

Big Trees and Big Views

Welcome to Tay Forest Park

Tay Forest Park is a mosaic of woodlands spread across Highland Perthshire. Within the forests, some of Scotland's finest views and most impressive trees are waiting to be discovered.

Take to the trails

From gentle lochside strolls to heart pumping hikes, the network of waymarked trails will introduce you to the beauty and diversity of Tay Forest Park. Start your visit at the Queen's View Visitor Centre where you can admire the iconic view, browse the shop, relax in the café and plan your day out.

Praising Perthshire's plant hunters

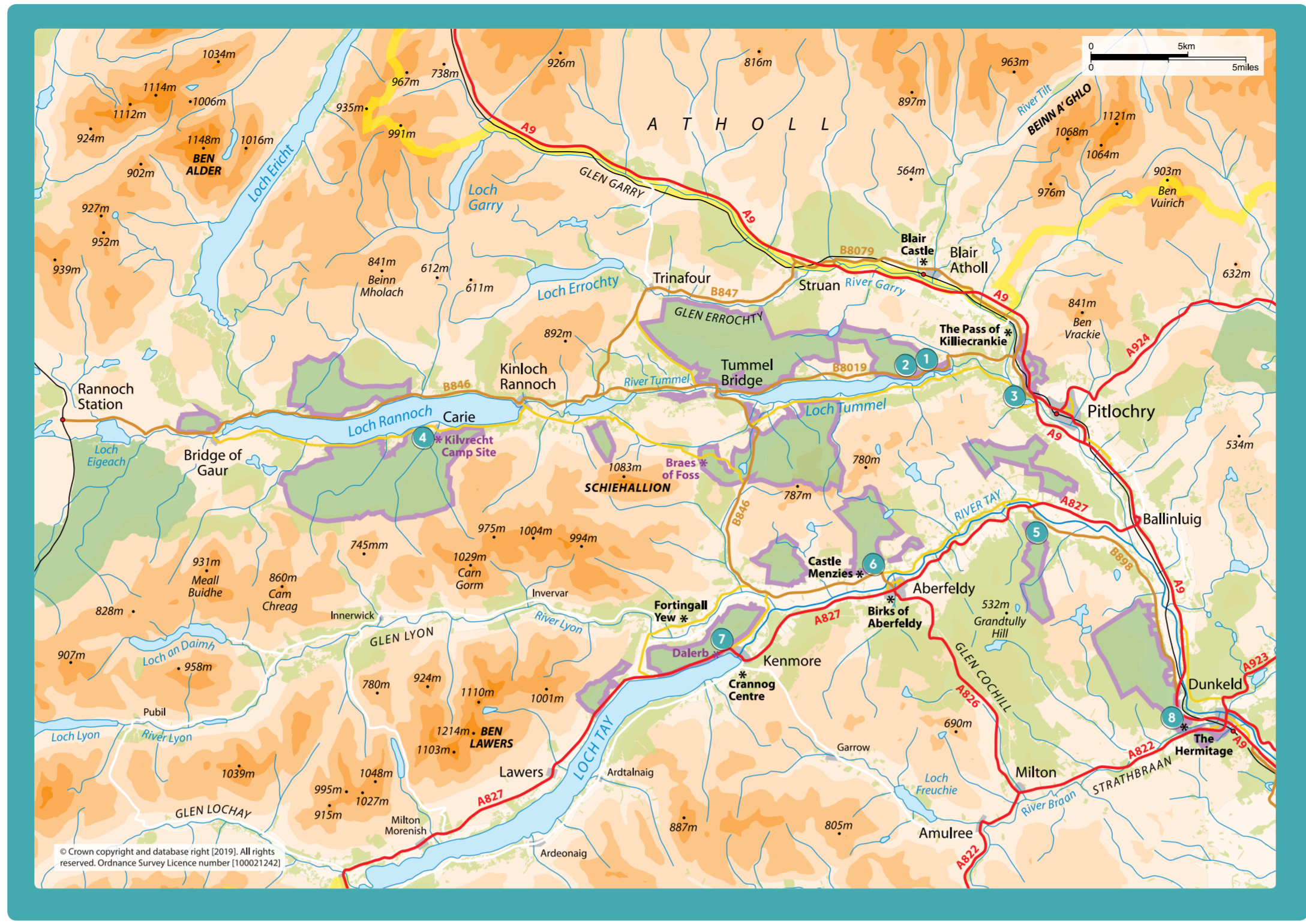
As you explore Tay Forest Park, you'll be following in the footsteps of visionary plant hunters, lairds and foresters. Today's wonderful woodlands and tall trees stand as living monuments to their efforts. Hidden amongst the trees are also the remains of earlier past lives; Iron Age hill forts, an abandoned farmstead and a holy well.

