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## Wood Information

### WOOD PROFILE

**Name:** Glen Finglas

**Nearest Town/Village:** Brig o'Turk

**County Area:** Stirling

**Size:** 10121.29 acres (4096.03 hectares)

**Maps:** OS Explorer 365, Landranger 57

**Grid Ref:** NN521108

**Designations:** Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW), National Park (NP, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), SLNCI (Site of Local Nature Conservation Importance, Lendrick Woods & Lochan nan Corps), Site Of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI, Blackwater Marshes & Brig o'Turk Mires).



### About this wood

The Glen Finglas Estate lies mainly to the north of and surrounding the small village of Brig o'Turk on the A821, 7 miles from Callander and 8 miles from Aberfoyle in the popular tourist area of the Trossachs.

There is great scope for the public to enjoy this large property from those who wish a short 15 minute stroll on a surfaced path around Little Drum Wood to hill-walkers climbing the two Corbetts (Ben Vane and Ben Ledi) or walkers and mountain bikers cycling the 15 mile Mell Trail.

Access to the various paths is from the village of Brig o'Turk itself or from the main car park (20 car & 1 coach parking spaces) 1/2 mile east of the village or Little Drum car park (12 car spaces) 1 mile east of the village. Groups may reserve the coach parking space by e-mailing [Scotland@woodland-trust.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@woodland-trust.org.uk).



### How to find this wood

The estate lies either side of the A821 approximately 5 miles west of Callander. The various paths on the estate can be accessed from Little Drum Car Park - 4.7 miles from the junction between the A84 and A821; Glen Finglas Car Park - approximately 500 metres further on, or from the village of Brig o'Turk.

If you require further guidance or information please call at the Trust's Lendrick Steading. Either follow the directions to walk from either of the car parks, or turn into the driveway of Lendrick Lodge (located north of the A821 between the two car parks), and immediately take the left hand fork up the track to the small car park on the left of the Glen Finglas office.





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The current walking / cycling routes are shown on the Access Maps. A free leaflet of the walks is available on site and at other local outlets. The website [www.glen-finglas.info](http://www.glen-finglas.info) (also accessible via the main Woodland Trust website [www.woodland-trust.org.uk](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk)) contains downloadable maps for the walks. The location is hilly and all the paths except the path along the River Turk and around the village have steep inclines. For any specific enquiries regarding access routes or the work the Trust is doing at Glen Finglas staff are usually present at the estate office at Lendrick Steading, located between the main car park and the Lendrick Lodge Holistic Centre, on weekdays and will try to assist.

Public transport to the area is limited but the Postbus runs twice a day during the week and once on Saturday and the Trossachs Trundler runs during the summer months. Information on times can be found on [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk) or telephone 0870-6082608.

Local information regarding transport, accommodation and places to eat may be obtained from the Rob Roy Tourist Information Centre, Callander Tel 01877-330342, the Trossachs Discovery Centre, Aberfoyle Tel 01877-382352 or the following websites [www.visitscottishheartlands.org](http://www.visitscottishheartlands.org) and [www.incallander.co.uk](http://www.incallander.co.uk) or a list can be sent if you e-mail [Scotland@woodland-trust.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@woodland-trust.org.uk). Refreshments on the Brig o'Turk Loop walk may be obtained at the Brig o'Turk Tearoom Tel. 01877-376267 or the Byre Inn, Brig o'Turk 0188777-376292 but it is advisable to check their opening times.

The nearest public toilets are in Callander or Aberfoyle and there are also toilets at the Loch Katrine Pier Complex and the David Marshall Lodge Visitor Centre when these are open. Opening times can be found from the Tourist Information Centres.

*Overleaf: Glen Finglas and Meall Cala - WTPL/Jane Begg; Alder trees along the Casiag Burn - WTLP/Niall Benvie. This page: Cladh nan Casan, west of the Glenn Meann Burn bridge - WTPL/Jane Begg.*

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Acquired in 1996, Glen Finglas is the Woodland Trust's largest property and extends from the shore of Loch Venachar up to just below the summit of Ben Ledi at 850m. The estate has three glens, Glen Finglas, Glen Meann and Glen Casaig, radiating from its heart divided by high mountain ridges. Much of the site once formed part of a vast medieval hunting forest much frequented by the Stewart kings in particular. "Tom Buidhe", a knoll on the far side of Glen Finglas reservoir is thought to be the site of an old wooden hunt hall built for James II in the 1400s.

The hillsides comprise a mosaic of moorland, grassland and wetland habitats, interspersed with scattered remnants of ancient and semi-natural woodland, including thousands of veteran trees. Large areas on the lower slopes of Stuc Odhar and on the west side of Meall Cala have been fenced to encourage natural regeneration of new native woodland close to the existing patches of woodland. Beyond this, oak, birch, Scots pine, alder, willows, hazel and other species have been planted.

The long-term intention is to manage this mosaic of woodland and open ground habitats as a wood pasture, grazed by wild red and roe deer, the Trust's own herd of Luing cattle and reduced flock of Black-face sheep.

The varied landscape of this vast site has been the inspiration to writers and artists for centuries. Sir Walter Scott's famous ballad "The Lady of the Lake" set close by at Loch Katrine, brought the first tourists to the area and he also wrote a more sombre poem "Glenfinlas". This treasured landscape can be enjoyed from a number of walks which are described in a free leaflet, available from the car parks or can be downloaded from the website: [www.glen-finglas.info](http://www.glen-finglas.info).

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