

WALKING IN PERTSHIRE BIG TREE COUNTRY



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THE STUNNING COUNTRYSIDE OF PERTHSHIRE BIG TREE COUNTRY OFFERS A FANTASTIC VARIETY OF WALKS FROM SHORT STROLLS TO FIVE-DAY ADVENTURES THROUGH WOODLANDS, GLENS, GARDENS, HILLSIDES, MOORS AND OPEN COUNTRYSIDE.

WALKING HUBS

ABERFELDY

In the heart of Scotland, an area of awe-inspiring views to take your breath away. (Pages 4-5)

BLAIR ATHOLL

A romantic castle, unique history and stunning scenery at the gateway to the Highlands. (Pages 6-7)

CRIEFF & STRATHEARN

On the ancient trading route from the Highlands to the Lowlands, an area of gentle strolls in rolling hills. (Pages 8-9)



DUNKELD & BIRNAM

Enchanting woodlands and historical trees around one of the area's most picturesque villages. (Pages 10-11)

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Home to one of Scotland's most important National Nature Reserves at the foot of the Lomond Hills. (Pages 12-13)

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Historic and iconic sites in and around the 'Fair City' of Perth. (Pages 14-15)

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A tourist destination for over 150 years, where beautiful scenery, nature and a rich history come together. (Pages 16-17)

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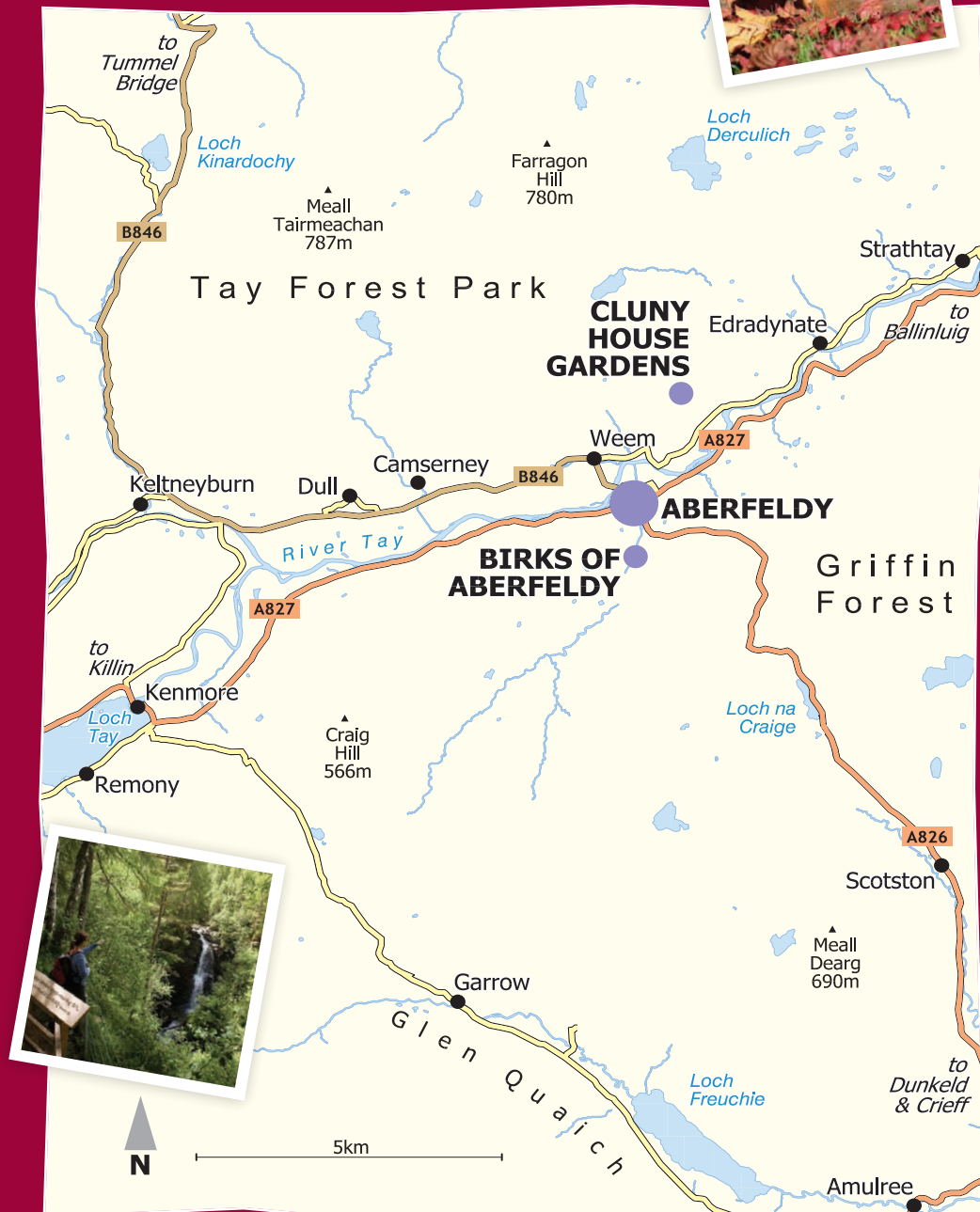
A 'hidden gem' in Perth & Kinross with rugged scenery and ancient forest. (Pages 18-19)

CATERAN TRAIL

Long-distance walk and on one of Scotland's finest Great Trails. (Page 20-21)

ABERFELDY

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THIS PART OF BIG TREE COUNTRY FEATURES SPECTACULAR WATERFALLS THAT INSPIRED SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL BARD, ROBERT BURNS, AND OFFER AWE-INSPIRING VIEWS THAT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY.

FEATURED WALKS

BIRKS OF ABERFELDY

The beautiful woodland of Birks (Scots for birch trees) flanks waterfalls in Moness gorge. A moderate-going circular walk, including steps, follows the Moness Burn and climbs to a bridge over the Falls of Moness, which offers spectacular views into the gorge.

