



Benmore

Argyll Forest Park

Facilities



Parking



Picnic area

There are public toilets and a café in Benmore Botanic Garden. Check their opening times before you go, especially in winter.

You can find other places to eat and more public toilets in Dunoon.

There is a charge to park at some of our sites please refer to our website for details.

Location

Nearest postcode: PA23 8QU

How to get here

The forest trails begin on the opposite side of the main road from the free car park at Benmore Botanic Garden, which is 6 miles north of Dunoon on the A815.

Trails from Benmore car park



Big Tree Trail ●●●

Walk beneath and indeed overcome towering Douglas firs, cypresses and silver firs planted in the nineteenth century. Some great views from the top.

Uneven gravel and earth paths with exposed tree roots and muddy sections. Some long steep slopes and low trees to duck under.



strenuous

**1¼ miles
/ 1.9 km**
Allow
1 hour



Black Gates Trail ●●●

A full tour of Benmore Forest that combines the giant conifer of Benmore with the spectacular gorge of Puck's Glen and provides great views across 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.



strenuous

**3 miles
/ 4.8 km**
Allow
2 hours

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these trails on
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Puck's Glen Gorge (closed)



Following extensive storm damage we have taken the decision to close Puck's Glen gorge for the 2025 season.

Unfortunately the extent of tree damage following Storm Éowyn means our team needs more time to fully assess the site and plan repair works.

The Black Gates trail can still be enjoyed from here or for a shorter walk try the Big Tree Trail from the Benmore car park.

Please follow all on site safety and closure signage.

