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STRATHYRE Chiselled from the land This 'S' shaped glen was chiselled out of the land by the brute force of a glacier. Much of the early work of the Forestry Commission must be attributed to the Head Forester, Alistair Cameron. When planning the forest layout in the 30's and 40's, he was able to match tree species with the appropriate soil types. This paid handsome dividends, not only through his forest's dramatic effect on the landscape but also in the quality of timber we are now harvesting. Today similar principles are followed to create the next generation of Strathyre

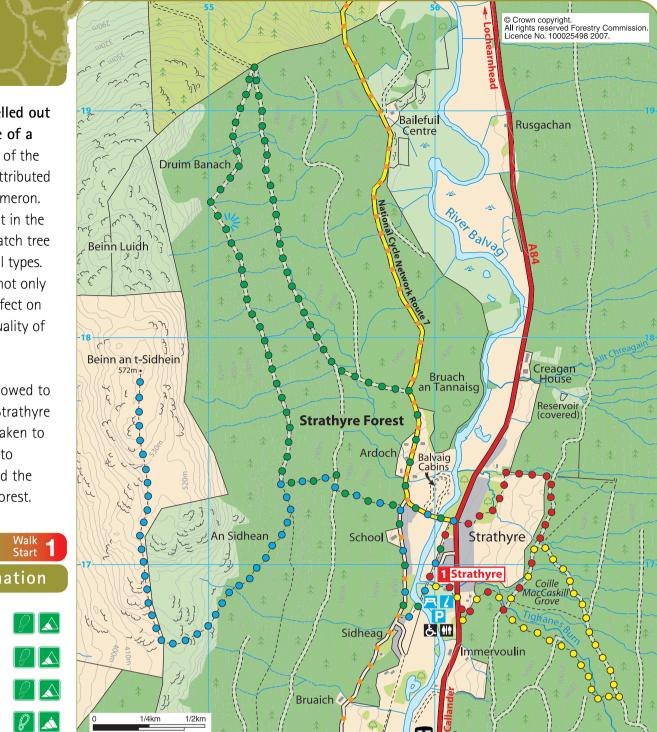
Forest. Opportunities are also taken to expand native woodlands, and to improve recreation facilities and the conservation potential of the forest.

Strathyre trails information

Black Parks 2 kms | 45 mins Tighanes Burn 2.5 kms | 1 hr 30 mins

Bailefuil 6.5 kms | 2 hr 30 mins Beinn an t-Sidhein

7 kms | 3 hr 30 mins



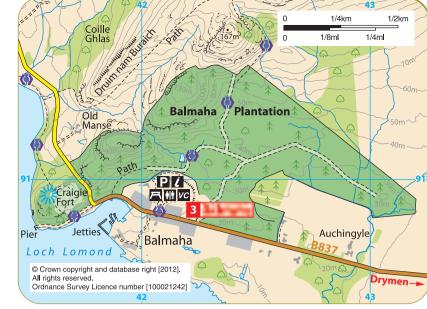


Walk Start 2 Sallochy trails information

Woodland Walk 2.75 kms | 1 hr 30 mins Sallochy Trail 4 kms | 2 hrs

Balmaha trails information

Access point to the Millenium trail and Conic Hill path.



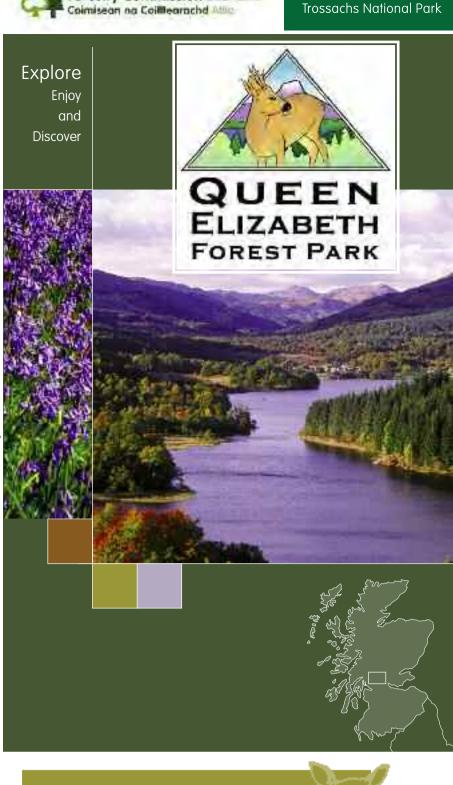
Balmaha, the gateway to the east shore of Loch Lomond, sits beneath the impressive Conic Hill - a superb viewpoint for walkers on the West Highland Way.

