

Caingorms National Park: An Overview

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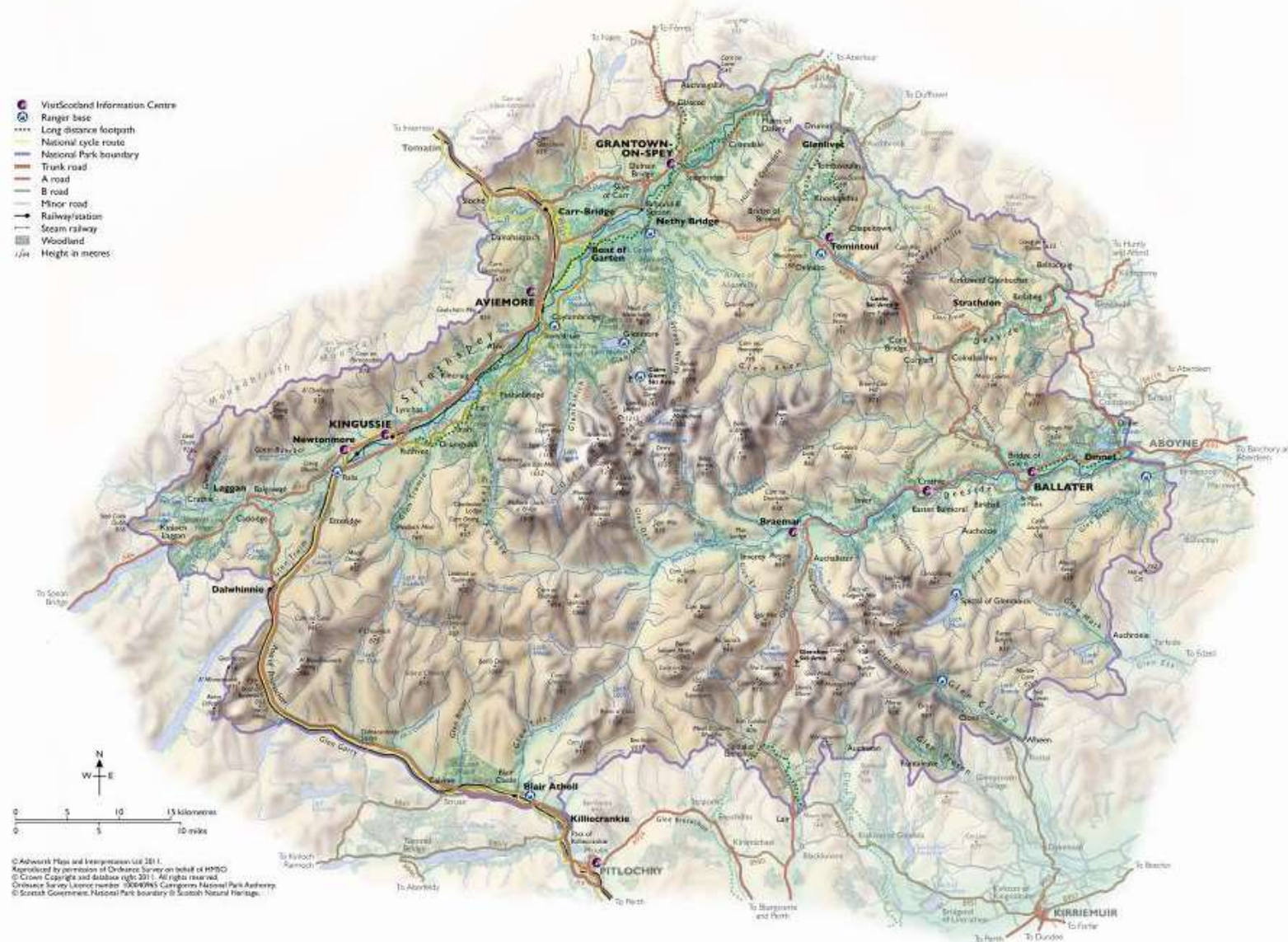
