

CASTLE KENNEDY GARDENS

Welcome to Castle Kennedy Gardens Photosafari

What is a Photosafari?

We have mapped various photopoints within the garden. All you have to do is find and photo them. You can photo all or just one. There is no time limit.

The type of camera you use is not necessarily important

We are looking for imaginative and creative photos of the Gardens. Today good quality photos (in focus, good colour) can easily be taken on camera phones and compact cameras. Or perhaps you are into the so called 'toy' cameras. It's what you do with the camera that is important. We are not awarding prizes to the photo which can be enlarged to an amazing size, but to the photographer who in our judgement best captures the beauty, spirit and grandeur of Castle Kennedy Gardens. Have fun trying.

I want to take part, but not on a guided walk

That's fine. There are a range of maps, gps, QR codes and grid references to choose from in the Ranger base.

- Simply select the appropriate maps and coordinate style.
- Use a plastic sleeve to protect the maps against adverse weather. The grid references, coordinates and maps are as accurate as we can reasonably make them. When you arrive at a photopoint we're much more interested in the photo than the fact that you took it from the exact square centimetre indicated by gps. (But well done!).
- Only photos taken at named sites will qualify for categories 1,2 or 3.
- It's the picture that is important. We'll be looking for creativity, inventiveness, focus (which does not rule out creative blur etc.). At some photopoints it will be obvious what to photograph, not so obvious at others. But then maybe we're not looking for the obvious.
- Degree of difficulty in taking the shot will also be considered.
- You do not have to take the photos on a Photosafari guided walk day.
- Please be aware of others. If you intend to include visitors in your picture you may need to ask their permission first. If your photo clearly shows faces you will need to include a signed declaration that you received permission from the person to be photographed. We will not publish photos without this.

How do I join in?

- Choose to join a guided walk, or to go on your own.
- The Photosafari guided walk dates are the 29th May, 29th June, 31st July, 31st August, and the 28th of September. All leave at 11am and 2 pm and last about 90 minutes.
- There is no charge except normal entrance fees.

What do I do with my pictures at the end of the walk?

- Enjoy them! Use them to bring back fond memories!
- If you would like others to enjoy them too, why not email your best shots to info@castlekennedygardens.com After each walk we'll select the best 10 photos and upload them to our Facebook page.
- Or why not send us prints? These will hang in an exhibition in our Ranger's Hut so that all our visitors can admire your masterpieces! All prints should be titled and include your name and address and sent to: Castle Kennedy Gardens Photosafari Competition, Rephad, London Road, Stranraer DG9 8BX
- We're quite relaxed about photos which have been edited after you have taken them.
- You didn't post my photo on Facebook. Does that mean I can't win a prize? No, all emailed photos and prints will be automatically entered into our Photosafari competition. After our final walk in September a panel of judges will scrutinise all the photos. From these they will select four prize winners.

Prizes

1. The best portfolio of photos – under 14, wins a photo book which will include your winning portfolio.
2. The best portfolio – adult, wins a photo book which will include your winning portfolio.
3. Best individual photo. Win a framed print of your photo.
4. Best photo taken between sites. Win a framed print of your photo.

A portfolio is a minimum of ten, maximum twenty photos. You can enter as many portfolios as you wish. Important tip: just one poor photo can spoil your portfolio - so choose carefully. By taking part in this competition you agree that all copyright remains with the photographer but Stair Estates has the right to use any photo in connection with advertising of this event or on its website, Facebook or other media.



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