North of Balmaha pass lie the Loch Lomond oakwoods which were managed for the last 300-400 years to produce charcoal, tannin and timber. Now, these woodlands are prized for their wildlife and Forestry Commission Scotland is restoring them to their original extent and condition so that they can be enjoyed by future generations.

The waymarked trails at Sallochy offer superb views of the Loch and beyond to Ben Lomond and the Arrochar Alps. At 974m Ben Lomond is Scotlands most southerly Munro.



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Forestry Commission Scotland

Loch Lomond & The



"The Queen Elizabeth Forest Park (QEFP) was designated by the Forestry Commission in 1953 to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. It attracts over a million visitors a year to its stunning landscape of forest, mountain,

moorland and lochs that stretches from the east shore of Loch Lomond to the hills of Strathyre.

Through the first 50 years of the QEFP, the Forestry Commission has evolved into an organisation that is passionate about tourism, recreation, wildlife and communities. Visitors enjoy the peace and quiet, the magnificent views and the marvellous opportunities for recreation including; woodland walks, hill walks, cycle routes, horse-riding routes, the Forest Drive, the David Marshall Lodge Visitor Centre, lochs and rivers for fishing and canoeing, picnic areas, barbecue sites and campsites.

facilities are available at David Marshall Lodge Visitor Centre in Aberfoyle and this makes a good starting point for any visit to Looking ahead, and with 2.4 million people within one hours drive, the QEFP also aims to make a major contribution to ► View of Ben Venue over Achray forest improving the health of the Scottish population by continuing to provide a wide variety of options for activity and fun in the forest.



Forestry Commission Scotland welcomes visitors to the QEFP and manages the area to provide visitors with routes and facilities that make their visit enjoyable. The widest variety of



INFORMATION CENTRE



Non FC - easy-access facilities **Leannach** Other forest walk areas **†**|† Non FC toilets Non FC picnic area National Park boundary Non FC tourist information National Cycle Network-Route 7 Non FC visitor centre West Highland Way Non FC caravan site

What the walk symbols mean

Walks are graded according to degree of difficulty and type of conditions to be expected. Easy
Sensible Footwear

Easy
Muscle Loose

Moderate
Waterproof Footwear
Muscle Str Strenuous
Hillwalking Boots

Strenuous
Muscle Builder Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly take responsibility for your own actions
 respect the interests of other people
 care for the environment.