Open all year.

2½ miles / 4 km. Allow 1½ hrs.



CLUNY HOUSE GARDENS

Wild woodland gardens overlook Strathtay Valley and feature rare and exotic plants from around the world, including the UK's widest Giant Redwood. It is an excellent place to see red squirrels. The moderate-going path network has some steep slopes and steps.

Open all year. Admission charge.

www.clunyhousegardens.com

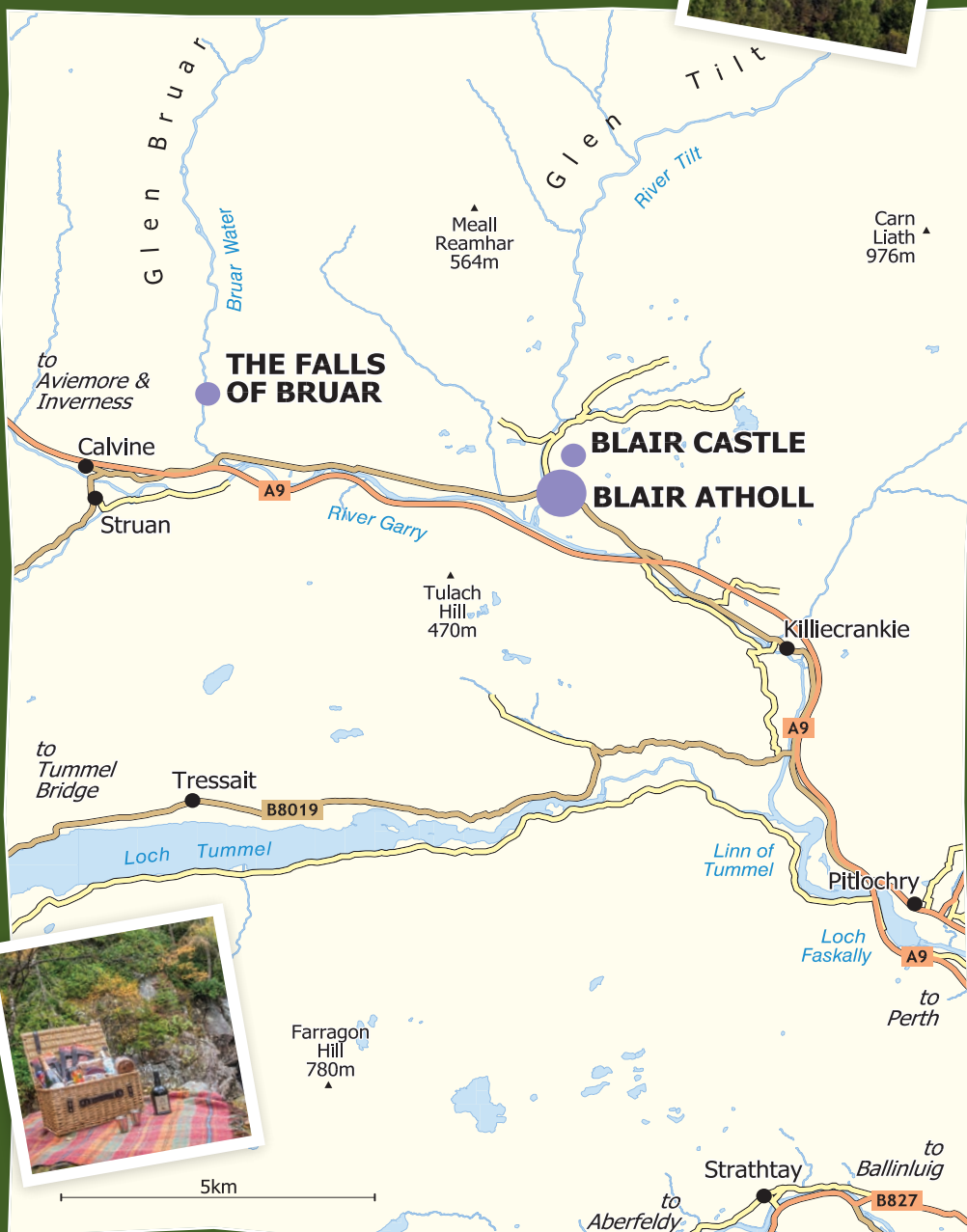
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BLAIR ATHOLL

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EXPLORE A LANDSCAPE SHAPED BY THE 'PLANTING DUKES' OF ATHOLL. DISCOVER HOW THE ROMAN GODDESS OF HUNTING AND AN AMAZING COLLECTION OF 'BIG TREES' ARE CONNECTED AND HOW ROBERT BURNS HELPED SHAPE THE BANKS OF A WATERFALL.

FEATURED WALKS

DIANA'S GROVE AT BLAIR CASTLE

The place to go and see some really 'big trees' is the enchanting 'Diana's Grove', named after the Roman goddess of hunting. Two acres of tranquil woodland in the grounds of Blair Castle within the Atholl Estate host a nationally important collection of exotic conifers and many champion specimens.

