

How old are the Fossil Grove trees ?

The trees at Fossil Grove are from the geological time period known as the Carboniferous.

At that time Scotland had a hot tropical climate. The land was part of a huge coastal plain on the edge of a shallow sea.

The landscape was constantly changing; sometimes the sea level rose and the land was covered by shallow seas.

At other times the land was low-lying with large rivers bringing down sand and mud. Then the reclaimed land was covered by tropical forests and swamps.



The Fossil Grove building is open Easter till October.
The quarry area is accessible all year round.
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To find Victoria Park and Fossil Grove -

By rail - there are stations at Hyndland and Jordanhill, both are approximately fifteen minutes walk away.

By bus - There is a regular bus service from the city centre. www.firstgroup.com 0871 200 2233

By Car - From central Glasgow on the north side of the River Clyde follow the A814, exit onto the A739 North for Aberfoyle, turn left at the first set of traffic lights; the main entrance to the park is on Victoria Park Drive North. The closest gate to the Fossil Grove is on Westland Drive

Strathclyde Geoconservation Group is a subcommittee of the Geological Society of Glasgow. The group identify and explain sites of particular geological interest, be it a landscape, a land form or a rock feature. Further information on the Society and geoconservation can be found on the website www.geologyglasgow.org.uk Registered Scottish Charity No. SC007013



FOSSIL GROVE Victoria Park

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Fossil House, Victoria Park

Located in the Scotstoun and Whiteinch area of Glasgow.

Victoria Park has among its many attractions extensive formal and informal gardens, a boating pond and a children's play area.

It also is home to some of the most spectacular fossils in the UK - ancient trees, twice as old as the dinosaurs. The trees are the remnants of vast forests which eventually became the coal that powered Glasgow's industry.

Age of Scotland's rocks

The dates indicate the earliest date of each period in millions of years ago (mya)

Quaternary 2.6

Ice ages

Tertiary 65

Arran, Mull and Ardnamurchan volcanoes

Cretaceous 145

Jurassic 200

Age of the Dinosaurs

Triassic 251

Permian 299

The great red desert - many of Glasgow's red sandstone buildings are from this time

Carboniferous 359

Fossil Grove—Glasgow on the equator

Devonian 416

England unites with Scotland !

Ordovician 488

Scottish Highland mountains first rose

Cambrian 542

Precambrian Era 4600 - 542 mya