



Welcome to Queen Elizabeth Forest Park

Where the highlands and your forest adventure begin

Want to sail by steamship along legendary Loch Katrine or picnic on the bonny banks of Loch Lomond? How about swinging through the forest treetops, cycling amongst woodland sculptures or strolling through ancient oaks? You can do all this and much more in the Forest Park – or sit back and soak up the stunning views.

Where the Highlands begin

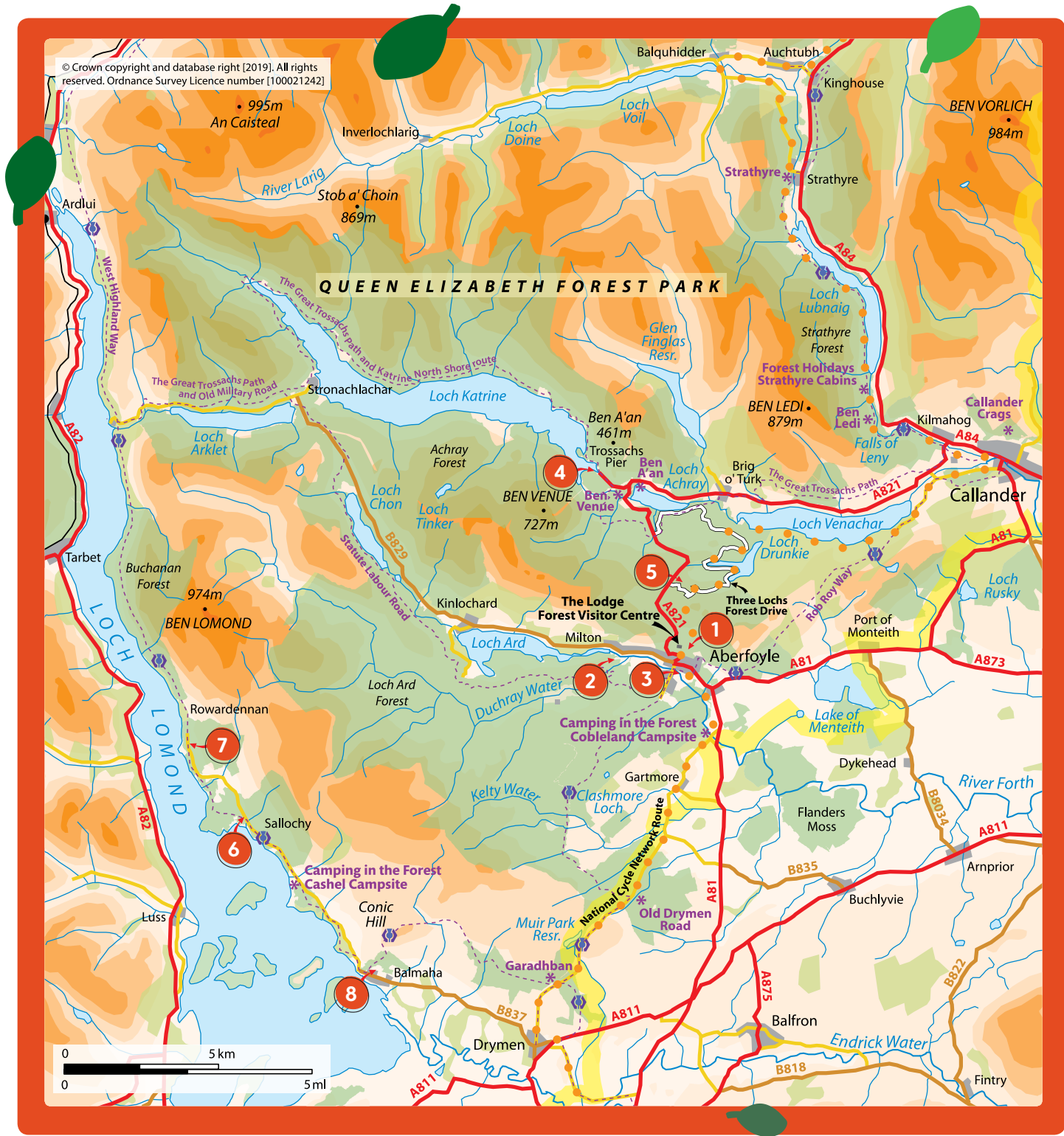
You're at the start of something exciting here – see how the land rears up dramatically above the gentle green lowlands, taking you on a journey into the wilder highlands. The Forest Park encompasses some of Scotland's best-loved locations, from magnificent Ben Lomond and the rolling Trossachs hills to sparkling Loch Katrine and the craggy tops of Strathyre.