Open daily spring to autumn.
Admission charge.

www.blair-castle.co.uk



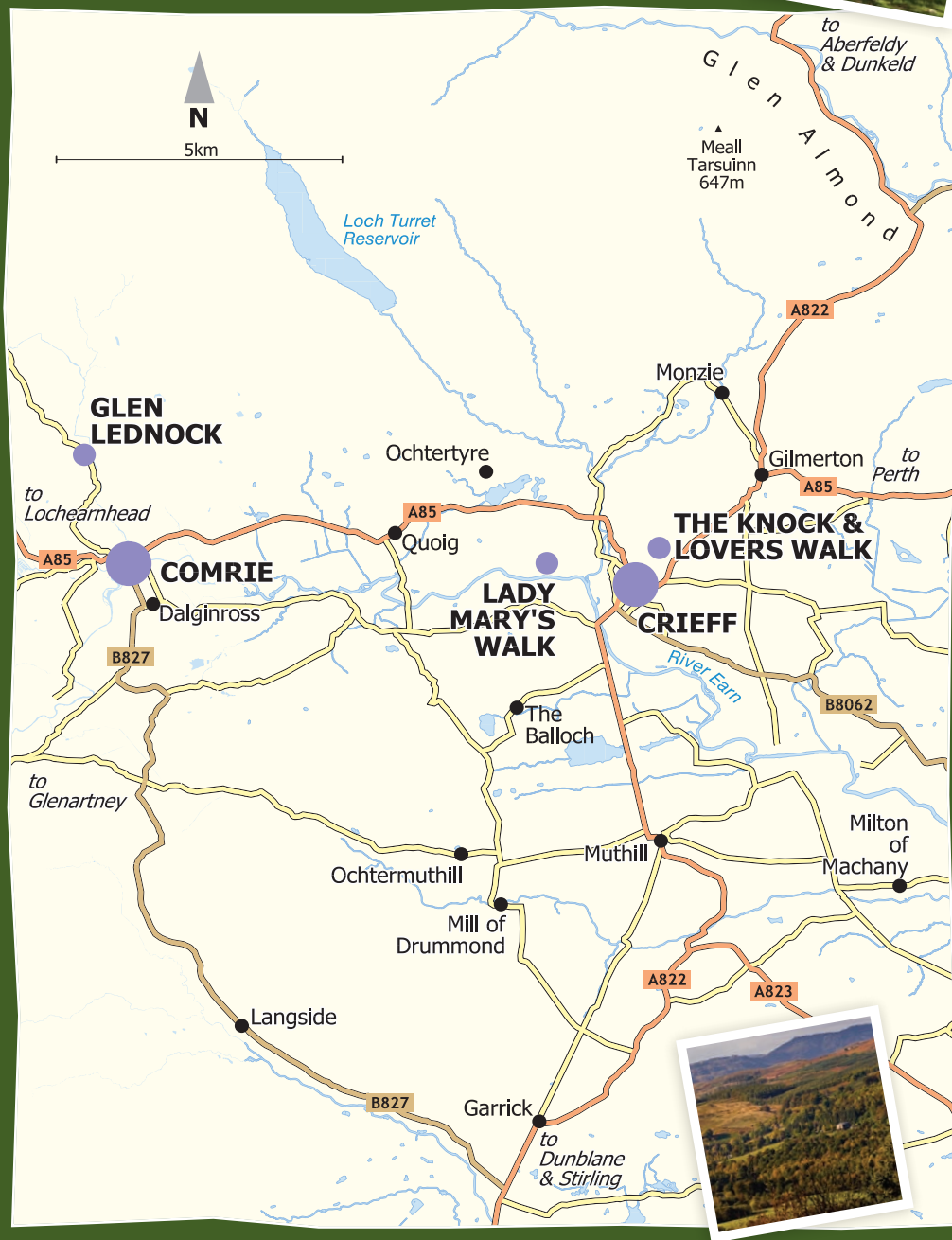
FALLS OF BRUAR

Woodland walks through a spectacular gorge feature natural waterfalls. The landscape today is a testament to the poet Robert Burns, who inspired the 4th Duke of Atholl to plant the once bare river banks resulting in the beautiful woodlands you see today. Two moderate to strenuous-going circular walks climb up the gorge. A bridge at the top of the falls offers stunning views of the gorge.

Open all year.
1½ miles / 2.4 km. Allow 1 hr.

GRIEFF & STRATHEARN

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ENJOY A GENTLE STROLL THROUGH BEAUTIFUL PARKS OR WALK UP ONE OF THE AREA'S BEST LOVED HILLS THAT WILL REWARD YOU WITH BREATH-TAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS ACROSS TO THE OCHIL HILLS AND THE HIGHLANDS.

FEATURED WALKS

GLEN LEDNOCK

This waymarked circular wooded walk takes in Deil's Cauldron (Devil's Kettle) where the River Lednock falls into swirling pools overhung by trees. Enjoy the lovely woodland and explore a steep climb to the Melville Monument on Drummond Hill for stunning views.

Open all year.
4 miles / 6.4 km. Allow 2½ hrs.

LADY MARY'S WALK

A circular wooded walk provides a peaceful stroll along an avenue of mature trees beside the picturesque River Earn. Easy and moderate walks on well-surfaced, accessible path include a few steep slopes and resting places.

Open all year.
3½ miles / 5.6 km. Allow 2 hrs to 2½ hrs.

THE KNOCK & LOVER'S WALK

A fairly steep, moderate walk through mixed woodland to a heathery viewpoint on the Knock Hill (278 metres / 911 ft) offers panoramic vistas to the Ochil Hills and the Highlands. A more level, easy walk along the forestry track meanders around the hill's base with several open views.

Open all year.
½ mile / 0.8 km or 4 miles / 6.4 km.
Allow ¼ hr to 2½ hrs.

