

Blairadam Forest land management plan (2024 - 2034)

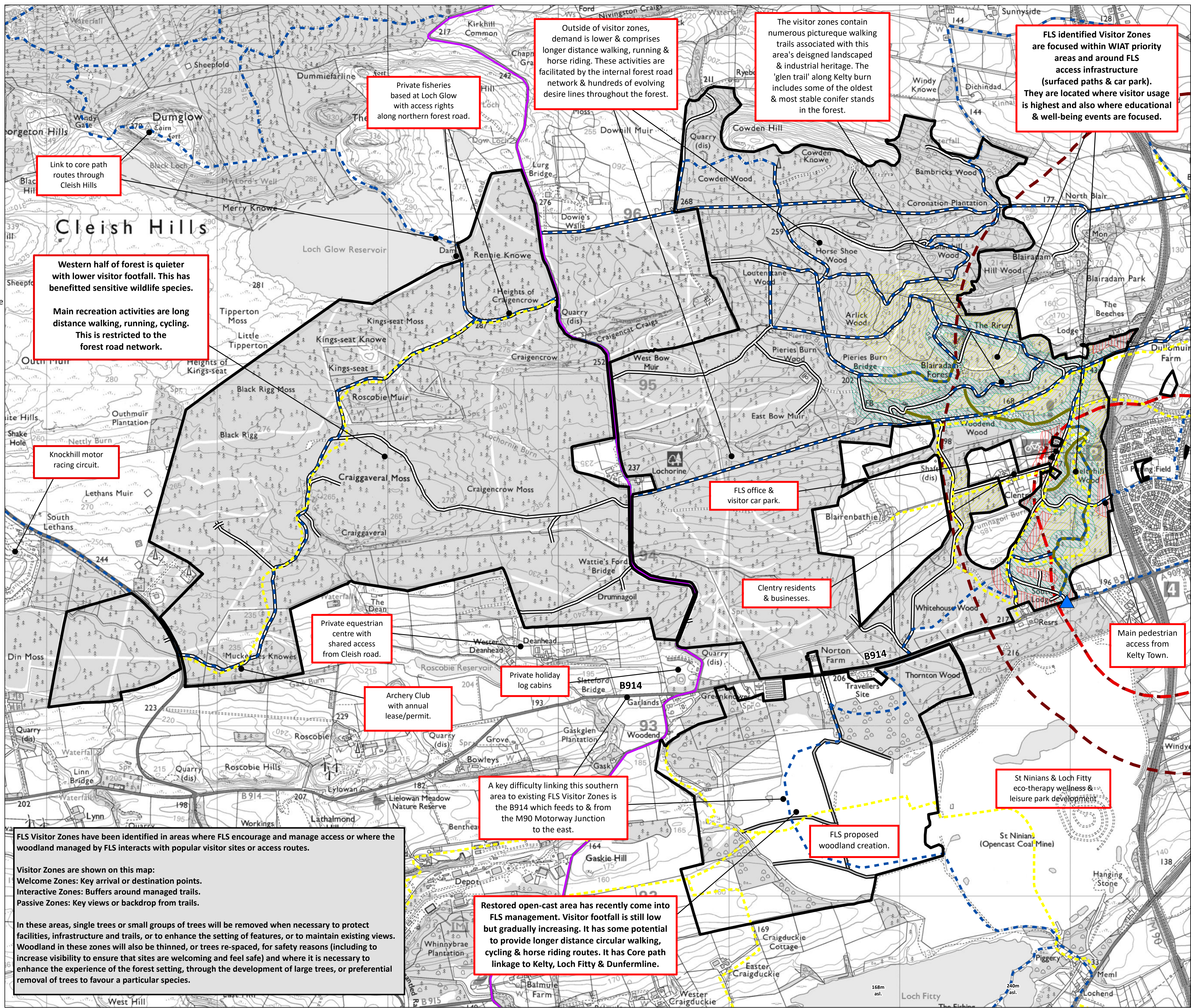
Visitor Zones & Recreation
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Legend

- Main entrance for Clentry, visitor car park & FLS office
- Blairadam Plan Boundary
- Woodlands In & Around Towns (WIAT)**
 - 500m around 15% most deprived areas
 - 1km around settlements >2000 people
- FLS visitor zones**
 - Interactive zone - Buffer around trail
 - Passive zone - Key views / backdrop from trail
 - Welcome zone - Key arrival or destination point
- ScotWays Rights of Way
- Core Paths
- Sustrans National Cycle Network**
 - On-road route
 - Other recorded paths
 - Existing forest roads
 - St Ninians post opencast tracks



Link to core path routes through Cleish Hills

Western half of forest is quieter with lower visitor footfall. This has benefitted sensitive wildlife species.

Main recreation activities are long distance walking, running, cycling. This is restricted to the forest road network.

Knockhill motor racing circuit.

Private equestrian centre with shared access from Cleish road.

Archery Club with annual lease/permit.

Private holiday log cabins

A key difficulty linking this southern area to existing FLS Visitor Zones is the B914 which feeds to & from the M90 Motorway Junction to the east.

Restored open-cast area has recently come into FLS management. Visitor footfall is still low but gradually increasing. It has some potential to provide longer distance circular walking, cycling & horse riding routes. It has Core path linkage to Kelty, Loch Fitty & Dunfermline.

Private fisheries based at Loch Glow with access rights along northern forest road.

Outside of visitor zones, demand is lower & comprises longer distance walking, running & horse riding. These activities are facilitated by the internal forest road network & hundreds of evolving desire lines throughout the forest.

The visitor zones contain numerous pictureque walking trails associated with this area's designed landscaped & industrial heritage. The 'glen trail' along Kelty burn includes some of the oldest & most stable conifer stands in the forest.

FLS identified Visitor Zones are focused within WIAT priority areas and around FLS access infrastructure (surfaced paths & car park). They are located where visitor usage is highest and also where educational & well-being events are focused.

FLS office & visitor car park.

Clentry residents & businesses.

Main pedestrian access from Kelty Town.

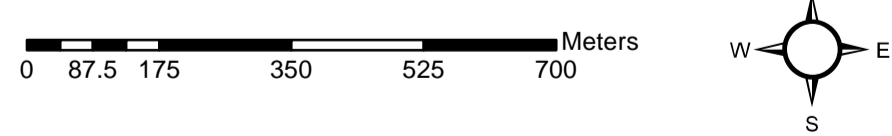
St Ninians & Loch Fitty eco-therapy wellness & leisure park development

FLS proposed woodland creation.

FLS Visitor Zones have been identified in areas where FLS encourage and manage access or where the woodland managed by FLS interacts with popular visitor sites or access routes.

Visitor Zones are shown on this map:
Welcome Zones: Key arrival or destination points.
Interactive Zones: Buffers around managed trails.
Passive Zones: Key views or backdrop from trails.

In these areas, single trees or small groups of trees will be removed when necessary to protect facilities, infrastructure and trails, or to enhance the setting of features, or to maintain existing views. Woodland in these zones will also be thinned, or trees re-spaced, for safety reasons (including to increase visibility to ensure that sites are welcoming and feel safe) and where it is necessary to enhance the experience of the forest setting, through the development of large trees, or preferential removal of trees to favour a particular species.



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