

# Arran Geopark Toolkit

## Arran Geopark Mission

Arran Geopark's mission is to protect, promote, and educate about the significance of Arran's diverse landscapes. Through engaging experiences and sustainable practices, we aim to foster a deep connection between people and Arran's stunning natural environment, encouraging a sense of responsibility towards its conservation. By collaborating with local communities, businesses, and educators, we strive to create a lasting legacy that celebrates the geological wonders of Arran, while also contributing to the overall well-being and prosperity of our island.

## Where to get your Arran Geopark Experience

- Lochranza Centre Geopark Hub, KA27 8HL
- NTS Arran Ranger Centre Geopark Hub, KA27 8HY
- Isle of Arran Heritage Museum Geopark Hub, KA27 8DP
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# Arran Geopark FAQ



## What is a Unesco Global Geopark?

UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGp) are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development- just like Arran! This bottom-up approach involving local communities is vital for the success of the Geopark.

## Does this mean developmental restrictions?

No, UNESCO Global Geopark status does not imply restrictions on any economic activity inside a UNESCO Global Geopark. It's more about making sure everyone is on the same page. Arran is a geological masterpiece, and this has created a fabulous natural environment for people, flora and, fauna to thrive for thousands of years. The Geopark will celebrate this

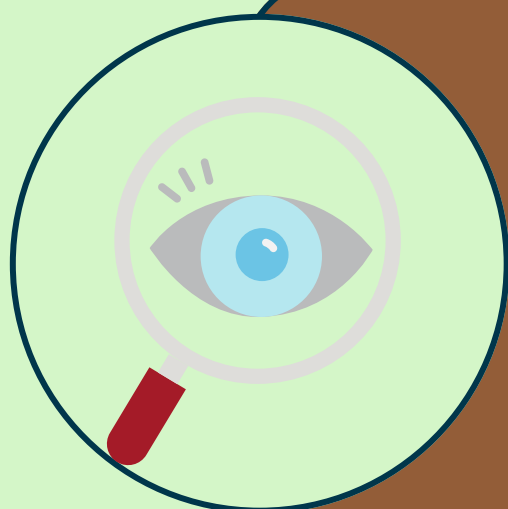


## Are Communities Involved?

Yes. UNESCO Global Geoparks empower local communities and give them the opportunity to develop cohesive partnerships with the common goal of promoting the area's significant geological processes, features, periods of time, historical themes linked to geology, or outstanding geological beauty.

## What Other Benefits Are There Apart from Recognition?

The creation of innovative local enterprises, new jobs and high-quality training courses is stimulated as new sources of revenue are generated through geotourism, while the geological resources of the area are protected. Visitors coming to the island will have a greater understanding of our environment.