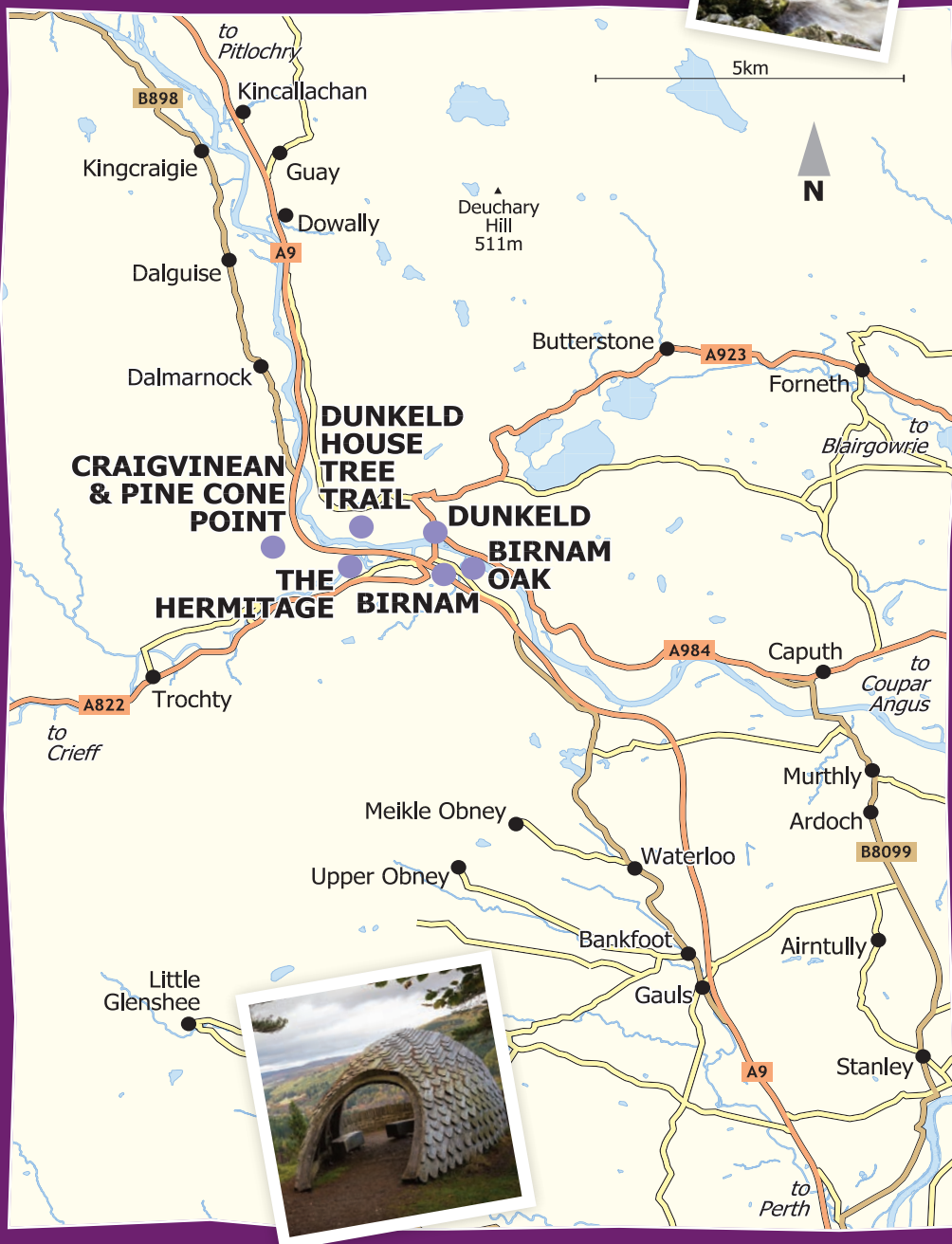


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WAYMARKED TRAILS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGES OF DUNKELD AND BIRNAM TAKE WALKERS PAST SOME OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR HERITAGE TREES AND OFFER MAGNIFICENT VIEWS ACROSS THE SILVERY TAY.

FEATURED WALKS

CRAIGVINEAN & PINE CONE POINT

Craigvinean (Gaelic for 'crag of the goats') is one of Scotland's oldest managed forests. An easy-going uphill path leads to a pinecone-shaped sculpture with views across the Tay and north to the mountains. A moderate-going route leads to a folly and viewpoint overlooking the Hermitage and Telford's bridge.

Open all year.
3 miles / 4.8 km or 1½ miles / 2.4km.
Allow ¾ hrs or 1½ hrs.

DUNKELD HOUSE TREE TRAIL

Open to the public, this woodland walk on the Hotel's estate follows along the river to Dunkeld Cathedral. Enjoy the tranquillity of the route and stories of remarkable trees that grow there.

Open all year.
1¾ miles / 2.8 km. Allow 1 hr.

BIRNAM OAK

From Shakespeare's Macbeth, the ancient Birnam Oak is believed to be the sole survivor of the Birnam Wood. Its lower branches rest on crutches and its trunk is hollow. It can be seen along the Birnam Riverside Walk.

Open all year.
½ mile / 0.8 km from Dunkeld Bridge.
Allow ½ hr.

THE HERMITAGE

Waterfalls, rapids and swirling pools of the River Braan provide the focal point for this wild 'tree garden'. Easy and moderate walks include a short nature trail through varied woodland along the river towards Ossian's Hall and Bridge.

Open all year.
1 mile / 1.6 km to 3¾ miles / 6 km.
Allow ¾ hr to 2 hrs.