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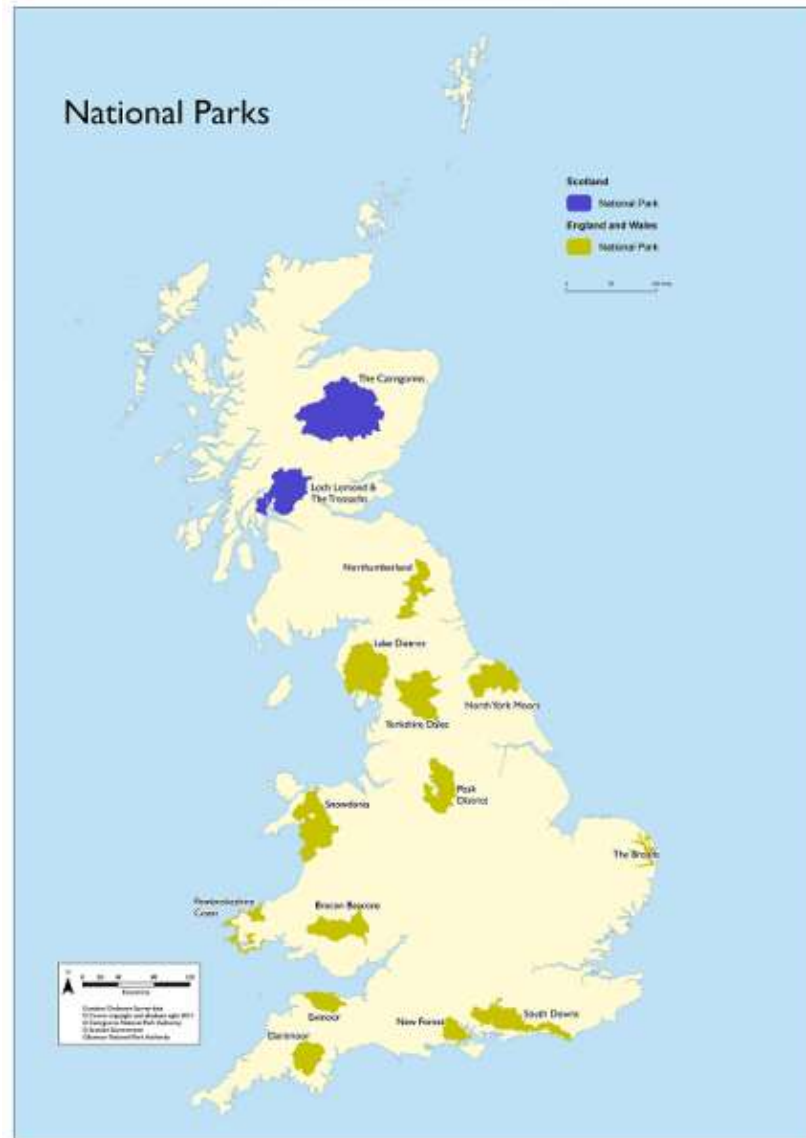


