

## **Ruination and reinvention**

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) has just published a brand new walk in Scotland

**Rural  
walk**

**4 miles  
long**



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Discover the ruins of a medieval castle and a modernist building  
Explore the overgrown pathways of an ornamental Victorian estate  
See how water has shaped the natural and built landscape  
Find out how an arts organisation is planning to revitalise the site

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## Discover the secrets of the Kilmahew estate

If you go up to these woods today you're sure of a big surprise! Hidden in the woods of Kilmahew Glen is an abandoned country estate with the ruined remains of human habitation from the medieval to the modern period.

Kilmahew estate has had many incarnations. Each time a new vision and design has been followed by decline and ruin.



The ruins of St Peter's seminary  
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Remains of iron footbridges and scenic walkways  
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Amidst a landscape of woods and rhododendrons are stone, brick, iron and concrete features that offer a tantalising glimpse of the buildings and structures that once stood here.

Step through the undergrowth to discover waterfalls, gardens and ponds.

Let your imagination recreate the grandeur of driveways, parkland and ornamental gardens.

As you walk in the footsteps of early Christian missionaries, old Scots nobility, trainee priests and community volunteers the layers of history on this site reveal themselves.

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