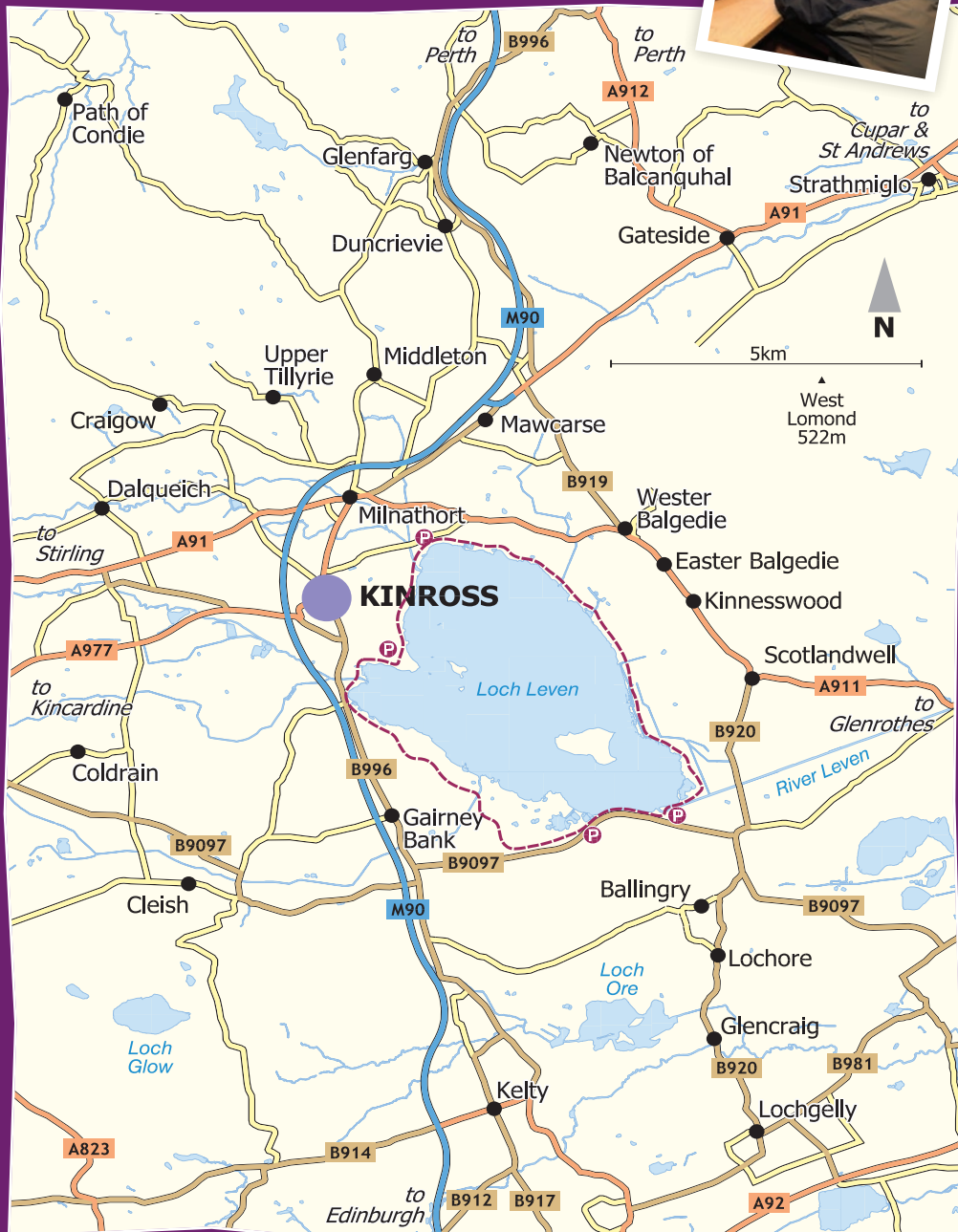
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EXPLORE THE PATH AROUND LOCH LEVEN - ONE OF SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL NATURE RESERVES, SCOTLAND'S LARGEST LOWLAND FRESHWATER LOCH, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SITES FOR WATERFOWL IN BRITAIN - AT THE FOOT OF THE LOMOND HILLS.

FEATURED WALKS

LOCH LEVEN HERITAGE TRAIL

The Trail is a circular route around the shores of Loch Leven giving access to some of the most attractive parts of the loch. Panoramic views open up across the loch to the hills beyond. Wildlife hides make it easy to spot birds. It is mostly level and barrier-free, providing excellent easy access to the lochside, exceptions being access at Vane Farm by a flight of steps and at Findatie by a long slope.

Open all year.

13 miles / 21 km. Allow 4½ hrs.

