Countryside on Your Doorstep

Stroll along this peaceful trail and you’ll feel like you’ve walked straight into the countryside. The path looks out from the tree-covered hill over rolling farmland. Beyond the fields you’ll see the Campsies and on a clear day as far as Ben Lomond, white with snow in winter.

The land around Todds Well wasn’t always used for farming. It was one of the best medieval hunting grounds in Scotland - kings and noblemen came here to chase deer and fox.

Today, deer and fox shelter among the trees that grow around Todds Well. In summer and autumn, you’ll find wild raspberries and brambles by the edge of the trail.

Todds Well isn’t far from Provanhall House. This is one of Glasgow’s oldest homes, possibly more than 500 years old. Mary Queen of Scots stayed here when her poorly husband was being cared for in a nearby hospital. Perhaps she took a stroll on this very hillside.

Enjoy Your 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

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Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly
- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment.

A Quiet Dauner

Room here in the old days, the Scots gentry used to come and fire arrows at the deer and hares. Nowadays, just next to busy streets and houses, you can have a quiet dauner and go home wi’ yer pockies stowed wi’ brambles.

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The Trail
From the roadside marker post, follow the trail as it loops down the hillside and then back up to the housing. It’ll take about 10-15 minutes.

You’ll come across a few steep paths as you walk through this pleasant woodland. However, the best viewpoint, on the left close to the start of the trail, is easy to reach. Much of the trail is quite open and rural.