LOGIERAIT WOODS TRAIL - WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

Pitlochry

● ● ● Granny Pine Trail, 2 miles

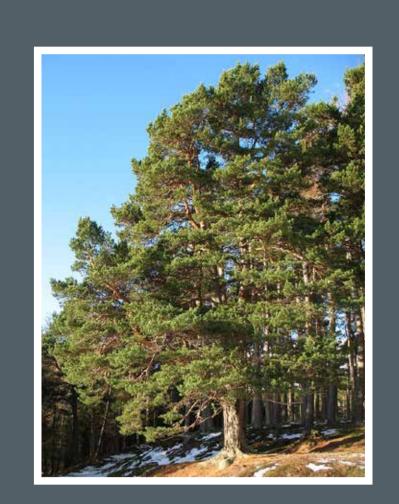
(40 - 60 minutes)

(one way)

○ ○ ○ Killiechangie Bike Trail, 4 miles

Curling Pond Trail, 1.5 miles

(30 - 40 minutes)



Granny Pines

Granny Pines are Scots Pine trees with lots of spreading branches. They are often old trees, which is perhaps where they get their name. Scots Pines grow this way when they have plenty of light and space. Commercially grown pines are usually grown in quite dense conditions and grow straight upwards.

The pines here were planted more than 100 years ago. The other trees around them were felled after a great gale in 1954, and the few remaining started to enjoy the new space and are now becoming Granny Pines.

Duntanlich Mine

The operation you may see in these woods is part of the Duntanlich Mine project. The mine itself is located underground on the ridge between the Tay and the Tummel valleys and extracts barite (barytes): a dense, relatively soft and inert mineral that has many industrial uses including energy and medical. This is the only purely barite mine in the UK and, as such, ensures security of supply of the mineral for the long term.

Please follow the marked trails and avoid using the haul road or crossing the working areas. If for any reason you are on the haul road be aware of traffic and stand well clear of the running surface until vehicles have passed. Do not approach vehicles from the rear as they can have poor visibility, and if you do need to contact the operator stand clear until they have seen you and signal for you to approach. You are reminded that it is your responsibility to keep dogs under control.

Logierait Woods are managed by Atholl Estates for timber production, recreation, landscape and wildlife conservation. It is home to some of our 'Granny Pines' and habitat for red squirrels.



Red squirrel

Curling Pond

This former curling pond is now part of Logierait Mires Site of Special Scientific Interest. Several species of damselfly are resident here including the rare Northern Damselfly, which is only found at a few sites in the Highlands. The damselflies can spend several years as nymphs living in the pond, before emerging as adults. You can often spot newly-emerged damselflies by their shiny wings. We manage this area for the damselflies by keeping a fringe of trees around the pond for shelter. At the same time, it is important not to let the pond become too shady, as the damselflies like sunny conditions.



Northern Damselfly. ©Damian Pinguey



Northern Damselfly. ©Ewoud van per Ploeg

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