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Historic Designed Landscapes Project

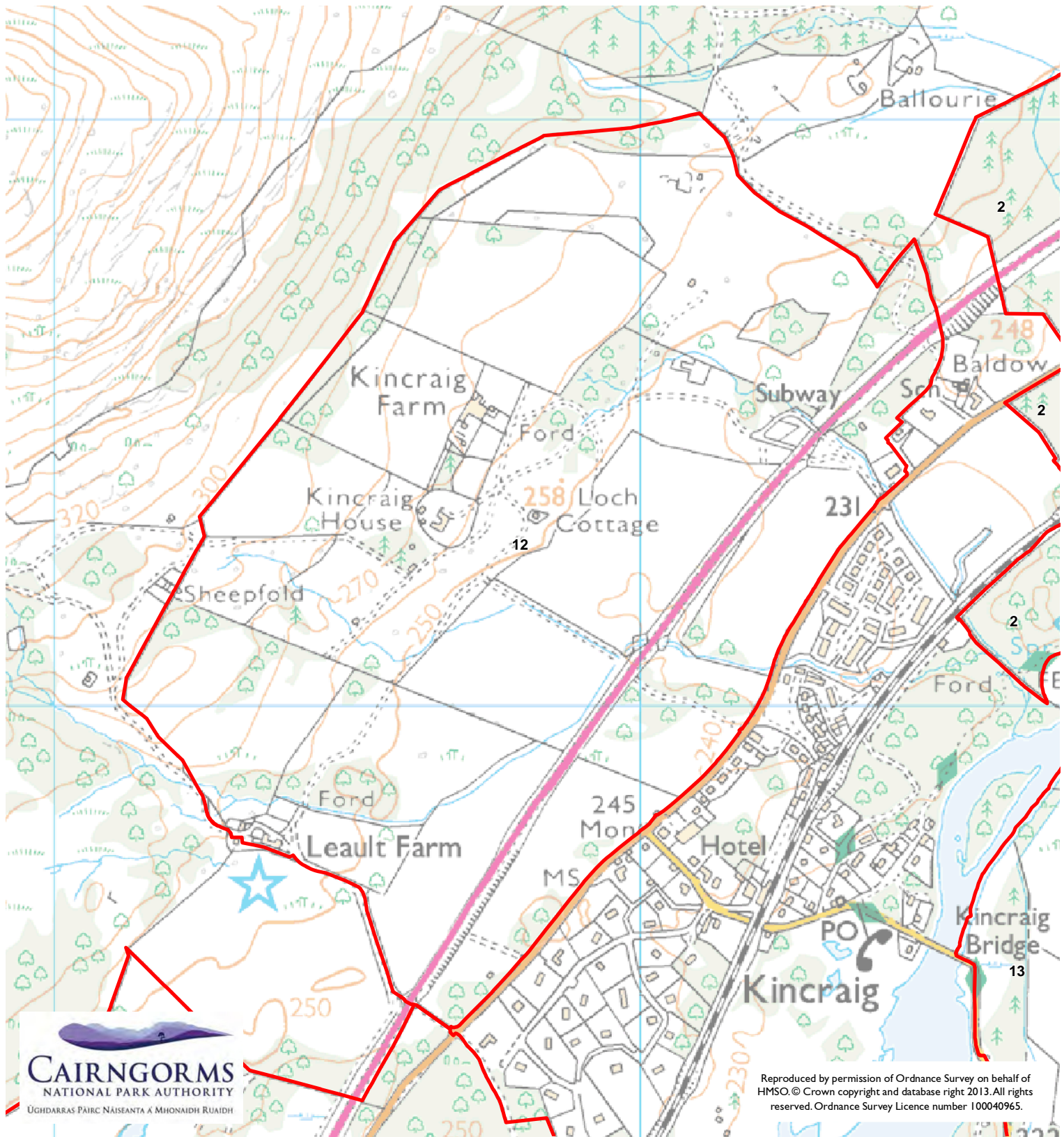
Site Research Report
12 Kincaig

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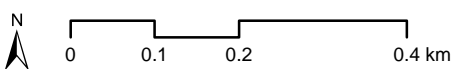