www.lochlevenheritagetrail.co.uk

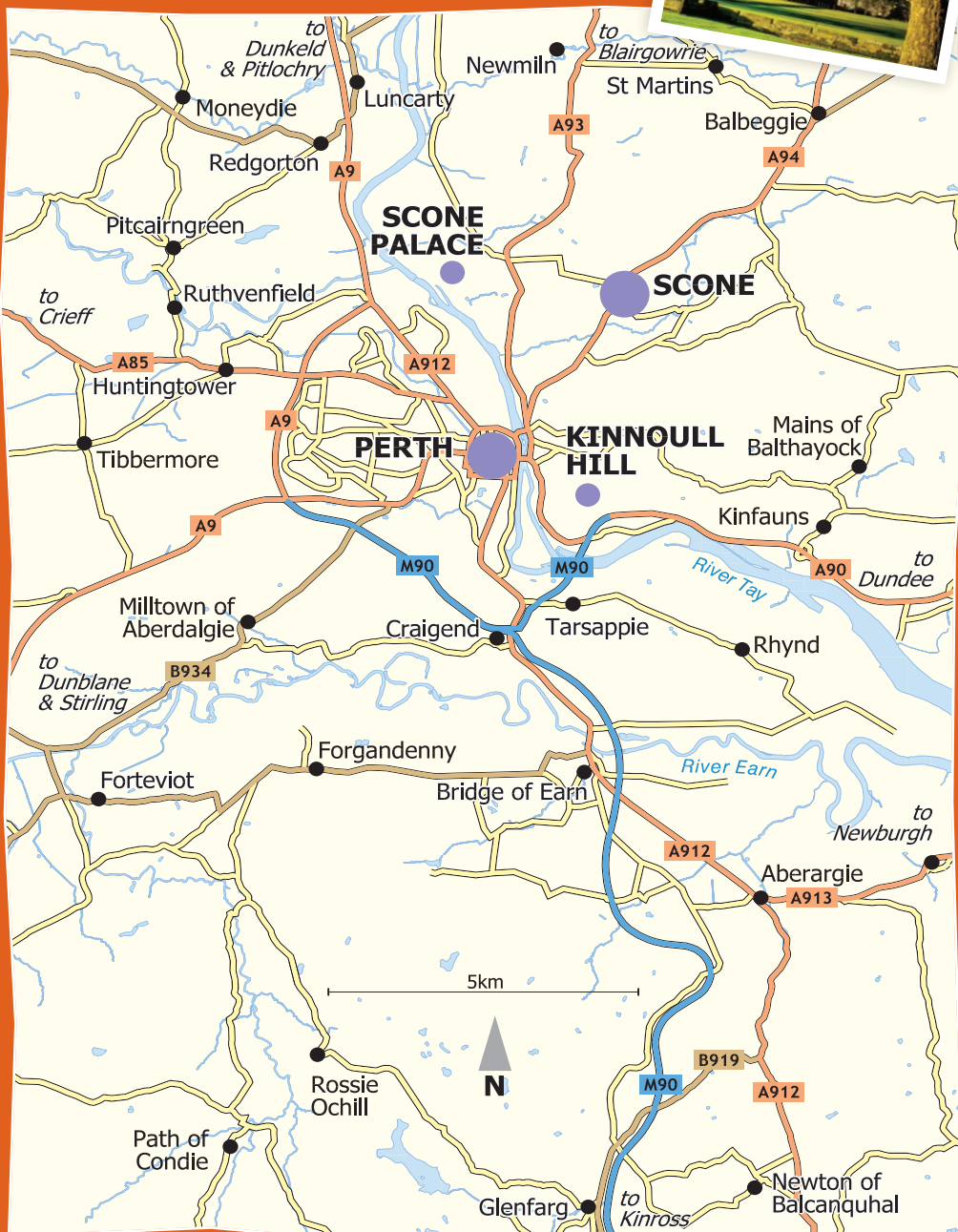


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VISIT A HOST OF SITES IN AND AROUND THE 'FAIR CITY' OF PERTH. VISIBLE FOR MILES, KINNOULL TOWER IS ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC SIGHTS IN THE AREA. THIS FOLLY, INSPIRED BY 19TH CENTURY CASTLES ON THE RHINE, OVERLOOKS THE CITY AND TAY VALLEY.

FEATURED WALKS

KINNOULL HILL WOODLAND PARK

Miles of grassy paths and waymarked nature trails meander through mixed woodland and range from short easy access to longer, more strenuous uphill routes. Panoramic views from the summit include Ben Ledi, the Lomonds, the Carse of Gowrie and the Highlands. The park comprises Corsiehill, Barnhill, Deuchny, Binn and Kinnoull Hills.

Open all year.

½ mile / 0.8 km to 5½ miles / 8.9 km.

Allow ¼ hr to 3½ hrs.

SCONE PALACE

The palace is famous in Scottish history as the crowning place of Scottish kings and the original home of the Stone of Destiny. A pinetum contains avenues of giant conifers, many planted over 150 years ago. A second, newer pinetum with young trees provides a comparison to its towering neighbour.

Open daily spring to autumn. Admission charge. Free admission to grounds on select days from autumn to spring.

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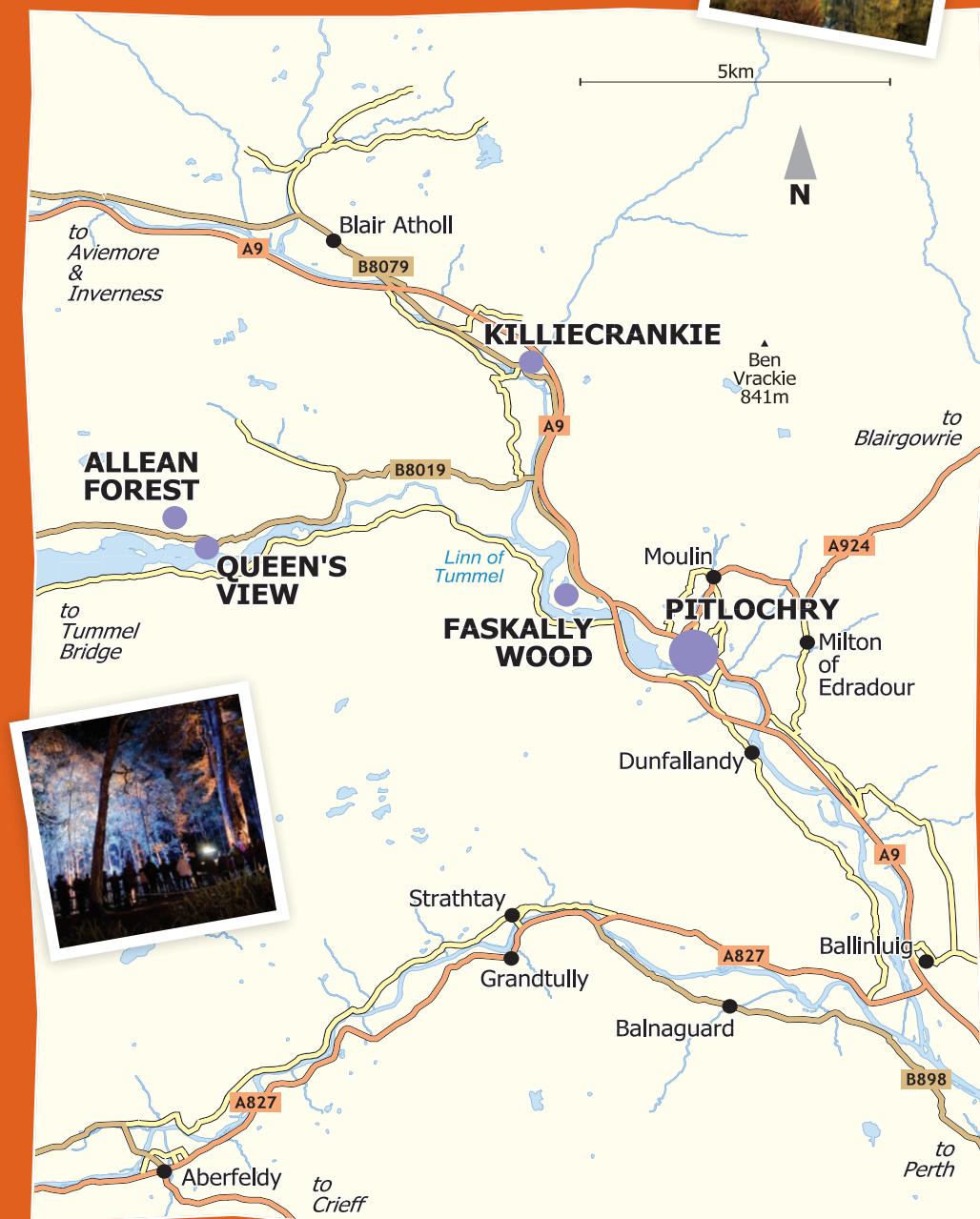