Go wild in the woods

Tay Forest Park is full of wildlife, though sometimes it can be hard to spot! In springtime, listen out for noisy crossbills feeding in the tops of the conifers, and for the drumming of great spotted woodpeckers. In summer, look out for ospreys fishing in the lochs and for red squirrels scampering in the pines. Autumn brings colourful fungi on the forest floor and the glens echo to the roar of red deer stags during the autumn rut.



Traditional Gaelic proverb
Cruaidh mar am froach,
buan mar an giuthas
Hard as the heather,
lasting as the pine



Forest Park favourites

You'll find spectacular views, great trails and wonderful wildlife at all these Forest Park locations...

- Queen's View 1**
A visitor centre with a view and a café fit for a queen.
- Allean 2**
History, stunning views and peaceful near Queens View.
- Faskally 3**
Gentle paths and fine trees around Loch Dunmore.
- Carie 4**
Scenic trails and ancient pines above Loch Rannoch.
- Grandtully 5**
Great views from the Iron Age hillfort.
- Weem 6**
Hidden sculptures and a hermit's hideout.
- Drummond Hill 7**
Great views of Loch Tay and an atmospheric hill fort.
- Craigvinean 8**
Towering trees, forest follies and a dramatic viewpoint.

For more information and opening times for Queen's View visit: forestryandland.gov.scot/queens-view

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7 Drummond Hill

Sir Duncan Campbell planted trees on Drummond Hill in the 17th century, making it Scotland's first planted forest. In the 19th century, Drummond Hill was chosen for the reintroduction of capercaillie. These charismatic grouse still live here; you might just be lucky enough to spot one.

Taymouth Trail
Explore the mature beech woodland on the slopes of Drummond Hill that shelters the rare capercaillie.

Black Rock Trail
Zigzag steadily up through the beech and larch forest to Black Rock viewpoint for stunning views over Loch Tay.

Mostly wide, uneven gravel surface. Some short earthy sections with exposed tree roots. Long moderate slopes for 3/4 mile with some steep sections. Parts may be muddy.

Wide, uneven gravel surface throughout. Long moderate slopes for up to a mile with some fairly steep sections.

Caisteal MacTuathal Trail

A superb circuit of Drummond Hill, taking in the remains of an Iron Age hill fort and some wonderful views over Strathtay and Glen Lyon. Follow the stone bear carvings.

Largely wide, uneven gravel surface. Section of rough, narrow earth and grass path with rocky parts. Some long steep slopes. Short patches may be muddy.