Legend

- Cairngorms National Park Boundary
- Designed landscape provisional boundary

Site 12

Kincaig House



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County Inverness-shire
Parish Alvie
NGR NH 826 063; OS 1:25,000 Sheet 402

DESIGNATIONS

Listing Kincaig House and meat larder, HB Number 1674 – Category B (1971)
Baden Cottage HB Number 1675 – Category C (1971)

Area of woodland to north and east of house designated Ancient Woodland
Majority of woodland subject of WGS Mark 2, Mark 3 and SFGS Agreements

LOCATION AND EXTENT

Kincaig House lies approximately 1km north-west of the village of Kincaig, to the west of the A9, at the foot of An Suidhe, overlooking the north end and outflow of Loch Insh, on the River Spey. The new A9 cuts across the original drives to the house, with the old road now downgraded to the B9152. One drive crosses the new road, the other passes beneath it. The landscape is one of enclosure, loosely structured with patches of woodland, at the heart of which stands Kincaig House on a low terrace, with Kincaig Farm a short distance to the north.

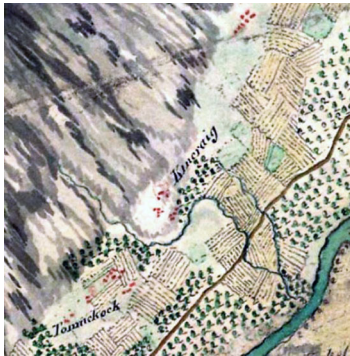
HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Maps and documentary evidence

The name 'Kincrage' is recorded by Gordon (c1650). Roy (c1750) marks Kincaig as a township set on rising ground at the foot of the hill, just to the east of the Leault Burn. A small patch of woodland separates it from an area of unenclosed rig cultivation and grazing which runs down to the west bank of the River Spey. Taylor & Skinner (1776) record Kincaig as a higher status house, with some planting, under the ownership of McIntosh Esq. By the OS First Edition (1869) the house is seen to be surrounded by enclosed fields, and several rather irregular patches of woodland. To the north are a walled garden and offices / steading, to the south an ice house, and to the east a small lochan, all of them still evident on the OS Second Edition (1899). The present landscape shows few changes, save for the disappearance of the lochan, and the realignment of the A9.

Building history and ownership

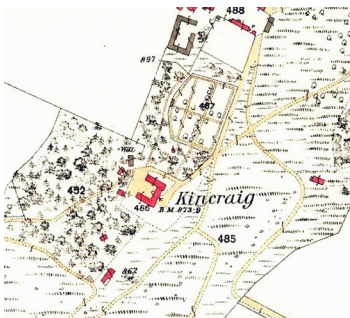
Along with neighbouring Dunachton, Kincaig is recorded by Timperley (1976) as in the ownership of Eneas Mackintosh of Mackintosh c1770. The present house, together with nearby meat larder, is said to date from the late 18th century. Gifford (1992) describes it as 'a classy laird's house'. Baden Cottage, to the west of the house is said to date from the early 19th century. The house is currently advertised for self-catering lets.



Gordon c1650



Roy's Military Survey c1750



Ordnance Survey 1:2,500 1st edition 1860s

APPENDIX**Historical notes**

OS Name Book (1869) notes Kincaig as “a dwelling house and farm steading, two storeys high, partly thatched, and partly slated, and in good repair, property of C.A. Mackintosh of Moy Hall”.

G A Crerar 1910 noted that “having passed Leault road for a short distance, Kincaig house is seen finely situated on the left at the base of a rocky-faced hill called the Suidhe, or seat. Kincaig House is now occupied by the farming tenant of Kincaig, but it used at one time to form the autumn quarters of the sportsmen before Dunachton Lodge was built, and is still let in the season with Kincaig Shooting ... In the Suidhe behind the house there are valuable limestone quarries, but these are not worked”.



Kincaig House