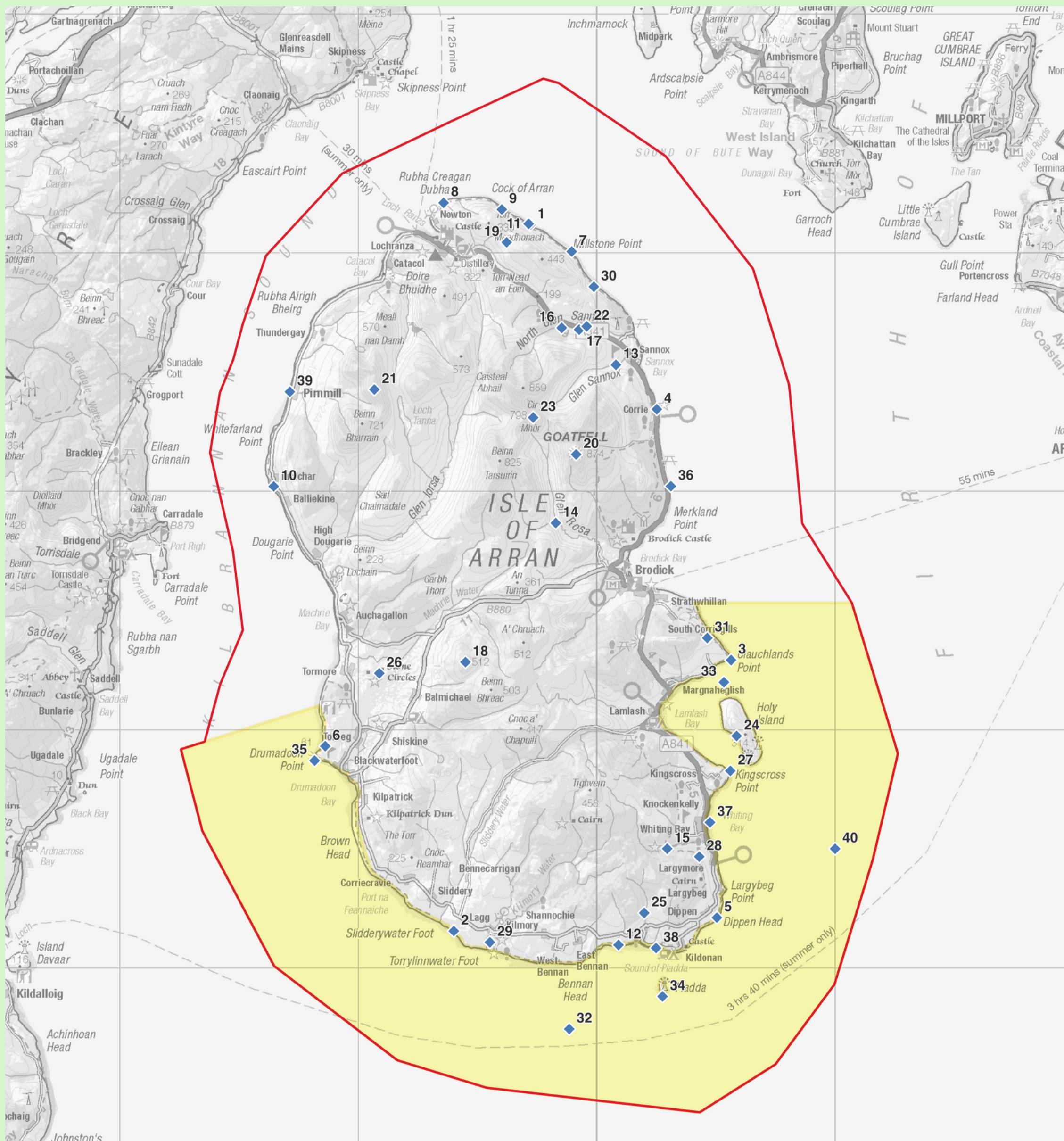


## Is UNESCO Permanent?

No. UNESCO Global Geoparks are given this designation for a period of four years. They then go through a revalidation process. If it continues to fulfill the criteria, the area will continue as a UNESCO Global Geopark for a further four-year period (so-called "green card"). If the area no longer fulfills the criteria, the management body will be informed to take appropriate steps within two years (a "yellow card").

# Arran Geopark: What's it All About?

Check out all the amazing sites and boundaries below:



Geopark Boundary (946.8km <sup>2</sup> )	<b>ID GEOSITE</b>	<b>ID GEOSITE</b>
Marine Protected Area	1 Arthropora trackway and body fossil, North Arran	21 Northern Mountains - Glen Catacol area
Geosites	2 Chirotherium trackway, Cleats Shore	22 Northern Mountains - Highland Boundary
	3 Clauchlands Point - Corrygills	23 Northern Mountains: glacial landscapes and assoc. features.
	4 Corrie Foreshore & Limestone Mines	24 Saint Molaise's Cave, Table, Well - Holy Isle
	5 Dippen Head	25 Eas Mor waterfall, Kildonan
	6 Drumadoon - Tormore	26 Machrie Moor Stone Circles
	7 Laggan (Millstone Point)	27 Kingscross Viking burial mound and Dun
	8 North Newton Shore	28 Giants' Graves
	9 Ossian's Cave	29 Torrylin, Chambered Long Cairn
	10 Raised beaches & assoc. glacial features	30 Laggantuin, Deserted Settlement
	11 Salt pans and assoc. coal mines, Laggan	31 Dun Fionn, Fort & Cultivation Terraces
	12 Dyke swarm, South Coast of Arran	32 South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA)
	13 Barytes mines, Glen Sannox	33 Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ)
	14 Glen Rosa	34 Seabed surrounding Pladda Island
	15 Glenashdale Falls, Whiting Bay	35 Drumadoon point
	16 North Glen Sannox	36 Brodick to Corrie coast
	17 North Glen Sannox, Highland Border complex,	37 Whiting Bay
	18 Ard Bheinn, Caldera	38 Kildonan
	19 Narachan, slate quarry (Tay nappe)	39 Pirmill
	20 Northern Mountains	40 Offshore muds

## How Arran Geopark meets the United Nations Goals of Sustainable Development:

### 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Our stunning natural environment is key in promoting health and wellbeing, addressing issues related to vision, cognition, and supporting access for all where possible. Outdoor activities are positively encouraged.

