Welcome to Tay Forest Park

Tay Forest Park is a mosaic of woodlands spread across Highland Perthshire. Within the forests, some of Scotland’s finest views and most impressive trees are waiting to be discovered.

Take to the trails
From gentle larch-alar straths in heart-pumping walks, the network of waymarked trails will introduce you to the beauty and diversity of Tay Forest Park. Start your visit at the Queen’s View Visitor Centre where you can admire the iconic views, browse the shop, relax in the café and plan your day out.

Praising Perthshire’s plant hunters
As you explore Tay Forest Park, you’ll be following in the footsteps of visionary plant hunters, botanists and foresters of the 17th century. Tall trees stood as living monuments to their efforts. Hidden amongst the trees are the remains of earlier forest trees; tree Age Hill forts, an abandoned farmstead and a holy well.

Traditional Gaelic proverb
Cruaidh mar am froach, An is fein, an leith an samhraidh—Forest follies and a hermit’s hideout.

Woolly mammoth
Weem, gets his credit in the tree’s Latin name Arctostaphylos weem, though sometimes its name is believed to have been named after Weem, near Aberfeldy.

A superb circuit of Drummond Hill
A superb circuit of Drummond Hill, taking in the remains of an Iron Age hill fort and some wonderful views over Strathowlan and Glen Lyon. Follow the stone burn carvings. Largely wide, uneven ground surface. Sections of rough, narrow earth and steep path with rocky parts. Some long steep slopes. Short sections may be muddy.

Tay Forest Park is full of wildlife, though sometimes trees can be hard to spot! In springtime, stroll out and marvel at the blossoming flowers in the trees, and for the drumming of great spotted woodpeckers. In summer, look out for expressive flying in the trees, and for red squirrels scampering in the pines. Autumn brings colourful fungi on the forest floor and hibernating dormice in the roof of red deer stags during the autumn.

Big Trees and Big Views
Go wild in the woods
Tay Forest Park is a mosaic of woodlands spread across Highland Perthshire. Within the forests, some of Scotland’s finest views and most impressive trees are waiting to be discovered.

Toysmoothe Trail
Explore the mature larch woodland on the slopes of Drummond Hill that shelters this rare tree.

Mostly wide, uneven ground surface. Some short easy sections with exposed tree roots. Long moderate slopes for 3/4 mile with some steep sections. Parts may be muddy.

Black Rock Trail
Zigzag trails up through the burn and rock forest to Black Rock viewpoint for stunning views over Loch Tay.

Wide, uneven ground surface throughout. Long moderate slopes for up to a mile with some fairly steep sections.

Craigvinean Trail
Discover the Victorian inspired Tay Forest folly hidden deep within the forest.

Wide, firm gravel path with narrow rocky sections. Some short fairly steep slopes.

Tay Forest Park is at the heart of Big Tree Country. You’ll find some of Scotland’s tallest and oldest forest trees here.

Many of the trees and views we enjoy today are the living legacy of local lairds, who employed Famous Perthshire plant hunters including Sir Duncan Campbell, Archibald Douglas and David Douglas. Archibald Menzies discovered the Douglas fir, and David Douglas brought it back to Britain. Archibald Menzies discovered the Douglas fir, and David Douglas brought it back to Britain.

Dolch picnic site
Relax, take a break and enjoy the lovely views at this picnic place spot on the old Insh Railway. A picnic area is introduced in 1937, despite the social upheaval of the 1930s. See if you can spot our resident red squirrels.

Brows of Foss
The walking pace is for the leisurely walker. Schielbed, Ireland weather 9½ is on the surface now. In the 1280s, Schielbed was a serious hill walk and you must be properly prepared. The last part of the ascent is steep and rough, and the weather at the top can change very quickly.

Kilcreach camp site
This simple camp site, next to Currie Forest and Loch Rannoch, is a great place to get back to nature. There are toilets, cooking facilities, drinking water points and a chemical toilet disposal point, but no hot water or electricity.