8 Craigvinean

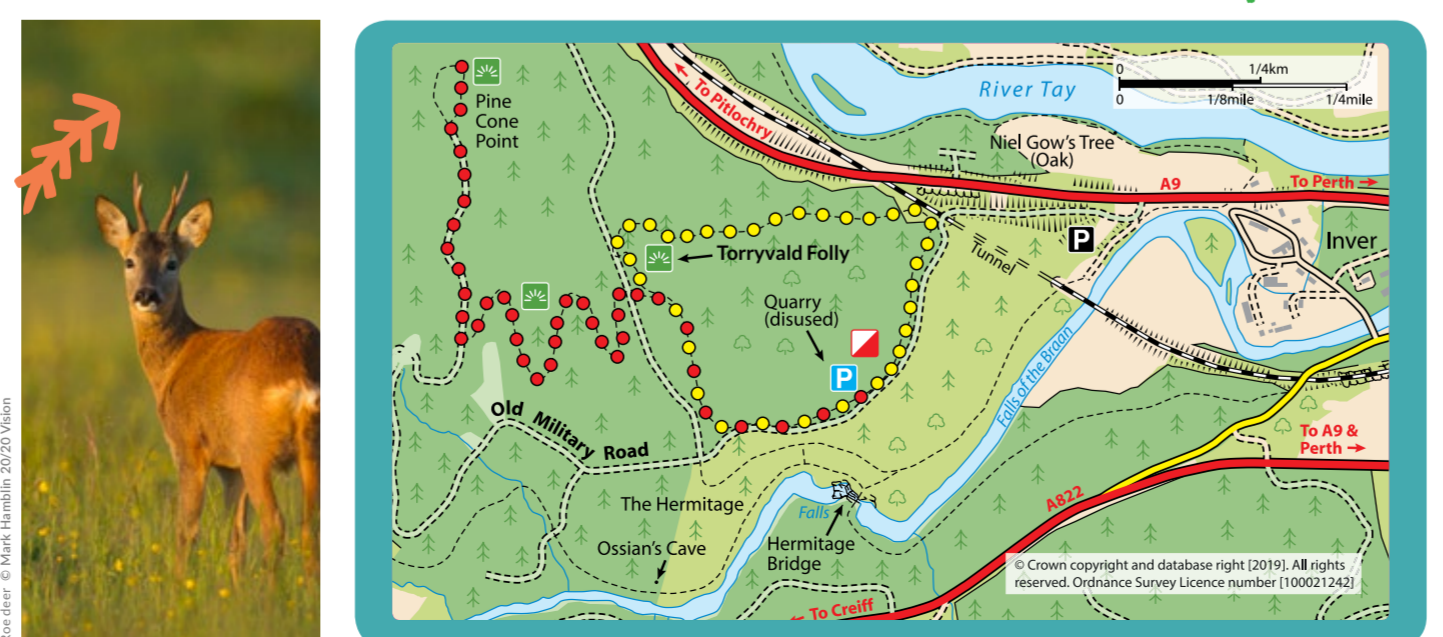
Torryvald folly and the stunning shelter at Pine Cone Point add to the views you'll get in this forest, high above the river Tay. If you fancy more follies then be sure to visit Ossian's Hall and Ossian's Cave at the nearby Hermitage.

Torryvald Trail
Discover the Victorian-inspired Torryvald folly hidden deep within the varied forest.

Wide, firm gravel path with narrow rocky sections. Some short fairly steep slopes.

Pine Cone Point Trail
Weave your way through the forest to a unique shelter with spectacular views over the River Tay.

Wide, firm and largely smooth gravel surface, with some slightly uneven sections. Long moderate slope for 600m with some steeper sections.



Dalerb picnic site
Relax, take a break and enjoy the lovely views at this pretty picnic spot on the banks of Loch Tay. Capercaillie were reintroduced to Scotland on the hill above Dalerb in 1837. See if you can spot our resident birds!

Braes of Foss
The starting point for the popular walk up Schiehallion. In good weather this is one of the easiest Munros. But at 1083m, Schiehallion is still a serious hill walk and you must be properly prepared. The last part of the ascent is steep and rough, and the weather at the top can change very quickly.

Kilvrecht camp site
This simple camp site, next to Carie forest and Loch Rannoch, is a great place to get back to nature. There are toilets, washing facilities, drinking water points and a chemical toilet disposal point, but no hot water or electricity.

Big Tree Country

Tay Forest Park is at the heart of Big Tree Country. You'll find some of Scotland's tallest and finest trees here.

Many of the trees and views we enjoy today are the living legacy of local lairds, who employed botanists to travel the world and collect seeds. Famous Perthshire plant hunters include Archibald Menzies and David Douglas. Archibald Menzies discovered the Douglas fir, and David Douglas brought it back to Britain. Archibald, who once worked at Castle Menzies at Weem, gets his credit in the tree's Latin name Pseudotsuga menziesii.

To discover more about Big Tree Country please visit www.perthshirebigtreecountry.co.uk



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1 Queen's View Visitor Centre

With a café, gift shop, forest park displays and of course great scenery, Queen's View is a perfect place to start your visit to Tay Forest Park.

