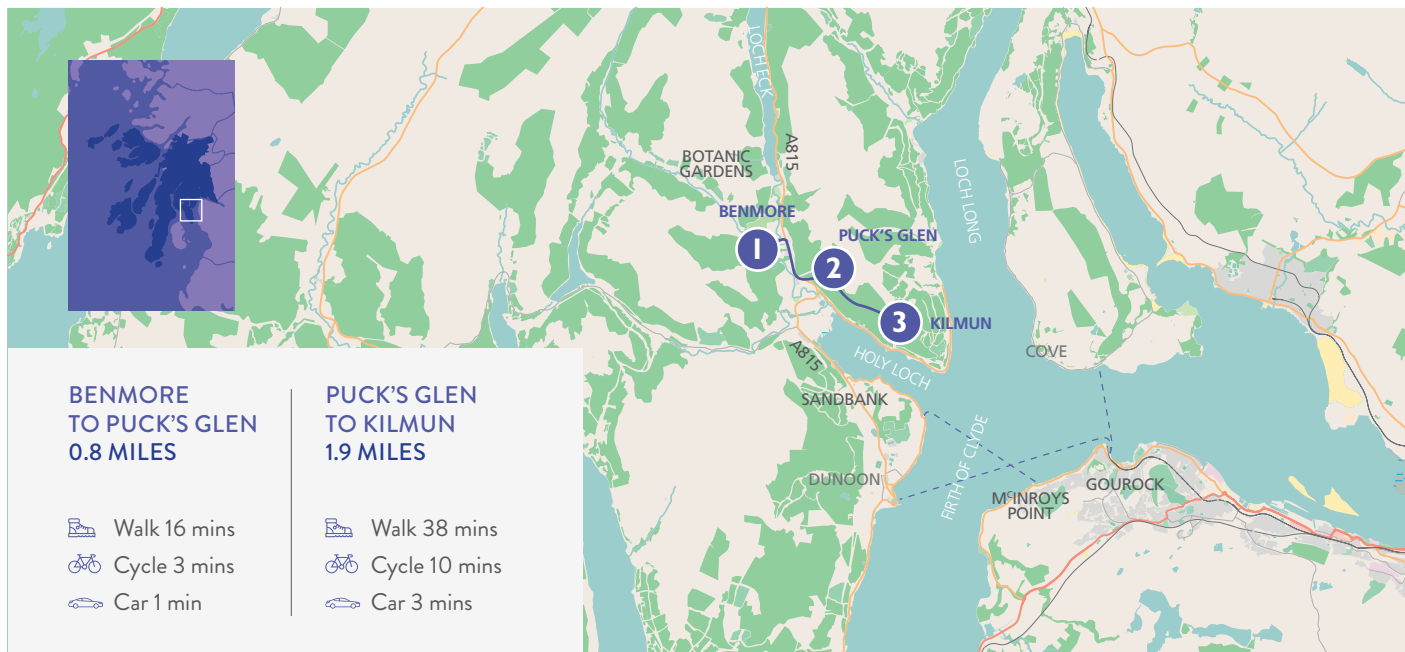


A GREAT DAY OUT THE BENMORE TRILOGY



This magnificent stretch of rugged hill country is at the heart of the very first Forest Park for public enjoyment to be established in Britain back in 1935. The micro climate has provided ideal growing conditions for an incredible range of flowering plants and trees from around the globe which you can readily explore on foot.

BENMORE BOTANIC GARDEN

In a magnificent mountainside setting Benmore offers 120 acres of world renowned gardens to explore. With a unique world wide plant collection ranging from Giant Redwoods to delicate ferns there is something to see all year round, and in all weather conditions.

PUCK'S GLEN

An enchanting trail through a deep, narrow woodland gorge with waterfalls cascading down the ravine. The rich undergrowth and dense tree canopy creates a magical and evocative atmosphere that is great fun to explore.

KILMUN ARBORETUM

A hillside Arboretum where trees from around the world have been planted since the 1930s to test their potential for timber supplies. With aromatic eucalyptus and conifers, monkey puzzles and ornamental maples each planted in groves, there are trees here to be enjoyed with all of your senses!



ARGYLL FOREST PARK: Arrive by ferry across the Clyde: 20 mins Gourock to Dunoon (passenger only) or M'Inroy's Point to Hunters Quay (vehicle) then follow A815 North. By ferry from Kintyre: 25 mins Tarbert to Portavadie. By ferry from Bute: 5 mins Rhubodach to Colintrave then follow signs for Dunoon and onto the A815 to Benmore. By road from the head of Loch Fyne or top of the Rest & Be Thankful (A83 on to A815).

TOP TIPS IF:



YOU ARE WITH A YOUNG FAMILY

Explore the Children's Trail & Squirrel Hide at Benmore Garden.

YOU ARE FULL OF BEANS

Explore the 21 mile 'Loch Eck Loop' on a mountain bike.

YOU ARE NOT SO GOOD ON YOUR FEET

Take a tour aboard 'The Benmore Explorer' (book ahead).

YOU ARE IN A HURRY

Explore the short ½ mile trail at each site.

BENMORE BOTANIC GARDEN

THINGS TO DO:

- Marvel at the avenue of Giant Redwoods.
- Watch the squirrel activity from the squirrel hide.
- Visit the restored Victorian Fernery.
- Take a look at the restored 'Golden Gates'.
- Explore one of the finest collections of Rhododendrons in the world (300+ species).

PARKING & FACILITIES

- Extensive free parking & bus stop at entrance.
- Café & shop on site with free wifi, accessible toilets & baby changing facilities.
- Accessible routes and assisted tours.

PUCK'S GLEN

THINGS TO DO:

- A 1½ hour challenging walk with steep climbs.
- Listen to the cascading waterfalls and feel the chill in the deep gorge.
- Look out for wildlife: red squirrels, deer, woodpeckers and pine martens.
- Enjoy the fully accessible path linking Benmore and Puck's Glen.

PARKING & FACILITIES

- Free parking and picnic area at Puck's Glen.
- No toilets (Benmore facilities 1 mile north).
- The gorge path is steep and not suited to wheelchairs and buggies.

KILMUN ARBORETUM




THINGS TO DO:

- Three way-marked (½ mile to 1 mile) routes to explore through very different woodlands.
- Kilmun provides a dog friendly walk away from farm activity.
- Enjoy aromatic scents of Eucalyptus trees.
- Explore beyond the Arboretum: Kilmun Mausoleum, Church, Churchyard & Visitor Centre provide an insight into the rich history.

PARKING & FACILITIES

- Free parking & picnic area at the Kilmun car park.
- Toilet facilities when Church is open.

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