

# Step into Scotland's rainforest

Come in and explore one of Scotland's most unique habitats – rainforest! A remnant of the Atlantic oakwoods that once stretched from Scotland to Spain, this moisture laden environment is home to a wide variety of birds, animals, plants and fungi that thrive in the wet conditions blown in from the Atlantic. With low levels of pollution and disturbance Scotland is home to the best examples of these habitats.

Scotland's rainforest may not have the glamour of its tropical cousin, but entering one of these rare places is a stimulating experience. Take a walk and see for yourself the gnarled, veteran trees festooned with lush moss and lichen; phoenix trees with weird and wonderful curves rising and regrowing from fallen trees, and hazel thickets stunted by the wind clinging on to steep hillsides against all odds. In spring enjoy the rich mosaic of open glades filled with fragrant bluebells and dappled sunlight providing an ideal mix of light and shade for bizarre fungi forms and strange lichens.

These woods provide a living connection to our cultural past too. Step into a woodland glade and find New York; a row of ruined cottages used by canal builders possibly named after the York Building Company.



● Crinan Canal Circular 1.5 miles / 2.5km | Moderate | Allow 1 hour

Get the most from your visit and follow the way marked trail for spectacular views over to the Isle of Jura, discover New York (the ruins of canal builders cottages), explore Scotland's rainforest and return via the Crinan Canal tow path.

**Long sections of steep climbing with some rocky steps. Varied surfaces, some narrow, rough and rocky but usually dry.**



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