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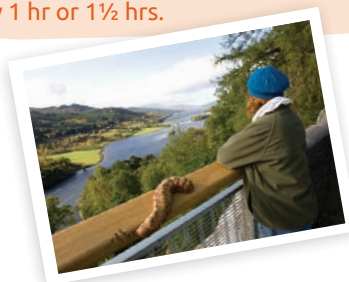
EXPLORE WOODLANDS FLANKING LOCHS TUMMEL AND DUNMORE AND THE RIVERS AND RAPIDS THEY FEED IN THE NORTHERN MOST REACHES OF PERTSHIRE BIG TREE COUNTRY.

FEATURED WALKS

ALLEAN FOREST AND QUEEN'S VIEW

One of the most famous viewpoints in Scotland, Queen's View offers unrivaled views across Loch Tummel to Schiehallion. Just up the road, enjoy more magnificent views of the loch and surrounding mountains from moderate walks that climb through the working forest of Allean. Clachan Trail passes through mixed woodland for great views over the Tummel Valley. Carry on to Ring Fort Trail which reveals panoramic views of the landscape and loops past the remains of an 8th century ring fort.

Open all year.
2 miles / 3.2 km or 2½ miles / 4 km.
Allow 1 hr or 1½ hrs.



FASKALLY WOOD

A network of old estate paths lead around the small but picturesque Loch Dunmore, with its timber bridge and boat house. Dunmore Trail is a particularly scenic short, easy access route along the lochside, while Foresters' Trail is a moderate-going, slightly longer route through the mixed woodland.

Open all year. ¾ mile / 1.2 km or 1½ miles / 2.4 km. Allow ½ hr or 1 hr.

PASS OF KILLIECRANKIE

A magnificent wooded gorge with the River Garry flowing along its base features a splendid, moderate-going riverside walk. The pass is famous for Soldier's Leap, autumn colours and the view along it from the Garry Bridge, which is one of the most photographed in Perthshire.

Open all year.
2 miles / 3.2 km. Allow 1 hr.

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RANNOCH

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ENJOY THE RUGGED SCENERY OF HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE ABOVE LOCH RANNOCH - RAINEACH MEANS FERN OR BRACKEN IN GAELIC. SEE REMNANTS OF ANCIENT CALEDONIAN FOREST THAT USED TO COVER THE WHOLE HIGHLAND AREA.

FEATURED WALKS

CARIE & RANNOCH FOREST

The southern shores of Loch Rannoch offer fine forest trails through glades of mature Scots pines that lead to panoramic views of the loch, distant hills and the Black Wood of Rannoch - one of the best and largest examples of ancient Caledonian forests in Scotland. The gorge features natural woodlands, with the hills on either side containing man-made forests.

Open all year.

- A short, easy path, Carie Trail meanders through the woodland past the picturesque Allt na Bogair (Bogair Burn).

½ mile / 0.8 km. Allow ¼ hr.

- Another short, easy route, Kilvrecht Trail carries on from Carie Walk across the burn, circling back to the car park.

¾ mile / 1.2 km. Allow ½ hr.

- Allt na Bogair Trail, a longer, moderate route, follows the burn through the woodland, climbing 153 m / 500 ft through the spectacular steep-sided gorge to stunning views of Loch Rannoch and beyond.

5 miles / 8 km. Allow 3 hrs.



