

# Glorious Glencharnoch and Ellan Wood

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Parking

Bench

Path (unwaymarked)

War Memorial

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Other Woodland

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100m

100 yards



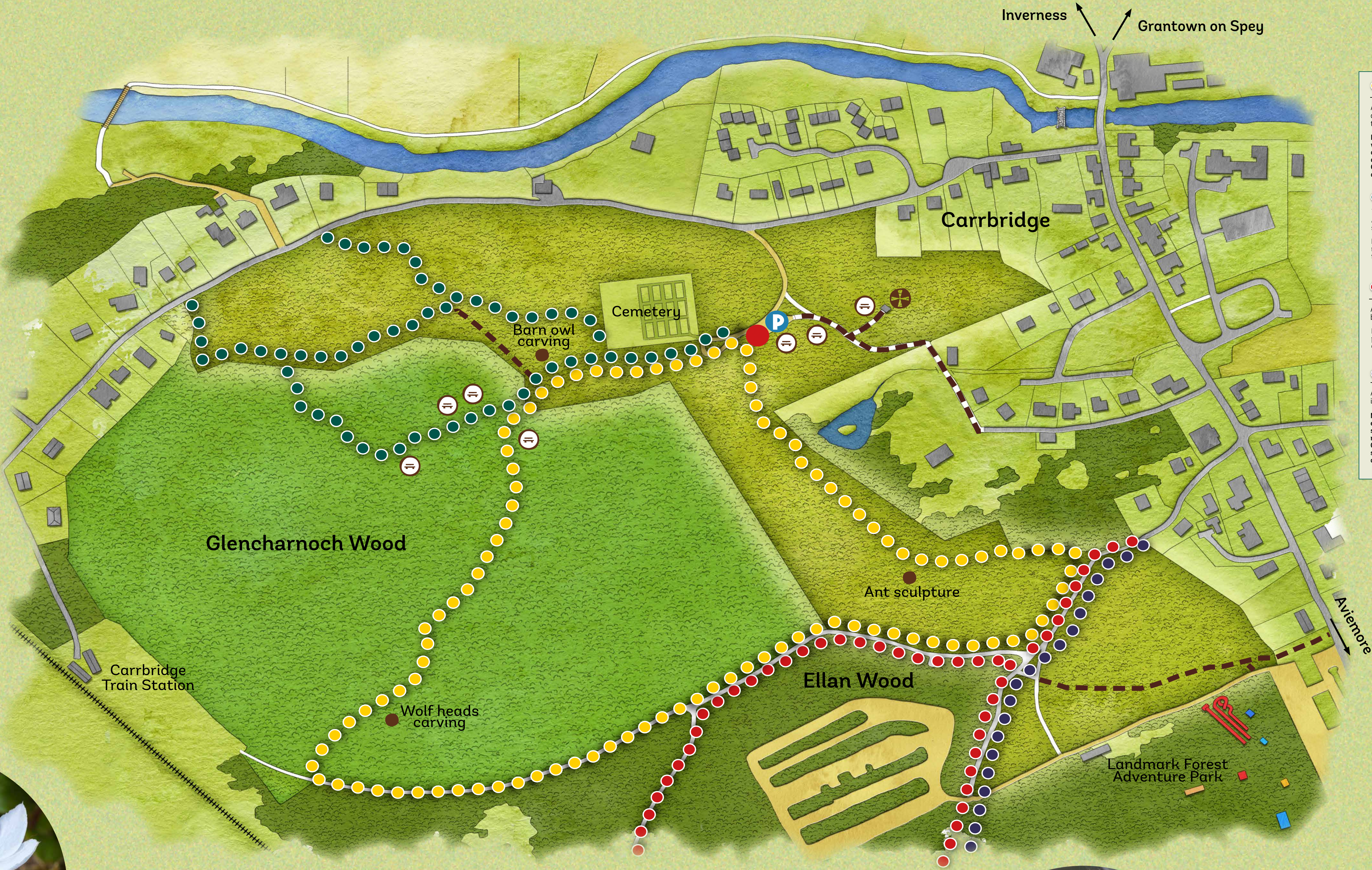
Listen carefully: can you hear the distinctive churr churr call of this pinewood rarity, the crested tit? It is one of many species that rely on deadwood in the ecosystem. In fact - 40% of woodland wildlife depends on deadwood!



The vegetation here is special, relying on the woodland to provide the light and nutrients for some very localised plants. In spring look for the these star like plants, chickweed wintergreen, and in summer, the twisted stem of creeping ladies-tresses orchid growing through the blaeberry.



Wood ants thrive here. From the paths try to spot their nests made from mounded piles of pine needles. Don't touch them though - these tiny creatures can fight back! A nasty nip or even a spray of formic acid will warn you away. A safer option is to follow the trails to the giant ant sculpture marked on the map.



Ellan Wood Walk

A pleasant wander through the pines, taking in sculptures along the way. Stop at the bench on the knoll and enjoy the view.

Firm uneven paths with muddy sections, occasional tree roots and short slopes. One set of steps and two bridges.

moderate

Moderate.

1.5 mile / 1.6km

1 hr

Glencharnoch Walk

A walk that changes with the seasons. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the forest.

Mostly flat with short moderate slopes on firm gravel paths.

moderate

Moderate.

1.5 mile / 0.8km

1 hr

Railway Wood Walk

An easy, circular route through the pine forest, partly beside the Highland Mainline Railway.

Mostly wide flat earthy paths with some uneven and muddy sections.

easy

Easy.

1 mile / 1.6km

1 hr

Carr Plantation Trail

A relatively long circular route through mature forest past interesting historical features.

Mostly flat wide earthy paths, with some uneven and muddy sections. Occasional short slopes. One road crossing.

moderate

Moderate.

2.5 miles / 4.3km

2 hrs

These woods are a huge varied mix of mini habitats. The dry knolls and ridges are moraines left by glaciers over the last 2.5 million years and the peaty hollows are an accumulation of thousands of years of decaying plants and trees. The pine and birch trees you see today will form the peat of the future; as insects that rely on deadwood break them down into the soil.

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Listen out for the scurrying and chattering of these playful creatures in the canopy and look for a flash of red darting from tree to tree. These characterful little mammals can be seen throughout the year here.

Get involved. Find out more about Glencharnoch Wood and our work as the UK's largest woodland conservation charity: 0330 333 3300 | The Woodland Trust Scotland, South Inch Business Centre, Shore Road, Perth, PH2 8BW  
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