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**Discover the forests of Aberdeenshire**

**Scotchtart**

Guided tours - For more information call the Centre on 01330 821682.

**Bennachie**

The cutting grassy ridge of Bennachie stands proud in the landscape and is the heart of everyone who comes here. It’s Aberdeenshire’s best-loved forest, with ancient woodlands and ancient hillforts on a steep hillside, perfect for sitting quietly and enjoying the view. The Bin is well signposted from the top of the Tappie Tower (0.6 miles / 1 km), near the Visitor Centre. Access is via the Visitor Centre car park, which makes a circuit of about 1 mile / 1.6 km

**Dunnottar**

Family farming in Stonehaven’s community woods.

**Lochside Trail**

A short loop around the west lochan, where you may see damselflies and dragonflies dancing over the water. Firm but uneven grassy surface. Some sloping along with uneven rock steps. Parts may be slightly grassy or muddy.

**Two Lochans Trail**

Wander beneath majestic Douglas firs to reach a pair of picturesque lochans nestled next to the pine

**Loch Garden Trail**

Uneven grass and earth surface with exposed tree roots. Some rocky and slightly muddy parts. Long moderate slopes with short step sections. Includes one narrow kissing gate.

**Craigoch Trail**

Discover the pretty meadows and old fields and a fine viewpoint on the loch-lope through the upland and loch farm.

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A longer tour through the tranquil pine forest, with the chance to see woodpeckers and other native birds while walking through some exposed tree roots.

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Charming woodland trails, followed by tea at the castle!

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Big impressive trees and unrecorded views.

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A legendary day out for everyone on and around this mixed habitat.

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**Visit the Deeside treasure again and again.**

Come here in summer for endless darting dragonflies on the lochans and in winter for seeing snow-capped hills from the top of Bennachie Centre. A nearhaun widdie (a nearby wood) is full of surprises and stories about the Kenny family who once lived in Dunottar House. Walk directly into the woodland from the town and quietly lose yourself in history and nature. In summer the forest is alight, green and spectacular, but in winter you can see carpets of bluebell and blaeberry — ideal habitat for watching the woodland birds and viewing the short path in the woods. For the woodland lovers this makes a circuit of about 1 mile / 1.5 km.

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**Dundonnell**

Look out for red squirrels, green pines, bluebells bright. For a longer day try a section of the Deeside Way Trail information

**Two Lochans Trail**

Thirty forest trails easy to get to for a brisk walk. Some are in forests in Aberdeenshire, waiting for you to discover something new each time.

**History Trail**

Explore the decisional woodland of Dunnottar House and discover its intriguing history at the Shell House, Lord Kenny’s bath and Dunottar tomb.

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Not many forests have a castle with a teashop next door, but then Delgatie is a special place! You’ll find different trees and habitats here, from light-filled birch woods sparkling with summer flowers to the dark, damp straths of the old farm. On the way you’ll catch glimpses of Delgatie Castle and its lovely gardens — on summer evenings, the best place to see the trees, scooping up thousands of insects a night.

**Countsowsells and Foggieton**

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**Queen Tree Trail**

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**Ferry Knowes Trail**

A short stroll around Ferry Knowes and Boddam Hill with some great views through the magnificent beech trees. Mostly wide, uneven gravel and gravelly surface. Some exposed tree roots and slightly muddy surface. Includes some uneven sections. Moderately easy.

**Sing Birds Trail**

A short stroll through the huge spruce trees near the entrance to Countsowsells and enjoy fine views across the Glen of Nairn. The trails here are wide, but watch for the occasional root and rock. Very easy.

**Gallon of Water Trail**

Climb through the forest to the top of the Bin far from the busy road, a great place for a picnic. Mostly wide gravel surface. Some exposed tree roots and muddy areas. Includes some rocky, rooty and potentially muddy parts. Moderately easy.

**Tyrebagger**

Exploring the towering trees of Tyrebagger Wood and looking for raspberries and blackberries in the summer and in autumn.

**Hawker’s Trail**

Watch for redstarts and warblers along the young trees on this short winding trail. Firm but uneven gravel surface throughout. Some short steep slopes with uneven tree roots and slightly rocky sections. Moderately easy.

**Ladyhill Trail**

Wonder through the magificent mature beech woods and look for raspberries and blackberries in the summer and in autumn.

**Wids nearhaun (woodland nearby)**

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**Coyachnie**

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**Clashindarroch**

Enjoy this huge forest on mountain bike and horseback in summer and in winter. It’s one of Scotland’s top places for horticulture alongside wildflower meadows and excellent snow building.

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