Fish in the forest

Beneath the dark waters of the Black Burn, salmon and sea trout arrive to breed. Otters follow close behind, hoping for a tasty meal. You might spot an otter’s paw prints or distinctive black spraint (poo) on the banks of the Black Burn. Otter poo actually smells quite nice, a bit like jasmine tea.

In Gaelic, otters are known as biast-dhubh – the black beast.

The towering Douglas firs are nearly 50 metres tall. They were the first trees planted here by the Forestry Commission when we took over Torrieston in the 1920s.

The bridge over the Black Burn is great for Poohsticks. Use the guide below to help you select your route.

○ ○ ○ Black Burn Trail
A gentle wander through open pinewoods to the Black Burn. Plenty of places to rest and picnic.

Wide, firm and smooth gravel surface throughout. Generally flat with some short moderate slopes. Some parts may be slightly muddy. Includes a quiet road crossing and bridge 1.2m wide.

○ ○ ○ Douglas Fir Avenue Trail
A perfect combination of beech wood, pine forest and elegant Douglas firs, with some great views across the Moray countryside.

Uneven gravel and earth surface with exposed tree roots. Some fairly steep slopes and steps. Parts may occasionally be muddy.

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Tall Trees & Tranquil Trails

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