Watch out for wildlife

The forests here are alive! You'll be amazed at what you can hear and see, from tiny butterflies and colourful dragonflies to majestic red deer and golden eagles. Watch favourite woodland birds and busy red squirrels at The Lodge and, in summer, you might spot an osprey fishing on one of the lochs...

The best views in Scotland

Use this leaflet to help you explore and enjoy these iconic Forest Park places in the heart of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. For more information, visit The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre above Aberfoyle – you'll always find a friendly welcome here and the café has one of the best views in Scotland!



Forest Park Favourites

There are spectacular views and perfect picnic spots as well as great trails and wonderful wildlife at all these favourite Forest Park places...

- The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre** 1
A great place to start your forest adventure.
- Loch Ard** 2
Walk or cycle these tranquil lochside woods, watching out for wildlife sculptures.
- Aberfoyle** 3
Explore tranquil woodland trails here on foot and by bike for spectacular views and wonderful wildlife.
- Loch Katrine** 4
Explore this legendary loch by steamship, by bike or on foot.
- Three Lochs Forest Drive** 5
An easy and scenic adventure into the heart of the Forest Park.
- East Loch Lomond** 6 7 8
Discover ancient oakwoods on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.

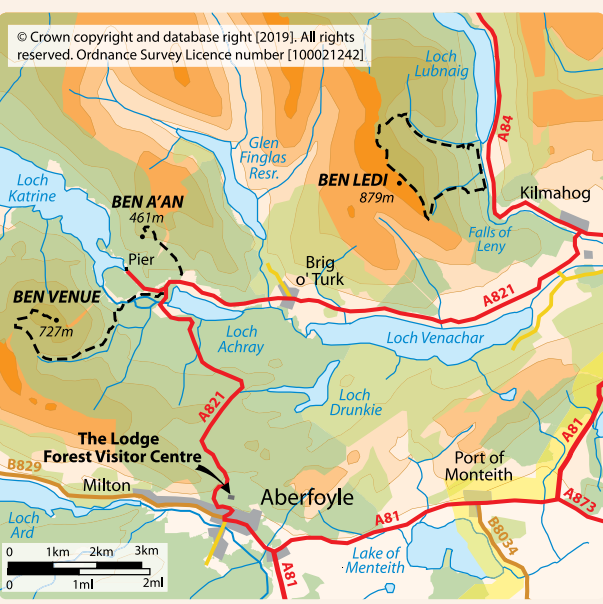


Feeling energetic?



Head for the hills

Experienced walkers can aim for the spectacular summits of Ben A'an, Ben Venue, Ben Ledi and Ben Lomond (start at Rowardennan) from the Forest Park. These are very rewarding but strenuous unmarked routes, so be sure you are properly equipped.



Take to the long distance trails

The Forest Park is also criss-crossed by celebrated long distance routes, including the famous West Highland Way and the Rob Roy Way. Look out for two historic routes from Aberfoyle – the Statute Labour Road to Loch Arklet and the old military road to Loch Lomond – which are ideal for cycling.

7 Rowardennan

Rowardennan, which nestles at the foot of Ben Lomond, is literally the end of the road! It's the perfect place to sit awhile by the bonny banks of Loch Lomond, enjoy an easy trail through the woods or take on the challenge of climbing to the summit of this iconic peak.

