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# Central Region

## Gartmorn Forest Land Management Plan 2023-2033 Summary of Proposals



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We manage Scotland's National Forest Estate to the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard – the standard endorsed in the UK by the international Forest Stewardship Council® and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification. We are independently audited.

Our land management plans bring together key information, enable us to evaluate options and plan responsibly for the future. We welcome comments on these plans at any time.



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This Land Management Plan covers Gartmorn forest, an area of land covering 72.39 hectares (see [Map 1](#)). It was acquired by Forestry and Land Scotland in 1957.

The forest is located within the County of Clackmannanshire and sits between two dramatic landforms - the Forth Estuary and the Ochil Hills. The Ordnance Survey national grid reference for the main forest entrance is NS 9138 9544 and nearest postcode is FK10 3AU.

The closest settlements to the forest are Coalsnaughton, Fishcross and Sauchie; all less than 1 km away. These small settlements link to the forest via a network of pedestrian core paths.

Forestry and Land Scotland propose to manage the plan area as a continuous cover forest. Conifers will be removed over a period of 50 to 60 years to leave predominantly native broadleaves. During this transformation, the forest will generate a range of softwood timber products. In the longer term, native broadleaves will be managed for low output, high quality hardwood production, deemed more sympathetic to other key objectives:

- Increasing biodiversity & native woodland connectiveness.
- Informal recreation provision & stewardship of heritage features.

Planned Operations 2023-2033	Area
Clearfell/Clearfell with seed tree (afforested area)	<b>8.05 hectares</b>
LISS felling	<b>0.85 hectares</b>
Commercial thinning areas	14.54 hectares
Pre-commercial productive broadleaved & amenity thinning	8.66 hectares
Low intensity thinning for environmental purposes in predominantly broadleaved stands ( <i>veteran broadleaved halo thinning, conifer removal, public and neighbour safety</i> ).	15.92 hectares
<b>Total Thinning Area:</b>	<b>39.12 hectares</b>
Restock	<b>8.05 hectares</b>
LISS Restock	<b>0.85 hectares</b>
Road Construction	<b>670 metres</b>
Road Upgrade	<b>140 metres</b>



## Gartmorn Land Management Plan Objectives 2023-2033

- Gradually transform the forest to mainly native broadleaved woodland to enhance its contribution to the forest habitat network in Clackmannanshire.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity assets within the forest.
- Protect 'Octagon Wood' designed landscape and incorporate into forest setting.
- Manage and mitigate impacts of tree pests and diseases (*e.g. Dothistroma Needle Blight and Phytophthora ramorum*).
- Maintain existing recreational assets throughout the forest and, where feasible, continue to involve relevant stakeholders.
- Maintain productive management in the west of the forest, focusing on high quality niche broadleaved production in the long-term.
- Improve management access to facilitate delivery of the plan.