

Cairngorms scenic Photo Posts Project

The Cairngorms Scenic Photo Posts project is a pilot initiative designed and set up by the Cairngorms National Park Authority with support and funding from the Forestry Commission for Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage.



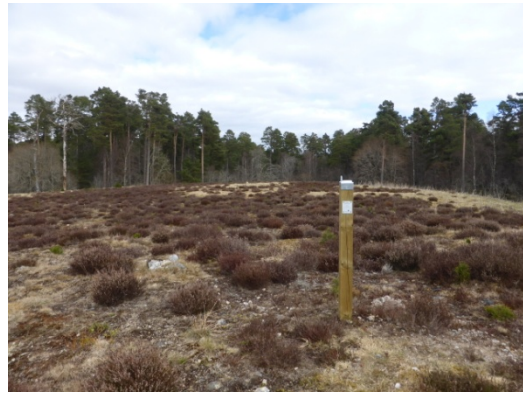
This is a citizen science project with the public gathering photographic information that will help us all to better understand and track landscape and habitat change in the National Park. The photographs that people upload will be available to everyone through the website. www.cairngorms.co.uk/photo-posts We think that these photographs will be useful and interesting whether you wish to observe the seasonal change of colours or the patterns of snow lie, or are studying the regeneration of trees and woodland and thinking about how our landscapes of the future might look.

The pilot project will be launched at the Celebrating Nature Event and is scheduled to run for a year. This is a short period in the timescales of landscape change but with sufficient people out there taking and uploading photos we are convinced that this project will be a success, have a much longer lifespan and make a valuable contribution to our knowledge and understanding of the National Park. So get out there with your cameras! You can register to upload images as an individual or a group making it is an ideal project for walking clubs, schools and community groups.



At 14 locations across the Cairngorms National Park we have set up wooden posts each with a camera bracket on top. The camera bracket is directed to the chosen view, a view that has been selected because of the changes that we expect to see over time. Some of

these views are wide, panoramic and stunning, others are close-up and focused on the detail of an interesting habitat.



Having found the post, you pop your camera, phone or tablet into the bracket, take a photo and then you can register and upload the image on to the Photo Posts website and contribute to a visual record of our changing landscape. Whether you are simply taking one photo whilst on holiday or you become an avid Photo Post volunteer ('bagger') we welcome your photographic contributions and your comments too.



We have chosen a variety of locations and some are a short walk away from settlements, others require a bit more of a hike.

Those participating in the Cairngorms Scenic Photo Posts project should remember that there are risks associated with being in the outdoors and that they are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing.