



Cairngorms Local Outdoor Access Forum

Paper 2 - Update and forward look

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Purpose

This paper provides an update on the main areas of work both undertaken and planned.

1. Statutory Duties

Core Paths Plan review

- Comments from consultation all reviewed and on basis of decisions Draft Core Paths Plan produced
- Review of core paths on road and pavements undertaken and amendments made to draft plan accordingly
- Equalities Impact Assessment completed and signed off. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) scoping report concluded a full SEA not required. Habitats Regulation Assessment underway.
- Next steps
 - Board approves draft plan to go out to consultation
 - Formal 12-week consultation on draft plan (May-July)
 - Consultation issues report (provide information on key decisions made and why)
 - Owner / occupier notices
- LOAF to consult on draft plan during July meeting

Promotion of Scottish Outdoor Access Code

Wildlife disturbance signage: Capercaillie map signs produced for Anagach woods and Dinnet. Wader map signs and wader signs produced for Tomintoul and Loch Muick.



2. Fire byelaw

Work is underway to revise and revamp both the Tread Lightly in the Park and Fires leaflets. The Park Authority has been working with a creative agency and designers to develop a new brand and associated social media and paper resources to go with the launch of the byelaw. Finally, a contract has been let to install Variable Messaging Signs at key locations in the Park. In due course these will be replaced with permanent signs.

3. Development and Management of core paths

Speyside Way

Works to upgrade the section behind Insh to Inveruglass has been completed by ACT Heritage.

Path Promotion

Accessible Paths: Toolkit for land managers on accessible paths drafted, (summary of path criteria, how to assess and audit potential accessible paths). Hope to have some funding to support small improvements to improve accessibility of paths. Accessible and 'easy access' paths to be promoted in own section on website.

Path leaflets: Final draft of updated Tomintoul leaflet (including new map) sent to community for sign off. Plans to update Nethy Bridge and Boat of Garten or Grantown-on-Spey next.