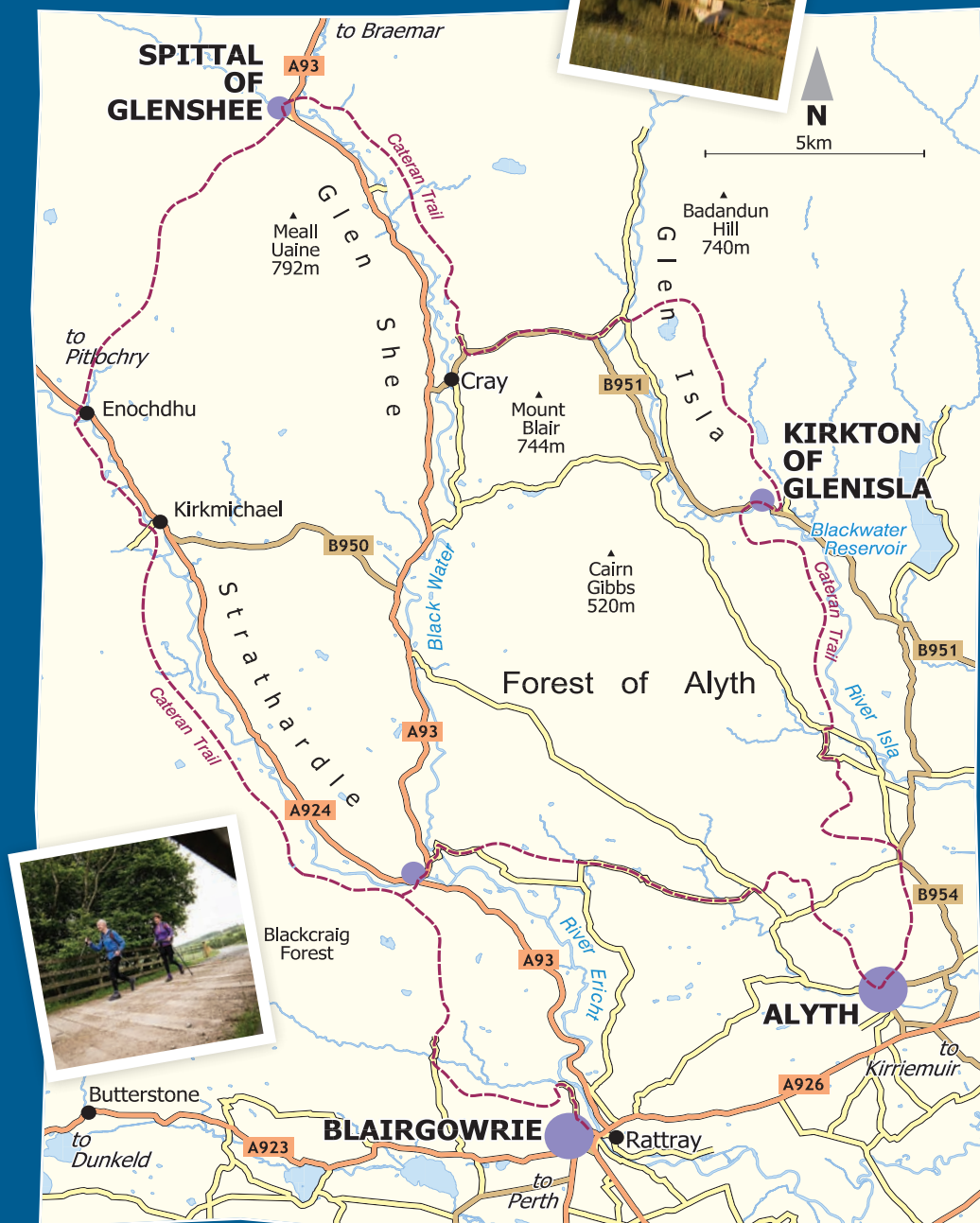
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CATERAN TRAIL

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ONE OF SCOTLAND'S GREAT TRAILS, A 64-MILE, FULLY-WAYMARKED CIRCULAR ROUTE THROUGH PERTHSHIRE AND THE ANGUS GLENS. PATHS ARE STRENUOUS-GOING, FEATURING STILES AND GATES, BOGGY SURFACES, SMALL BURN CROSSINGS AND FAIRLY STEEP SLOPES.

STAGE 1: BLAIRGOWRIE TO KIRKMICHAEL

This stage meanders through Blackraig Forest and the west side of Strathardle Glen.

All routes open all year.
15½ miles / 24.9 km. Allow 8 - 9 hours.

STAGE 2: KIRKMICHAEL TO SPITTAL OF GLENSHEE

A scenic glen climbs to the Trail's highest point between Strathardle and Glenshee.

All routes open all year.
8½ miles / 13.7 km. Allow 5 ½ hours.

STAGE 3: SPITTAL OF GLENSHEE TO KIRKTON OF GLENISLA

This stage features Glens Shee and Isla and meanders past Dalnaglar and Forter Castles.

All routes open all year.
14½ miles / 23.5 km. Allow 8 - 9 hours.

STAGE 4: KIRKTON OF GLENISLA TO ALYTH

An open walk high above the River Isla then winds through Kilry Wood and between Alyth and Loyal Hills.

All routes open all year.
11 miles / 17.4 km. Allow 7½ hours.

STAGE 5: ALYTH TO BLAIRGOWRIE

The route descends the Hill of Alyth through Bamff Estate - home to reintroduced beavers.

All routes open all year.
15 miles / 24.1 km. Allow 9 - 10 hours.

CATERAN MINI TRAIL

A circular route from Kirkmichael to the highest point over Strathardle and Glenshee.

All routes open all year.
20 miles / 32 km. Allow 11 - 12 hours.

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Enjoy Scotland's Outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoors Access Code.

The key things to remember are:

- **Take responsibility for your own actions**
- **Respect the interests of other people**
- **Care for the environment**

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WITH MORE THAN 200,000 ACRES OF WOODLANDS, WHICH INCLUDE MORE CHAMPION TREES THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE UK, PERTHSHIRE IS BIG TREE COUNTRY.

Due to the legacy of Victorian plant hunters working for Perthshire landowners, the area boasts Scotland's most spectacular trees and woodlands where there are lots of different experiences to discover and enjoy.

The Perthshire Big Tree Country initiative began in 2006 with a £2.6 million Heritage Lottery funded Heritage and Access Project. The project continues to deliver enhanced access to and enjoyment of Perthshire's outstanding tree and woodland heritage.

The Perthshire Big Tree Country initiative is a partnership managed by Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust including Forestry Commission Scotland, Perth & Kinross Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, VisitScotland and Woodland Trust.

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Perthshire's stunning countryside offers a fantastic variety of walks from short strolls to five-day adventures through glens, gardens, hillsides, moors, open countryside and woodlands.

Explore over 200,000 acres of woodlands, which include more champion trees than anywhere else in the UK. Discover the diverse flora and fauna from stunning spring bluebell woods to spectacular autumn colours and from ospreys nesting to salmon leaping.



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