Toilets

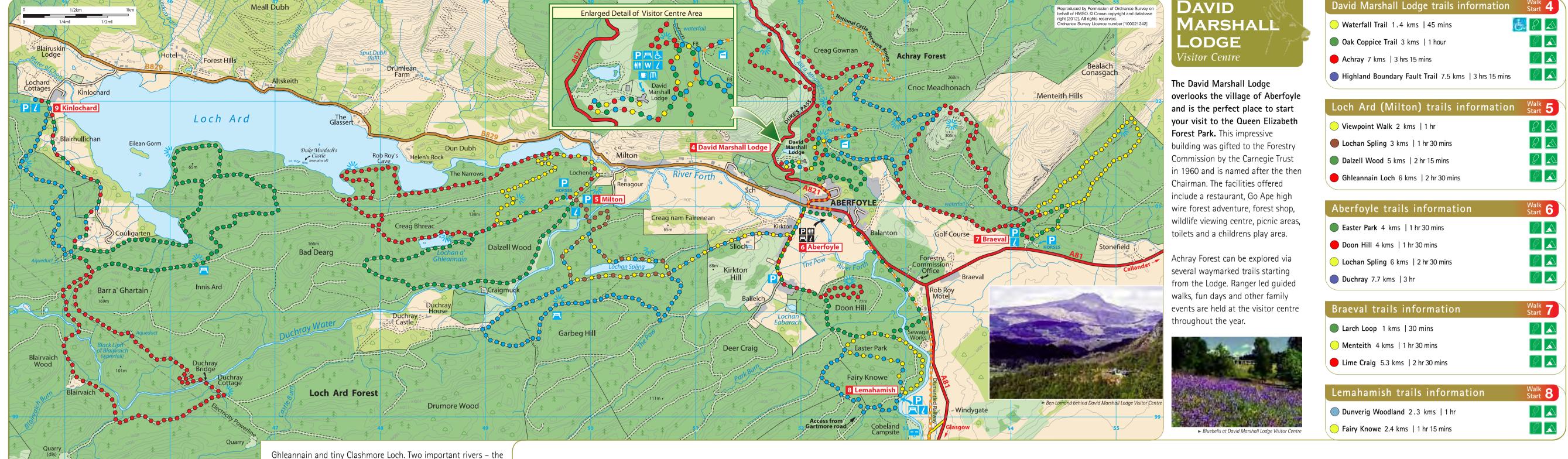
Tourist information

Wildlife viewing

Play area

Campsite

Caravan site



The Great Forest of LOCH ARD By foot, horse or bike

From Aberfoyle to the foothills of Ben Lomond, enjoy the variety and the scale of the landscape as you explore the Great Forest of Loch Ard.

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Loch Ard – the Faeries

In the 17th Century a local minister – the Reverend Robert Kirk – upset the Faeries by publishing his book "The Secret Commonwealth of Elves, Fauns and Faeries." The Faeries took their revenge. On top of Doon Hill stands a solitary Scots pine amid the oak. It is said to contain the tormented soul of Reverend Kirk imprisoned by the Faeries as a lesson to others who might have similar thoughts.

Loch Ard - the Water

Throughout the forest there are many lochs and lochans, from the striking Loch Chon and Loch Ard to picturesque Lochan a'



Duchray Water and the Kelty Water – rise here, tumbling down through the forest to join the River Forth. You will notice that stream and riverbanks are being cleared of conifers. These corridors will gradually be colonised by native trees and shrubs such as Oak, Birch, Alder, Hazel, Willow and Rowan, improving the streamside environment and adding to the natural beauty of the forest.



