

**John F Leslie**  
**Woodland Walk**

**Mature holly is among the trees you can find here. Predatory insects such as ground beetles prowl the floor of the woodland for other invertebrates.**

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**Violet ground beetle**

**This is one of the largest insects of the wood. It has a distinctive violet sheen to its glossy exoskeleton which serves as armour for its adult life. This beetle is an aggressive predator of many woodland invertebrates, including other beetles.**

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**Ferns**

**All around you in this part of the wood, you will see ferns- unlike most of our flowering plants they are green throughout the year. They do not produce flowers or seeds but reproduce through the production of spores. Ferns do have stems, roots and leaves (called fronds). John F. Leslie Wood has 9 species of fern, including bracken and harts-tongue fern.**

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**Holly**

**A native shrub or small tree with glossy evergreen leaves and bright red berries. Holly has long since been associated with Christmas and, prior to that, with Celtic spirituality. Holly provides great shelter and food for birds. It grows very well under other larger trees such as oak, and is a very tough and resilient plant. It is slow growing and can live for over 100 years.**

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# Information Map

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--- Woodland Walk  
6km

--- Shannon way

○ - Current Location

○ - Information Points

