

Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District Lossie

Analysis and concept map

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Scale: 1:13,000 at A1
O.S. Grid Ref NJ 642 140

- Lossie Boudaries
- Car park
- Powerlines
- B roads
- Forest roads
- Moray coast trail
- Watercourses
- Water bodies
- Quarry
- Shingle_ridges
- SAC/SSSI
- Scheduled monument areas

Lossie forest is located on the coast where the majority of the soils layer is composed of sand and shingle ridges. These types of soils have very low levels of nutrients available for the trees. However, species such as pines are well adapted to grow over these soils where others will fail.

We will maintain species such as Scots pine and Corsican pines in Lossie. Good quality timber is already being produced which we aim to continue into the future. We will renew the existing pine crops using either natural regeneration when possible or by planting.

There are several archaeological sites with a high historical value located within the forest. Some of them include the remains of the World War II defences.

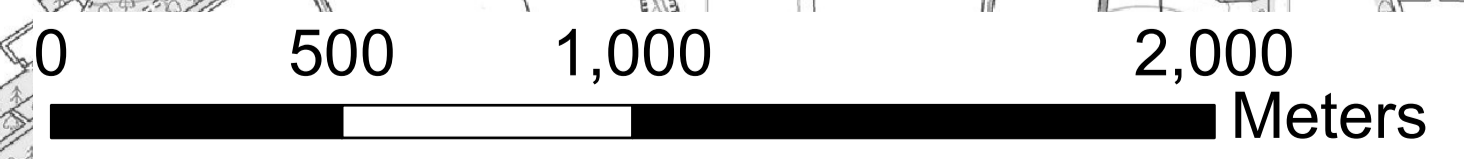
The management of the land surrounding these scheduled monuments will follow the archaeological UK forestry standards guidelines. These guidelines are designed to preserve monuments of national interest.

Lossie can and does produce trees of good quality timber such as Pines.

With little vegetation competition on easy flat terrain the forest has a high potential for the practise of Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS).

The forest supports a diverse range of species listed in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. The vegetated shingle complex of Lossie has been notified as a SSSI and SCA because of the wide variety of associated plant communities. Other habitats such as the dunes areas are also of interest due to their conservation value.

We will aim to work with SNH in order to improve the quality of the environment in Lossie. Part of the gravel quarry will be kept as an open water area beneficial to biodiversity such as birds or amphibians. A plan is in construction in order to improve the quality of this habitats and in particular to create connections between the existing ponds.



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