

RSCG National Collection at Glenbranter



RHODODENDRON SPECIES CONSERVATION GROUP

Dear Member,

A Day Visit to Benmore Botanic Garden and the RSCG planting in Glenbranter, on Sunday, 21st April

RSCG propose visiting Benmore in the morning. Meet in the car park at 10.30 am. As well as the magnificent, seasonal display of rhododendrons, there are interesting developments, including the regeneration work on the giant redwood avenue, restoration work proposed on Puck's Hut and ongoing plans for the walled garden. We may also visit the propagation area.

There is an entry charge to Benmore, if you are not a member of RBGE. Light refreshments are available in the café area but book a lunch or bring your own pic-nic.

Ferry crossings from Gourock to Hunters Key are every 20 minutes in the summer season. Tickets are more modestly priced if purchased in Gourock or on-line.

We plan to leave Benmore at 1.30 pm to arrive at Glenbranter by 2pm. Park at the forestry offices and car sharing will be arranged up to the bottom of the glen where we will ascend to view the species planting. NB It is a steep climb. Some of the subsections of species rhododendrons planted over the last few years, received 'National Collection' status 2 years ago, on the basis of the collections' scientific importance. (See The National Plant Collections Directory, under Rhododendron- issues 2022 and 2023). They are Falconera, Fortunea and Grandia.

We would be delighted to see some of our members on this visit. Please advise if you are attending.

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