Ben Lomond Memorial Trail

A gentle stroll to the shore of Loch Lomond, where there is a memorial sculpture to commemorate the Scots who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Firm and smooth gravel surface throughout. Generally flat with short moderate ramps.



1/4 mile / 0.3km
Allow 1/4 hour

6 Sallochy

Relax beside Sallochy's pebbly beach with its sweeping Loch Lomond views or follow the waymarked trails to explore the beautiful woodlands that cloak the banks of the loch. The oakwoods here are over 200 years old.

Woodland Trail

A trail for all seasons through peaceful oak woodland along the Allt a Mhuitinn burn and past the ruins of Wester Sallochy.

Mostly firm gravel and grassy paths. Section of narrow earthy path with muddy patches. Some steep slopes on uneven ground. Includes a narrow bridge and road crossing.



1 1/2 miles / 2.5 km
Allow 1 hour

Sallochy Trail

Climb through a delightfully varied woodland to the craggy viewpoint on Dun Maoil for spectacular views over Loch Lomond and the Arrochar Alps.

Largely firm gravel or grassy paths. Short section of rough, narrow earthy path with muddy patches up to viewpoint. Long moderate slopes with some steep sections. Includes a road crossing.



2 1/2 miles / 4.3 km
Allow 2 hours



Enjoy a picnic beside Loch Lomond, explore the woodlands or get eagle's eye views from the wooded foothills.



8 Balmaha

Visit the gateway to East Loch Lomond and discover its stunning loch shore, peaceful oakwoods and secluded islands, before climbing up through the Balmaha Pass to the summit of Conic Hill. You can also join the West Highland Way here.

Millennium Forest Trail

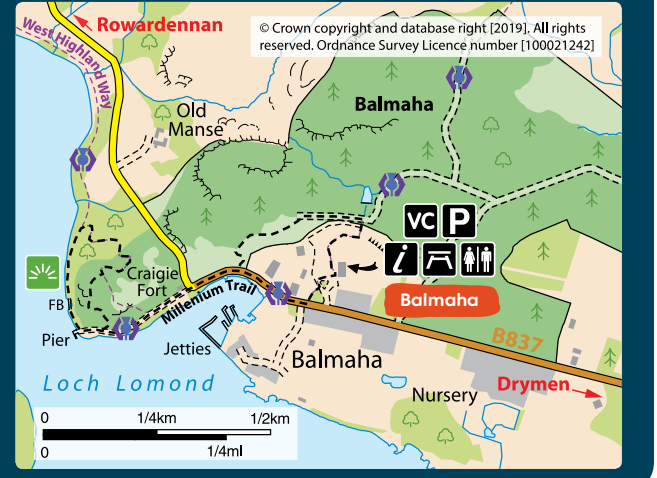
Follow the oak-lined shore of Loch Lomond and climb up on to Craigie Fort, a magnificent viewpoint overlooking the loch, its islands and Ben Lomond.

Varied surface, including short rough rocky section. Some steep on loose gravel surface. Includes long flights of uneven rocky steps and two road crossings.



1 1/4 miles / 2.1 km
Allow 3/4 hour

Discover the secret side of Loch Lomond on its picturesque eastern shore or climb Conic hill for a great view.



4 Loch Katrine

Visit the legendary loch that inspired Sir Walter Scott and brought Victorian tourists to The Trossachs for the first time. Take to the water on a steamship, stroll or cycle the north shore and find inspiration of your own in stunning surroundings.

Brenachiole Trail

Follow the beautiful oak-laced shore of Loch Katrine to the wonderful viewpoint on Brenachiole Point. Learn how the landscape and its history inspired 'The Lady of the Lake'.

Wide, smooth tarmac surface with moderate slopes. Brief uneven grassy path to the view point with short fairly steep slope. Includes gate and opening both 1.1m wide.



