








Walks

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Lakeside Walk
Grade Easy – 3.9 km (2.4 miles) – 1 hour 10 mins
 This relatively flat trail leads around Castlewellan Lake, a natural lake extended by the Annesley family early in the 19th century. With excellent views across the lake and of the surrounding woodland the trail passes close to the Ice House and the iconic Castle built in 1856.
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Cypress Pond Walk
Grade Moderate – 4.9 km (3.1 miles) – 1 hour 35 mins
 After reaching the end of the Lake, this trail begins to climb, winding its way through mature trees. Walkers are rewarded on reaching the top with the tranquil view of the Cypress Pond. The trail then descends through the trees back to the lake shore.
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Moorish Tower Walk
Grade Moderate – 5.1 km (3.2 miles) – 1 hour 40 mins
 After reaching the end of the Lake, this trail begins to climb, winding steeply uphill. A narrow track leads to the Moorish Tower, originally designed as a 'tea house', which provides a fine vista over the Lake and surrounding mountains. A steep descent leads back to the lake shore.
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Annesley Garden Walk
Grade Easy – 1.6 km (1 mile) – 35 mins
 Leading gently uphill, this walk takes in the famous Annesley Garden and the National Arboretum. Walkers can then choose to take the shorter route back or further explore the Park by continuing uphill to circle the Duck Pond and Mitchell's Lake before returning on the wide, even path back down the hill to the lake shore.
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Including Mitchell's Lake
Grade Moderate – 3.6 km (2.3 miles) – 1 hour 10 mins
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Slievenaslat Walk
Grade Strenuous – 4.3 km (2.7 miles) – 1 hour 35 mins
 The most strenuous walk in the Park, this trail is rocky in places with numerous steps both up and down. As such, it is suitable for those with a higher level of fitness and stamina. After a steep climb take a well deserved rest at the summit of Slievenaslat and enjoy the panoramic views of the Mourne Mountains and the drumlin landscape of Co. Down before commencing your descent.
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Newcastle Way (see dashed line)
 This two day walk covers 45 km (28 miles) starting and finishing in Newcastle with highlights including Dundrum Village and Castlewellan and Tollymore Forest Parks. See WalkNI.com for more information.

Key

-  Mountain Bike Trailhead
-  Mountain Bike Crossing
-  Walk Trailhead
-  Slipway
- Grange Courtyard including:
-  Cafe
-  Activity Centre
-  Toilets
-  Forest Ranger Reception Hut
-  Caravan Site
-  Car Parks
-  Viewpoint
-  Animal Wood Play Space
-  Mourne Forests Office
-  Heritage Interpretation

Grades

All Ability	Easy	Moderate	Strenuous
SUITABLE FOR Most people in good health including those with limited mobility and baby buggies.	SUITABLE FOR Most people in good health. Accessible with some baby buggies.	SUITABLE FOR A good standard of fitness can help.	SUITABLE FOR Higher level of fitness and stamina.
SURFACE TYPE Sealed surfaces such as asphalt or compacted stone. Even and consistent throughout.	SURFACE TYPE Sealed surface i.e. compacted stone.	SURFACE TYPE Variable but stable surface, may be slightly uneven and include loose material.	SURFACE TYPE Extremely variable and uneven including large loose material including rocks and roots.
GRADIENT Relatively flat.	GRADIENT Relatively flat but may include some short steep climbs and descents.	GRADIENT Includes some steep climbs and descents.	GRADIENT Includes long steep climbs and descents.

Things to remember...

These trails are situated in a working forest environment and may be subject to temporary diversion and closure. In such circumstances, please ensure that all safety signage is complied with. All Forest Service NI woodlands are sustainably managed and certified against standards that demonstrate good environmental, social and economic principles.

Please watch out for vehicles on the forest roads and other visitors on foot, bike and horse.

Many of the trails within Castlewellan Forest Park are multi-use, however some trails are designated for specific activities. Please adhere to signage on the ground.