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Cairngorms





Corrie Fee National Nature Reserve Management Plan Consultation



Scottish Natural Heritage would like to hear your views on our plans proposed for Corrie Fee NNR.

The consultation on the plan will run from 17th January to 28th February 2018.

Let us know what you think by sending us your comments on the enclosed form, emailing us or joining us at the event listed below.

Drop-in session - 9th February

From 4 - 7pm at the Glen Clova Hotel Glenclova, Angus DD8 4QS.



National Nature

Our vision for Corrie Fee NNR

Corrie Fee NNR is a special destination on the southern shoulder of the Cairngorms at the head of Glen Clova in the Angus Glens, well known by hillwalkers and those who come to look at the spectacular glacial landscape. From valley bottom to montane plateau, the steep sided corrie, moraines, fast flowing burns and wooded lower reaches represent classic Scottish mountain landscapes, shaped by glaciers over millions of years.

One of 9 NNRs in the Cairngorms National Park, it is renowned as the gateway to the Park from the Angus Glens and valued as a tourist destination. The reserve continues to attract more than twenty thousand visitors every year, who come to enjoy and be inspired by nature and dramatic landscapes. Varied trails lead from Glen Doll visitor centre, which, along with events, educational visits and digital media, offer deeper insight into the special qualities of the site. With support from the Angus Glens Ranger Service, educational groups learn about glaciation, woodland and deer management, and other groups contribute through their own observations and citizen science projects.

A strong partnership brings together Scottish Natural Heritage, Angus Alive, Forest Enterprise Scotland and the Cairngorms National Park Authority to manage and promote the area and the reserve both locally and nationally.

The exceptional number of rare species and rich diversity of upland habitats continue to thrive. Viable and resilient populations are maintained through sustainable deer and woodland management as well as partnership restoration projects.

Corrie Sharroch and felled areas at the edge of Glen Doll Forest shelter the largest area of montane willow scrub in Scotland, enhanced over the years by supplementary planting of downy and woolly willow trees. Lower down, in Glen Doll, areas of native pine, birch and oak woodland are restored.

These healthy habitats in turn support golden eagle, peregrine and raven on the rocky crags, while twite and ring-ouzel nest on the slopes. For visitors who choose a quiet spot to reflect and connect with nature, mountain hares and pine martens might be spotted.



Natural Heritage Management

- Monitor rare plants, habitats and other species to inform best management to ensure thriving, sustainable populations and to contribute to our understanding of climate change.
- Promote opportunities for specialist research and survey.
- Maintain low herbivore grazing pressure to ensure important plant communities and endangered species are in the best condition they can be (are in good health and resilient to impacts of climate change). Expand the extent of woolly willow by continuing to carry out supplementary planting.
- With partners, investigate opportunities for a landscape scale approach to management of the Corrie Fee and Glen Doll areas to enhance endangered habitats and species.

Management for People We will work closely with partners to

• Encourage visitors to act responsibly and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code to help us look after the reserve's natural heritage and to enhance the visitor experience.

- Improve visitors' experiences of nature and landscapes through Glen Doll and Corrie Fee using interpretation, paths, events and woodland management.
- Provide a high quality gateway to the Cairngorms National Park.
- Promote Corrie Fee NNR, particularly through social media, partnership projects, online information and any relevant tourism initiatives that will offer deeper insight into the special qualities of the site.
- Enhance educational and citizen science opportunities in Corrie Fee area.

Property management

• Monitor and maintain all SNH-owned facilities (path, boardwalk, sign and fence) in good condition and deal with issues such as erosion and landslip as appropriate.

Questionnaire

Tell us what you value about the Corrie Fee area. What do you think should be our priorities for nature and landscape management?

As part of our management work with partners, what might improve your experience walking through Glen Doll forest and Corrie Fee NNR?

How would you like to learn more about Corrie Fee, whether on site or online, and what interests you most?

Give us your ideas for how we can promote Corrie Fee as a special place

General comments:

Name:

Contact:

All responses will be published online. Any personal data or other sensitive information will be redacted prior to publication.

If you wish your comments to be treated as anonymous in the consultation report please tick here.

