Glen Devon Woodlands

Big Landscape

Once home to wild boar

Getting here

Glen Devon Woodlands’ most westerly point is 4km east of Dollar, close to Pool of Muckhart village, and its northern end is 9km south of Auchterarder. The A823 Dunfermline to Crieff road passes through Glen Devon and there are a number of points on the road where you can park (see fold-out map). Please do not drive up the private single track roads to the Glenquey and Lower Glendevon Reservoirs. It is possible to reach Geordie’s Wood from Pool of Muckhart. Simply park in the village and walk up the access road behind the village kirk, or park at Castlehill layby and follow the footpath signs.

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Fur and feather

The mix of open ground and new native woodland surrounding the reservoirs is now home to many common woodland bird species, with birds of prey such as kestrel and short-eared owl regularly seen patrolling their territory.

Mature woodland also provides the ideal habitat and feeding opportunities for roe deer, fox, hedgehog, red squirrel, pine marten and various species of bat.

Look out for brown hare, rabbit, voles, shrew, stoat and weasel on the open farmland; otter, kingfisher and dipper using the reservoirs, rivers and burns running through the hills; and black grouse which, along with heather and blueberry, are slowly re-colonising the high ground after decades of intensive sheep farming.

Planting 1.5 million trees

Since the site was acquired in early 2000, around 1.5 million native trees have been planted, many by volunteers from the local community. The Trust is restoring the native woodland that would have existed here centuries ago, for the benefit of people and wildlife. Look for oak, ash, birch, hazel, rowan, juniper, Scots pine and various woodland butterfly species including the Adonis blue, sharp-angled spreading orange-tip and red admiral.

The site also has extensive heather moorland, boggy areas and streams which provide a habitat for aquatic wildlife.

Wildlife

The site is home to brown boar, planted in 2005, which was the first time they had been reintroduced to the area around 600 years ago.

It is also home to 120 bird species, 11 mammal species, 26 reptile species and 42 amphibian species, including the great crested newt, adder, water vole and dormouse.

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Whether it's a thirty-minute stroll or a five-hour hike, Glen Devon offers a range of walking routes to suit everyone – from the easy 2km Castlehill Lower Loop walk to the more challenging 14km Reservoirs Trail. Just follow one of the coloured way-marked routes.

**Trail Tips**

There are many unsurfaced or informal paths to follow. For circular walks try starting from the layby on the A823 by Castlehill Reservoir. Or for access to the wider path network south and west of Glen Devon, start at the Glen Sherup car park.

For panoramic views of the Ochil Hills, a climb up Ben Shee, Imerdownie or Seamab is well worth the effort.

Thanks to the efforts of the Muckhart Nature Park Committee and Ochils Landscape Partnership, younger visitors can enjoy a buggy-friendly wildlife trail and pond at Muckhart Nature Park.

The weather in the Scottish hills and glens can change quickly. Be properly equipped when you go walking and inform someone of your whereabouts before you set off.

The road to market

The walk through Glen Quey between Dollar and Burnfoot is an old drove route, once used to walk livestock to market in Falkirk.

Start your adventure here

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