Royal connections

This is one of the most famous and historic views in Scotland – it's a must see. Queen Victoria visited in 1866, and thought that the view was named for her. But we think the view was named for Isabella of Mar, long before Victoria's visit. Isabella was the first wife of Robert the Bruce, and is said to have hidden in nearby woods in the 13th century.

Spectacular seasonal scenery

The view across Loch Tummel to the mountain of Schiehallion is always changing. Whether it's the summer sun sparkling on the water, autumn mists rising from the forest or the snow-capped peak shining in winter, it is always an inspiring sight. The Visitor Centre, café and shop are open all year. www.forestryandland.gov.scot/TFP for details.



The viewpoint is 200 metres from the car park, along a wide tarmac path with a gentle slope. The path is suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

4 Carie

Relax above the shores of Loch Rannoch, or hike up the stunning gorge. Look out for stands of ancient Scots pine, and views over the nearby Black Wood of Rannoch.

Carie Trail ●●●

An interesting short trail through the Douglas firs, Norway spruce and oak trees along the busy Carie Burn. Uneven gravel surface with some narrow, rocky and grassy sections. Includes some fairly steep slopes.

Kilvrecht Trail ●●●

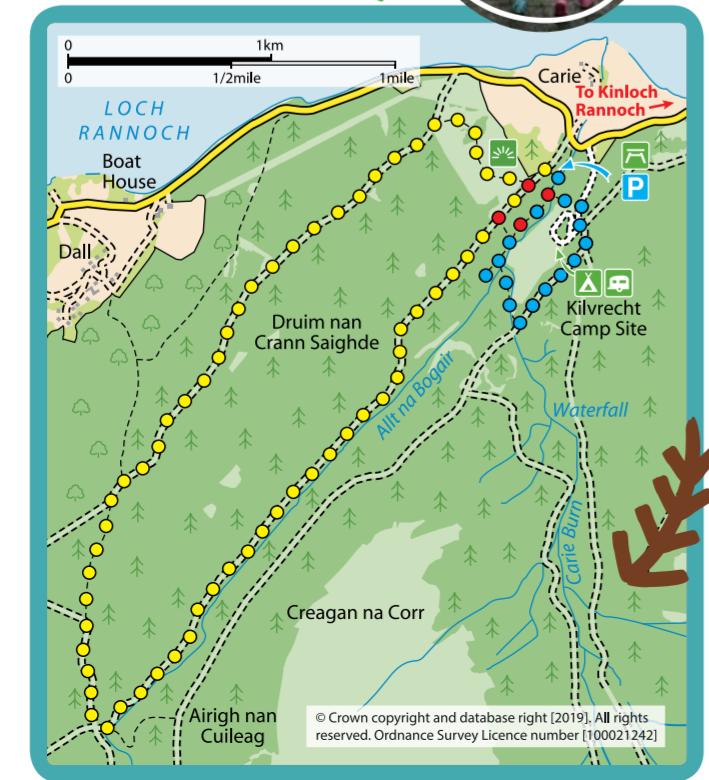
Head further up the Carie Burn on this charming circuit of the birch-shrouded campsite. Uneven earth and grass paths with exposed tree roots. Some fairly steep slopes. Includes bridges 0.9m wide. Look out for traffic along the forest road.



The Black Wood is a Special Area of Conservation, protected for its many rare plants and animals.

Allt na Bogair Trail ●●●

Follow the Allt na Bogair gorge through woods rich with oak, birch and ancient Scots pine. There are great views across Loch Rannoch towards Ben Alder. Mostly wide, firm but uneven gravel surface. Some grassy sections with exposed tree roots and muddy patches. Includes a number of steep slopes. Beware vehicles along the forest roads.



5 Grandtully

Climb through the conifers and a woodland rich in juniper and birch to the Iron Age hill fort of Caisteal Dubh. You'll be rewarded with a stunning panorama over the River Tay and surrounding countryside.

Caisteal Dubh Trail ●●●

A steady climb through the colourful birch forest to an Iron Age hill fort at Black Castle with commanding views over Strathhtay. Largely uneven gravel surface with continuous moderate slope for 2 miles. Rough and narrow grassy section at the top, with some steep slopes.



2 Allean

Just up the road from Queen's View, Allean is the perfect place to burn off a few calories from your visit to the café! The peaceful woods of pine, fir, larch and spruce hold the stories of past lives, and open to some great views.