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Part of a family of National Parks



About the National Park



UK's largest National Park at 4,528 sq km (or 6% of Scotland's land mass - larger than Yosemite and twice the Lake District)



Home to one quarter of the UK's rare and endangered species



Around 18,000 people live in the Park across Aberdeenshire, Angus, Highland, Moray, Perth and Kinross

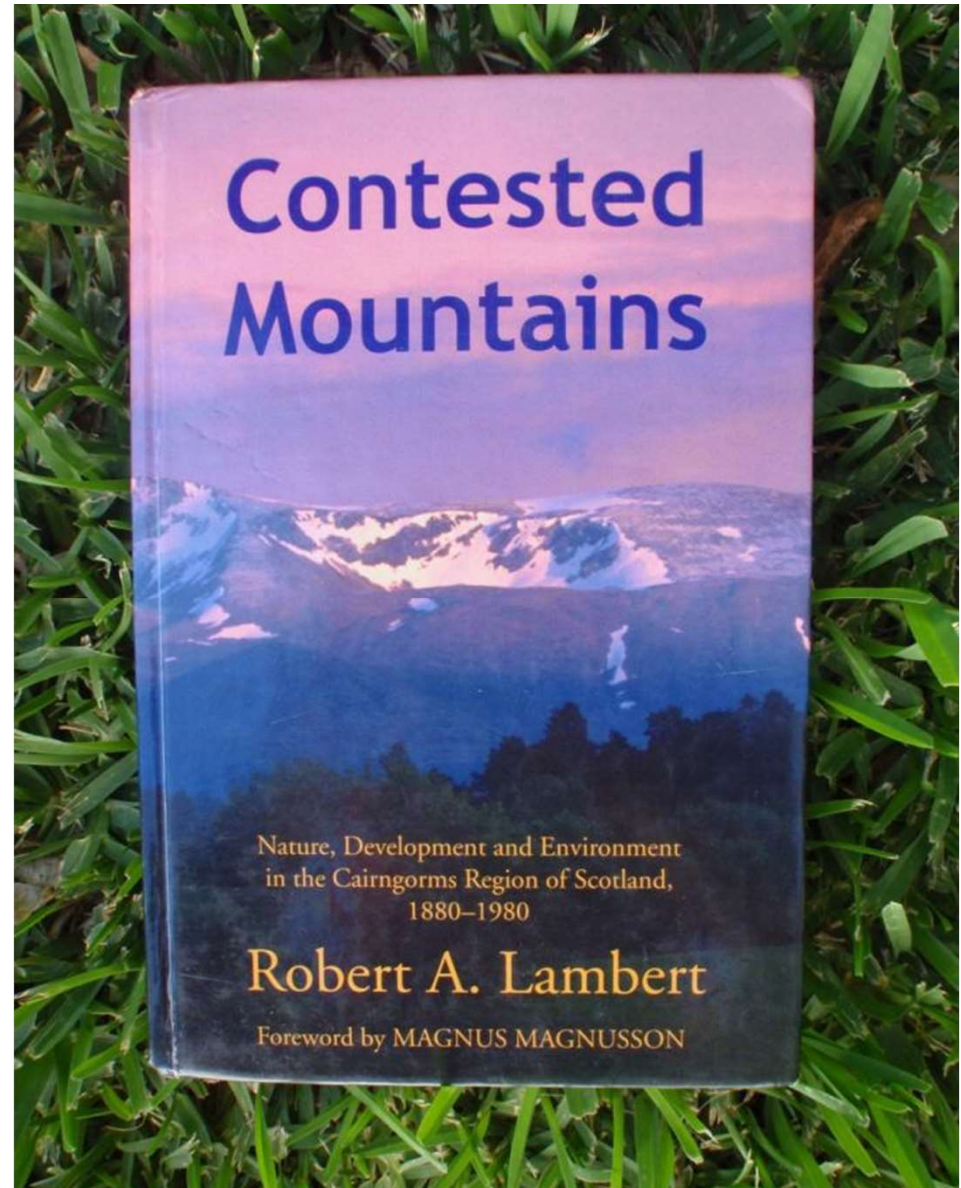


Over two million visitors come to enjoy this special place every year



Cairngorms means 'blue hills' from the blue crystals found here, but the Gaelic Mhonaidh Ruaidh means 'red hills', likely inspired by the area's pink granite

