Welcome to Pitfichie & Cairn William

Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District boasts some of the best scenery in north-east Scotland, with views over river valleys, coastal areas and distant mountains as well as rural villages and isolated farms.

Always Follow the Forest Cycle Code

1. Don’t rely on others;
• can you get home safely?
• carry the right equipment & risk.
2. For your own safety;
• always wear the right safety equipment and know how to use it.
• only cycle within your abilities;
• only tackle jumps and other challenges if you are sure you can do them, have a look first!
3. On and off road;
• expect the unexpected – watch out for other visitors;
• for your own and others’ safety always follow warning signs and any advice you are given;
• if a vehicle is loading timber stop and wait for the driver to let you pass safely.
4. Cycle carefully and please come back soon!

This is a great place to visit, so please choose a trail (see below) to suit your ability.

Look out for wildlife such as red squirrels and woodpeckers as you go around. Close by (20mins walk) is the recumbent stone circle at Whitehills, which was also a Bronze Age cremation site!

White | Cairn William Trail 1.8km/1¼ miles -
Great views of Bennachie and the Vale of Alford (this trail goes round the foot of Cairn William). Mainly on forest road, some sections on rough/muddy tracks. Moderate with some steep sections. Recommended for mountain bikers, horse riders and walkers.

Red | Granite Top Trail: 5.8km/3½ miles -
Excellent views of surrounding countryside from the summits. Narrow tracks (less than 1metre) with varied surfaces, steep challenging rocky sections with berms and rock staircase. Please ride in the direction of the arrows. Recommended for good mountain bikers only. Not suitable for horse riders.

Orange | Pitfichie Downhill Trail 1.2km/¾ mile -
Challenging trail through woods. Narrow track (less than 1metre wide). Very steep trail with technical sections such as drop offs and jumps. Recommended for experienced downhill mountain bikers only. Not suitable for walkers or horse riders.

Maps of these trails can be downloaded by going to www.forestry.gov.uk/pitfichie

Emergency Information

Name & Grid Reference for this location: Pitfichie Car Park
NJ 656 133
Nearest access road: NJ 656
Nearest A&E Hospital facilities: Tillyfourie
In case of an Emergency call 999

Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly

• take responsibility for your own actions
• respect the interests of other people
• care for the environment.

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