4 1/4 miles / 7.1 km
Allow 2 1/2 hours

Primrose Hill Trail

Climb up the primrose-covered hillside above Loch Katrine for some of the most spectacular views in the Trossachs. Look out at Ben Venue, Ben Lomond and the Arrochar Alps.

Long steep slopes for up to 400m on uneven grassy and rocky paths. Includes some muddy sections and a narrow kissing gate.



6 1/2 miles / 10.5 km
Allow 4 1/2 hours



Enjoy breathtaking Loch Katrine views by boat or get out of breath here by bike!

The north shore is great for a stroll or a cycle and the wooded slopes of Loch Katrine are a haven for wildlife.



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1 The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre

With **car parking, a great café, toilets** and plenty of information, this is the ideal place to start exploring the **Forest Park** (and you'll find **Go Ape** here too). Enjoy **panoramic views and scenic trails**, including a gentle stroll to a waterfall and more strenuous routes to **lofty woods and rocky crags**.

Stroll, swing, watch wildlife or just relax in the trees at The Lodge!

Key to Maps

Forestry and Land Scotland

- Land
- Woodland
- Other Woodland
- Forest Park Boundary
- National Park Boundary
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Minor road
- Forest road
- Forest drive
- Track road
- Footpath
- National Cycle Network
- Railway/Station
- Forest trails (colour waymarked)
- Start of forest trails

- Information
- Parking (no charge)
- Parking (charge)
- Easy access facilities
- Toilets
- Forest drive (charge)
- Picnic area
- Cafe / Refreshments
- Shop
- Caravan site
- Nature play area
- Wildlife viewing
- Viewpoint
- Campsite
- Non FLS parking (charge)
- Non FLS parking (no charge)
- Non FLS easy access facilities
- Non FLS toilets
- Non FLS information
- Non FLS picnic area
- Non FLS cafe / refreshments
- Non FLS shop
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- Non FLS Visitor centre

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Waterfall Trail

A pleasant stroll through the trees to a dramatic waterfall that appears as if by magic. Plenty of places to sit or play along the way.

Wide, firm gravel surface throughout, with some loose stones. Long gentle slope for 400m with some short moderate sections. Short section of uneven wooden boardwalk.

Oak Coppice

A scenic walk through ancient oak woodland that is cloaked in velvety green lichens - a sure sign of the clean air up here.

Largely firm gravel surface, with a few uneven sections. Several short steep slopes and one short flight of steps.

1 mile / 1.8 km
Allow ½ hour

easy

1 ¼ miles / 2.9 km
Allow 1 hour

moderate

Dukes Trail

Follow in the footsteps of the Duke of Montrose, climbing above Duke's Pass for great views before passing through Achray Forest's stately spruce woods.

Varied surface, with some long fairly steep sections. Narrow and uneven rocky path with some muddy parts.

Lime Craig Trail

A fair climb through the forest to Lime Craig for magnificent views over the Carse of Stirling and along the Highland Boundary Fault.

Sustained steep slope for 700m up to Lime Craig, but largely firm gravel surface. Rough rocky section for next 250m up to viewpoint which can be avoided. Includes two bridges.

4 miles / 6.5 km
Allow 2 ½ hours

strenuous

4 miles / 6.6 km
Allow 2 ½ hours

strenuous

5 Three Lochs Forest Drive

This **circular drive** along quiet forest roads is a great way to see more of the forest and **stunning Trossachs views**. Park beside peaceful **Loch Drunkie** and enjoy an **easy stroll** or a **scenic waterside picnic**. You'll find **accessible toilets and play features** there too.

Little Drunkie Trail

Wander out to the beautiful shore of Loch Drunkie and discover a number of interesting sound installations.

Loch Drunkie Trail

A charming walk along the oak-lined shore of Loch Drunkie, returning through the quiet woodland above where red squirrels can often be found.

Firm gravel surface with loose or uneven sections. Long moderate slopes with some short steeper sections. Parts may be wet after rain.

