

# Argyll

## Squirrel Trail

Welcome to the Squirrel Trail, the linking of pathways around Hunters Quay has been a long desired project. We were able to fully open the route in 2022 after clearing an overgrown section of land. The full trail distance is around 3.5km and should take around 45 minutes to an hour to complete. The map and description shows some of the great wildlife and nature you can hope to see.

The dotted sections on the map show alternative paths and routes that you can use to shorten the trail or to enjoy other walks around our beautiful park. We would love to hear how you got on so please remember to scan the QR code below and leave us a Squirrel Trail review on Trip Advisor.



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Start the Squirrel Trail by leaving reception at the leisure centre and turning right

Pass the caravan sales office on your left and you will see the first squirrel trail post beside the Islay Village barrier.

Follow the woodland path and turn left at the next signpost.

We follow the squirrel trail anti clockwise.



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You will reach a signpost where you turn left and head up a short steep climb up to the Colonsay area of the park.

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Turn left and follow the path down the hill, you will have the caravans of Islay village to your left hand side. Look out for our family of owls sitting in the old trees.

As you approach the bottom of the hill you will see a small waterfall with a little brown bridge crossing it.

If you stand still and listen you will possibly hear the frogs in the area and see them dip in and around the water looking for food.

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Follow the path to the left until you come across a right turn signpost, head up this steep climb where you will find the water tanks.

Look out for the deer in this area, you are sure to spot them if you are quiet.



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Cross the wooden bridge and head through the long meadow in front of the Islay Village.

You will emerge at the bottom of the main park drive.

Cross the drive and proceed into the caravan park by crossing the green bridge.

Here we often see deer munching on the front lawn or meandering through the lodge park.



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At the water tanks turn to the left and follow the slight incline, stay left to avoid joining the golf course path. From here you can walk adjacent to the 8th hole at Cowal Golf Club.

Stay on the park's side of the wall and remember like at all points on the squirrel trail to keep any pets under control.

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At the driveway you have the option of returning up the drive towards the leisure centre if you wanted a reduced distance walk.

Head up the hill of Burnside Village where you will come to the next signpost.

Head to the right passing between the two large rocks, follow up through Fircroft then onto Cedarcroft passing lodges on both sides of the road.

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You will arrive a set of steps leading you down to the caravans at the top of Tiree village. At this stage if you wanted to shorten your walk head down Tiree and back to reception.

To continue on the trail follow the path, you will see a stunning overturned tree just after the steps.

You are now entering Red Squirrel Territory!

Scots pine forests are a favourite of Red Squirrel and you will be sure to see and hear them scurrying around the tree tops and, if you are lucky, across the ground.



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You will come to a junction and sign post where you will turn left.

There are many sightings of Red Squirrel's in this area so keep your eyes and ears open and look up.



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Follow the path through the Magical Pine Wood until you reach the end of the path.

Turn left at the junction and wander back down the road, you will have Cammesrinnach Wood on your right, A beautiful oak woodland filled with a wide range of wildlife, fungi and birds.

At the bottom of the path you will see the leisure centre to the left, meander back to the centre and reward yourself with a well deserved drink and snack at Hunters Bar and Grill.

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Follow the path as it leaves the lodge park and enters an area of woodland, you will see caravans to your left through the tree line.



# Argyll Squirrel Trail

The Squirrel trail has been created for your enjoyment, parts of the trail cover woodland land and like any natural environment will have within it incumbent risks. Please ensure you wear proper footwear and clothing, be aware of weather conditions, be aware of trip and slip hazards and also be aware of your own physical capabilities. Whilst every effort is made to maintain the area we will not be held liable for any injury suffered whilst using this trail.