

Benmore

Botanic Garden

A delightful 20-minute ferry journey 'across the water' from Greenock, Benmore Botanic Garden, near Dunoon, is inspirational to all who visit. In a stunning mountainside setting, Benmore's 120 acres are steeped in history and surrounded by dramatic scenery.



Probably the most outstanding entrance to any botanic garden in the world, Benmore's Redwood Avenue is 150 years old and is an attraction in its own right. Originally planted in 1863, these remarkable trees now stand at over 160 feet high.

You can choose whether to explore this hillside Garden by foot or take advantage of the transport offered on the 'Benmore Explorer' on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Here you will discover a world-renowned landscape of native Scottish species and plantings from Tasmania to Japan, Bhutan and Chile. Along with ferns, mosses, lichens and fungi they provide habitat for numerous wildlife species including the protected red squirrel.

You can visit regular exhibitions in the Courtyard Gallery and Benmore's unique restored Victorian Fernery, set in the cleft of the hillside. Watch out too for the refurbished Golden Gates designed for the 1878 Exposition Universelle in Paris, and the beautifully crafted Bhutanese Pavilion and Chilean Refuge. From the View Point, take in the magnificent views over the Holy Loch and surrounding mountains.

While this trip will fascinate garden and heritage enthusiasts, Benmore is so much more than a Garden - it is a place where people can engage with nature, with each other or simply marvel at the beauty surrounding them.

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Benmore

Benmore Botanic Garden, Dunoon, Argyll PA23 8QU
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Tours | Café | Shop | Plant Sales | Open daily 1 March – 31 October



Explore a world of plants

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, founded in 1670, is a world renowned centre for plant research, conservation and education. Its four remarkable Gardens – the “Botanics” in Edinburgh; the mountainside Benmore in Argyll; Dawyck in the wooded hills of the Scottish Borders; and Logan on a Gulf Stream warmed peninsula in Galloway – differ in topography, soils and climate, enabling an exceptionally wide range of plants to be grown. Together they constitute one of the richest plant collections on Earth, with more than 15,000 species in cultivation.

Location

Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8QU
 Benmore Botanic Garden is on the A815, seven miles north of Dunoon on the Cowal Peninsula, in the West of Scotland.

Opening times

The Garden is open daily 1 March – 31 October
 Hours: April to September: 10.00-18.00 hrs
 March and October: 10.00-17:00 hrs
 Benmore Cafe and shop remain open throughout winter:
 1 November – 28 February: 10.00 – 16:00 hrs, except Mondays and Tuesdays.

Packages Available

Benmore admission: £4.00
 Guided Tour: Free, please book in advance
 Traditional Scottish Afternoon Tea, available from 15:00 hrs:
 ■ With sandwiches: £6.00
 ■ Without sandwiches: £4.50

Free tours onboard the Benmore Explorer are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 14:00 hrs. Advance bookings are required.

Accessibility

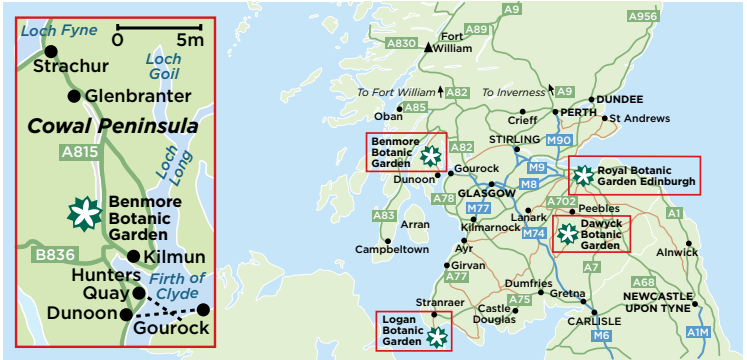
Benmore Botanic Garden welcomes all visitors and aims to provide best possible access to everyone whatever their specific requirements. This is a mountainside Garden and some of the steeper paths are not recommended for those with mobility issues. However, there is a recommended accessible route which provides a beautiful overview of the Garden. There are accessible toilets at the visitor centre. Registered assistance dogs are welcome. A full Access Statement is available at: rbge.org.uk

For bookings or further details on the Garden, packages and free images for use in your brochure or website, please contact:

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 Open daily (except 1 January and 25 December)
 Free admission (charges apply to Glasshouses)



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Logan

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 Dumfries and Galloway DG9 9ND
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 Admission charge applies



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Dawyck

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