¾ mile / 1.2 km
Allow ½ hour

easy

1 ¼ miles / 1.9 km
Allow ¾ hour

moderate

1 mile / 1.5 km
Allow ¾ hour

strenuous

1 mile / 1.5 km
Allow ¾ hour

strenuous

Find these other trails at either end of the Forest Drive...

Lochan Reoidhte Trail

A short stroll through the trees above picturesque Lochan Reoidhte and an opportunity to sample some classic Trossachs views over forest, loch and hills.

Loch Achray Trail

Amble down through the birch along the Allt a' Cham-ruidhe stream to reach the shores of Loch Achray. It is a marvellous setting beneath the mountains of Ben Venue and Ben A'an.

Uneven rock and earth path. Several steep slopes and occasional muddy sections. Two bridges. Look out for vehicles along the forest drive.

¾ mile / 1.2 km
Allow ½ hour

moderate

¾ mile / 1.2 km
Allow ½ hour

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2 Loch Ard

Loch Ard is one of the **most picturesque lochs** in Scotland and a great place to start exploring the vast and varied **Loch Ard Forest**. The trails here are ideal for **family strolls and cycle rides** – watch out for **wildlife and surprising sculptures** along the way!

Ben Lomond Viewpoint

Ascend through the conifers to a fine viewpoint overlooking the Forth Valley that delivers a view of one of Scotland's best-loved peaks.

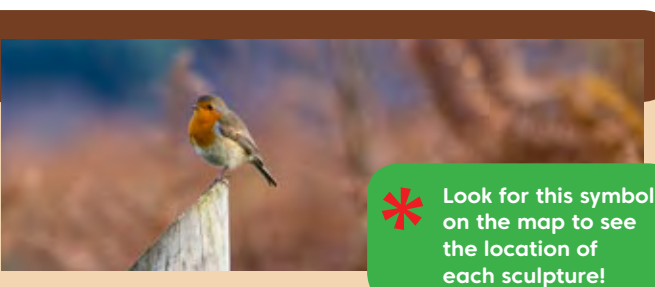
Firm gravel surface with some loose and uneven sections. Steep slopes up to viewpoint, including one flight of steps. Look out for vehicles and other users.

Lochan Sping Trail

A scenic trail across the Duchray Water to a picturesque little loch that is teeming with wildlife, including some unusual creatures.

Firm gravel surface throughout, with some loose sections and occasionally muddy patches. Some short fairly steep slopes. Includes one wide bridge.

Explore and enjoy Loch Ard Forest, there's always something to do for everyone - whatever the time of year.



Look for this symbol on the map to see the location of each sculpture!

Loch Ard Sculpture Trail

Explore the picturesque shores of Loch Ard, Little Loch Ard and Lochan a' Ghleannin and look for some unusual sculptures. An ideal route for families, whether on foot or bike.

Firm gravel surface throughout. Mostly wide but with some muddy and uneven sections. Long moderate slopes with several short steep sections. Look out for vehicles and other users.

4 miles / 6.7 km
Allow 2 ½ hours

moderate

8 miles / 13.8 km
Allow 5 ½ hours

strenuous

8 miles / 13.8 km
Allow 5 ½ hours

strenuous

3 Aberfoyle

Aberfoyle village, on the edge of **Loch Ard Forest**, is known as the **'gateway to The Trossachs'**. Explore tranquil woodland trails here on **foot and by bike** for **spectacular views and wonderful wildlife** – and perhaps an encounter with the fairy folk...

Doon Hill Trail

Climb to the top of Doon Hill to find a solitary Scots pine amongst the oaks. It is thought to mark the entrance to a Fairy Queen's underground palace.

Uneven gravel path with some narrow, rough rocky and muddy sections, as well as exposed tree roots. Long steep slopes onto Doon Hill.

2 ¼ miles / 3.5 km
Allow 1 ½ hours

strenuous

3 ¾ miles / 5.9 km
Allow 2 ½ hours

strenuous

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