

SANDSTONE GORGE AT CALDERGLEN COUNTRY PARK



Thick river delta sandstone forming gorge cliffs and overhang

Where is this?

Calderglen Country Park visitor centre is just off the A726 Strathaven Road at the south end of East Kilbride. The South Trail (blue markers) takes you to the gorge and waterfalls. You can download a leaflet at https://www.slleisureandculture.co.uk/downloads/file/281/a_walk_in_the_park

What will you see there?

The deep gorge was created more than ten thousand years ago, after the last Ice Age. The reborn River Calder rapidly cut down through the bare sandstone to create a spectacular gorge. The gorge is best seen between South Bridge and the Horseshoe Falls (actually a weir). For a real waterfall head downstream to Torrance Linn!

The thick sandstones were created more than 300 million years ago when a vast delta was formed by rivers eroding the Highland mountains, then much higher than today. Tropical forests growing on emergent deltas formed coal seams. Coral and shell reefs formed in warm lagoons and created limestones. The sandstones, coals and limestones have all been mined and quarried in Calderglen.

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