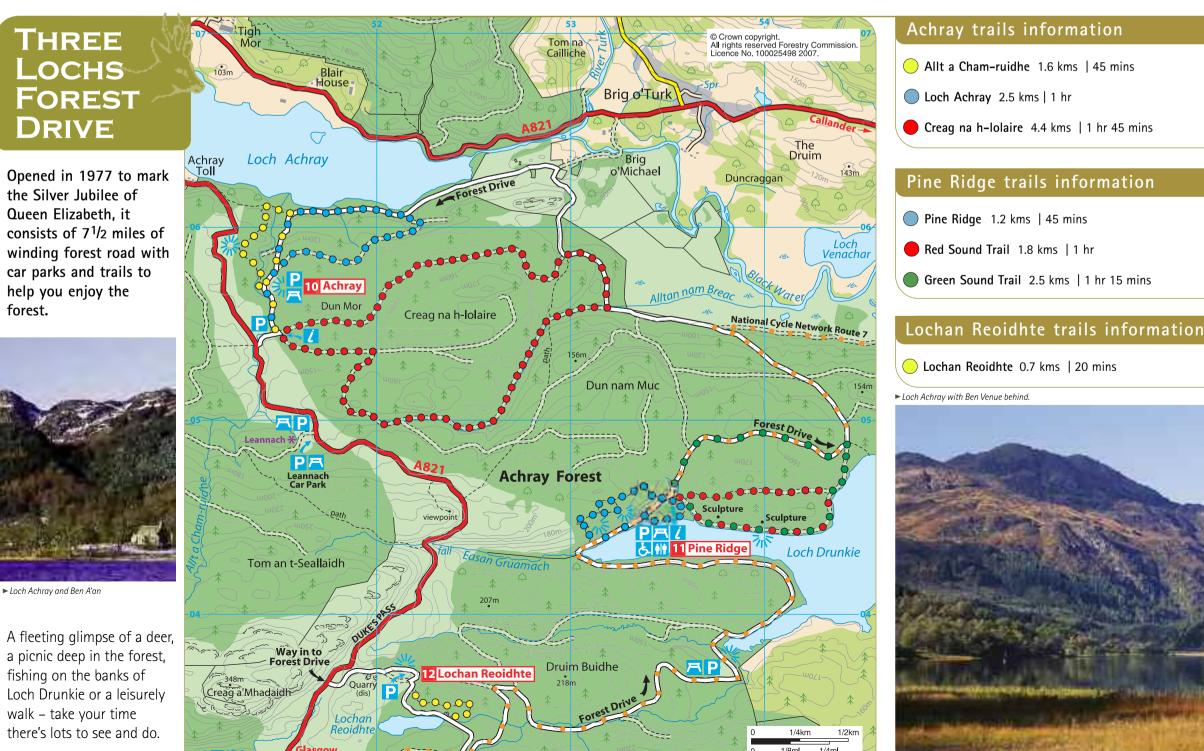
► Fun for all the family

Loch Ard - the Forest

Loch Ard Forest is a productive forest, but it is so much more than that. There are many areas of native woodland including remnants of the ancient oak woods that once covered this area. Forestry Commission Scotland is protecting these important areas and extending them to ensure that they will be here for future generations to enjoy.

	Kinlochard trails information	Walk Start 9
	Couligarten 4 kms 1 hour 30 mins	
+	Bell House Walk 9.5 kms 3 hour 45 mins	

■ Kinlochard Bay Walk | 10 kms | 4 hour



Wild Forest, Wildlife - The Forest is Alive

The forest isn't just trees - the whole place is alive. Take the time to look – you'll be amazed at what you see! You might catch sight of deer (especially early in the morning or early evening); see red squirrels scampering around the forest and darting up trees, or even an Osprey fishing on the lochs.

Whatever you see - enjoy the unexpected. The forest is full of marvels, from the mosses under your feet to the small birds calling above. The best way to see wildlife is to find somewhere nice to sit and be still and quiet - let it come to you. Listen...

A healthy forest needs our help. Conservation work is all in a day's work for a forester. We're involved in a wide range of work, looking after the life of the forest: from Ospreys to Water Voles. Come into David Marshall Lodge and talk to us about it.



Take the Bus

Walk 10

Walk 11

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Travelling from Glasgow to Aberfoyle you can use First Direct Bus Service Numbers M8 or C11 from Buchanan Street Bus Station. There is a local Bus Service at Aberfoyle to take you to DML 0844 567 5670 or www.aberfoylecoaches.com. Booking ahead adviseable.

Take care on the hills

hills can change very quickly. Even in summer, conditions on the tops of hills are often much colder and windier than at low levels, despite clear skies. Here are some pointers for a safe and enjoyable trip.

- Be properly equipped
- Plan your route carefully and stick to it
- b. Number of people in the party c. Any injuries

• Carry map & compass, know how to use

Turn back if it gets too hard for you

In emergencies call 999 and ask for the

When connected provide:

a. Location of the incident

Wear suitable footwear Take sufficient food and drink

Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return (if there are ask the Police to inform Take adequate warm & waterproof clothing the Ambulance Service)