

Make the most of your visit!

Why don't you . . .

1 Explore the estate

With over 10 miles of trails around the castle, there's lots to explore: take in spectacular views and discover fern-covered woodlands and dramatic watery gorges.



2 Discover the Castle's history



As the ancient seat of the Dukes of Hamilton, Brodick Castle dates back 700 years. Find out why Robert the Bruce visited here and how the Castle changed from a medieval fortress to a pleasure palace.

3 Take a stroll around the garden

Brodick has one of Scotland's most unforgettable gardens, combining a formal walled garden with a magnificent woodland garden including towering rhododendrons and magnolias.



4 Admire the collections

The Castle houses a superb collection of paintings, trophies, porcelain and silverware.

5 Take a break and relax

Why not treat yourself in the Castle tearoom to a tasty lunch or some of our delicious home baking?

6 Climb a mountain

If you are prepared, and the weather is good, the mountain countryside around Glen Rosa and Goatfell offers challenging walks and magnificent views.



7 Take home a reminder of Arran

In our well-stocked shop you'll find lots of local produce and fabulous gifts. You can even buy one of the plants grown here in the nursery at Brodick.

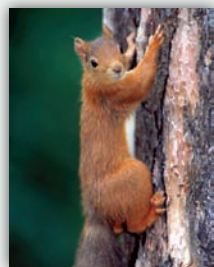
8 Go on a guided walk



Find out all there is to know about the plants and wildlife of Brodick on one of our fascinating ranger-led walks. Great for all ages!

9 Look for wildlife

Keep an eye out for goshawks and our native red squirrels.



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Castle, Garden and Country Park



- Plant Hunters' Walk
- Lower Rhododendron Walk
- Middle Rhododendron Walk



- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Car Park **P**
- 3 Bus Stop (summer)
- 4 Reception Centre
- 5 Walled Garden
- 6 The Castle
- 7 Adventure Playground

- 8 Countryside Centre
- 9 Castle Parks Field
- 10 Lime Kiln
- 11 Horlick Garden
- 12 Ice House
- 13 Bavarian Summerhouse
- 14 Pond Garden
- 15 Cladach
- 16 Cladach Entrance

A journey of discovery awaits

Don't be fooled: all is not as it first seems at Brodick. Today the majestic Castle, framed by the backdrop of Goatfell, may look the very epitome of Victorian splendour, but lurking beneath its walls are remnants of a medieval stronghold with a bloody and turbulent past. From the fourteenth century Wars of Independence to Henry VIII's invasion of Scotland in 1544 and the stationing of Cromwell's troops here a century later, Brodick Castle has many secrets to share.

The gardens, too, are full of surprises. Here you will discover plants brought back by intrepid plant hunters from China, the Himalayas and Burma. If you have a head for heights and a taste for adventure, Plant Hunters' Walk is not to be missed. Explore further into the garden and you will discover the ice-house where ice was stored some seven metres (23 feet) underground. Close by, you can see one of Brodick's most recent discoveries: the recently excavated lime kiln.



Bavarian summerhouse

Enjoy our woodland garden as you stroll beneath the leaves of our famous rhododendrons, one of the three national plant collections housed here.

We hope you enjoy discovering Brodick!