1. The early days of the Park





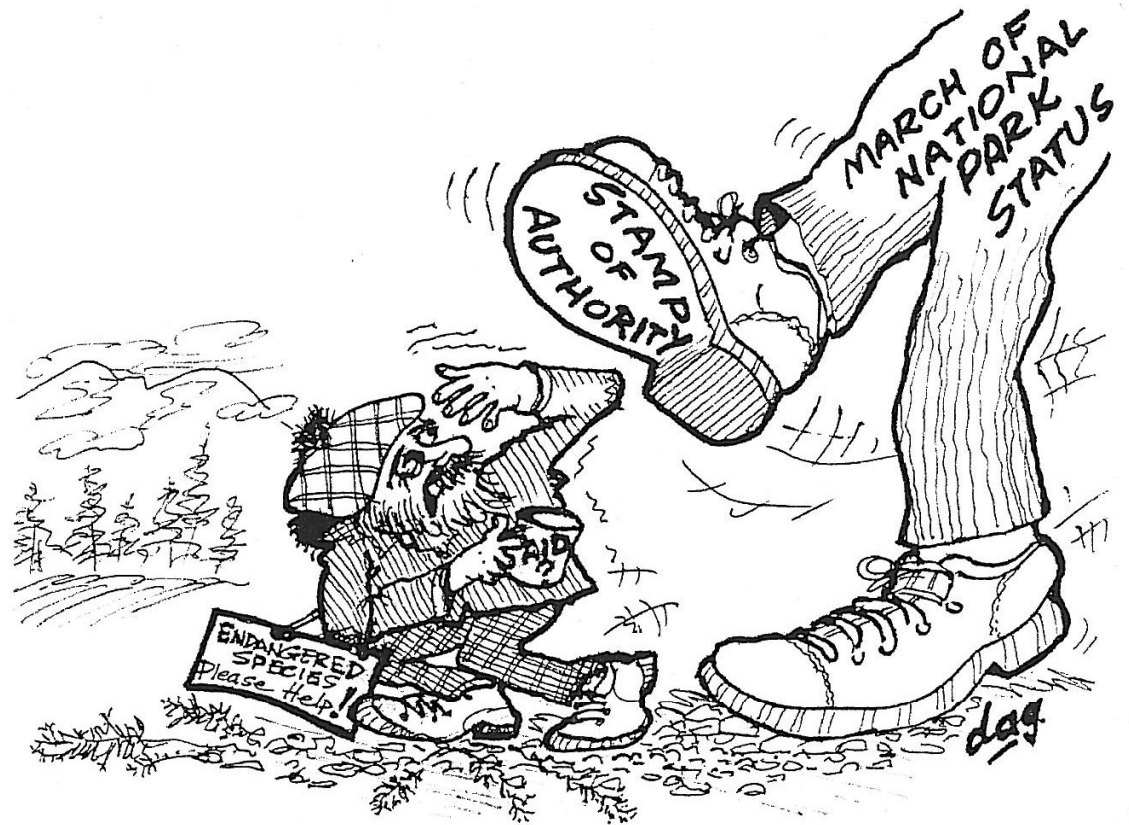




18000 people live here!



Who decides what happens here?



Grazing management



Managing for Visitors



Recreation vs Conservation



2. Managing the Park

Four distinct aims set by Parliament



To conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area



To promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area



To promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public



To promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities

National Park Partnership Plan 2022-27

An ambitious vision for the
future of the National Park
involving over 100 partners



Our vision

“

An outstanding National Park,
enjoyed and valued
by everyone, where nature
and people thrive together

”



Image of an osprey © Peter Cairns / 2020VISION

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Nature

A carbon negative and biodiversity rich National Park with better functioning, better connected and more resilient ecosystems