Clachan Trail ●●●

Climb steadily through varied forest to discover a 300 year old farming settlement and some superb views across the Tummel Valley. Mostly wide, firm gravel surface. Uneven grassy section with some muddy patches. Includes some fairly steep slopes. Look out for vehicles along well-used forest roads.

Ring Fort Trail ●●●

Stretch your legs a little more and travel further back in time at an ancient Pictish ring fort. Firm gravel surface throughout, with some uneven and slightly grassed over sections. One long steep slope. Includes a section along a well-used forest road.



3 Faskally

Discover the perfect woodland on gentle trails around tranquil Loch Dunmore. Foresters who studied at Faskally House in the 1950s helped to develop and maintain the 'model forest' created in the 19th century.

Dunmore Trail ●●●

A gentle scenic trail through the majestic trees around Loch Dunmore. Firm, largely smooth gravel surface throughout, with some slightly uneven sections. Includes number of short moderate slopes.

Foresters' Trail ○○○

Explore the 19th century model forest of Faskally House and follow the beautiful shore of Loch Faskally. Uneven gravel and earth surface with exposed tree roots. Several steep slopes and some flights of wooden steps. Some narrow and muddy sections.



6 Weem

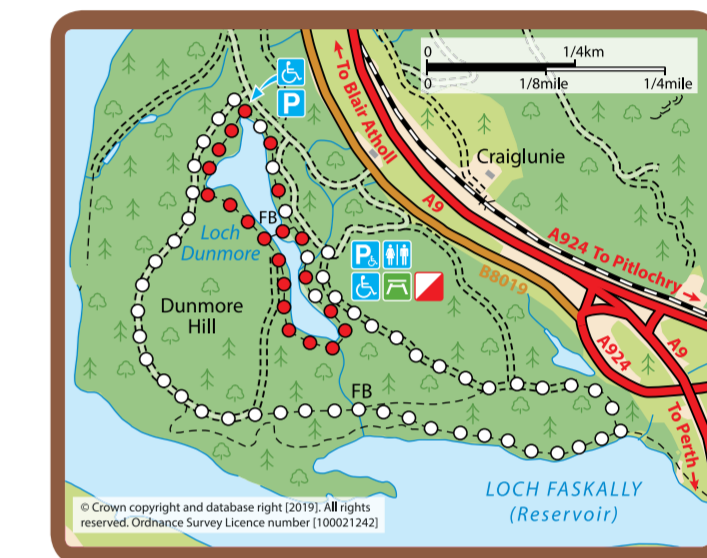
The woodland of Weem provides a fine backdrop for Castle Menzies. In 1440, Sir David Menzies tired of 'worldly things' and retreated to the holy well on the hillside here, now known as St. David's Well. The well was originally associated with a far earlier visitor, St. Cuthbert.

Weem Forest Trail ●●●

A short, steep climb to St David's Well and a series of carvings in the crags and trees that were inspired by the forest's stories. Uneven gravel surface with some rough and narrow rocky sections. Some long steep slopes with several flights of rocky steps.

St. David's Well Trail ●●●

St. David's Well is a holy well on the hillside here, now known as St. David's Well. The well was originally associated with a far earlier visitor, St. Cuthbert. Weem also holds stories of demons and dragons!



Map Key and Trail Grades

Forestry and Land Scotland Land	Visitor Centre
Woodland	Parking
Other Woodland	Parking (charge)
Forest Park Boundary	Easy access facilities
National Park Boundary	Toilets
Main road	Cafe
Secondary road	Picnic table
Minor road	Viewpoint
Forest road	Campsite
Track road	Caravan park
Path	Play area
Railway/Station	Ancient Monument
Forest trails (colour waymarked)	Shop
1 Start of forest trails	
* FLS points of interest	Please note: Any symbols that appear black indicate they are not Forestry and Land Scotland facilities.
* Non-FLS points of interest	
P Non-FLS parking	

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Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly
• take responsibility for your own actions
• respect the interests of other people
• care for the environment.

Take care on the hills

Please remember that the weather on the hills can change very quickly. Even in summer, conditions on the tops of hills are often much colder and windier than at low levels, despite clear skies.