### 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



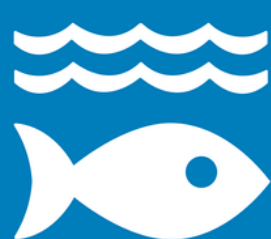
Arran provides quality and easy access to education from pre-school to adult. The learning environments are able to make full use of our natural resources, promoting awareness of our environment.

### 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Arran offers an inclusive environment within its island communities. Affordable housing and sustainable transport are developed. Promotion of regenerative tourism helps to provide access to safe and inclusive green and public spaces

### 14 LIFE BELOW WATER



Arran Geopark's mission is to protect and restore a diverse, abundant and beautiful marine environment for everyone in Arran, and the surrounding waters. To do this we will work with COAST and other agencies.

### 15 LIFE ON LAND



Good farming practices on Arran, along with community gardens, woodland creation, and maintaining peat bogs all help to halt and reverse land degradation, provide sustainable food sources and encourage species regeneration.

### 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Arran Geopark is a multi-stakeholder partnership that shares knowledge, and expertise to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

# Sign up to the Arran Pledge...

I PLEDGE TO RESPECT ARRAN: THE ISLAND

I SHALL FOLLOW TRAILS EXCITEDLY INTO THE UNKNOWN,  
EXPLORING THE ISLAND RESPONSIBLY, TAKING PHOTOS TO DIE  
FOR WITHOUT DOING HARM

WHEN I EXPLORE THIS BEAUTIFUL ISLAND, I WILL LEAVE IT AS I  
FIND IT, RESPECTING ARRAN'S HILLS AND COASTAL BEAUTY  
AND THE WILDLIFE AND FAUNA THEREIN

I WILL BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER ROAD USERS, SMILING,  
WAVING AND ONLY PARKING RESPECTFULLY

IF SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS, I'LL BE ON A CAMPSITE OR  
WILDCAMPING CONSIDERATELY, LEAVING NOTHING BUT  
FOOTPRINTS AND IF NATURE CALLS, I'LL RESPECT NATURE

I WILL BE PREPARED FOR ALL WEATHERS, ALL POSSIBILITIES  
AND ALL ADVENTURES THAT THE ISLE OF ARRAN HAS TO OFFER

Sign up here:

<https://www.arrantrust.org/the-arran-pledge>

# How to get engaged...

Whether you are a visitor, an islander or a business, you can get involved! Find out how here:



# Becoming a supporter

Becoming a Geopark Supporter is an opportunity to show your backing for Arran as an aspiring Global Geopark and our aim of gaining, and retaining UNESCO status for the island.

You can make a real difference by ensuring the Geopark is recognised and demonstrating that the wider community supports our vision.

## What do I get as a supporter?

- A Geopark Supporter window sticker;
- Concise email updates and early notification of Geopark events;
- The knowledge that you're part of something bigger for our island

## What benefit does my business get?

- All of the above plus...
- Your business listed on our website; and
- Your leaflets or other promotional material displayed at our Arran Geopark Hub in Lochranza Centre
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**So Sign Up Now!**  
**More details on next page...**

# Supporters of Arran aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark must meet, or be working towards, the following criteria:

## 1. Raise awareness of Arran aUGGp

Promote Arran aUGGp and be familiar with the core objectives of the Geopark. Display the Geopark Supporter poster and other Geopark promotional material.

## 2. Conserve the island's natural resources

Support and contribute to the protection, enhancement, and restoration of the island including its natural & cultural heritage, and landscape value. Do not buy or sell minerals, fossils, or similar original geological materials.

## 3. Promote and use local produce

Promote local culture, food, crafts, and arts. Strive to buy goods and services from local and sustainable sources and suppliers, propagating positive environmental and economic impacts.

## 4. Develop knowledge and understanding

Develop knowledge and increase understanding of those special relationships and qualities (in the natural environment, culture, society, and economy) that make up our island of Arran.

## 5. Contribute to the well-being of the island

Contribute attitudes and actions which develop enjoyment of, and pleasure from, the landscape and natural environment; developing links between individuals and communities and their environment to improve health and wellbeing.

## 6. Support the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Collaborate with businesses, the wider community, and other organisations to support a healthy economy; while pursuing best practice in social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

**Email to register your interest**



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