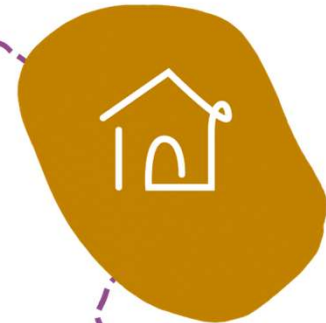
People

A wellbeing economy that works for all the people of the Cairngorms



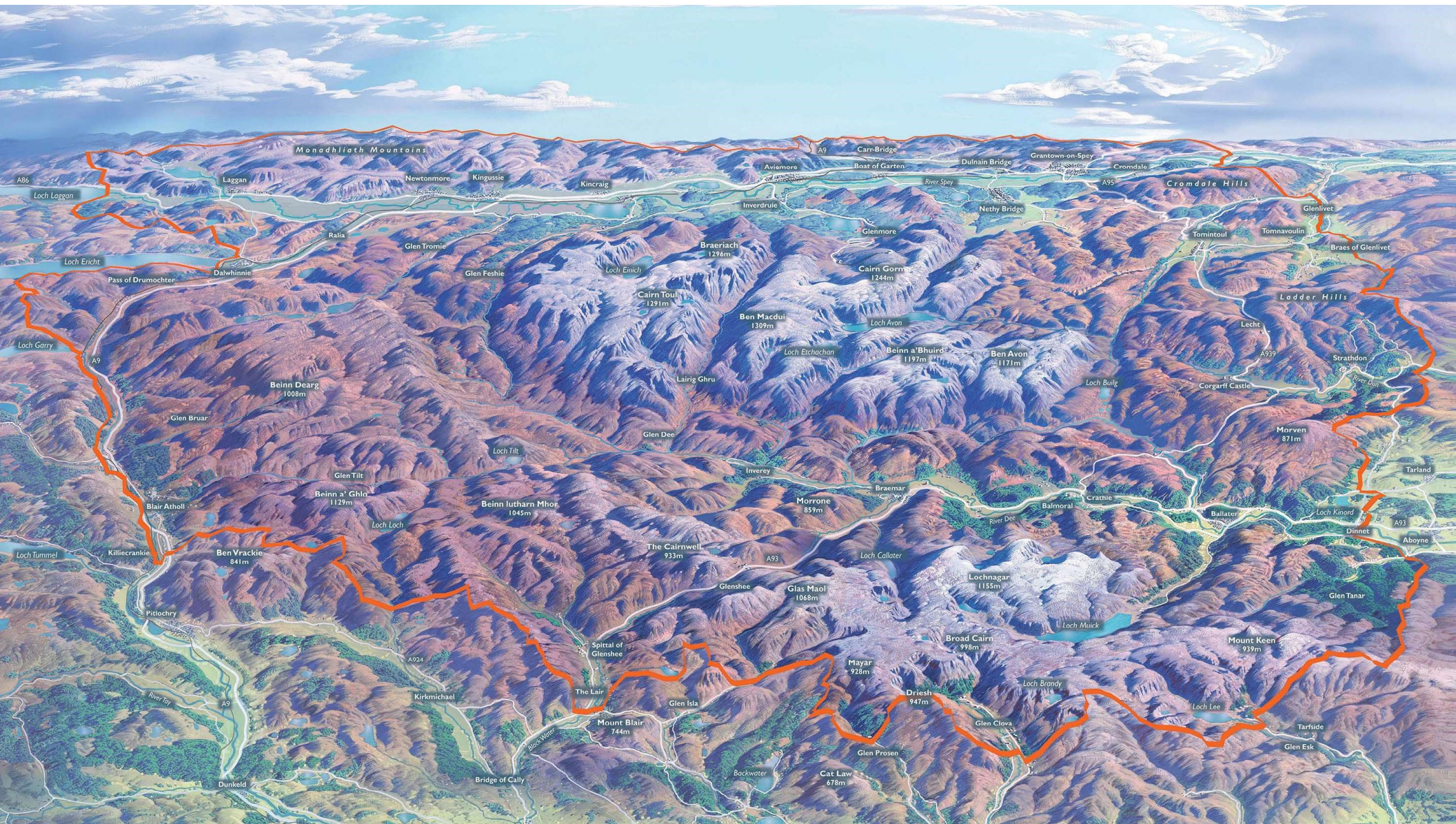
Place

A place that people want to live in, work in and visit that works for all



A place for
cooperation and
collaboration





Starting where people are at

Cairngorms Paths

Boat of Garten Trails

Discover the Osprey Village



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Nethy Bridge




Explore Abernethy




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Kingussie Paths




Explore Badenoch




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Ballater Paths



Explore Deeside



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Nature:
Capercaillie

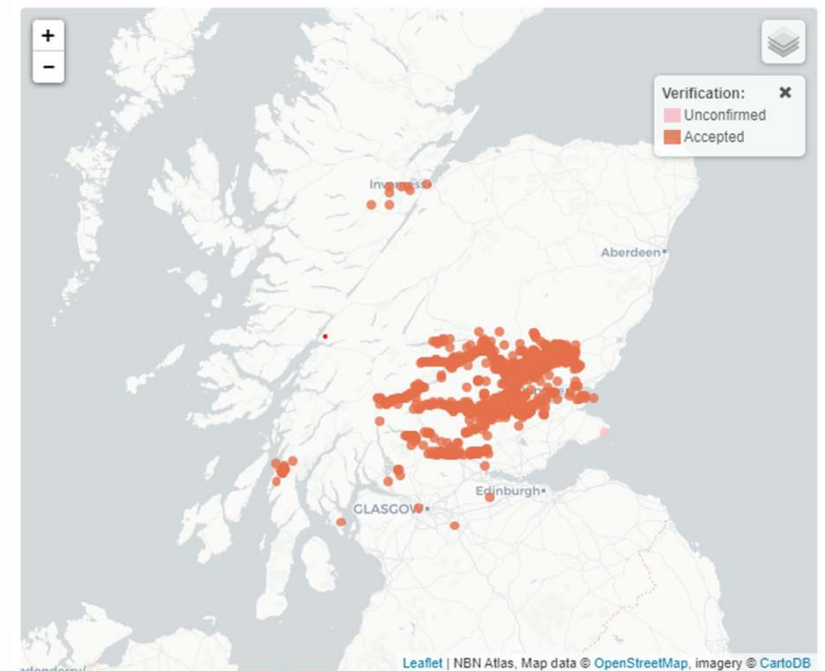


Species reintroductions



39,581 records (39,581 in total)

This map contains both point- and grid-based occurrences at different resolutions



Analyse data

Interactive map

View records

People: Working with businesses



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Tadhhal air a'
Mhonadh Ruadh

Shop By Category

Shop by Vendor

Shop By Community

Make it Yours

VisitCairngorms Online Shop

Discover a variety of products from retailers in the Cairngorms National Park

[VIEW ALL PRODUCTS](#)



“Develop a wellbeing economy that delivers social justice in a healthy ecosystem, drawing on the special natural and cultural qualities of the Cairngorms”





MANAGEMENT PLANS

Tourism: Action + Change
Tourism Action Plan for the
Cairngorms National Park 2017-2022



An internationally - accredited Sustainable Tourism Destination



EUROPARC
Sustainable Tourism
in Protected Areas

Outdoor Access

- 55 Munros
- 26 Corbetts
- 200 miles of waymarked paths
- 4 long distance paths
- Path networks around every community



Responsible behaviour



Tread Lightly in the Park

Wild camping?

Responsible wild campers are welcome in the Cairngorms National park.

Checklist

Have you got a:

- Stove?** ✓
Please don't light campfires
- Bag?** ✓
To take your rubbish home
- Good spot in mind?** ✓
Well away from the road, off the paths and away from other people
- Trowel?** ✓
To bury your poo

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Tread Lightly in the Park

Take the lead... ...around wildlife

Ground nesting birds are present in this area

During April – August, while birds are breeding and rearing chicks, you can help protect them by:

- Keeping your dog on a short lead (or close to heel)
- Staying on the path

Your dog doesn't know any better – make sure you **Take the Lead**

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Rangers in the Park



Cairngorms Junior Rangers





Place:
Badenoch - The Storylands

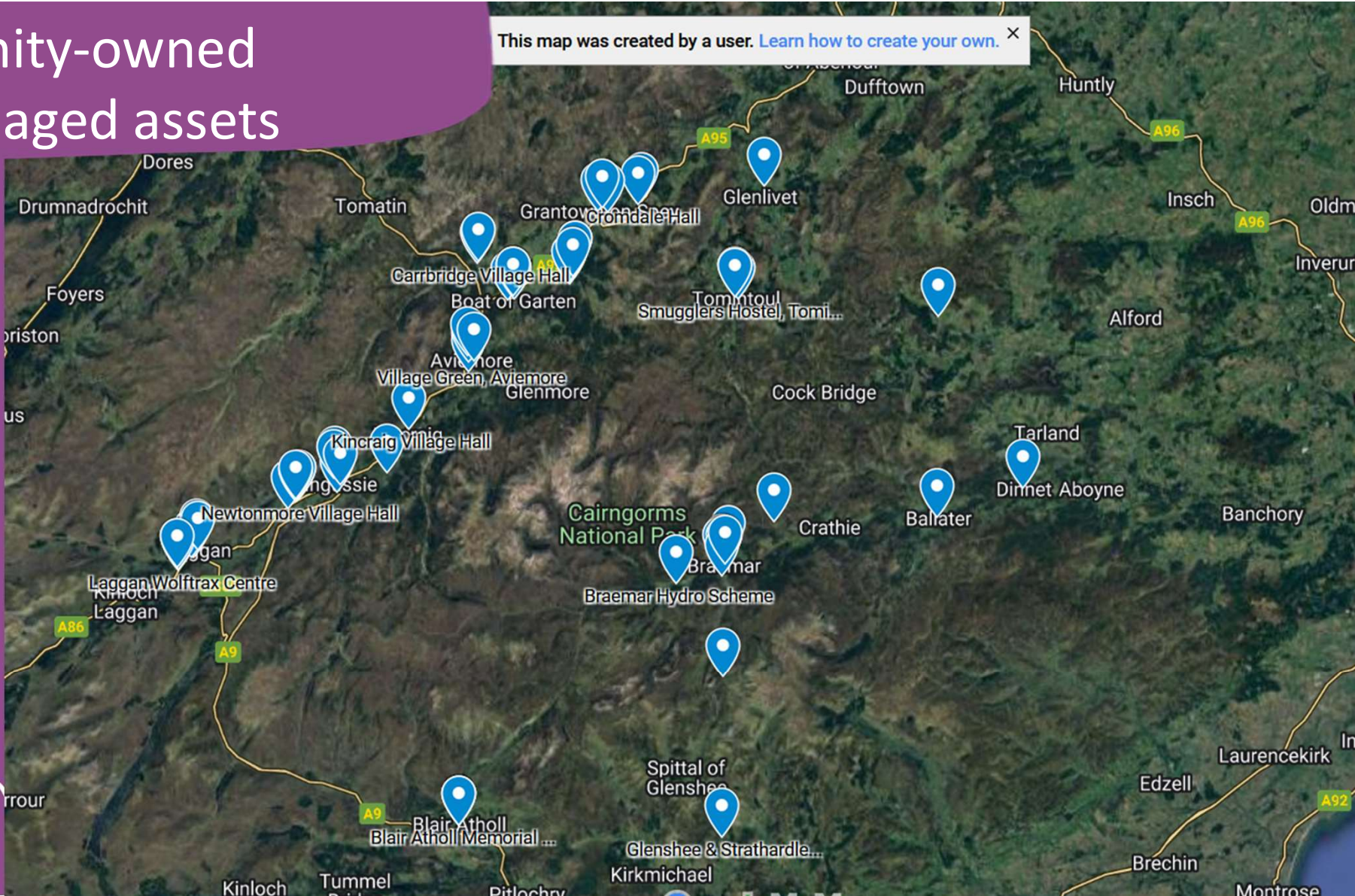




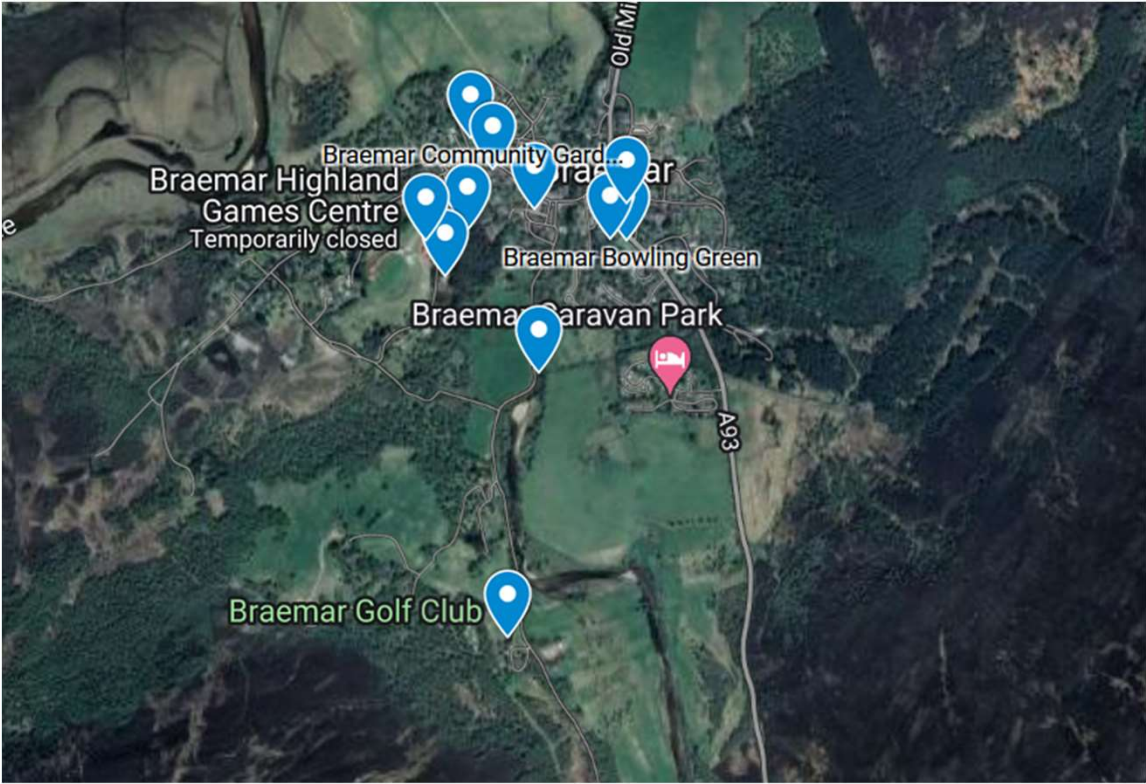


Community-owned and managed assets

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3. Looking ahead: Cairngorms 2030

Dùthchas

[n.] The deep-rooted connection between people and nature



It's easy to feel powerless in the face of a global climate emergency and nature crisis. But we believe it doesn't have to be this way.

Inspired by the Gaelic word Dùthchas, we have a plan to empower the people who live, visit and work in the Park to take action and make a difference.



Cairngorms 2030

A collection of projects
delivering meaningful action
on the ground

Empowering
communities to
shape the future of
their local area



Changing the way
people travel to and
get around the
National Park



Transforming the
way landscapes are
managed within the
National Park



Fostering healthier,
happier
communities with
wellbeing at their
heart



Nature

Green Investment

Developing innovative new strategies to work with private finance investors for environmentally sustainable projects, technologies and businesses that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate climate change, and deliver nature restoration in ways that support socially inclusive, sustainable changes in land use.

Woodland expansion

Increase the cover of biodiverse native woodland within the National Park by at least 1,000 hectares between 2023 and 2028

Peatland restoration

This project will deliver 1,300 hectares of high-quality peatland restoration in the National Park each year through the delivery phase.

Nature Recovery

This project will work with specific communities of land managers and landowners, to co-develop strategies for land management that increases the biodiversity and ecological health of their land while also considering the Highland cultural heritage, traditions, and employment



People

Wellbeing Economy

To enhance ecological and economic wellbeing through transformational, collaborative and innovative change.

Effective Community Engagement

To inform and change attitudes and behaviours to deliver net-zero and biodiversity targets.

Climate Conscious Communities

To empower people to take responsibility for decisions affecting change in their environment and see the benefits of those changes flow to their communities.

Community Managed Climate Grants

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Place

Active communities

Making it easier and safer for residents and visitors to get around without a vehicle. By improving active travel infrastructure and public spaces.

Sustainable Transport

Supporting the delivery of a range of initiatives, including further development of the sustainable transport model for Aviemore to Cairngorm Mountain, options in Deeside and initiatives to enable multi modal journeys.

Cycle Friendly Cairngorms

Creating the conditions where cycling as a method of sustainable transport is an accessible option. Enabling residents and visitors to embrace travelling by cycle as a realistic alternative to car use

Changing Travel Behaviours

By encouraging more people to walk, wheel, and cycle for everyday journeys, the project will improve health, create safer communities and reduce environmental impacts.



Here to help

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