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Historic Designed Landscapes Project

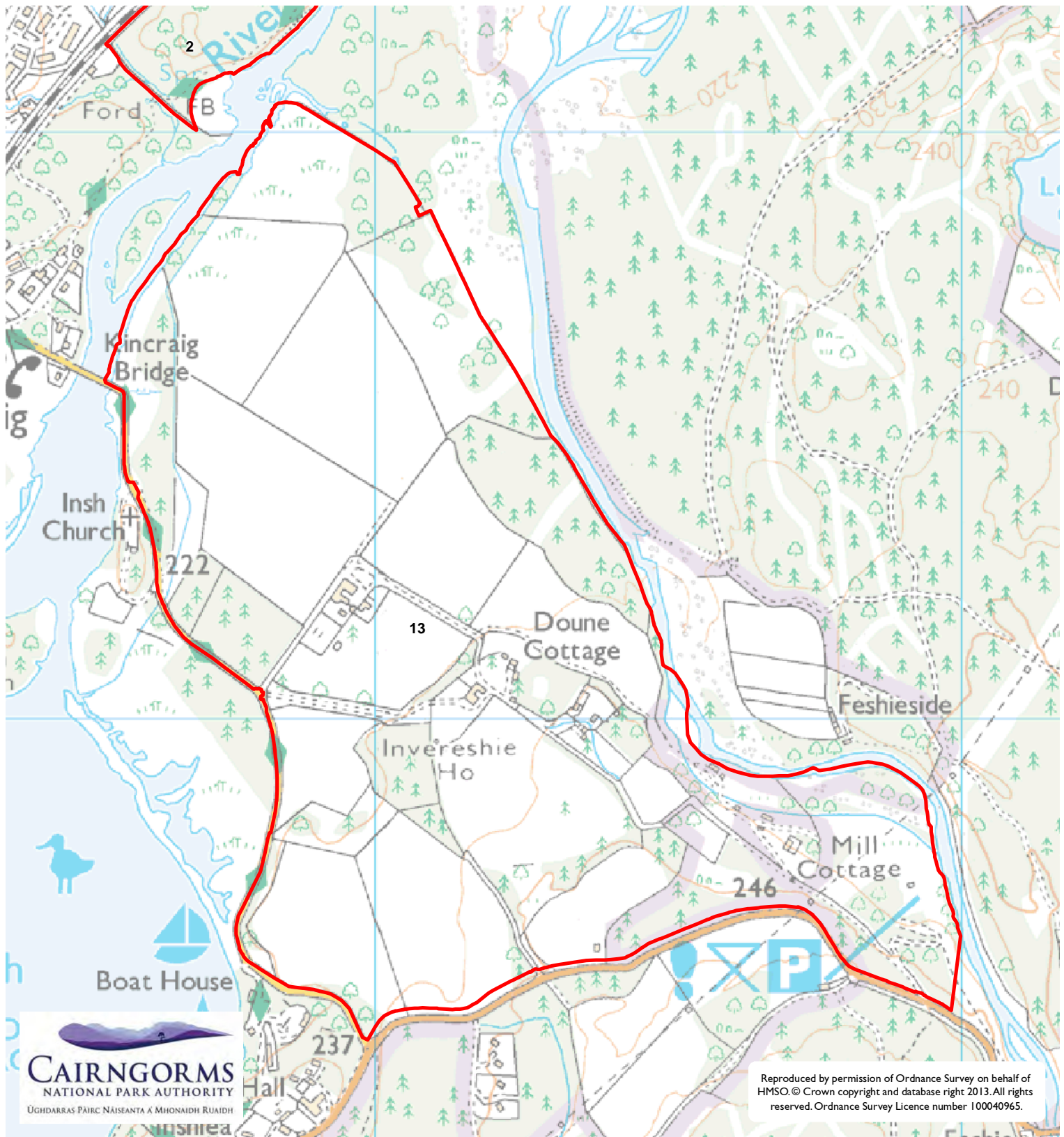
Site Research Report
13 Invereshie House

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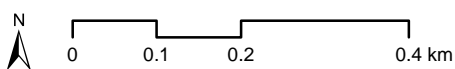


Legend

- Cairngorms National Park Boundary
- Designed landscape provisional boundary

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County Inverness-shire
Parish Kingussie
NGR NH 841 050; OS 1:25,000 Sheet 402

DESIGNATIONS

Listing Invereshie House, HB Number 7671 – Category B (1971)

Parts of the woodland around the edges of the estate are designated Ancient Woodland.

A small section of woodland in the south-west is subject of WGS Mark 3 Agreement.

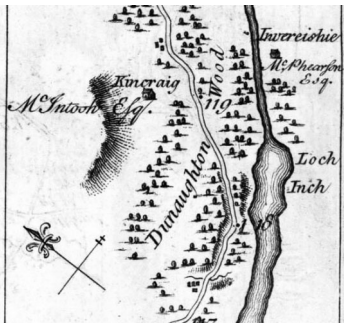
South-eastern corner of the landscape, including walled garden, now under Forestry Commission ownership and management.

The landscape lies on the western fringe of the Cairngorm Mountains National Scenic Area.

The landscape is bounded on the east by the River Feshie SSSI (SNH Ref. 1361), to the north and west by the River Spey : Insh Marshes SSSI (SNH Ref 1634)

LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

Maps and documentary evidence



Taylor & Skinner 1776



Roy's Military Survey c1750

Ordnance Survey 1:10,560
2nd edition 1899





*View to Invereshie from
 Kincaig station, G W Wilson
 c1890 (Aberdeen University)*

'Invereishie', with 'McPhearson Esq' noted as owner. Thomson (1832) shows the mansion, associated woodland and a muddle of roads, but at too small a scale to be useful in interpreting the landscape. By the OS First Edition (1870) the new mansion house is shown, apparently located further from the River Feshie than on Roy's map. The associated landscape comprises a small area of parkland to the south of the mansion house, embraced by a series of fields, within and around which there are tree belts and blocks of woodland. There is a walled garden to the south. Although paths are shown, running through the landscape and to the walled garden, the route of the principal approach to the house is unclear, and appears to be via the farm access road to the north, rather than through the parkland, as might be expected for a house of this status. Although no change is apparent on the OS Second Edition (1899), later maps such as the OS One Inch Popular Edition (1947) show a new approach leading more directly to the house from the loch shore road to the west.

Building history and ownership

Timperley (1976) appears to confirm the identification by Taylor & Skinner (1776) of the owner of the estate towards the end of the 18th century as George Macpherson. The OS Name Book (1870) names the owner a century later as Sir G Macpherson Grant of Ballindalloch. This was also the case when recorded by Groome (1883) and by Hall (1885), though the latter source names a Mr A P H Lonsdale as tenant. It has not been possible to determine subsequent ownership. After serving for some time as a hotel in the latter part of the 20th century, the house has now been returned to private ownership. Part of the parkland is maintained by the current owner as a private golf course.



Invereshie

APPENDIX

Historical notes

OS Name Book 1870 (Alvie, Inverness-shire Book 4, p43) notes that "this name applies to a commodious shooting lodge about half a mile east of the north end of Loch Insh. The offices are detached, about a quarter of a mile west. The buildings are slated and in good repair. Property of Sir G Macpherson Grant, Ballindalloch.

Robert Hall 1885 describes "The mansion house of Invereshie, pleasantly situated on the south bank of the River Spey, near Loch Insh ... There are excellent stables, kennels and garden. Proprietor Sir George Macpherson Grant: A P H Lonsdale".
