

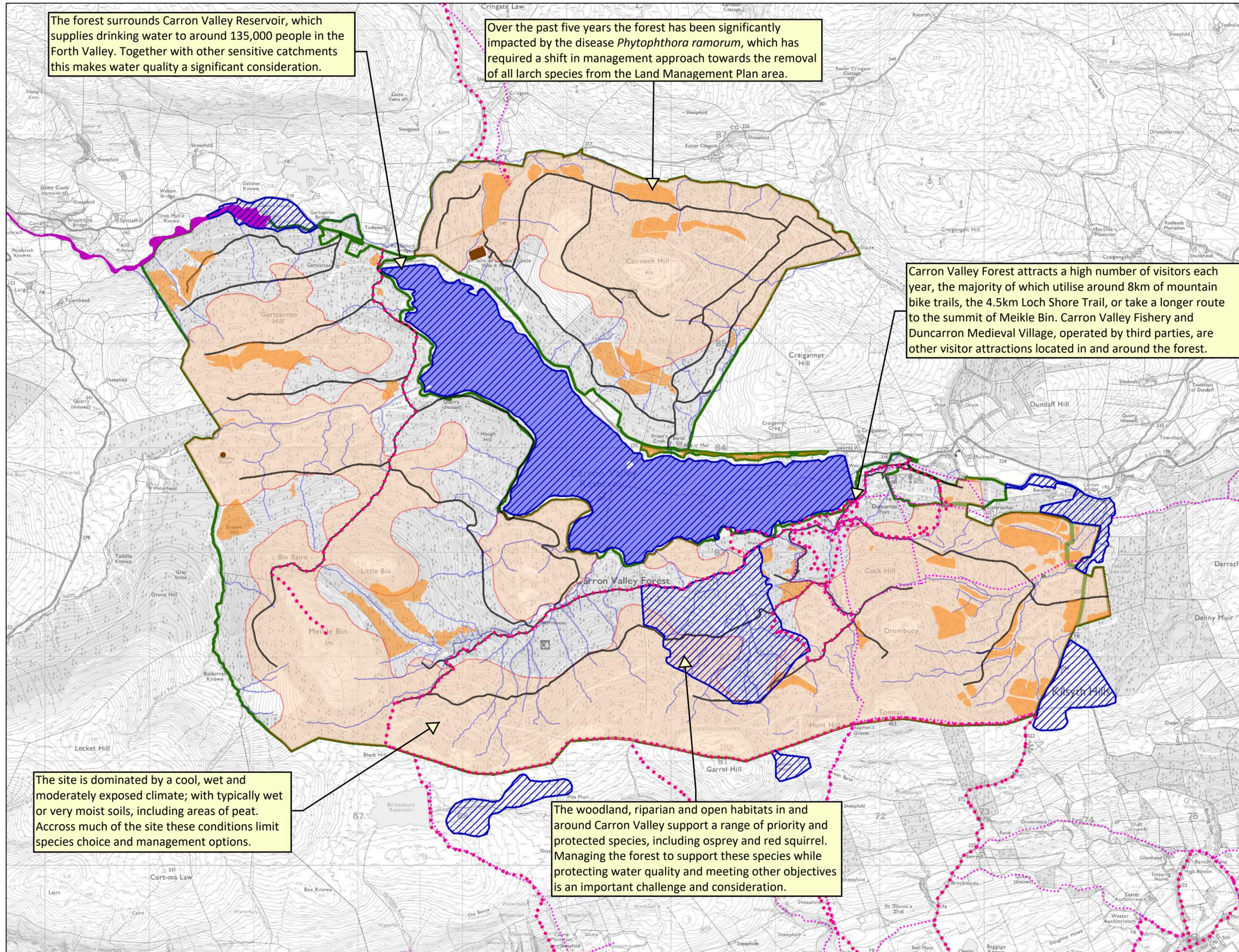
M2 Carron Valley Key Features and Analysis

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Legend

-  Land Management Plan Area
-  Forest Roads
-  Rights of Way
-  Other key recreation routes
-  Statutory Designated Conservation Sites
-  Local Nature Conservation Sites
-  Scheduled Ancient Monuments
-  Main areas containing larch species
-  Major areas of soil and climatic constraints
-  Carron Valley Reservoir
-  Main watercourses



The forest surrounds Carron Valley Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to around 135,000 people in the Forth Valley. Together with other sensitive catchments this makes water quality a significant consideration.

Over the past five years the forest has been significantly impacted by the disease *Phytophthora ramorum*, which has required a shift in management approach towards the removal of all larch species from the Land Management Plan area.

Carron Valley Forest attracts a high number of visitors each year, the majority of which utilise around 8km of mountain bike trails, the 4.5km Loch Shore Trail, or take a longer route to the summit of Meikle Bin. Carron Valley Fishery and Duncarron Medieval Village, operated by third parties, are other visitor attractions located in and around the forest.

The site is dominated by a cool, wet and moderately exposed climate; with typically wet or very moist soils, including areas of peat. Across much of the site these conditions limit species choice and management options.

The woodland, riparian and open habitats in and around Carron Valley support a range of priority and protected species, including osprey and red squirrel. Managing the forest to support these species while protecting water quality and meeting other objectives is an important challenge and consideration.



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