

# Walking Cragside

Cragside's scenery and landscape changes throughout the year. In the spring, buds begin to show, and early flowers begin to bloom. As summer approaches the rhododendrons present their annual show. Then autumn brings a warm glow to the estate as the leaves turn and begin to fall.

Below we've highlighted four walks to get you out and about across the estate. Grab your walking boots and start exploring.

Discover more walks at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cragside





#### **Armstrong Trail**

2 miles, 1 hour Terrain: Gravel paths, uneven steps, hills in places

Start: Visitor Centre /
Tumbleton Lake
Follow on map: • • • • •
Look out for green
way markers

A tour of the lower estate that takes you past some of Cragside's historic features including the House and the Iron Bridge with a finale at the Powerhouse.

## Nelly's Moss

1½ miles, 1 hour, Terrain: Reasonably level, rock and gravel surfaces

Start: **Crozier car park**Follow on map: • • • •
Look out for blue
way markers

A family-friendly, flat walk around two historic, man-made lakes which formed part of Cragside's hydroelectricity system. Look out for frogs, toads and even herons dipping their feet in the water.





#### **Wetland Walk**

1½ miles, 1 hour Terrain: Mud track, rocky areas

Start: Cragend car park
Follow on map:
Look out for the orange
way markers

Walk to Cragside's driest lake. Blackburn was once the largest expanse of water on the estate until it burst its banks in 1927. This area is now a wetland making it a great place for wildlife spotting.

### Gun Walk

3 miles, 2 hours, Terrain: Rocky, stone steps, a short steep descent

Start: **House forecourt**Follow on map: • • • •
Look out for red
way markers

Follow the historic trail of the Gamekeepers. Walk between impressive rock formations, along craggy paths, and through tunnels of rhododendrons on this challenging walk through the heart of Cragside.

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Some paths remain closed due to storm damage. You may be diverted while walking.