For further details contact us on 0300 067 6380.

Find out more: forestryandland.gov.scot/tayfp

© Crown Copyright 2019
Tel: 0300 067 6380
Traveline Scotland, 0871 200 2233 or forestryandland.gov.scot/tayfp
For information on public transport services Tel: 0300 067 6380
forestryandland.gov.scot/tayfp

For more information and opening times for Queen’s View visit forestryandland.gov.scot/queens-view

© Mark Hamblin 20/20 Vision

Design & Visitor Planning, Forestry and Land Scotland, 2019
Text written by Jo Scott. Photography © Forestry and Land Scotland unless otherwise stated.
nearby Black Wood of Rannoch. Ancient Scots pine hike up the stunning gorge. Relax above the shores of Loch Rannoch, shining in winter snow-capped peak rising from the forest or the Schiehallion. Spectacular seasonal scenery. Traffic along the forest road. Includes bridges and grassy sections. Paths with exposed tree roots. Uneven gravel surface. Some muddy sections. Includes stands of pine, fir, larch and spruce. Some long steep slopes.

Queen's View Visitor Centre

With a café, gift shop, forest park displays and of course great scenery, Queen's View is a perfect place to start your visit to Tay Forest Park. 

Royal connections

This is one of the most famous and historic views in Scotland - it's a ruin on Queen Victoria visited in 1866, and thought that the view was named for her. But the story of the hill above the view was named for Kukukka oftt, long before Victoria's visit. Kukukka was the first wife of Robert the Bruce, and is said to have hidden in nearby woods in the 13th century.

The Visitor Centre, café and shop are open all year. www.forestryandland.gov.uk/TS/99 for details.

Spectacular seasonal scenery

The view across Loch Tulla to the mountain of Schiehallion is always changing. Whether it's the summer sun spickling on the water, autumn mist rising from the forest or the snow capped peak sliding into winter. It is always an inspiring sight.

The Visitor Centre, café and shop are open all year. www.forestryandland.gov.uk/TS/99 for details.

An interesting short trail through the Douglas fir, Norway spruce and oak trees along the busy Carie Burn. Uneven grass surface with some narrow, rocky and grassy sections. Includes some fairly steep slopes.

Klenzach Trail

Head further up the Carie Burn on this charming circuit of the birch-shrouded campsite. Uneven earth and grass paths with exposed tree roots. Some fairly steep slopes. Includes bridges. The traffic along the forest road.

Carie Trail

An interesting short trail through the Douglas fir, Norway spruce and oak trees along the busy Carie Burn. Uneven grass surface with some narrow, rocky and grassy sections. Includes some fairly steep slopes.

All na Bogair Trail

Follow the All na Bogair gorge through woods rich in larch, birch and ancient Scots pine. There are great views across Loch Rannoch towards Castle Menzies. Mostly wide, firm but uneven grass surface. Some grassy sections with exposed tree roots and muddy patches. Includes a number of steep slopes. Includes vehicles along the forest road.

Ring Fort Trail

Stretch your legs a little more and travel further back into history along an ancient Pictish ring fort. Firm gravel surface throughout, with some uneven and slightly grassed over sections. One long steep slope. Includes sections along a well-used forest road.

Broom Taylor Trail

A short, steep climb to St David's Well and a series of cuttings in the craigs and trees that were inspired by the forest's stories. Uneven gravel surface with some rough and narrow rocky sections. Some long steep slopes with several flights of rocky steps.

Grampian Forest Trail

A gentle scenic trail through the majestic trees around Loch Dunmore. Firm, smoothly grassed path throughout, with some slightly uneven sections. Includes a number of short moderate slopes.

Foresters’ Trail

Explore the 19th century model forest of Faskally House and follow the beautiful shores of Loch Faskally. Uneven gravel and earth surface with exposed roots. Several steep slopes and some flights of wooden steps. Some uneven and muddy sections.