

Maintain existing woodland species at Cardross which will in the short to medium term meet current objectives relating to the Lake of Menteith SSSI. In the long term there may be potential for some bog restoration, however this will require appropriate peat surveys along with consultation with NatureScot and Scottish Forestry.

Where appropriate, native woodland will be retained and encouraged by natural regeneration in riparian and drier fringe areas. These areas offer a variety of ground conditions which are suitable for W4 (Upland birch woodland), W7 (Alder wet woodland) and W9 (Upland mixed broadleaved woodland).

Norway spruce will be retained as it provides valuable habitat for red squirrels.

Restoration of lowland raised bog and establishing native woodland along riparian corridors and on the drier soils at the edge of the bog will help hold water within this part of catchment.

Felled larch areas will be established with native woodland which will be in line with the local environmental and biodiversity objectives of Cardross.

The northern part of the Gartrenich section is not suitable for bog restoration and native woodland will be established in this areas, which will have benefits for landscape and biodiversity.

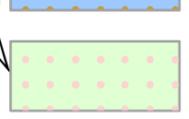
This map indicates the main areas where it is thought bog restoration is possible. In reality there may be some deviation from this, especially around the fringes of the bog where it might be more difficult to control natural regeneration of trees. Rewetting the bog will help discourage natural regeneration but some native species will be acceptable in the core area. It will be important to keep trees, scrub and open ground in balance, where monitoring and tree removal if needed will be implemented if necessary.

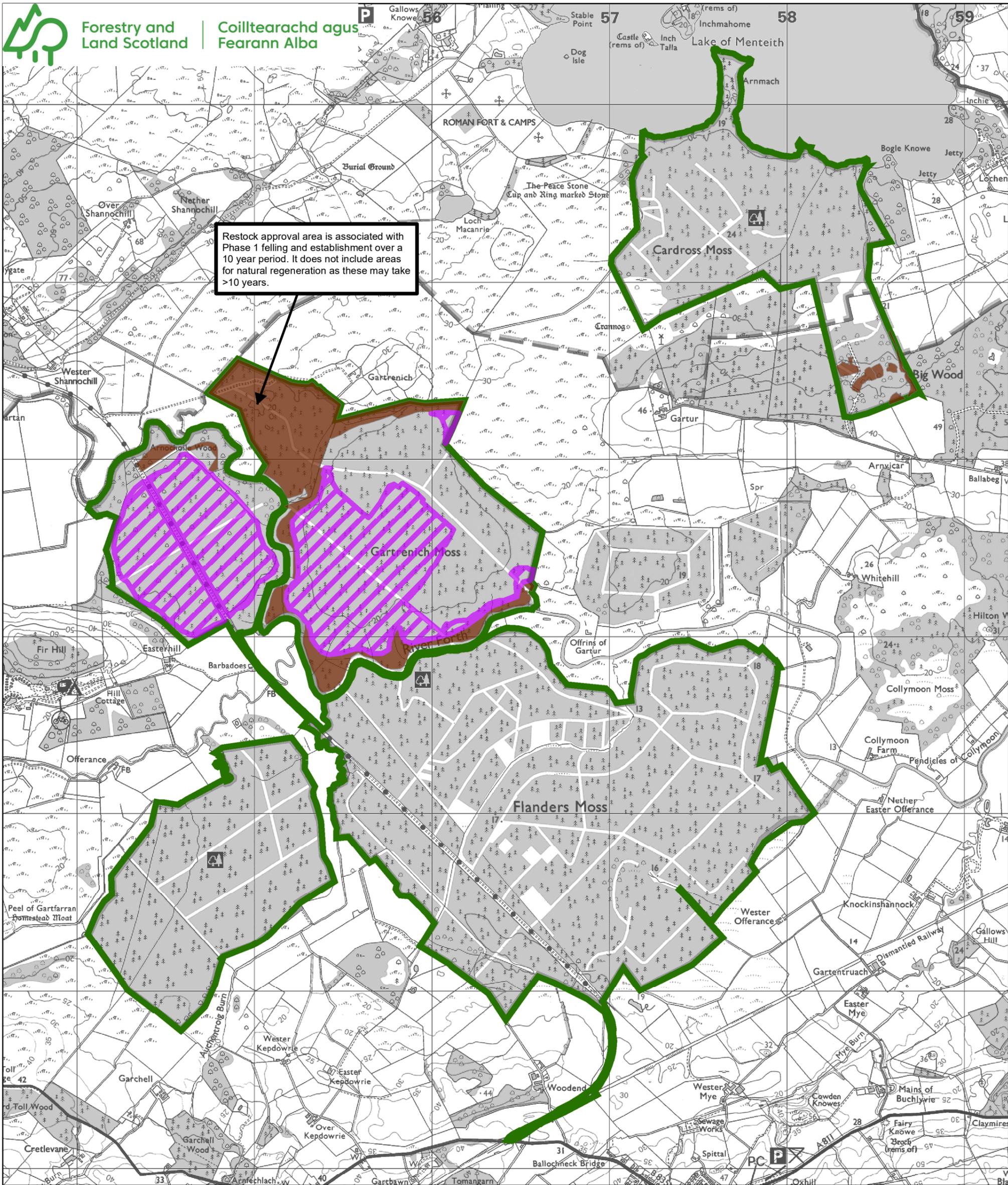
Bog restoration and native woodland will help integrate Forth Mosses with adjacent lowland raised bog sites such as Offerance Moss SSSI, Flanders Moss SAC, Loch Macanrie Fens SSSI and Collymoon SSSI/SAC improving habitat connectivity.

Forth Mosses LMP - Future Habitat & Species

Scale @ A3: 1:20,000
Date: 21/07/2023
Author: Planning

Legend

-  Blocks
-  Other/Mixed Conifers
-  Sitka Spruce
-  Norway Spruce with any Other Broadleaves
-  Douglas Fir with Birch
-  Native Mixed Broadleaves
-  Birch with Other Conifers
-  Other Broadleaves with any Other Conifers
-  Open



Restock approval area is associated with Phase 1 felling and establishment over a 10 year period. It does not include areas for natural regeneration as these may take >10 years.

Forth Mosses LMP - Restocking Approval

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Legend

-  Blocks
- Restock Species**
-  Native Mixed Broadleaves
-  Priority Peatland Habitat Restoration



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