You'll find many different types of tree growing here. Look for native Scottish species like silver birch, white-flowered elder, red-berried rowan and hawthorn. The clump of old trees on the hilltop is known as the Witches Circle. It marks Castle Hill fort, which guarded the frontier of the Roman Empire more than 1,800 years ago.

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**The Witches Way**

Explore this vibrant, young woodland with its wide clearings and peaceful paths. See how many kinds of leaf you can spot.

Smooth, firm path with no gates or steps. Fairly steep slopes when entering the woods level out in the heart of the woodland.

- **3/4 mile / 1.1 km**
- **Allow 3/4 hr**

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**The Drumry**

Follow the low, burnside route for a tranquil walk through the country, or climb the high path for stunning views.

Smooth, firm path with no gates or steps. There are gentle slopes on the route, and some stretches that can be damp after heavy rain.

- **3/4 mile / 1 km**
- **Allow 1/2 hr**

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**Cleddans Burn**

From the open hilltop with its iconic 1960s water tower, let the panoramic views to the Kilpatrick Hills and over the city take your breath away. The pretty lower path passes through flower-filled meadows and by wetlands where yellow flag irises crowd open ponds and birdsong replaces the rumble of traffic.

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**The Bluebell Trail**

Standing among the old oaks of this ancient woodland, you'll have to remind yourself that you're still in Glasgow. There are still signs of medieval woodland management here. This is a colourful place – locals call it Bluebell Wood as it's thick with the flowers in early summer, while in later months, purple hairstreak butterflies can be seen dancing about the trees.

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**Garscadden Burn Park**

In spring and summer, colourful wildflowers surround the burn as it flows through the park. There's white elder and meadowsweet, red campion, purple foxglove and vetch, pink dog rose and spotted orchids. The burn is home to water voles – if you keep quiet, you might see one. Look for telltale signs of these cute animals – nibbled grass and reeds often surround their burrows.

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**The Wildflower Wander**

Relax with a gentle stroll through the park, with its grassy slopes covered with beautiful wildflowers.

Smooth, firm path with no gates or steps.

- **3/4 mile / 1.2 km**
- **Allow 3/4 hr**