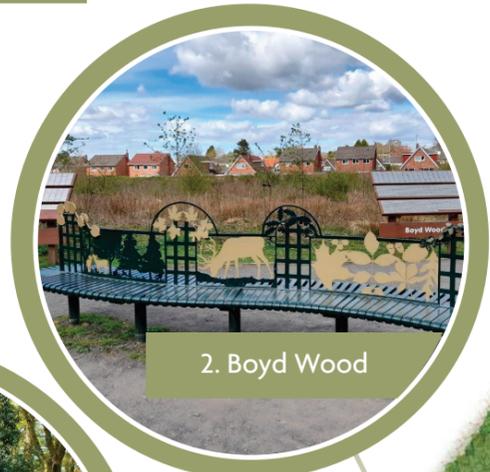


40TH BIRTHDAY TRAIL

Explore the park to find these hidden gems...



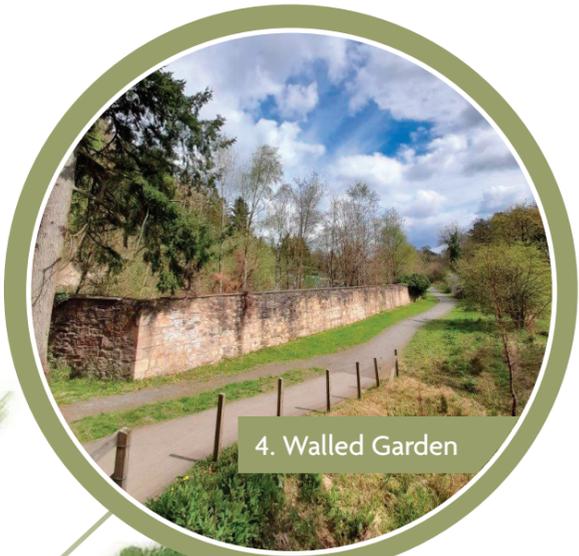
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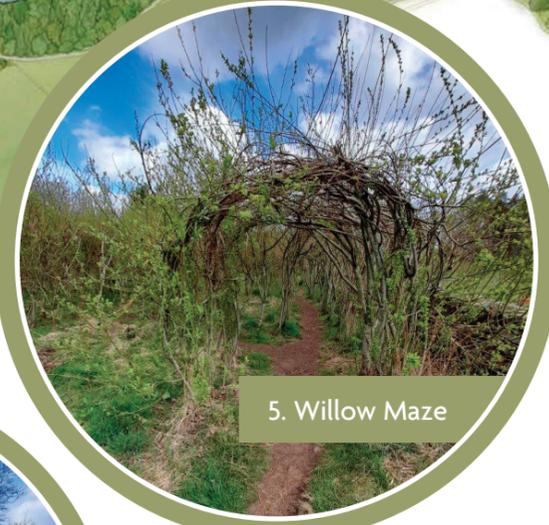
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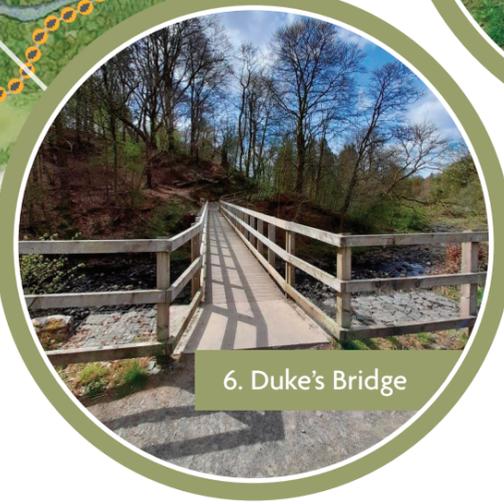
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5. Willow Maze



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Treehouse Visitor Centre & Cafe



1. Graveyard - Here lie the graves of the 8th Lord Thomas Howard de Walden, and his wife Margherita. The grounds were opened to the public as Dean Castle and Country Park in 1981.

2. Boyd Wood - This commemorative native woodland was planted in the winter of 2014. Previously a conifer plantation, it is now rich in biodiversity with a range of native trees. You may even be lucky enough to spot some wild roe deer.

3. Lagoons - This network of ponds (or lagoons) was specially created to provide a breeding habitat for native amphibians and invertebrates. However, you won't just find frogs, toads, newts and damselflies here; the central grassy area, which is surrounded by the boardwalk, is also home to many beautiful wild flowers.

4. Walled Garden - It used to provide for the larder of Assloss House, to the North. Like the park that is it situated in, this Victorian garden now serves the people of Kilmarnock, through leased allotment space. Many locals refer to it as the 'Giant's Graveyard' due to its coffin-like shape.

5. Willow Maze - The willow maze sits behind our Living Wall and provides fun for all the family, as well as shelter for small mammals and birds. The living maze grows very quickly, producing a harvest of willow rods that are used to prevent erosion in other parts of the Country Park.

6. Duke's Bridge - A truly impressive structure, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Walk the 26 metres across the Craufurdland Water and discover a whole new network of trails. The bridge is named for 4th and 5th Dukes of Portland who owned Dean Castle Estate in the 1800s. Other places in Kilmarnock named after the Dukes include Portland Road and Portland Street, Titchfield Street and Bentinck Street.